



Shivwits Band of Paiutes Cultural Committee

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Subject: Support for Pah Tempe Land

Dear Gary Tom

The Shivwits Band of Paiutes would like to offer their full support in the preservation and legal battle to hold onto our sacred site known to the Paiutes as "Awduhng' Kahn" (Hot House) or in more recent times Pah Tempe (water rock). The town Hurricane is named after this sacred site but as the white people could not pronounce Awduhng Kahn they butchered the word to sound like Hurrikahn but spelled Hurricane.

This land has always been a sacred place for the Paiute people who have been coming here since time in memorial for healing and prayers. Strangers cannot come into our lands we hold as sacred and destroy it because it is in the way of development or claimed to be poisoned waters all in the name of money!

We as an Indian Nation would not come into their churches of prayer and healing and destroy it just as they should not come into ours to destroy.

We will support and continue to fight the fight in saving what is left of our sacred sites. We as Paiute people have lost so much of our homelands, which we have held sacred and no matter the cost we will continue to fight for our "Churches".

We do this for our ancestors who have imprinted their memories and prayer into the canyon walls and healing waters and we do this for our future children who will continue to carry on our prayers and to ask for healing on this sacred land!

The Shivwits Band of Paiutes support the efforts and rights of Pah Tempe to the landowners we call our "caretakers" of this sacred site and will help in any way possible including putting this land into trust under the Shivwit's Band if need be.

Shivwits Band of Paiutes Chairwoman

Dated August 26, 2013