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Dear Ms. Palmer and Ms. Szabo:

As you may know, the Legislative Committee on Public Lands meets during the interim between legislative sessions to listen to citizens' concerns about public lands issues and to review federal and state land management policies with local elected officials, agency personnel, interest groups, and private organizations.

During a recent hearing, the Committee received testimony regarding the unique nature and history of a population of swamp cedars located in Spring Valley, White Pine County, Nevada. According to information provided by the Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation, the Ely Shoshone Tribe, and the Duckwater Shoshone Tribe, the population has unique characteristics as well as historical significance to Native American tribes in the region. Tribal members also testified that the area is vital to their ceremonial, spiritual, and cultural heritage.

Based on this information, the committee voted to send a letter requesting your agencies to explore the possibility of designating the swamp cedar population located in Spring Valley as either a historic location or as a protected population of trees under the natural heritage program, or both.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Jered McDonald, Committee Policy Analyst, via telephone at (775) 684-6825 or email at jered.mcdonald@lcb.state.nv.us if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

David R. Parks
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