

Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Council

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RESOLUTION NO.: PL 006-23
Support in Protecting Peehee Mu'huh

RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE PYRAMID LAKE PAIUTE TRIBE NIXON, NEVADA

WHEREAS, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe is organized pursuant to the provisions of Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act (25 U.S.C. § 476) and is federally recognized by the United States Government through the Secretary of the Interior and the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, pursuant to Article VI, Section 1 of the Constitution and By-laws of the Tribe, and

WHEREAS, despite forced relocation of Native Peoples through the reservation system, Great Basin Tribes continue to be significantly interconnected; and

WHEREAS, families with members of the Pyramid Lake Tribe have relatives and ancestors from the region around McDermitt where the Thacker Pass mine is proposed; and

WHEREAS, the construction of the Thacker Pass mine at Peehee Mu'huh would pollute water for a minimum of hundreds of years, demolition plant medicines, affect nesting golden eagles, and likely cause the extinction of an endemic spring snail (the Kings River pyrg); and

WHEREAS, Great Basin Tribes all utilize the medicines that are available an Thacker Pass; and

WHEREAS, impacts to culturally significant species such as golden eagles would affect cultural practices of the Pyramid Lake Tribe and others; and

WHEREAS, these connections were not recognized through permitting in that the Pyramid Lake Tribe was not consulted on the proposed Thacker Pass lithium mine; and

WHEREAS, western expansion and the genocide of Indigenous Peoples is driven by extraction of natural resources for profit; and

WHEREAS, the (September 12, 1865) Massacre at Peehee Mu'huh was part of the project of western expansion to promote mineral extraction; and

WHEREAS, current interest in the proposed Thacker Pass mine represents a continuation of this genocide; and

WHEREAS, the construction of the Thacker Pass mine would desecrate the graves of our ancestors at Peehee Mu'huh; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples who are protecting Peehee Mu'huh continue to pay respect to their ancestors and oppose desecration of these cultural areas for the purpose of mining extraction; and

WHEREAS, a national monument designation is the most permanent way to ensure Indigenous People's can continue to protect, pray, and reside at Peehee Mu'huh for generations to come; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pyramid Lake Tribal Council hereby approves the resolution in support of protecting Peehee Mu'huh; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe has an interest in the health of Indian people, and the ongoing destruction of land through mineral extraction inflicts irreparable harm to Indigenous existence and the next Seven Generations, and the proposed Thacker Pass mine would devastate an irreplaceable cultural landscape which is linked to the health of Indigenous People's, and the establishment of a national monument including Peehee Mu'huh and Disaster Peak would provide significant assurance to the continued health of Indigenous People included Nuwu, Newe, Wasiw and Numu.

CERTIFICATION

It is hereby certified that the foregoing Resolution of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Council, governing body of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, composed of ten members of whom **ten (10)** constituting a quorum, were present at a meeting duly held on the **6th** day of **January 2023**, was adopted by the affirmative vote of **eight (8)** FOR and **zero (0)** AGAINST; **one (1)** ABSTENTIONS; pursuant to the authority contained in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe.



Brenda A. Henry, Tribal Council Secretary
PYRAMID LAKE PAIUTE TRIBAL COUNCIL