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Philip DelRosa
Alturas Rancheria of Pit River Indians
PO Box 340
Alturas, CA 96101

Re: Proposed Alturas Casino in Yreka

Dear Chairperson DelRosa:

It has come to our attention through news reports that the Alturas Rancheria of Pit River Indians plans on opening a second gaming facility on a Karuk tribal allotment. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA), gaming can only take place on "Indian lands" as defined by IGRA. We are concerned that the lands that you are planning on opening a new facility would not qualify as "Indian lands." We would appreciate the Tribe submitting its position on why the lands in questions would qualify as "Indian lands" under IGRA.

The National Indian Gaming Commission ("NIGC") recognizes and respects the sovereignty of Indian tribes and the government-to-government relationship that exists between the United States and tribal governments. Accordingly, the NIGC is committed to meaningful government-to-government consultations with tribes and their leadership. Pursuant to that commitment, the Commission will be conducting consultations at our California Regional Office in Sacramento on February 24-25. I urge you to take advantage of this opportunity to meet with the Chairman and the other Commissioners to discuss the Tribe's plans.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Greg Bergfeld".

Greg Bergfeld
Regional Director

cc: Bob Nay, Alturas Tribal Gaming Commission