

Diné Solidarity for Pushpum

Call to Action – Navajo

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Subject Line: Honor Tribal Sovereignty and Protect Tribal Resources

Dear Navajo Nation Resource and Development Committee and Navajo Nation Council Delegates,

I stand for a just clean energy transition. I stand in solidarity with the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation (Yakama Nation), the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR), Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs, and the Nez Perce Tribe and in opposition of the Goldendale Pumped Storage Development. This pump storage development is an example of continued environmental injustice and is not considered clean energy. This development is proposed on a sacred site known to the Yakama Nation as Pushpum and has traditionally been used for ceremonies and harvesting plant medicines.

I urge the Navajo Nation Resource and Development Committee (RDC) not to support the proposed development of similar projects to the Goldendale Pumped Storage Project. We urge the Navajo Nation to stand in solidarity with the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation (Yakama Nation), the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR), Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs, and the Nez Perce Tribe and oppose any development from a company that disregards sacred sites and spaces and undermines tribal sovereignty. Finally, we request that while the members of RDC are touring the Pacific Northwest Natural Resource Tour August 1-3, 2024, that they meet with the Kamiltpah Band of the Yakama Nation located in/near Goldendale, WA, to meet with the tribal band leadership and people to learn more about the Goldendale Pumped Storage Development and its impacts on the Yakama Nation.

For coordination, please contact Elaine Harvey, a member of the Yakama Nation at eharvey@critfc.org, who can facilitate the RDC meeting with the Kamiltpah Band of Yakama Nation located in/near Goldendale, WA.

Sincerely,

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