


[EXT]Letter in support of YTT Tribe

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(Have Spirit!)

Matthew Vestuto, Chairman

Barbareño/Ventureño Band of Mission Indians



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haku Ms. Strachan,

The Barbareño/Ventureño Band of Mission Indians recognize the yak tit^yu tit^yu yak tilhini Northern Chumash Tribe (ytt Tribe) as the legitimate tribal presence of the area and we support their efforts and concerns for the future of Diablo lands.

We urge you to acknowledge and include the ytt Tribe and their leadership in the DEIR process. Their voice and concerns are important and partnering with them in their pursuit in protection of sacred sites, ceremonial sites, cemeteries and cultural landscape will ensure best practices for all into the future.

We would also like to point out that the lands in question were seized by the U.S. government on June 10th, 1853 without negotiation. Presently, there are over 80 tribes in California which the U.S. government has failed to recognize. While the Department of Interior has created an acknowledgement process and we consider this, acquisition of lands can still occur. We strongly support the return of Diablo lands to the ytt Tribe.

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