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Subject: [FWD: RE: Geothermal project near Fish Creek Mountains]
From: ron.johnny@summitlaketribe.org
Date: Wed, Nov 19, 2008 8:15 pm
To: Patrick_Haynal@blm.gov

Pat,

This is an official response of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe relative to the Geothermal project near Fish Creek Mountains which I think officially is known as 8100 (NV-023.41) the Ormat Nevada, Inc. ("Ormat") operations pan amendment to add two new drill/well sites at their Jersey Valley geothermal resources exploration program of observation slim well drilling and full-size exploration wells on three federal geothermal leases. See Letter, Robert J. Edwards, Field Manager, Humboldt River Field Office, BLM, to Warner Barlese, Chairman, Summit Lake Paiute Tribe (Oct 14, 2008).

As the overlay on the map attached to the above-identified letter advises, the area in question was the traditional area of one or more of the Tribes of the northern Northern Paiute Nation. As one of the remaining northern Northern Paiute Nation Tribes, especially since Summit Lake tribal members have the constitutionally protected rights mentioned immediately below (see next paragraph), the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe believes it has a right to comment.

The Summit Lake Paiute Tribe does not oppose the project as long as Ormat or whomever is required by BLM to:

1. Respect and protect and provide for tribal members to exercise their constitutionally protected (uncompensated) rights at all usual and accustomed places, whether private or public land, to: hunt; fish; gather traditional foods, medicine, and traditionally important resources (e.g., willows, etc.); and practice religious and spiritual ceremonies.
2. Protect important tribal historic cultural and other resources, in part, by requiring Ormat or whomever to pay for tribal monitors to observe their actions. As you know, water in all forms, including geothermal vents, were important to northern Northern Paiute (Numa) People. Thus it is very likely that important tribal historic cultural and other resources will be disturbed.
3. Stop their activity and immediately call the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe upon finding any tribal historic cultural and other resources.

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Subject: [FWD: RE: Geothermal project near Fish Creek Mountains]
From: ron.johnny@summitlaketribe.org
Date: Mon, November 17, 2008 5:57 pm
To: Patrick_Haynal@blm.gov

Pat,

The Council has not made any official decision but I can advise, based on past Council directions to me, that any response from the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe will include the following:

1. Any development (drilling, etc.) must recognize the U.S. Constitution protected right of northern Northern Paiute People, at all usual and accustomed places whether now called private or public land, to hunt, fish, gather (traditional foods, medicine, and those items needed for traditional purposes), and participate in spiritual and religious ceremonies.
2. That tribal monitors must be allowed to monitor disruption of the above, and be compensated by those temporarily interfering with the above tribal member rights.

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Subject: RE: Geothermal project near Fish Creek Mountains
From: ron.johnny@summitlaketribe.org
Date: Thu, October 30, 2008 5:16 pm
To: Patrick_Haynal@blm.gov

Pat,

Friday (tomorrow), is a tribal holiday. I will not be in the office. At times, on Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 3-4, I will be out of the office then out of the office on Wednesday-Friday, Nov. 5-7.

Monday, Nov. 3: available 10am-1:30pm
Tuesday, Nov. 4: in Carson City for a meeting with Bureau of Reclamation
10am-Noon; you could call me on my cell phone (775-622-7520) while I'm

traveling there between 9am-9:45am.

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Subject: Geothermal project near Fish Creek Mountains
From: Patrick_Haynal@blm.gov
Date: Thu, October 30, 2008 4:02 pm
To: ron.johnny@summitlaketribe.org

Hi Ron,

I hope your trip to San Francisco went well. I tried reaching you at your office a couple of times today; sorry for not calling earlier in the week but I was in the field. Nothing urgent on my end, just wanted to see if you had further comments on that geothermal project. I will try reaching you again tomorrow.

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