

APPENDIX A

Tribal Consultation and Responses



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Ms. Linda Otero
Fort Mojave Indian Tribe
500 Merriman Avenue
Needles, CA 92363

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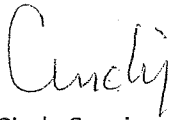
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Morongo Band of Mission Indians
12700 Pumarra Road
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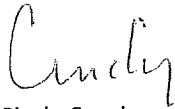
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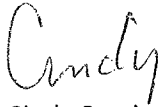
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However, because the project has the potential to influence the development of future projects, the THPO requests a copy of the Negative Declaration (ND) and any pertinent cultural report(s). After review of these documents, the THPO may provide further recommendations. The Tribe and THPO look forward to working with the City of Needles on this project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Tribal Historic Preservation Office at (760) 775-3259 or by email: TNPConsultation@29palmsbomi-nsn.gov.

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Hello,

Regarding the above referenced project, we have no additional information to provide at this time.

Thank you for reaching out to our office.

Sincerely,

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