

EXHIBIT 25

August 3, 2021, Letter from RSIC
Requesting Consultation



RENO-SPARKS INDIAN COLONY

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Ms. Ester McCullough, District Manager
Ms. Kathleen Rehberg, Field Manager
Bureau of Land Management
Winnemucca District Office
5100 East Winnemucca Blvd.
Winnemucca, NV 89445

RE: Thacker Pass Archaeological Resources Protection Act Consultation

Dear Ms. McCullough and Ms. Rehberg:

The Reno-Sparks Indian Colony (RSIC) requests a meeting at the RSIC Cultural Resources Office with Ms. McCullough, Ms. Rehberg, the BLM Winnemucca archaeology team and official representatives of Atsa Koodakuh wyh Nuwu/People of Red Mountain to discuss RSIC's and Atsa Koodakuh wyh Nuwu/People of Red Mountain's interests, including ways to avoid or mitigate potential harm or destruction such as excluding sites from the proposed Thacker Pass permit area, pursuant to the Archaeological Resources Protection Act's (ARPA) implementing regulations at 43 CFR §7.7(a)(3). These mitigation measures should be incorporated into the terms and conditions of the permit under 43 CFR §7.9. If BLM Winnemucca has a draft of the Thacker Pass ARPA Permit, RSIC renews its request for this draft, including any documents that were submitted with this request.

The RSIC reminds BLM Winnemucca that "if the issuance of a permit under this part may result in harm to, or destruction of, any Indian tribal religious or cultural site on public lands...at least 30 days before issuing such a permit the Federal land manager shall notify any Indian tribe which may consider the site as having religious or cultural importance." 43 CFR §7.7(a). And, "in In order to identify sites of religious or cultural importance, the Federal land manager shall seek to identify all Indian tribes having aboriginal or historic ties to the lands under the Federal land manager's jurisdiction and seek to determine, from the chief executive officer or other designated official of any such tribe, the location and nature of specific sites of religious or cultural importance so that such information may be on file for land management purposes." 43 CFR §7.7(b)(1).

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As the RSIC has explained to BLM Winnemucca, at least the following tribes consider the Thacker Pass project area as having religious or cultural importance: The Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe, Summit Lake Paiute Tribe, Burns Paiute Tribe of Oregon, Duck Valley Shoshone-Paiute Tribe, Lovelock Paiute Tribe, Battle Mountain Band Colony of the Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone, Winnemucca Indian Colony, Cedarville Rancheria, Ft. Bidwell Indian Community, Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe, and the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe. Before BLM Winnemucca issues a permit under ARPA, it must provide these tribes with at least 30 days' notice. Please indicate if you have provided notice to these tribes and when. Or, if you have not provided this notice, when you plan to do so.

Furthermore, Atsa Koodakuh wyh Nuwu/People of Red Mountain has aboriginal or historic ties to the Thacker Pass project area and, under 43 CFR §7.7(b)(2), BLM Winnemucca may seek to communicate with official representatives of that group to obtain information on sites they considered to be of religious or cultural importance.

Please suggest some times that you are available to meet with the RSIC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michon R. Eben". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michon" and last name "Eben" clearly legible.

Michon R. Eben
Cultural Resources Manager
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer