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Hon. Deb Haaland, Secretary
Hon. Bryan Newland, Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs
United States Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

Re: Further Follow-up on Request for Government-to-Government Consultation

Dear Secretary Haaland and Assistant Secretary Newland:

I write on behalf of the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation to further follow up on our formal request for government-to-government consultation, pursuant to Executive Order 13175, the Department of the Interior Policy on Consultation with Indian Tribes set forth at 512 DM 4 and 512 DM 5, and the trust relationship between our governments, regarding your Department's interpretation and proposed application of (a) Section 20 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and its implementing regulations and (b) the National Environmental Policy Act and its implementing regulations.

We submitted our formal request on August 6, 2024, following nine months of inquiries without any response from your offices. The August 6 request proposed 13 days in September when our Tribal Council could travel to Washington, D.C. for an in-person consultation. We asked only that your team provide relevant material 21 days in advance to ensure the consultation would be meaningful for all parties.

The end of September is now less than 21 days away, but we have not received confirmation or specific response to any of our proposed dates. Nor have we received relevant material – including, most importantly, any documents on which the Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians has proposed to rely for its requested restored lands determination in Vallejo, California.

We did receive subsequent communication from the Bureau of Indian Affairs Pacific Regional Office confirming that “appropriate consultation will be scheduled” and suggesting that we could expect a response “directly from the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs office.”

Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation

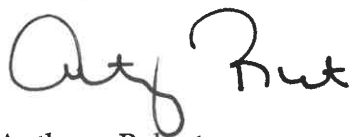
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Accordingly, we now update our availability for the month of October. Members of our Tribal Council are prepared to travel to Washington, D.C., on October 8-11, 14-16, or 21-25 for an in-person consultation session.

Again, we ask only that your team provide relevant material no less than 21 days in advance, consistent with the White House Memorandum on Uniform Standards for Tribal Consultation and the Department of the Interior's own tribal consultation policies.

We look forward to meeting with you. Please contact Sarah Choi at 530.796.8378 or schoi@yochadehe.gov to make specific arrangements.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anthony Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Anthony Roberts
Tribal Chairman

cc: Hon. Alex Padilla, United States Senator
Hon. Laphonza Butler, United States Senator
Hon. Mike Thompson, United States Representative
Hon. John Garamendi, United States Representative
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