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Regular Meeting

**Item #7c. - Four
Tribes' Request for
Letter of Support -
Corrected letter**



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The Honorable Debra Haaland, Secretary of the Interior
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, D.C., 20240

The Honorable Thomas J. Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave. SW
Washington, DC 20250

Re: Four Tribes' request for protection of the High Tablelands in the Bodie Hills - SUPPORT

Dear Secretaries, Haaland and Vilsack:

Mono County is pleased to support the Four Tribes Resolution sent to you in May by the Bridgeport Indian Colony, Mono Lake Kutzadika'a Tribe, Walker River Paiute Tribe, and Yerington Paiute Tribe seeking enduring protection of the volcanic tablelands surrounding Beauty Peak and Bald Peak at the north end of the Bodie Hills.

Although this area is split by the California-Nevada border, it is a unified, shared heritage landscape for these four tribes, used for ceremonial and subsistence purposes by current members and their ancestors for thousands of years. A substantial portion of this area is in Mono County on the California side of the California-Nevada border.

Within its boundaries are the Dry Lakes Plateau National Register of Historic Places District and the Tunna' Nosi' Kaiva' Gwaa Archaeological District. The area is a refuge for the Bi-State Sage Grouse, and it straddles the migration routes for our local Pronghorn herd and two district Mule Deer herds. It is rich with edible and medicinal native plants.

It is our policy to recognize that Mono County is the Tribes' ancestral homeland and that they have been protective caretakers of the land, water, and natural resources. This resolution is consistent with that county policy, and we urge your two departments to work cooperatively with the Tribes.

Sincerely,

JOHN PETERS
MONO COUNTY BOARD CHAIR