



March 5, 2024

VIA EMAIL

Secretary Deb Haaland
United States Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Secretary Haaland,

We understand the Interior Department continues to engage in the environmental review process for the Coquille Indian Tribe's Fee-to-Trust and Gaming Facility Project ("Coquille Project"), despite unprecedented Tribal, inter-Tribal, Congressional, gubernatorial, and local government opposition to the project. To the extent you have not yet reached the conclusion that the Coquille Project, if approved, would violate the substance and intent of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, and would cause irreparable harm to regional Tribal communities, we invite you to travel to our homelands and consult with our elected leaders about how the Coquille Project would impact each of our Tribal nations and peoples.

It is important to us that you personally witness our Tribal communities to fully understand those impacts in person before you reach your decision. Your visit is also consistent with the Department's stated commitment to meaningfully consult with affected Tribal nations in advance of policy decisions of Tribal implication, as well as the Biden administration's promise "to protect the ability of every Native person here in the United States to lead safe, healthy, and fulfilling lives in their homelands." We believe your visit could be accomplished over a couple of days in northern California and southern Oregon.

If you would, please formally respond to this invitation at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Russell 'Buster' Attebery".

Russell "Buster" Attebery, Chair
Karuk Tribe



Carla Keene, Chair
Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians



Dale Miller, Chair
Elk Valley Rancheria



Scott Sullivan, Vice Chair
Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation

Cc: Laura Daniel-Davis, Acting Deputy Secretary
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