



SUSANVILLE INDIAN RANCHERIA

June 14, 2024

Re: Susanville Indian Rancheria Opposes Rainbow Gathering

Dear Rainbow Family,

This letter is in response to the proposed 2024 Rainbow Gathering within the Susanville Indian Rancheria's (SIR) Ancestral lands. We appreciate your consideration in notifying the Tribe of your planned event and proposed location, however the SIR does not support this gathering taking place within our Ancestral lands which overlaps Lassen, Plumas, and Modoc county. The SIR consists of the Maidu, Paiute, Washoe and Pit River tribes, and the protection of our cultural and religious resources is our highest priority and concern.

~~In taking into consideration the Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA), National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and Section 106 per 30 CFR Part 800, Executive Order 13007 – Indian Sacred Sites, and the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), we are recommending that the proposed 2024 Rainbow Gathering take place outside of SIR's ancestral lands due to the egregious damage and irreparable harm that would result to our places of traditional cultural and religious importance.~~

SIR Tribal Historic Preservation Office has reviewed the application for the proposed 2024 Rainbow Gathering and determined that the gathering would have a significant adverse effect to the environment, as well as the historic and traditional cultural properties and landscapes. This includes potential effects to our places of traditional cultural and religious importance. SIR recommends that without a thorough environmental review and based on the potential of the event to cause damage and harm to non-renewable resources that the 2024 Rainbow Gathering not be approved.

Thank you for your time and respecting the wishes of the Susanville Indian Rancheria.

Sincerely,

Robert Joseph
Tribal Vice Chairman
Susanville Indian Rancheria