YLNM Lithium Solidarity Statement:

International Lithium Group Stands in Solidarity with Peehee mu'huh Communities

YLNM (Yes to Life No to Mining) Lithium Group stands in solidarity with the People of Red Mountain, the Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe, the agricultural communities within Orovada and Kings River Valley, and all people on the frontline facing harm from the Thacker Pass mine project. We demand that Peehee Mu'huh / Thacker Pass--and the whole communities whose well-being are inextricably connected to it--not be sacrificed for alleged global warming mitigation against their will through the breaking of ground at the site. As the People of Red Mountain and members of the agricultural communities have articulated many times in many different forms, the construction and operation of the Thacker Pass lithium mine would cause irreparable harm to a culturally significant area/sacred site on traditional Paiute and Shoshone land, to agricultural livelihoods, and to individual and communal ways of life. YLNM lithium group comes from a variety of perspectives and lived experiences regarding the already-existing harms of lithium extraction on communities worldwide, and we stand in solidarity with the communities that would be affected by the Thacker Pass mine in asking the U.S. Bureau of Land Management to prevent ground-breaking operations and in demanding that affected communities be respected as holding complete right to withhold consent for the mine.

YLNM Lithium is an international working group of individuals from around the world who are directly facing the harms of lithium extraction or are a part of organizations working alongside these frontline affected communities. We constitute a solidarity network for sharing experiences, perspectives, knowledge, and resources among those affected by lithium extraction in many different places around the globe. We are currently made up of folks from Chile, Serbia, Portugal, Nevada, California, Australia, and Spain. We share a commitment towards advocating for the respect and well-being of all communities and ecosystems, peoples and other natural beings (non human others), facing lithium mines. We envision a transformation which is centered around and guided by the prioritization of community rights, needs, and well-being.

Sign-ons (From within YLNM network):

Organization: Salva la Selva
Name: Guadalupe Rodriguez
Location: Spain

Organization: Earth Thrive
Name: Zoe Lujic
Community: Zastitimo Jadar & Radjevina
Location: UK/Serbia Serbia, Jadar & Radjevina

Organization: Center for Interdisciplinary Environmental Justice- Decolonize4Climate
Locations: Mexico, California, Texas
Organization: Rettet den Regenwald/Rainforest Rescue  
Name: Klaus Schenck  
Location: Germany

Organization: Zaštitimo Jadar i Rađevinu/Protect Jadar & Radjevina  
Name: Marija Alimpic  
Location: Loznica, Serbia (opposing Rio Tinto’s lithium mine in Jadar, Western Serbia)

Organization: Denver Justice and Peace Committee (DJPC)  
Name: Rebeca Zuniga  
Location: Denver, U.S

Organization: Observatorio Plurinacional de Salares Andinos (OPSAI)  
Name: Ramón Morales Balcázar / Verónica Gostissa  
Location: Chile, Argentina & Bolivia

Organization: Igapo Project  
Name: Corinne Ferrarons  
Location: France

Organization: Latin American Network of Women Defenders of Social and Environmental Rights  
Name: Eva Vázquez  
Location: Latin America

Organizations: OPSAL & Colectivo de DDHH Empodérate  
Name: Vivian Lagrava  
Location: Bolivia

Organizations: Agricultores Quebrada de Soncor & OPSAL  
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Location: Chile

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Note: “From Ecuador's cloud forests under threat of large-scale copper mining, we support your struggle”

Organization: Biofuelwatch  
Name: Frances Howe and Gary Hughes  
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Sign ons (beyond YLMN network):  
Organization: MiningWatch Canada  
Name: Jamie Kneen  
Location: Canada
Organization: Great Basin Resource Watch
Name: John Hadder
Location: United States

Organization: Environmental Assembly of the Jujuy Province
Name: Nestor Omar Ruiz
Location: Jujuy, Argentina

Organization: European Network on Indigenous Peoples (ENIP)
Name: Andy Whitmore
Location: collective from various European countries

Organization: London Mining Network
Name: Richard Solly
Location: London

Name: Dr. James J. A. Blair
Location: Pomona, California, USA

Name: Cristián Flores Fernández
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Location: Berlin, Germany

Organization: Earthworks
Name: Raquel Dominguez
Location: United States

Organization: Human Rights and Environment
Name: (Chairwoman) Sr. Patricia L. Ryan
Location: Puno, Peru

Organisation: People & Planet
Name: J Clarke
Location/country: United Kingdom