

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

RESOLUTION NO.: SL – 32 – 2008

TITLE: Protecting the Summit Lake Reservation and the Individual Indian Allotments to the immediate southwest of the Summit Lake Reservation from the Uncontrolled Abuse of the Individual Indian Allotments

WHEREAS, the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe, is a modern entity of the Northern Paiute People known, in English, as Lake Trout and Wild Onion Eaters who, for thousands of years, controlled 2,800 square miles of land in and around Summit Lake as a tribe with sovereign, unlimited, powers and laws (customs, traditions, usages, etc.); and,

WHEREAS, in 1964, and after much consideration, the members of the Lake Trout and Wild Onion Eaters organized pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984) as amended, adopting, for certain sovereign purposes, the name “Summit Lake Paiute Tribe” with a tribal constitution titled “Articles of Association,” the latter which was approved by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior on January 8, 1965; and,

WHEREAS, over time the members of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe have regained a small fraction of their historic land base, including the Tribe’s reserved lands (Reservation), and the Indian allotments outside the Reservation boundaries; and,

WHEREAS, the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe’s Articles of Association grant to the Summit Lake Paiute Council (see Article II, Section 1) certain sovereign powers, including the power to negotiate with federal agencies like the Bureau of Indian Affairs to improve the welfare and education of tribal members (see Article II, Section 1 (b), (k)); and,

WHEREAS, within the southern portion of Section 35 are three individual Indian Allotments immediately to the west of the western boundary of the Summit Lake Reservation; and,

WHEREAS, there is no apparent protection of the individual Indian Allotments immediately west of the western boundary of the Summit Lake Reservation from wild horse trespass of the Allotments; and,

WHEREAS, the apparent lack of protection of the individual Indian Allotments would have a negative impact on the Summit Lake Reservation, for example, if noxious weeds are growing on the Allotments; and,

WHEREAS, the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe has an Environmental Coordinator whose federally funded program is to protect not only the Summit Lake Reservation but the traditional territory which was at least 2,800 square miles, including Summit Lake, and the individual Indian Allotments; and,

WHEREAS, the members of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe still retain rights to hunt, fish, gather traditional food and medicine, and practice spiritual and religious ceremonies at all usual and accustomed places within the traditional territory, including the individual Indian Allotments in Section 35 west of the Reservation; and,

WHEREAS, the Summit Lake Tribe has experience and expertise in protecting its lands immediately adjacent the individual Indian Allotments within the cultural practices of both the members of the Summit Lake Tribe and the ancestors and current owners of the individual Indian Allotments in the southern portion of Section 35 immediately west of the Summit Lake Reservation; and,

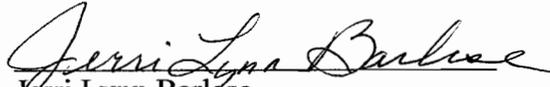
WHEREAS, the Summit Lake Tribe would like to actively protect the individual Indian Allotments, including exploring fencing the boundaries to protect the Allotments from over grazing by wild horses and to protect the Reservation from any negative factors from within the Allotments; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Summit Lake Tribe's Environmental Coordinator is hereby authorized to meet and negotiate with the interest owners of the individual Indian Allotments and or the federal agencies providing trust responsibilities to the individual Indian Allotments to explore the possibilities of the Summit Lake Tribe co-managing the Allotments, including fencing their boundaries.

CERTIFICATION

I, JERRI LYNN BARLESE, Secretary/Treasurer of the Summit Lake Paiute Council, hereby certify that the above Resolution was brought before the Summit Lake Paiute Council at a duly held meeting on the 21st day of June, 2008, with a quorum, with the following votes: 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST; and 0 ABSTAINING, with the Tribal Chairman presiding and not voting, and that this Resolution has not been rescinded, revoked or further amended.

June 21, 2008
Date


Jerri Lynn Barlese
Secretary/Treasurer
Summit Lake Tribal Council