

[EXT]Comments on DEIR

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Hello Susan,

I am sending this email in support of and in solidarity with the yak tityu tityu yak tiłhini Northern Chumash Tribe (ytt Tribe). I share the following comments about the future of Diablo lands as expressed in the [Draft Environmental Impact Report](#) (DEIR) and Development Plan/Coastal Development Permit/Conditional Use Permit for the Diablo Canyon Power Plant Decommissioning Project. There are many concerns, yet I agree with the ytt community in expressing the following:

- In 2020 "[Descendants of Native Rancherias In the Diablo Lands Vicinity: A Northern Chumash Ethnohistorical Study](#)," was prepared by Dr. John Johnson of the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History that provides abundant evidence that ytt is the pre-colonization descendant Tribe of the Pecho Coast, where the Diablo Canyon Power Plant currently resides. The DEIR fails to include ytt Tribe in the section – as the descendent Tribe despite the clear proof in the report prepared by Dr. Johnson that was commissioned by PG&E. This is an omission of the important ethnography of Diablo lands.
- This status as descendent Tribe is seemingly ignored throughout the DEIR. This should be remedied by the County of San Luis Obispo.
- The DEIR claims that signage and road blocks will be an adequate barrier in keeping the general public away from sensitive Tribal cultural areas, to prevent looting and damage from trampling. Some of these visitors will pick up these artifacts out of interest, others for intentional resale. We know this because these practices continue to take place throughout San Luis Obispo County and the state.
- However, the DEIR does not prove any success in signage and road blocks in actually keeping the public away and the increased foot traffic and increased awareness of culturally sensitive areas will most certainly result in damaged Tribal cultural resources, including sacred sites, ceremonial sites, cemeteries, and cultural landscapes.
- In the event that new trails are developed on Diablo lands, it is paramount that the process of creating trails includes meaningful engagement and consultation with ytt. It is only with ytt's Tribal knowledge that these detrimental and serious impacts may be mitigated through the careful planning and plotting of trails, if any are developed, or in thinking through barriers that may actually be effective.
- The Tribe's knowledge will also assist in the protection of important animal, tree and plant habitat, including offshore habitats for marine plants, mammals and other marine species.

While it is not a topic in the DEIR, I also want to explicitly state that **I fully support the return of Diablo lands to ytt Tribe!**

Thank you for your time.

Take care,

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"The path of knowledge is a process of learning and unlearning."

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