



Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe

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RESOLUTION NO. FM24-006-019

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE FORT McDERMITT PAIUTE-SHOSHONE TRIBE

Support of the Owyhee Canyonlands National Monument

- WHEREAS,** the Fort McDermitt Paiute-Shoshone Tribe (“FMPST”) is a federally recognized Tribe comprised of Northern Paiute and Western Shoshone peoples who have occupied lands through the Great Basin since time immemorial; and
- WHEREAS,** the FMPST holds a government-to-government relationship with the United States of America; and
- WHEREAS,** the FMPST reservation is located in southeastern Oregon and northern Nevada, and includes portions of the Owyhee River watershed; and
- WHEREAS,** the FMPST people have lived and thrived in our ancestral homelands for thousands of years, and maintain historic and ongoing relationship to the landscapes, plants, wildlife, fish, and resources of the Owyhee Canyonlands and surrounding areas in Oregon, Nevada, and Idaho; and
- WHEREAS,** the FMPST relies on a healthy intact landscape throughout the Owyhee Canyonlands region and beyond to provide for sustenance, including foods, medicines, hunting, fishing, and cultural and religious ceremonies central to our lifeways and well-being; and
- WHEREAS,** the protection of animals, plants, soils, groundwater, springs, rivers, creeks, geographic features, air quality, soundscapes, sacred sites and landscapes are of vital important to the preservation of the FMPST values as well as traditional and spiritual practices; and
- WHEREAS,** the FMPST value stewardship and conservation of natural, cultural and spiritual resources, and promote the responsible planning and management of resources; and
- WHEREAS,** the proposed Owyhee Canyonlands National Monument boundary includes portions of the Upper Owyhee River watershed, Lower Owyhee River watershed, associated tributaries, the Trout Creek and Oregon Canyon Mountains, and other landscapes of importance to the FMPST and other Indigenous Peoples in the Northern Great Basin; and
- WHEREAS,** the proposed Owyhee Canyonlands National Monument area contains thousands of cultural places and objects of vital importance to our Shoshone-Paiute Tribes history, cultural, spiritual practices and our future; and
- WHEREAS,** the objects, resources, wildlife, fish, plants, ecosystems, waterways and landscapes of the Owyhee Canyonlands are threatened by growing pressures from industrial development and

other uses incompatible with the long-term need for conservation of natural, cultural and spiritual values and resources; and

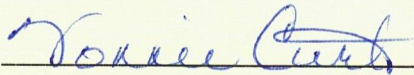
WHEREAS, to prevent further harm or loss of values and resources important to the Paiute and Shoshone peoples, the FMPST find it in the best interest of its people to support permanent protections for this significant cultural and ecological landscape through the designation of the Owyhee Canyonlands National Monument.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the FMPST extends its support for the designation of the Owyhee Canyonlands National Monument by the President of the United States of America; and

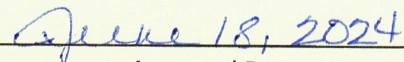
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, as part of this designation the FMPST request that the federal government work closely with the FMPST and other applicable and interested Tribes and Indigenous communities to establish a National Monument management vision that supports conservation of the landscape and ecosystems in their natural state, and inclusive of Tribal interests and needs, potentially including but not limited to, co-stewardship and/or co-management in specific areas, integration of traditional or Indigenous Ecological Knowledge in management planning and conservation management, establishment of natural, cultural and spiritual resource protections, and ongoing government-to-government consultation to ensure that Tribal interests and needs are addressed as part of the long-term conservation and protection of the Owyhee Canyonlands.

CERTIFICATION

It is hereby certified that the foregoing **Resolution No. FM24-006-019** was adopted by the Fort McDermitt Tribal Council of the Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe, which is composed of **Eight (8)** members of whom **Eight (8)** constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly held on the **18th** day of **June 2024**, by an affirmative vote of **Six (6) FOR, Zero (0) AGAINST, Two (2) ABSTAINING**, pursuant to the authority contained in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Fort McDermitt Paiute-Shoshone Tribe.



Vonnie Curtis, Tribal Council Secretary
Fort McDermitt Paiute-Shoshone Tribe



Approval Date