

Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California

Environmental Protection Department

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Mr. M. Lee Bishop, EIS Document Manager
U.S. department of Energy
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Re: Rail Line to Yucca Mountain

Dear Mr. Bishop,

Thank you consulting with the Washoe Tribe of California and Nevada on the Yucca Mountain Rail Line Project. As a Native American Tribe of the United States of America we have ancient ties to the land and the natural and cultural resources that date back for millennia. As users of the land and environment we have seen many changes to the environment and the associated ecosystems, some for good and some not so well.

The proposed rail line may have many adverse effects to those natural and cultural resources important to Native Americans. Our concern is that this project may exclude access to any of those resources or destroy any of those resources. I am not aware of any of those resources immediately within the project area; however it does not mean there are no resources. A cultural resource inventory should be conducted and a Tribal Site Monitor be present during any ground disturbance.

Another concern is the emergency contingency plan. Is there a plan to evacuate the people in the affected area in the event of a catastrophe?

If you have any questions you may contact me at (775) 265-8692 or at darrel.cruz@washoetribe.us or at the address below.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Darrel Cruz".

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