

RESOLUTION OF THE SUMMIT LAKE PAIUTE COUNCIL  
SUMMIT LAKE PAIUTE TRIBE  
OF THE  
SUMMIT LAKE INDIAN RESERVATION, NEVADA

RESOLUTION NO.: SL-04-2015

TITLE: TUBAPE NUMU GROUP, sacred Pinion/Juniper trees, preserving our sacred sites/gathering places, in Paiute territory

WHEREAS, the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe is organized pursuant to Section 16 of Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984) as amended, with the Articles of Association, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on January 08, 1965, granting certain powers to the Summit Lake Paiute Council; and

WHEREAS, the Summit Lake Paiute Council has the responsibility for the general welfare of its tribal membership including tribal natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Summit Lake Paiute Council is the duly constituted governing body within the boundaries of the Summit Lake Paiute Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the Summit Lake Paiute Council has been organized to represent, develop, protect and advance the views, interests, education, resources, and general welfare of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe membership; and

WHEREAS, the sacred pine nuts, harvested annually since time immemorial from the Pinion pine tree in the Great Basin, has been and continues to be traditional food of Native Americans and Enrolled Members of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Sage-Grouse is also an important traditional and cultural resource of Native Americans of Great Basin, and the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe understands that the Greater Sage Grouse is a candidate for protection under the Endangered Species Act, and believes that there must be a cultural balance when managing the survival of the Greater Sage Grouse while maintaining the existence of the Pinion Pine/Juniper tree and the cultural significance of the traditional annual harvest of the pine nut; and

WHEREAS, The Summit Lake Paiute Council understands that the U. S. Forest Service will continue to remove Pinion Pine/Juniper trees according to the Long Doctor Sage Grouse Habitat Improvement and Fuels Treatment Project, the East Walker Landscape Habitat Improvement Project and the Greater Sage-Grouse Bi-State District Population Segment Forest Plan Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the tribal Nations in the Great Basin have witnessed the significant removal of Pinion Pine/Juniper trees from traditional gathering and Cultural Areas and the Summit Lake Paiute Council desires that the U.S. Forest Service and U.S. BLM reconsider the cultural impact of the removal of Pinion Pine/Juniper trees, and provide additional opportunities for the Tribal Nations to work with the U.S. Forest Service and U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on reasonable

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alternatives that do not include the loss of traditional cultural resources and both the further removal of Pinion Pine trees and Juniper trees, specifically in traditional harvesting areas and the loss of the Greater Sage Grouse habitat in the Great Basin will have significant adverse cultural, environmental, and social consequences for Native Americans including the Enrolled members of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe expresses its support of the Indian people to stop any further Pinion Pine/Juniper trees removal in light of additional forecasted Pinion Pine/Juniper tree cutting projects; and as a sincerity to hear the concerns of the Indian People and stop the cutting and destruction of the truly sacred, ancestral Pinion Pine/Juniper trees; and

WHEREAS, the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe, hereby, opposes any future Pinion Pine/Juniper tree removal in the Desert Creek, Sweetwater, Sand Canyon, Lucky Boy, Carrol Summit, Hontoon Valley, Sunrise Summit, Virginia City area, Topaz area, Monitor Pass, Powell Elbow, Nine Mile Ranch area, Bald Mountain and foothills, Wildcat Canyon, Sheep Canyon, Ricky Mine Canyon, Mt. Como, Reese Mountains, Mount Grant, Lovelock area, Wovoka Mountain range, Pine Grove, Black Mountains, Pyramid Lake Range, Fallon Range, Lida Range, Mono Lake Basin Range, Wild Rose Mountains, Bishop Mountains Ranges, Tom's Place area, Sherwin Grade areas, Westguard Pass areas, Mt. Whitney, White Mountains, Lida area, Yomba area, Bodie Hills, Long Doctor, Tusu Canyon Silverado Canyon, Frying Pan, Monte Cristo, Clinton Mountain, Cottonwood Canyon and other locations within the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management Lands, our Paiute Territorial lands.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Summit Lake Paiute Council strongly opposes now and forever for perpetuity any further cutting of the Pinion Pine/Juniper trees; in order for the Enrolled Members of Summit Lake Paiute Tribe requests that there be an immediate "Cease and Desist" on any further cutting of Pinion Pine Nut/Juniper trees.

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I, **Elizabeth DeLaLuz, Secretary/Treasurer**, of the Summit Lake Paiute Council, hereby certify that the above Resolution No. **SL-04-2015** was brought before the Summit Lake Paiute Tribal Council at a duly held meeting on the **21 Day of March, 2015** with 5 members of the Tribal Council present and constituting a quorum, with the following votes to enact Resolution No. **SL-4-04-2015 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, and 0 ABSTAINING**; with Tribal Chairwoman, Randi DeSoto presiding and not voting, this Resolution has not been rescinded, revoked or amended. 2:57 pm

March 21, 2015

Date

  
Elizabeth DeLaLuz, Secretary/Treasurer  
Summit Lake Tribal Council