



Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe

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Re: Letter from the Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe in Support of with the Thacker Pass Project with Lithium Nevada Corp.

Over the last year of my administration, Lithium Nevada has engaged in consultation with the Tribe as required by the Tribe's Consultation Ordinance adopted by the Fort McDermitt Tribal Council in November 2021. The Ordinance requires companies to engage in meaningful and detailed conversations with the Tribe over how their projects will impact the Tribe and its members, and to address concerns the Tribe has over those impacts. To date, Lithium Nevada has met with Tribal Environmental staff and technical consultants more than 20 times to discuss issues critically important to the Tribe. The parties have worked to develop a scope of work and fee schedule as part of the consultation process to address ongoing Lithium Nevada activities such as state and federal permit processes.

In recognition that to date Lithium Nevada has complied with the Tribe's required consultation process, I am providing this letter of support for continued relations with Lithium Nevada for the Thacker Pass Lithium Project under my authority as elected chairwoman of the Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe and as approved by the Tribal Council.

The people of the Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe have lived on these lands since time immemorial, and as caretakers of the land we bear a great responsibility to Mother Earth, our ancestors and our culture, which are intertwined. As the governing body of the Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe, the Tribal Council also has a responsibility for the futures of our young people and those yet to come. Through our meetings with Lithium Nevada, we have recognized Lithium Nevada's goal of securing a domestic supply of the lithium mineral, a key component of batteries that are essential in the transition to renewable energy and to build sustainable resiliency against climate change. Lithium Nevada has acknowledged the Tribe's interests and agreed to go forward with its project with the understanding that the removal of this material must include stewardship and mitigation of potential impacts to natural resources.

Through diligent negotiation and careful consideration, we have reached an agreement with Lithium Nevada that if their project is to go forward then it will operate it in a manner that seeks to mitigate to the greatest extent possible the impact of the Project on our cultural heritage, native plants and animals, and artifacts of our traditional lands. Lithium Nevada has also committed to supporting the Tribe's efforts to provide our community with greater means for a more sustainable and resilient future. While this agreement cannot meet everyone's expectations and desires, the Tribal Council has approved it to best serve the interests of the Tribe and its

members, and to lessen the impacts the Project will have on our environment and cultural heritage.

Sincerely,



Maxine Redstar
Tribal Chairwoman-