



RUBY TRIBAL COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION 2018-01

OPPOSING THE PROPOSED ROAD TO THE AMBLER MINING DISTRICT

- WHEREAS,** Ruby Tribal Council is the governing body of Ruby, a federally recognized Native Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** Ruby Tribal Council is empowered to negotiate with Federal, State and local governments, and others on behalf of the Tribe, to advise and consult with the representatives of the Departments of federal agencies on all activities that may affect the tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** we have an interest in the preservation of our land, cultures, and peoples; and
- WHEREAS,** since time immemorial, our people have subsisted in our region and have depended on healthy land, healthy water, and healthy fish and wildlife resources to support our subsistence way of life; and
- WHEREAS,** we have an inherent human right to that subsistence; and
- WHEREAS,** we have been successful stewards of this environment and these subsistence resources for thousands of years; and
- WHEREAS,** we have trust and responsibility to the generations that will follow us; and
- WHEREAS,** our elders have taught us to think beyond the present and measure the effects into the future, to future generations; and
- WHEREAS,** our subsistence resources guarantee our way of life and culture will continue for future generations; and
- WHEREAS,** multiple mining companies are staking claims in the Ambler mining district; and
- WHEREAS,** mining for mere financial gain poses new threats to the survival of our subsistence resources and our people themselves; and
- WHEREAS,** those mining companies are exploring for sulfide minerals, which will create acid that will result in toxic heavy metals polluting our lands and waters; and
- WHEREAS,** building the road may also require using asbestos-laden soil, which could affect our health and the health of our subsistence resources; and

WHEREAS, the road and mine will detrimentally impact water quality, caribou, sheefish, and other subsistence resources that we depend on for our very survival; and

WHEREAS, our elders have held steadfast against this road development for multiple generations, asserting their inherent rights to subsistence and our way of life; and

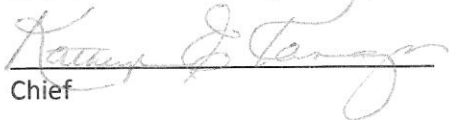
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Ruby Tribal Council does hereby oppose the road to the Ambler Mining District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Ruby Tribal Council calls upon all those with trust responsibilities to our native peoples to stand with us in opposing this project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we shall seek to educate not only our tribal citizens but all citizens as to our collective fiduciary trust responsibility to all future generations to protect our natural resources, our environment, our subsistence resources, and our way of life.

CERTIFICATION

This certifies that the above resolution was duly adopted at a convened meeting of the Ruby Tribal Council on January 15, 2018 by a vote of 5 for, 0 against, with 0 abstaining.



Chief