

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES OF THE
FORT BERTHOLD RESERVATION

- WHEREAS, This Nation having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 and authority is under said Act; and
- WHEREAS, The Constitution & By-laws and Corporate Charter of the Three Affiliated Tribes authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to engage in activities for the welfare and benefit of the Tribes & Tribal members and,
- WHEREAS, By Executive Order of President R. B. Hayes on April 16, 1877, the Duck Valley Indian Reservation in Owyhee, Nevada, was created for the Western Shoshone, and
- WHEREAS, By Executive Order of President Grover Cleveland on May 4, 1886, the Duck Valley Indian Reservation was expanded to include "...for the use of occupation of the Paddy Caps band of Pi-Utes and such other Indians as the Secretary of the Interior may see fit to settle thereon..." and,
- WHEREAS, By Executive Order of President Franklin Entitled, WITHDRAWAL OF PUBLIC LANDS FOR USE IN CONNECTION WITH DUCK VALLEY IRRIGATION PROJECT, land area at Wildhorse was withdrawn from public lands for the construction of Wildhorse Dam and Reservoir, and
- WHEREAS, The Wildhorse Reservoir has been managed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs since the completion of the dam in 1937, for the benefit of the Duck Valley Reservation, and
- WHEREAS, Public Law 93-638, THE INDIAN SELF-DETERMINATION AND EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT was enacted in order to encourage Indians to manage their own affairs and to become self-supporting, and
- WHEREAS, The Shoshone-Paiute people have demonstrated their ability to become self-supporting through practicing modern methods of land use and cultivation in farming and ranching operations, and
- WHEREAS, The Shoshone Paiute Tribe is prepared to manage and develop the Wildhorse Reservoir for recreational purposes, and
- WHEREAS, The development of outdoor recreation sites at Sheep Creek Reservoir and Mountain View Reservoir have enhanced the economy of the Shoshone-Paiute Tribe, and

WHEREAS, The recreational development of the Wildhorse Reservoir by the Shoshone Paiute Tribe will boost their economy which will place them further on their way to self-sufficiency, and

WHEREAS, The Bureau of Indian Affairs has prepared an Environmental Impact Statement to "transfer the management and ownership responsibility of Wildhorse reservoir to the Duck Valley Indians."

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation at New Town, North Dakota, fully supports and endorses the recreational conveyance and lease of Wildhorse Reservoir to the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council is composed of 11 members of whom 7 constituting a quorum were present at a Regular meeting, hereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 14 day of June, 1979; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 7 members passed, and that the said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairperson (voting) (~~not voting~~)

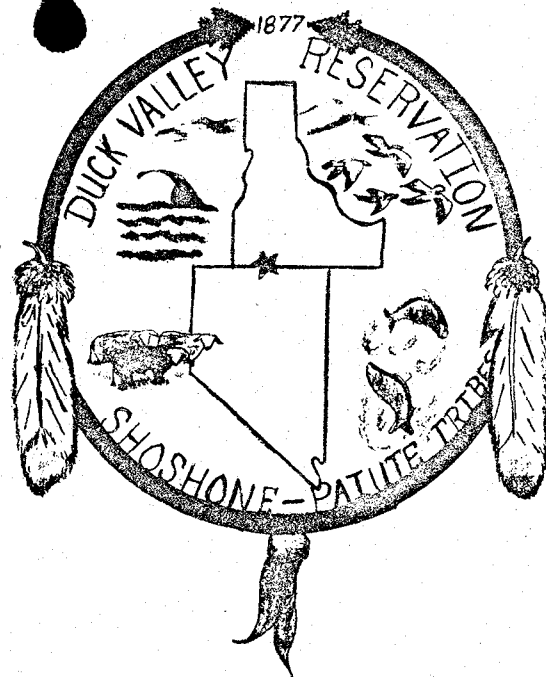
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June 6, 1979

Mr. Austin Gillette, Chairman
Fort Berthold Tribal Business Council
New Town, North Dakota 58748

Dear Sir:

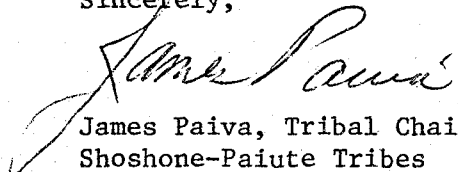
Enclosed is a resolution from the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Owyhee, Nevada. We are soliciting your support to further our Tribes' interest and endeavors in self-determination. Enclosed is a sample resolution.

A draft Environmental Impact Statement developed by the B.I.A. has been completed concerning Wildhorse Dam, a project completed in 1936 which has a capacity for 72,000 acre feet of water to supply water for agricultural purposes to the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes. Currently, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, in the E.I.S. supports the transfer of management and ownership responsibility of Wildhorse Reservoir to our Tribe in two phases. The first phase provides that the Tribe lease approximately 4,000 acres of water surface and land area at the reservoir. In the second phase, the BIA proposes to sponsor legislation leading to an act of Congress which would place the leased lands in trust status for the Duck Valley Indians.

Unfortunately, there is a backlash movement against the Tribe to prevent them from gaining access to the project through the above method.

Your support of the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes on this issue is a very critical need. You may send resolutions or statements to the Area Director, Phoenix Area Office, P. O. Box 7007, Phoenix, Arizona 85011.

Sincerely,


James Paiva, Tribal Chairman
Shoshone-Paiute Tribes

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Enclosure