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Dear Ms. Chapman:

This letter is to document the close working relationship between the United States Forest Service, Stanislaus National Forest (Forest) and the Southern Sierra Nation (SSMN). Since the Forest lies within a portion of the ancestral territory of the Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation (SSMN), the Forest consults with the SSMN tribal government on all federal undertakings proposed within Mariposa and Tuolumne counties. We have been consulting with the SSMN for decades and will continue to do so as we recognize and respect the SSMN as a distinct Native American community.

The SSMN is a valuable partner crucial to the preservation of historic properties and tribal resources within the Forest. This partnership has resulted in a Memorandum of Understanding on how the Jordan Creek/Bower Cave Special Interest Area is managed. The Forest has also been very supportive of the Wahhoga project and have been providing the free procurement of any needed cedars, oaks and rocks off the Forest for many years.

Thank you for our decade's long relationship. I look forward to working with you for many more years to come.

Sincerely,



JASON KUIKEN
Forest Supervisor

cc: Kathy Strain

