

EXHIBIT 13

Letters to Tribes Soliciting Comments on the Thacker Pass Lithium Project Final EIS



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Chairman Tildon Smart
Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe
PO Box 457
McDermitt, NV 89421

Dear Honorable Chairman Smart,

The purpose of this letter is to request assistance from your tribe in identifying the cultural values, religious beliefs, sacred places, and traditional practices of Native American people which could be affected by Bureau of Land Management (BLM) actions on public lands, and where feasible to seek opinions and agreement on measures to protect those tribal interests.

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Sincerely,



Ester M. McCullough
District Manager
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Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle
Summit Lake Paiute Tribe
1001 Rock Boulevard
Sparks, NV 89431

Dear Honorable Chairwoman Lone Eagle,

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Chairwoman Judy Rojo
Winnemucca Indian Colony
595 Humboldt Street
Reno, NV 89509

Dear Honorable Chairwoman Rojo,

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Barbara Aleck
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe
PO Box 256
Nixon, NV 89424

Dear Ms. Aleck,

The purpose of this letter is to request assistance from your tribe in identifying the cultural values, religious beliefs, sacred places, and traditional practices of Native American people which could be affected by Bureau of Land Management (BLM) actions on public lands, and where feasible to seek opinions and agreement on measures to protect those tribal interests.

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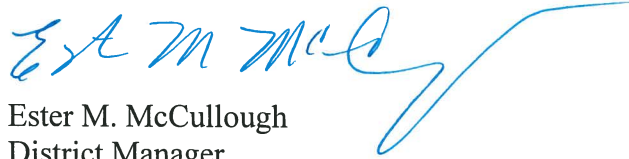
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Chairman Anthony Sampson
Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe
PO Box 256
Nixon, NV 89424

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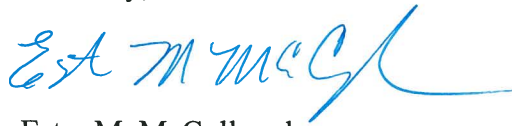
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