



THE PAIUTE INDIAN TRIBE OF UTAH

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October 17, 2019

To: PITU Tribal Members
Attn: Shivwits Band Members

RE: Shivwits Band Councils Efforts to Separate from the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah

The Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah (“Tribe”) Tribal Council would like to express that it does not oppose the Shivwits Band Councils decision to separate itself from the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah. The Tribe is aware of the efforts the Band is constructing and understands that the Shivwits Band Council feels the Shivwits Band and its members would be better off as independent and separate from the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah and no longer subject to the Constitution of the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah.

On May 17, 2019, the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah received correspondence from the Shivwits Band of Paiutes informing the Tribe of the Bands Request to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Secretary of the Interior to revoke the application of the Indian Reorganization Act for the purpose of not being subject to the Constitution of the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah or the Tribal Council.

Although we do not oppose your desires to become your own federally recognized tribe, as Tribal Council, we have the duty and responsibility of protecting the rights, programs, services, and assets of the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah for all our Tribal Membership. For this reason, the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah Tribal Council must ensure that the Tribe’s jurisdiction and provisions of the Restoration Act remain intact.

1. Washington County is the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah’s service area as indicated in the Restoration Act for the purpose of providing for Federal services and benefits to all our Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah Membership. We have many Tribal Members who are members of other Paiute Bands who reside in Washington County and the Tribe has numerous assets, including land and our Tribal houses. There are roughly 2,149 individuals that identify as Native American that reside in Washington County.¹ Many not on the Shivwits Reservation.
2. Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah Service Population must remain as is. In December 2018, the Shivwits Band presented to the Tribal Council its intentions of pursuing its own 638 contract with IHS and that the Shivwits Band does not intend to take any existing IHS funding from the Tribe or undermine any of the services provided by the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah and that absolutely no

¹ Washington County, Utah. American Fact Finder. United Census Bureau.

https://factfinder.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/community_facts.xhtml?src=bkmmk

Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah funding would be diminished as a result of a contract. We ask the Shivwits Band to hold true to this commitment.

Although we do not know the outcome of the Shivwits Bands endeavors to pursue federal recognition as its own federally recognized Tribe, it is the intention of this Tribal Council to still work towards and maintain a respectful and harmonious relationship with the Shivwits Band Council.

With Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials 'JBO' with a stylized flourish.

Tribal Council
Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah