

YLNLM Lithium Solidarity Statement:

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

YLNLM (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 Orovida 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. YLNLM 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.

YLNLM 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 YLNLM network):

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

Organization: Earth Thrive
Name: Zoe Lujic
Community: Zastitimo Jadar & Radjevinu
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 (OPSAL)

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 Empoderate

Name: Vivian Lagrava

Location: Bolivia

Organizations: Agricultores Quebrada de Soncor & OPSAL

Name: Rudecindo Espíndola Araya

Location: Chile

Organizations: OPSAL & Comunidad Colla de Copiapó

Name: Elena Rivera Cardoso

Location: Chile

Name: Patricia Marconi

Organization: OPSAL and Fundación Yuchan

Location: Argentina

Name: Bárbara Jerez Henríquez
Organization: OPSAL (Plurinational Observatory of Andean Salt Flats)
Location: Chile

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Organization: OPSAL (Plurinational Observatory of Andean Salt Flats)
Location: Argentina

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Organization: DECOIN

Name: Carlos Zorrilla

Location: Intag, Ecuador

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

Location: UK/USA

Sign ons (beyond YLNM 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

IRI THESys & Geography Department at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

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