

**Proposal for Use of Native American Program Funds  
for the Use, Protection and or Development of  
Water Related Trust Assets**

**Submitted by:** Summit Lake Paiute Tribe  
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**Date Submitted:** See signature block

**Statement of the programs, functions, services, or activities that the Tribe proposes to perform:**

The Summit Lake Paiute Tribe ("SLPT") requests funds amounting to \$41,682 to protect a water related trust asset, Summit Lake (within the exterior boundaries of the Summit Lake Indian Reservation)—from pollution associated with livestock and wild horse grazing shorelines of Summit Lake.

**Proposed Work:**

The SLPT received funding from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to construct livestock grazing enclosure fences to protect the west and northwest shorelines of Summit Lake from non-point source pollution resulting from livestock and wild horse grazing and watering. The EPA grant will fund the installation of fences, one shallow well (100 feet deep) north of Summit Lake, and an electrical service unit. There are insufficient funds to purchase and install plumbing from the well and two livestock water facilities located to serve two pastures north and west of the lake. Once livestock water facilities are installed the use and development of Tribal trust assets (water, rangelands, and wildlife habitat) will be achieved, including the protection of Summit Lake shorelines from damage and pollution caused by ungulates grazing and watering.

The SLPT completed construction of a grazing enclosure fence to protect the riparian corridor of Mahogany Creek around 1991. As a consequence of this fence, livestock and wild horses grazing the northern portion of the Summit Lake Indian Reservation (Reservation) have no access to water and permitting livestock grazing north of Mahogany Creek has ceased. Previous attempts to water livestock while grazing the pastures north of Mahogany Creek required haphazard attempts with pumping water from Mahogany Creek. This proved to be labor intensive as gasoline operated centrifuge pumps required near continuous operation and maintenance to deliver sufficient quantities of water for livestock. The installation of a water line and a larger size livestock water tank (21' diameter) using the community well as a water source would minimize labor and operation costs and would more efficiently provide water for livestock grazing. Additionally, with a functional livestock water facility to serve pastures north of

Mahogany Creek, livestock operators would be more encouraged to apply for livestock grazing privileges and ultimately bolster the Tribe's revenue base.

The SLPT proposes to purchase and install one livestock water facility north of Mahogany Creek, using the community well located within the Tribal compound area as a water source. The SLPT also proposes to purchase and install two livestock water facilities north of Summit Lake. Installation of water tanks, plumbing from a common well, and concrete floor and footings, will be sub-contracted. Tribal Natural Resource Department staff would provide project oversight, project scoping compliant with the National Environmental Protection Act (i.e., NEPA analysis), bid solicitation, and sub-contracting administrative services.

**Description of Geographical Service Area:**

Summit Lake Indian Reservation (Reservation) is located in northwestern Humboldt County, Nevada. The Reservation is remotely situated approximately 50 miles south of the Oregon state line and 75 miles east of the California state line. The Reservation is approximately 12,000 acres and nearly completely surrounds Summit Lake. Summit Lake is variable in size averaging 600 acres depending on annual precipitation. Summit Lake Indian Reservation is surrounded by approximately 2.5 million acres of protected Federal land including Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge, the Black Rock Desert – High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area and the Lahontan Cutthroat Trout Natural Area.

The Summit Lake Paiute Tribe (SLPT) is a Federally Recognized Indian Tribe established on January 14, 1913 by Presidential Executive Order #1681. The SLPT was organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984) as amended.

Summit Lake is a terminal lake. Surface water flowing into Summit Lake includes two perennial stream systems or sub-watersheds: Mahogany Creek and Snow Creek. The Mahogany Creek sub-watershed includes a perennial tributary, Summer Camp Creek, and an intermittent tributary, Pole Creek. There are a number of perennial and intermittent springs within the basin, including: One Mile Spring, Five Mile Spring, and numerous unnamed springs.

Summit Lake and its associated perennial tributaries are occupied by naturally reproducing Lahontan cutthroat trout (*Oncorhynchus clarki henshawi*), a Federally threatened fish species. A recovery plan for Lahontan cutthroat trout (LCT) lists Summit Lake as native habitat for one of two remaining self-sustaining lake dwelling populations. Historically, LCT occupied 11 lakes mostly in the Truckee and Walker River basins.

**Estimated number of Indian people to receive benefits/services:** approximately 250.

**Description of Proposed Program Standards including Program Reports, Data and Financial Reports to be Provided:**

The Tribe will provide written quarterly reports on the status of the project and a final report on the activities undertaken, data collected, and the findings and recommendations. Financial status

reports, outlining expenditures to date, shall be submitted quarterly using Standard Form 269 or 269a.

The Summit Lake Paiute Tribe will meet the minimum procurement, property and financial management standards set forth in subpart F, subject to any waivers that may be granted under subpart K, of 25 CFR Part 900, Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act Amendments; Final Rule.

**Amount of Funds Requested by Program, Function, Service, or Activity:**

3 – 21' diameter bottomless galvanized corrugated tanks (\$1,300 each)	\$ 3,900
Delivery of tanks	\$ 2,800
Submersible pump	\$ 3,000
Plumbing (\$750 to \$1000/tank)	\$ 2,500
30 cubic yards of redi-mix concrete delivered	\$12,000
Contractors to install concrete footing, tanks, plumbing, and pump	\$ 9,000
Tribal Natural Resource Department staff	\$ 4,380
Natural Resource Director (40 hours @ \$45/hr.)	
Resource Technician (60 hours @ \$25/hr.)	
Maintenance Worker (80 hours @ \$13.50/hr.)	
Fringe Benefits	
18.3% of Resource Technician salary	\$ 274
18.3% of Maintenance Worker salary	\$ 198
29.5% of Natural Resource Director salary	\$ 532
Indirect support costs	\$ 3,098
(57.54% of total direct costs less pass-through funds (subcontracts))	
ESTIMATED TOTAL	\$41,682

**Proposed Starting Date and Term:** May 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008

DATES	STATEMENT OF WORK
July 1, 2008 to March 1, 2009	Seek technical assistance from Natural Resource Conservation Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs and other partners to design livestock water facilities and map best location. Prepare and solicit announcement for sub-contractual bids to assemble and install tanks. Perform NEPA analysis.
March 1 – October 31, 2009	Install plumbing, tanks and connect electrical power
December 31, 2009	Complete reports.

**Federal Involvement:**

There is no substantial involvement anticipated by Reclamation during the term of the agreement.

**Proposed Waiver(s) of the Regulations:** None

**Statement of Assurance:**

The Summit Lake Paiute Tribe will implement procedures appropriate to the programs, functions, services or activities proposed to be contracted, assuring the confidentiality of medical records and of information relating to the financial affairs of individual Indians obtained under the proposed contract or as otherwise required by law.

**Summit Lake Paiute Tribe**

By  \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** April 18, 2008

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**Attachments:**

Tribal Resolution to be submitted by April 30, 2008