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Dear Secretary Norton,

Thank you for your letter dated April 24, 2002, and a follow up letter dated June 20, 2002, from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Acting Arizona State Director and National Park Service (NPS) Pacific West Regional Director, regarding the beginning of a planning process for the new National Monuments. The Hopi Tribe supports consultation, cooperation, and communication in the service of conservation, and we appreciate your directing the BLM and NPS to utilize this opportunity to include the Hopi Tribe in the planning for the jointly managed Grand Canyon Parashant National Monument and the four new BLM Monuments in Arizona.

In the enclosed letter dated May 3, 2001, in response to your March 28, 2001, letter regarding the creation of these National Monuments, we stated that after centuries of migrations, our ancestors, *Hisatsinom*, People of Long Ago, left their ancient villages to complete their migrations by arriving at *Tuuvanasavi*, the Center of the Universe, in fulfillment of a covenant with *Ma'saw*, the Earth Guardian, and that Hopi clans migrated through the areas that are now the Agua Fria, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermillion Cliffs, Canyons of the Ancients, and Grand-Staircase Escalante National Monuments. We further stated that these new Monuments contain literally thousands of Hopi ancestral sites, that Hopi people consider our ancestral sites to be the "footprints" of our ancestors, that we do not consider our ancestral sites to be "abandoned," and that the Hopi Tribe supports the new Monument designations because we believe these designations will provide our ancestral sites better protection from vandalism and looting. We supported limiting uses in the new Monument lands appropriate with the protection and preservation of our ancestral sites.

Therefore, the Hopi Tribe accepts your invitation, and the invitation of the BLM and NPS, to partner in a cooperative agency relationship for the BLM's and NPS's land use planning process, and the joint planning effort for the Grand Canyon Parashant National Monument and Arizona Strip. The Hopi Cultural Preservation Office will contact the BLM State Director, the

Arizona Strip Field Office Manager, the Pacific West Regional Director, and the Lake Mead National Recreation Area Superintendent to achieve cooperating agency status and further pursue this endeavor.

We believe that consultation, cooperation, and communication in the service of conservation must involve reciprocity between federal agencies and tribes. Therefore, we regret to inform you that the Hopi Tribe's Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) cultural affiliation disputes with the NPS, cited in our May 3, 2001, letter remain unresolved, due to the NPS's refusal to accept the findings and recommendations of the NAGPRA Review Committee, published in the *Federal Register* on February 10, 2000. Our objection to the BLM NAGPRA policy prohibiting reburial on BLM land of Native American human remains excavated from BLM lands, BLM Instructional Memoranda 98-131-2, also cited in our May 3, 2001, letter to you, is also unresolved.

Therefore, on behalf of the Hopi Tribe, I would like to reiterate our invitation to you, and extend that invitation to the Directors of the BLM and NPS, to visit Hopiland, so that we can meet to discuss these disputes and issues, and begin to achieve a cooperative and productive partnership between the Hopi Tribe, the BLM, NPS and the Department of the Interior. The Directors of the BLM and NPS and you are welcome to respond directly to me, or pursuant to Hopi Tribal Council Resolution H-98-74, you may have your subordinates contact Leigh J. Kuwanwisiwma, Director of the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



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Enclosure: May 3, 2001 letter to Secretary DOI

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