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Subject: Alpine County RMP Amendment and Environmental Assessment-Comments

I have reviewed the Alpine County RMP (Draft); and the following is a list of comments and questions that the Washoe Tribe of California and Nevada's Environmental Protection Department has concerning the Alpine County RMPA.

- (1) Map 2.3 Designated motorized access; the map designation adjacent to the Woodfords Washoe Community open for motorized use is misleading. Map 2.4 reflects a better rendition of the proposed route that should be used to reduce confusion and clearly delineates the route designation.
- (2) The close proximity of the designation to the community may present conflicts between Off-Road-Vehicle users and the community residents. We are concerned with the fact that Washoe youth frequently explore the surrounding areas and it is inevitable that the two users will collide when this area is designated for recreational activities.
- (3) No references to the Tribe's concerns and comments; a letter dated October 30, 2006 from Max Kalhammer Tribal Planner and a letter dated October 31, 2006 from Darrel Cruz, Environmental Specialist II.
- (4) 3.4.2 The term "Religious" should be omitted because it is not a religious concern.
- (5) We understand that an additional section will be added in Chapter 1 explaining the Tribe's interest in the land (previously indicated by Tribal Planner Max Kalhammer) and the process for transferring it from BLM to the Washoe Tribe.

Other than those items listed above I think the draft plan is on course. Thank you for accepting our comments and understanding the challenges we have faced with the recent turnover of Tribal government. You can direct your questions or comments to Darrel Cruz at 775-265-8692 or email, darrel.cruz@washoetribe.us.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darrel Cruz", written over a horizontal line.

Darrel Cruz, ES-II
Washoe Environmental Protection Department