



COLORADO RIVER INDIAN TRIBES

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The Colorado River Indian Tribes, is a federally recognized tribe located in Parker, Arizona along the beautiful Colorado River. The Colorado River Indian tribe was established on March 3, 1865 by an Executive order under the signature of President Abraham Lincoln.

The Tribe consists of four distinguished tribes which are: Mohave, Chemehuevi, Hopi and Navajo tribes respectfully, with a membership roll of approximately 5,000 members. The Tribe has long supported the cultural diversity of each tribe and respects the land base from which cultural landscapes and their significance to their spiritual being.

With great interest, the Tribe has been watching the current events that been affecting the Native Hawaiians regarding their sacred mountain, Mauna Kea on the Big Island of Hawaii. So many times we have seen the intrusion on our spiritual places that effect our cultural ways of life. We understand the connection to the land, know our spiritual and cultural land marks that have existed since time of immemorial.

Hawaii's governor Ige, announced on July 10, 2019 that the construction of the thirty-meter telescope would move forward on July 15, 2019 on the summit of Mauna Kea, Hawaii.

The TMT project would be devastating and irreversible environmental and cultural impacts on Mauna Kea and its fresh water aquifer, desecrate sacred lands, practices, and burial sites and is an unnecessary addition to a summit overburdened by thirteen previously built telescopes which has proven to leave toxins after decommission.

As Chairman of the Colorado River Indian Tribes, I submit this letter to the Hawaiian people of the Mauna Kea, that we stand in support and to the solidarity of all native people who stand and protect the indigenous rights of the land, water and all living things, in this world and those landmarks that represent the spiritual world.

We honor the elders and all their people as they stand for the respect and dignity of their traditional homelands.

Respectfully,

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Dennis Patch
Chairman