

Letter T1

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Attn: RMP/EIS Project Manager

Dear Project Manager:

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As a Federally recognized Tribe with Cooperating Agency Status, Ely Shoshone Tribe is formerly requesting that the lands identified in the Ely Shoshone Tribal Land Expansion Proposal be included as an alternative in the Resource Management Plan.

Attached is the legal description of the land the Tribe is requesting to be transferred from the Bureau of Land Management to the Bureau of Indian Affairs into Trust on behalf of the Ely Shoshone Tribe.

The Ely Shoshone Tribe has had representatives attend the RMP meetings and provide input. We understand that the Duckwater and Ely Shoshone Tribes land expansion proposals were considered in the preliminary draft Resource Management Plan.

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Since the RMP is for long-term resource management activities including leasing minerals such as oil and gas; construction of electrical transmission lines, gas pipelines, and roads; grazing management; recreation and outfitting; preserving and restoring wildlife habitat; selling or exchanging lands for the benefit of local communities; military use of the planning areas; and conducting other activities that require land use planning decisions, it is essential to include the Tribe's Land Expansion Proposal as an alternative.

The Tribe understands modifying the RMP can be timely and costly, this is why we are requesting the Tribe's proposal to be included in the RMP.

Thank you for your consideration. If you should have any questions, please contact me or Christine Stones, Tribal Planner/Grants Writer.

Sincerely,



Diana Buckner
Tribal Chairwoman

Enclosure

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Congress has the responsibility to convey this land, and the transfer was completed in the White Pine County Conservation, Recreation, and Development Act of 2006. Please refer to Section 1.3.3.4 in the Proposed RMP and Final EIS for a discussion of this act.

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Please refer to Response to Comment T1-1.