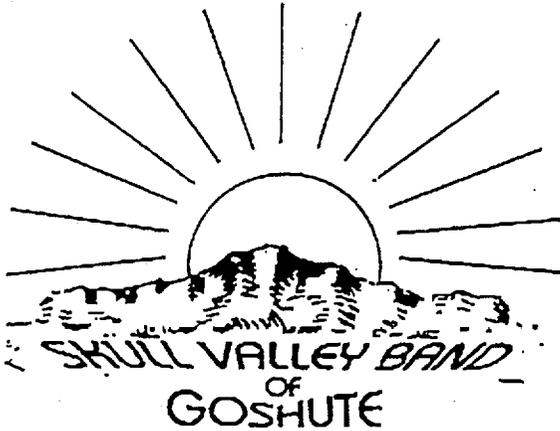


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Colonel Ronald G. Oholendt
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Colonel Oholendt:

The Skull Valley Band of Goshute Indians has agreed to lease land on the northwest corner of our Skull Valley Reservation to the Private Fuel Storage LLC (PFS) for use as a temporary spent fuel storage facility. In recent months the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has questioned PFS concerning the possible safety impact of the United States Air Force (USAF) training flights down Skull Valley. The Band is aware of these questions and has been briefed by PFS on the results of the evaluations that have been performed in response to the NRC.

The Band recognizes the importance of Skull Valley to the USAF as a Military Operations Area (MOA) to access the Utah Test and Training Range (UTTR) in western Utah. Over many years the Band has witnessed these training flights as they fly down Skull Valley and enter the UTTR. Historical data demonstrate and confirm the Band's belief that the USAF conducts safe operations in Skull Valley. The future presence of the PFS facility should not impact the continued unrestricted use of the MOA by the USAF. The Band concurs with the conclusion offered by PFS to the NRC that the presence of the storage facility on the Reservation and the present operations conducted by the USAF in the MOA are mutually compatible and safe for tribal members.

If you have any questions, feel free to call me at 801-474-0535.

Thank you,

Leon D. Bear
 Leon D. Bear, Chairman
 Executive Committee

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