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To Whom It May Concern:

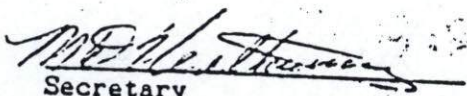
The Blackfeet Tribal Business Council is the duly constituted governing body within the exterior boundaries of the Blackfeet Indian reservation. The Blackfeet Tribal Business Council is empowered by Article VI, section 1, Amendment VI, subsection (m) of the Constitution for the Blackfeet Tribe, "to encourage and foster Indian culture, and traditions."

The Blackfeet Tribe reserved rights in the land ceded by the 1895 Agreement, 29 Stat. 321, 353-354, known as the Blackfeet Unit of the Lewis and Clark National Forest. While the Blackfeet Nation has been confined to their present geological area, the Ceded Area aforementioned has extensively been used for religious purposes by numerous Spiritual Traditional members. The aforementioned Ceded Area is presently considered by the Tribe to be still in its pristine state. The U.S. Forest Service recognizes the Blackfeet Tribe's February 1985 Position Paper concerning the Suggested Amendments to the Revised Proposed Lewis and Clark National Forest Plan regarding the implementation of the American Indian Religious Freedom Act.

The Blackfeet Tribe passed Resolution 219-72 on the 10th day of May, 1973 wherein they "declare as Sacred Ground, that area from the Burlington Northern Railroad South and from Highway #89 to the Continental Divide and this area, being declared Sacred Ground shall not be disturbed in any way without prior consent of the Blackfeet Tribe." The Blackfeet Tribe desires to protect the natural habitat of the aforementioned land, for continued spiritual, religious and cultural uses for all tribal members.

Therefore, the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council supports the Blackfeet Traditional tribal members who are currently practicing their traditional tribal religion in the "Ceded Area" and who are voicing their concerns. And further, the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council supports the traditional leaders in the pursuit of their traditional sacred ways covered under the U.S. Constitution First Amendment rights to Freedom of Religion and the Fourteenth Amendment rights to protect a person's liberty to practice their religion.

The Blackfeet Tribe of the
Blackfeet Indian Reservation


Secretary



Chairman

EXHIBIT C

R E S O L U T I O N

NUMBER: 219-72

WHEREAS: There are many areas on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation that are held sacred by the Blackfeet people, and

WHEREAS: These areas are made up of sites of old camp grounds, burial grounds, buffalo jumps, etc., now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council does hereby declare as Sacred Ground, that area from the Burlington Northern Railroad South and from Highway #89 to the Continental Divide and this area, being declared Sacred Ground shall not be disturbed in any way without prior consent of the Blackfeet Tribe.

ATTEST:

Carl A. Kopp

Secretary

THE BLACKFEET TRIBE OF THE BLACKFEET
INDIAN RESERVATION

[Signature]

Chairman

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council in duly called, noticed and convened regular session assembled the 10th day of May, 1973, with six members present to constitute a quorum.

Carl A. Kopp

Secretary

Blackfeet Tribal Business Council

RESOLUTION

NUMBER 39-71

WHEREAS: The Blackfeet Tribe has portions of land throughout the Blackfeet Indian Reservation that is held, and considered, Sacred Ground due to ancient Tribal ceremonial sites and burial grounds, and

WHEREAS: One portion of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation in particular is considered to be most Sacred to the Blackfeet, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council, for and in behalf of the Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation, does hereby declare that portion of land lying on or adjacent to the Range Line between Range 9 West and Range 10 West, running North and South through the Blackfeet Indian Reservation as Sacred Ground and further, that any disturbance of said Sacred Ground without consent of said Council shall not be allowed hereafter.

Attest:

The Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet
Indian Reservation

Paul Timmerly
Secretary

[Signature]
Chairman

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council in duly called, noticed and convened regular session assembled the 5th day of August, 1971, with eight members present to constitute a quorum.

Paul Timmerly
Secretary
Blackfeet Tribal Business Council