

April 27, 2007

Mr. Blake Smith
P.O. Box 34360
Reno, NV 89533

Dear Blake:

Enclosed, please find copies of the letters that I sent to the Tribes along with the letter of transmittal I provided to Dean Haymore. Each Tribal representative received the letter along with a copy of the "Protocols" and a copy of the map that Darcy kindly emailed over to me.

Please remind Darcy that I will need the address for the Lockwood meeting. See you there.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Kautz", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert R. Kautz, Ph.D.
President

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Mr. Dean Haymore
Storey County Planning Director
P.O. Box 526
Virginia City, NV 89440

Dear Mr. Haymore:

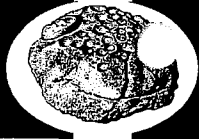
Mr. Blake Smith asked me to share with you and the Commission, my letters to the affected Native American community, regarding our cultural resources work in anticipation of the proposed development of the Cordevista Project.

Please feel free to call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Robert R. Kautz, Ph.D.
President

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cc Blake Smith
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April 25, 2007

Mr. William Dancing Feather
Cultural Resources Coordinator
Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California
919 Highway 395 South
Gardnerville, NV 89410

Dear Mr. Dancing Feather:

Mr. Blake Smith, a principal with the Virginia Highlands, LLC, has asked me to initiate consultation with you, as well as representatives of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe and the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, regarding cultural resources management at the proposed mixed residential and commercial development designed for a block of slightly fewer than 8,600 privately owned acres near the center of Storey County, located southeast of Lockwood (see accompanying map).

We want you to know that we are at an early stage of our work for the project. So far, archaeologists from our firm have provided services that include the pedestrian survey of some 6,800 acres and the identification and documentation of many different kinds of isolated finds and archaeological sites. These include many that are prehistoric in age, some fewer that are historic, and fewer yet that have sites with components that represent both time periods. The final report will be issued upon completion of a survey of the entire project area that will include the additional 1,800 acres, at which time the report will be shared with you.

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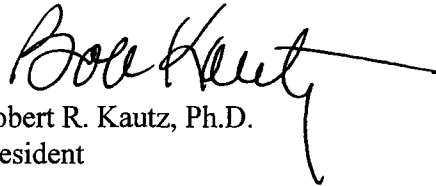
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Accordingly, we invite you to visit with us in our offices here in Reno to review the work as it presently stands and to make recommendations concerning the preservation, maintenance, and access to these cultural resources. We would ask that we all cooperate to coordinate your visit so that my archaeologists can put together a presentation of the materials and to encourage communication amongst all affected parties.

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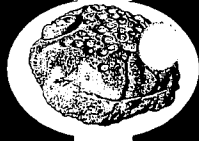
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P. O. Box 256
Nixon, NV 89424

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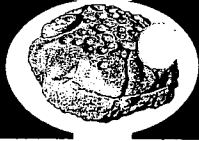
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Mr. Arlan Melendez
Reno Sparks Indian Colony
98 Colony Road
Reno, NV 89502

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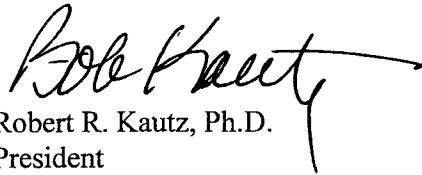
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**Proposed Preliminary Protocols Related to Archaeological Resources
Virginia Highlands LLC, Storey County, Nevada**

Robert R. Kautz, Ph.D.

The survey east of Lockwood resulted in the documentation of many different kinds of archaeological sites. Among these are a number of sites that contain petroglyph panels and several that are composed of hunting blind complexes.

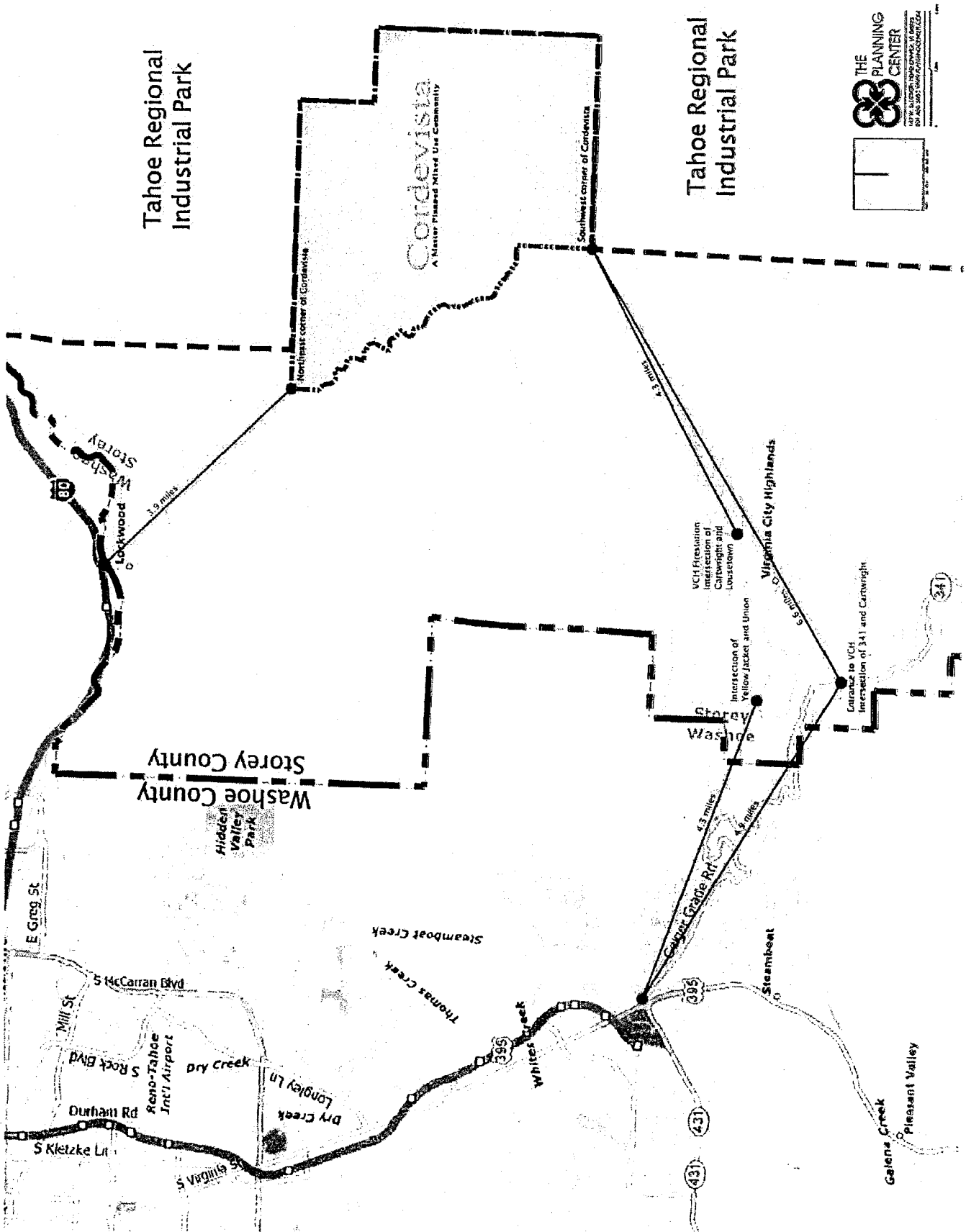
For a number of reasons; legal, ethical, and economic, it is important to maintain (plan for) the **integrity** of these those sites which may be significant historic resources. Integrity is a site quality that can be measured by reference to seven standard “criteria of **integrity**.” According to the federal definitions, these are:

1. Location - The site, structure, or object is in its original position on the landscape.
2. Design - The site, structure, or object has maintained its original parts in their relative relation to each other.
3. Setting - The “environment” or viewscape around the site, structure, or object is relatively undisturbed.
4. Materials - The site, structure, or object is composed of its original materials (i.e., no reproductions, etc.).
5. Workmanship - The site, structure, or object has not had evidence of modern workmanship imposed on it.
6. Feeling - The site, structure, or object has maintained a feel for its “period of significance”.
7. Association - The site, structure, or object has not had a modern object or structure imposed in its midst.

In order to try to maintain the integrity of the important complex of sites present within the proposed project area, I have suggested the following steps as a starting point in an ongoing discussion relating to the preservation of this important site complex.

- Lot sizes near the important site complex should be of a size that will provide for adequate setbacks.

- Lot sizes immediately adjacent to petroglyph sites should be large enough to plan for maintaining an uninterrupted viewscape. Their size and configuration will be determined as the site plan is developed with these resources in mind.
- Structures on lots immediately adjacent to petroglyph sites should be set back, as far as possible from the site.
- If it were the case that someone viewing (facing) a petroglyph could see a building from their location, the building should be shielded by means of a vegetational shield composed of flora compatible with the natural environment.
- Paint colors within the immediate vicinity of the significant cultural resources should be composed of earth tones that do not detract from the overall “setting.”
- Access to the petroglyph sites and the interpretive trail will be kept open to the public and particularly to the Native American community whose participation in the planning and maintenance of the complex (rock art, trails, interpretation, etc.) is critical to its preservation.
- Infrastructural improvements such as utilities and roadways will be located with due consideration of their affect to the significant cultural component in the landscape effecting both setting or feeling.
- A preservation element such as an interpretive trail will serve to establish viewing locations and standardize the application of whatever the final preservation protocols turn out to be. Also, such a trail would attract the public and evoke a sense of resource “ownership” among members of the local and Tribal communities. That feeling of ownership will serve the historic resource as the sites will have adherents who can act as informal monitors.



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