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Laurie Thom, Chairman
Yerington Paiute Tribe
171 Campbell Lane
Yerington, NV 89447

Re: *Invitation to consult regarding NPL listing and future remediation efforts at the Anaconda Mine, Lyon County, Nevada.*

Dear Chairman Thom:

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The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Carson City District is currently working with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) regarding the EPA's intention to propose adding the Anaconda Superfund Site ("the Site") to the National Priorities List (NPL). The proposed listing is in response to human health and environmental hazards associated with contaminants, including uranium, in soil and groundwater at and near the Site.

The Site is located just west of Yerington, in Lyon County, Nevada (see enclosed map). While much of the Site is on privately-owned lands, portions of the Site are located on public lands managed by the BLM. If the Site is listed on the NPL, the BLM would coordinate with the EPA and the NDEP on plans to remediate human health and environmental hazards related to the Site. Remediation planning would be conducted in accordance with the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Contingency Plan, and would include a Proposed Plan and Record of Decision. Tribal consultation and public outreach are part of the remedy selection process. Currently, the BLM is working with the EPA and the NDEP to more clearly define each agency's role, the course of action moving forward, and the schedule of next steps.

The BLM is aware that the Yerington Paiute Tribe (YPT) has a long-standing interest in the Site, and that the YPT been working with the EPA for many years regarding these issues. To date, the BLM is aware of two other tribes that have expressed interest in matters regarding the Site: the Walker River Paiute Tribe and the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe. The purpose of this letter is to inform the YPT of the BLM's involvement in potential future remediation planning and

implementation; and to ask whether the YPT wishes to consult with the BLM regarding these matters.

The BLM invites the YPT to consult regarding the Anaconda Superfund Site. If the YPT chooses to consult with the BLM, or should you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (775) 885-6151 or by email at rthomas@blm.gov.

Sincerely,

Ralph Thomas
District Manager
Carson City District Office

Enclosure

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