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Mr. Ron Johnny
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Dear Mr. Johnny,

Thank you for your e-mail to Dr. Mark Hall dated April 22nd, 2011. As requested, your letter has been added to the administrative record for the McGee Mountain geothermal project.

At present, Geothermal Technical Partners (GTP) has proposed and has been permitted to drill nine thermal gradient holes at McGee Mountain (see enclosed map). At present, they are in the process of securing funding to drill these holes. The temperature gradient holes will be drilled to a depth of up to 750 feet, and the maximum diameter of the hole will be 12 ¼ inches. The work space needed around each hole is 100 ft. x 75 ft. The UTM coordinates (Zone 11) of each hole is:

Easting	Northing
345469	4631854
345369	4631019
346509	4630987
345768	4630727
345254	4630184
345024	4629268
346089	4628352
344259	4627366
344462	4628306

The staging area is located UTM 345318E 4629924.

Depending on the results of these proposed temperature gradient holes, GTP may want to drill more temperature gradient holes and two slim holes inside their lease boundary. At present, exactly where this will be done is uncertain. Slim holes are much larger in diameter and go

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several thousands of feet in depth. On the map sent to your tribe previously (also enclosed), these potential sites were colored yellow.

A Class III cultural survey was completed at each of the permitted drilling locations and along trails that will be used to access the drill sites. Only one cultural site was found in the course of the survey, and it will not be impacted by the drilling operations. The site is *not eligible* for the National Register of Historic Places.

Given the depth of the temperature gradient holes, the BLM anticipates there will be no adverse effect to any springs in the area. The major expressions of surface water are outside of the lease boundaries and are all near Gridley lake.

Should you wish to access and/or visit the drilling sites, you are welcome to do so. At this time, there are no safety or travel restrictions for this proposed action or the site. If you would like BLM's participation, we will attend and participate in the site visit with the Tribe.

As part of the Native American consultation process the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) would like to hear from the Summit Lake Paiute tribe if this project will affect any resources of concern to the tribe. We are seeking Tribal input into the Tribe's historic and/or important resources, and input on any ceremonial sites. Many of the questions you ask in your e-mail are what the BLM hopes to gain information on in consultation with the tribe.

For any questions and/or additional comments on the proposal or this letter, please contact Mark Hall at 775-623-1529.

Sincerely,

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