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Subject: ADOPT: Proposed Burro Flats Cultural District meets the criteria for the National Register of Historic Places.

The Burro Flats area has been occupied by Native Americans over thousands of years. The items left behind represent an irreplaceable link between Native Americans and people of today and of all tomorrows. The cultural resources present must be identified, protected, and monitored.

Some mistakenly believe the site should not be placed on the NHRP because the site poses a pollution threat to neighboring communities. Stated here for the record: The US Environmental Protection Agency (2012), The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (1999) and the California EPA Department of Toxic Substances Control (2013) have publically stated they have NOT found evidence of off-site contamination from SSFL that would pose a risk to human health or the environment.

The proposed Traditional Cultural Property boundaries are consistent with historical site relationships. Access to the SSFL was consistently restricted to on-site workers resulting in a site that has been physically protected over the past seven decades. To date, one hundred nineteen contributing sites have been located within the study area. Further study may reveal the Burro Flats site comprises a cultural district with Ahmanson Ranch and perhaps even the Farpoint site at Point Dume. Finally, the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians designated the entire former SSFL as a Sacred site, pursuant to Executive Order 13007. This situation supports the establishment of the Traditional Cultural Property inclusive of the entire former SSFL site boundary.

I am a Section 106 Consulting Party for both Federal agencies involved with the former Santa Susana Field Laboratory site.

Please support the addition of Burro Flats Cultural District to the National Register of Historical Places.

Thank you,

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