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Allen Elliott
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October 1, 2013

re: Santa Susana Field Laboratory clean up

Dear Mr. Elliott,

This letter is a written response to the Draft EIR for the Santa Susana Field Laboratory clean up. As it is well known by NASA, the Chumash and ourselves, this site is of utmost importance to our Tribe. The well known Burro Flats Painted Cave is a treasure that must be preserved. When visiting the area previously for both Winter and Summer Solstice, we were able to physically appreciate the many other sensitive sites of the area. In anticipation of construction and disturbance of sacred ground, one of our trained Native American monitors must be present to assess for human remains or artifacts. As a Tribe, we would request to have heard our opinion on potential construction and the damage it may cause. We would like to work along side NASA to protect this very important sacred site from outside destruction as well as potential destruction caused by the clean up project. You can contact us anytime at the below. Thank you.

I am sending this letter via mail because it is unclear whether my emails sent directly to msfc-ssfl-eis@mail.nasa.gov or Mrs. Fellows (mfellows@nasa.gov) went through given the furlough situation. I have included the email replies I received from both address.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christina Swindall Martinez".

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