

March 28, 2025

The Honorable Doug Burgum
Secretary of The Interior
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington DC 20240

Dear Mr. Secretary Burgum,

I am writing to you because the town of Yucca Valley CA. needs your help.

The Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians is currently acquiring multiple parcels of land in our area and petitioning for sovereignty. Offsite reservations are being used as a means to circumvent environmental protections throughout the country. The financial incentives for tribes to make historical revisions in order to tie themselves to land they seek to expand their interests in is substantial. We believe that not enough scrutiny is being applied to this matter.

Previous attempts by the tribe to further their empire have been rejected by the local community so they have adapted their strategy by working with and lobbying every level of, government.

The tribe is currently operating a cannabis dispensary and is moving forward with their plans to build a travel center at a scope that the area is not equipped for and under any other circumstances would be justifiably rejected.

The land they are acquiring is home to countless species including state protected wildlife and the federally endangered desert tortoise.

I, as well as many others, humbly ask that you look into this matter and put an end to what can be seen as nothing more than deception and corruption.

Please stop any approval of land acquisition for Twenty-Nine Palms band of Mission Indians, in Yucca Valley.

If you were to approve this, the results would be disastrous; countless lives would be affected!

I believe it is critical that you reject any requests by the Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians for off-reservation development in Yucca Valley, Ca. I am also urging you to rescind any previous approvals for land acquisition in Yucca Valley, CA.

Sincerely,