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Leo Drozdoff, Director  
Department of Conservation and Natural Resources  
901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 1003  
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Dear Mr. Drozdoff:

Notice is herewith given of the application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs by the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, pursuant to the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 25, INDIANS, Part 151.10, to take "into trust" 7,324.49 acres, 18 individual tracts, for said applicant by the United States of America. The determination whether to acquire this property "in trust" will be made in the exercise of discretionary authority which is vested (in this case) in our Western Regional Director. To assist us in the exercise of that discretion, we invite your comments on the proposed acquisition. In order for the Secretary to assess the impact of the removal of the subject property from the tax rolls, and as otherwise applicable to your organization, we request that the following information be provided:

- 1) If known, the annual amount of property taxes currently levied on the subject property allocated to your organization;
- 2) Any special assessments, and amounts thereof, that are currently assessed against the property in support of your organization;
- 3) Any governmental services that are currently provided to the property by your organization; and
- 4) If subject to zoning, how the intended use is consistent, or inconsistent, with the zoning.

We provide the following information regarding this application:

**Applicant:**

PYRAMID LAKE PAIUTE TRIBE

**Legal Land Description/Site Location:**

See attached legal descriptions and maps.

**Project Description/Proposed Land Use:**

The PYRAMID LAKE TRIBE continues to desire to have the property described above, conveyed to the United States in trust for the benefit of the PYRAMID LAKE PAIUTE TRIBE in order to meet its need for economic development and promote tribal self-sufficiency.

The Western Nevada Agency has under consideration an application for the transfer of real property held in fee status and to be transferred in trust for the benefit of the PYRAMID LAKE PAIUTE TRIBE

As indicated above, our purpose in seeking your comments regarding the proposed trust land acquisition is to obtain data to be used in an analysis of the potential impact on local/state government. If any party receiving the enclosed notice is aware of additional governmental entities that may be affected by the subject acquisition, please forward a copy to said party. This notice is not intended as a substitute for any notice that might be issued for the purpose of compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

Your written comments should be addressed to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Western Nevada Agency, 311 E. Washington Street, Carson City, Nevada, 89701. Any comments received within thirty days of your receipt of this notice will be considered and made a part of our record. You may be granted one 30-day extension of time to furnish comments, provided you submit a written justification requesting such an extension within thirty days of receipt of this letter. Additionally, copies of all comments will be provided to the applicant for a response. You will be notified of the Regional Office's decision to approve or deny the application.

By memorandum dated May 15, 2009, the Office of the Phoenix Field Solicitor made a preliminary determination that the Tonto Apache Tribe is exempt from the recent Supreme Court decision, *Carcieri v. Salazar*, 555 U.S. 379; 129 S. Ct. 1058; 172 L. Ed. 2d. 791 (2009), which held that the Secretary of the Interior does not have the authority to take land into trust under Section 5 of the Indian Reorganization ("IRA"), 48 Stat. 984, for certain tribes not recognized at the time of enactment in 1934. Once a decision is made on the trust application, the applicant and all interested parties will have the right to appeal the decision within 30 days pursuant to 25 CFR Part 2, and any outstanding *Carcieri-related* issues may be raised at that time (and should not be incorporated in any response to this notice).

A copy of the application, excluding any documentation which would be exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, is available for review at the above address. A request to make an appointment to review the application, or questions regarding the application, may be directed to the Superintendent, at (775) 887-3500.

Sincerely,



Acting Superintendent

Enclosures

cc: Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe  
Aaron Peskin, Great Basin Land & Water

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*Pyramid  
Lake*

**PYRAMID  
LAKE  
RESERVATION**

Washoe County  
Pershing County

**MAP 2**

Washoe County  
Churchill County

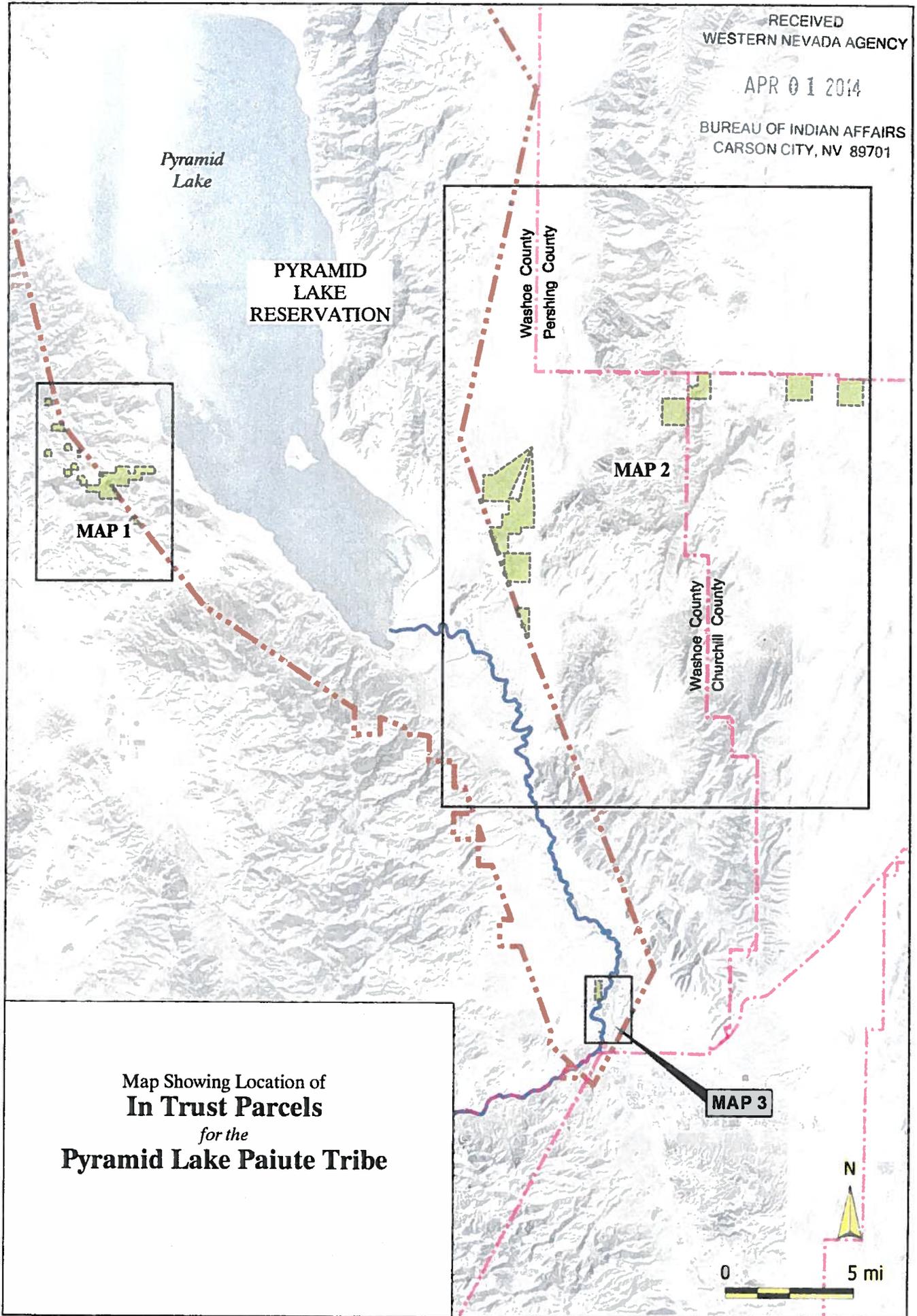
**MAP 1**

**MAP 3**

**Map Showing Location of  
In Trust Parcels  
for the  
Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe**

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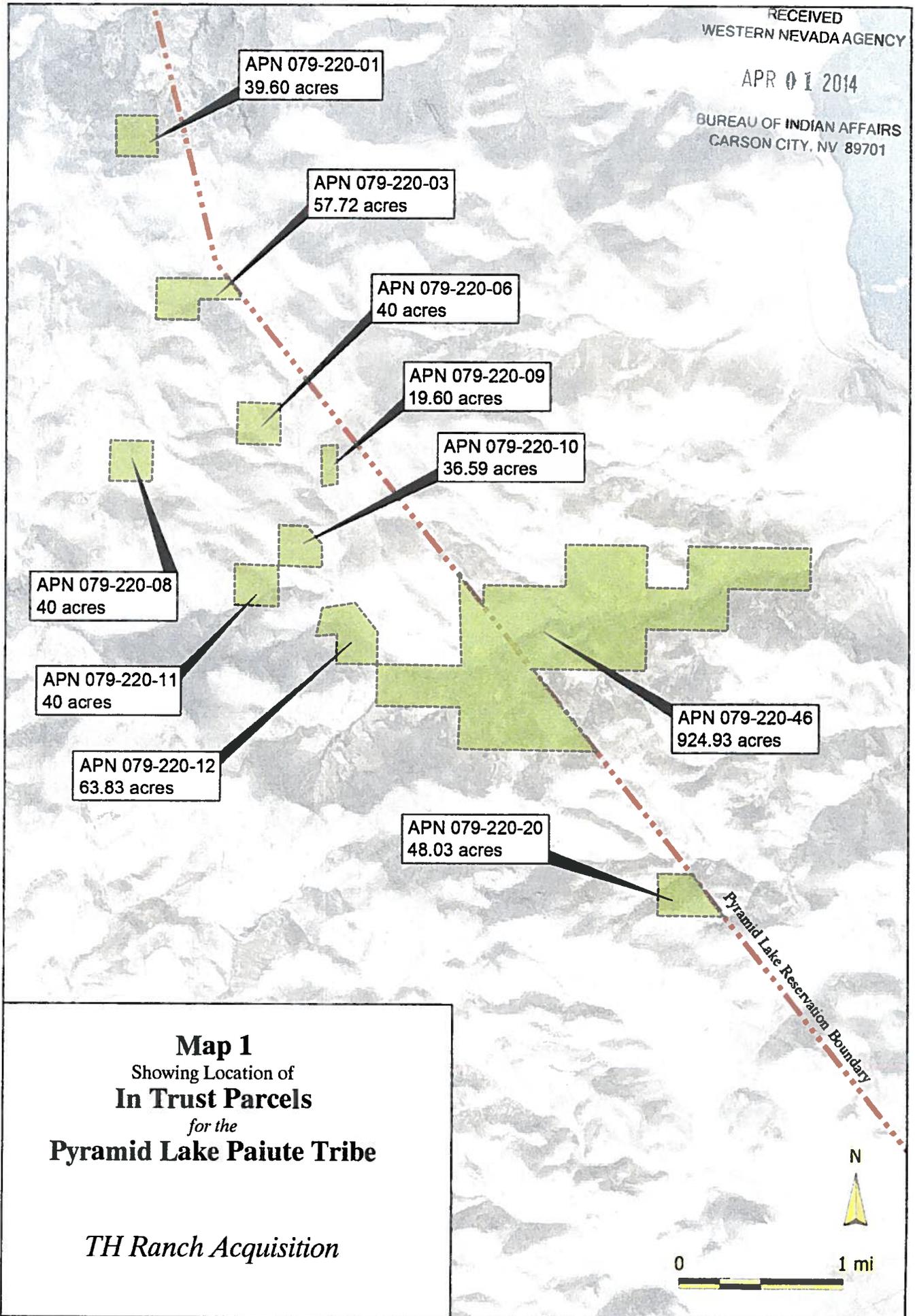
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**Map 1**  
Showing Location of  
**In Trust Parcels**  
for the  
**Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe**

*TH Ranch Acquisition*

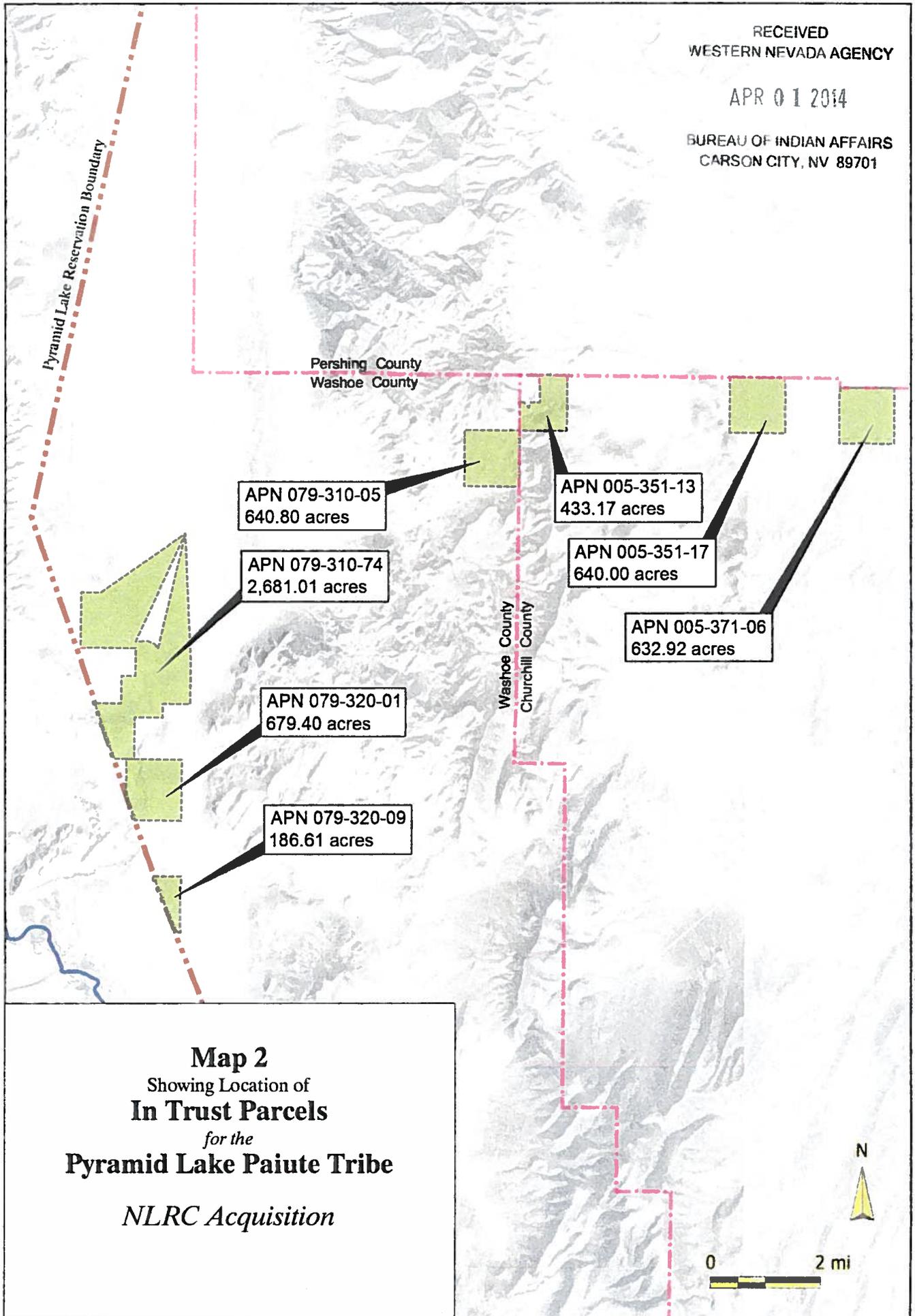


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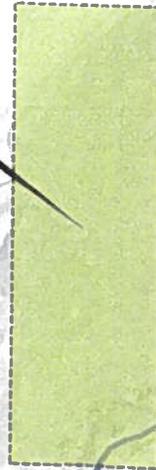


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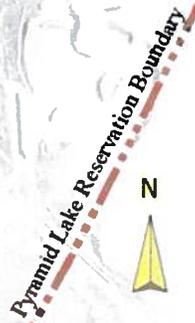
Truckee River

APN 084-200-89  
0.278 acres



**Map 3**  
Showing Location of  
**In Trust Parcels**  
for the  
**Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe**

*Ceresola Acquisition*  
(APN 084-180-18)  
*Fagundes Acquisition*  
(APN 084-200-89)



Pyramid Lake Reservation Boundary

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**LEGAL DESCRIPTION  
PROPOSED TRUST LANDS**

**PARCEL 1**

All that certain land situated in the County of Washoe, State of Nevada, described as follows:

**Parcel 1(a):**

All of Lots twenty-eight (28) and twenty-nine (29), in Block seventeen (17) in the townsite of Wadsworth, County of Washoe, State of Nevada, according to the approved Plat of the Survey of said townsite on file in the General Land Office of the United States.

**Parcel 1(b):**

That portion of Railroad Avenue contiguous with Lots 28 and 29 of Block 17 as shown on the plat of the townsite of Wadsworth, Nevada, Official Tract Map No. 466 on file in the Office of the Washoe County Recorder, Reno, Nevada.

Said Parcel contains 0.278 Acres, more or less.

APN: 084-200-89

**PARCEL 2**

All that certain land situated in the County of Washoe, State of Nevada, described as follows:

TOWNSHIP 23 NORTH, RANGE 23 EAST, M.D.B.&M.

Section 1: Lots 1,2,3,4 and 5; South half of the North half; East half of the Southwest quarter; Southeast quarter.

Said Parcel contains 679.40 Acres, more or less.

APN: 079-320-01

**PARCEL 3**

All that certain land situated in the County of Washoe, State of Nevada, described as follows:

TOWNSHIP 23 NORTH, RANGE 23 EAST, M.D.B.&M.

Section 13: Lots 1,4 and 5; East half of the Northeast quarter

Said Parcel contains 186.61 Acres, more or less.

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**PARCEL 4:**

All that certain land situated in the County of Washoe, State of Nevada, described as follows:

TOWNSHIP 24 NORTH, RANGE 24 EAST, M.D.B.&M.

Section 1: All

Said Parcel contains 640.80 Acres, more or less.

APN: 079-310-05

**PARCEL 5:**

All that certain land situated in the County of Washoe, State of Nevada, described as follows:

**Parcel 5(a):**

TOWNSHIP 24 NORTH, RANGE 23 EAST, M.D.B.&M.

Section 23: Lots 1,2,3,4 and 5; Southeast quarter of the Northwest quarter; West half of the Northwest quarter; Southwest quarter; Southwest quarter of the Southeast quarter

Section 24: Lots 1 and 2

Section 25: Lots 1,2 and 3; Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter; South half of the Northwest quarter; South half

Section 26: East half of the Southeast quarter

Section 35: Lots 5,6,7 and 8; Northeast quarter; East half of the Southeast quarter

Section 36: North half of the Northwest quarter

Said Parcel contains 1,529.70 Acres, more or less.

**Parcel 5(b):**

TOWNSHIP 24 NORTH, RANGE 23 EAST, M.D.B.&M.

Those portions of Fractional Sections 12, 13, 23 & 24, Township 24 North, Range 23 East, M.D.B.&M. in the County of Washoe, State of Nevada, being more particularly described as follows:

That portion of the dry lake bed of Winnemucca Lake that is delineated by the retracement of said Fractional T.24N, R. 23 E. shown on the field notes and Township Plat accepted April 27, 1917, hereafter referred to as the "1917 SURVEY", and also shown on the field notes and Township Plat of the DEPENDENT RESURVEY accepted November 30, 1979 and hereafter referred to as the "1979

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SURVEY". Said parcel is described as follows:

Beginning at the Angle Point (AP), which is the most Northerly point of the parcel described herein, and is shown as being in the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Fractional Section 12 on said "1979 SURVEY"; thence Southwesterly along the Southeasterly line of said parcel S. 24°06'W., 11,375.10 feet to the Meander Corner (MC), which is on the line common to said Fractional Sections 23 and 24, said Meander Corner was first established by said "1917 SURVEY" and re-established by said "1979 SURVEY"; thence Northwesterly along the Meander line thru said Fractional Section 23 as shown on the "1917 SURVEY" (the courses being mathematically adjusted) N. 77°53'54" W., 1039.57 feet; thence N. 22°47'47" W., 343.09 feet; thence N. 49°19'34" W., 1278.00 feet; thence N. 0101811411 W, 541.74 feet; thence N. 30°08'14" E., 727.92 feet; thence N. 3°18'07" W., 105.69 feet; thence N. 43°18'57" W., 382.21 feet; thence N. 21°17'46" W., 356.32 feet; thence N. 31°08'04" E, 363.97 feet; thence N. 21°17'46" W., 475.09 feet; thence N.31°48'06" W., 435.22 feet; thence N. 74°18'15" W., 1023.24 feet to the Meander Corner common to said Fractional Sections 14 and 23, said Meander Corner is shown on both the "1917 SURVEY" and the "1979 SURVEY"; thence Northeasterly along the Northwesterly line of said parcel per the "1979 SURVEY", N 54°25' E., 9,845.22 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Said Parcel contains 671.09 Acres, more or less.

**Parcel 5(c):**

TOWNSHIP 24 NORTH, RANGE 23 EAST, M.D.B.&M.

Those portions of Fractional Sections 12, 13, 24 & 25, Township 24 North, Range 23 East, M.D.B.&M. in the County of Washoe, State of Nevada, being more particularly described as follows:

That portion of the dry lake bed of Winnemucca Lake that is delineated by the retracement of said Fractional T. 24N., R. 23 E., shown on the field notes and Township Plat accepted April 27, 1917, hereafter referred to as the "1917 SURVEY", and also shown on the field notes and Township Plat of the DEPENDENT RESURVEY accepted November 30, 1979 and hereafter referred to as the "1979 SURVEY". Said parcel is described as follows:

Beginning at the Angle Point (AP), which is the most Northerly point of the parcel described herein, and is shown as being in the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Fractional Section 12 on said "1979 SURVEY"; thence Southerly along the Easterly line of said parcel S. 3°00'E., 12,078.00 feet to the Meander Corner (MC), which is on the line common to said Fractional Section 25 and Section 30, T.24N., R. 24E, M.D.B.&M., said Meander Corner was first established by said "1917 SURVEY" and re-established by said "1979 SURVEY"; thence Northwesterly along the Meander line thru said Fractional Section 25 as shown on the "1917 SURVEY" (the courses being mathematically adjusted) S. 61°25' 06" W., 1029.37 feet; thence S 86°55'54" W., 553.95 feet; thence N. 73°02'54" W., 593.30 feet; thence N. 70°32'43" W, 329.60 feet; thence N. 25°59'02" W., 863.38 feet; thence N. 42°20'26" W., 690.03 feet to the Meander Corner common to said Fractional Sections 24 and 25, said Meander Corner is shown on both the "1917 SURVEY" and the "1979 SURVEY";

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thence Northeasterly along the Northwesterly line of said parcel per the "1979 SURVEY", N. 1 3°01' E., 11,305.14 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Said Parcel contains 480.22 Acres, more or less.

Note: Legal description previously contained in Document No. 3636165, recorded April 1, 2008, Official Records of Washoe County, State of Nevada.

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**PARCEL 6:**

All that certain land situated in the County of Churchill, State of Nevada, described as follows:

TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANGE 25 EAST, M.D.B.&M.

Section 31: Lot 4, Lot 8, and the east half of Section 31

Said Parcel contains 433.17 Acres, more or less.

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**PARCEL 7:**

All that certain land situated in the County of Churchill, State of Nevada, described as follows:

TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANGE 25 EAST, M.D.B.&M.

Section 35: All

Said Parcel contains 640.00 Acres, more or less.

APN: 005-351-17

**PARCEL 8:**

All that certain land situated in the County of Churchill, State of Nevada, described as follows:

TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANGE 26 EAST, M.D.B.&M.

Section 31: All

Said Parcel contains 632.92 Acres, more or less.

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**PARCEL 9:**

All that certain real property situated in the County of Washoe, State of Nevada, described as follows:

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TOWNSHIP 24 NORTH, RANGE 20 EAST, M.D.B.& M.

Section 2: Lot 1

Section 12: North half of Lot 1 of the NW ¼, NW ¼ of the NW ¼; SW ¼ of the SE ¼

Section 13: Lot 3; SW ¼ of the SE ¼

Section 14: NE ¼ of the NE ¼

TOWNSHIP 24 NORTH, RANGE 21 EAST, M.D.B.& M.

Section 16: S ½ of the SE ¼; SE ¼ of the SW ¼

Section 17: S ½ of the SE ¼

Section 18: Lot 1

Section 19: N ½ of the SE ¼; SE ¼ of the NW ¼; Lots 1 and 8

Section 20: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5: W ½ of the SW ¼; NE ¼ of the NW ¼; NE ¼

Section 21: N ½ of the NW ¼

Section 28: Lot 3

Note: Legal description previously contained in Document No. 4184937, recorded December 17, 2012, Official Records of Washoe County, State of Nevada.

Said Parcel contains 1,310.30 Acres, more or less.

Assessor's Parcel Nos. 079-220-01  
079-220-03  
079-220-06  
079-220-08  
079-220-09  
079-220-10  
079-220-11  
079-220-12  
079-220-20  
079-220-46

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**PARCEL 10:**

All that certain real property situated in the County of Washoe, State of Nevada,  
described as follows:

TOWNSHIP 21 NORTH, RANGE 24 EAST, M.D.B. & M.

Section 28: East half of the Southeast quarter and the Southeast quarter of the  
Northeast quarter.

Said Parcel contains 120 Acres, more or less.

EXCEPTING therefrom any portion thereof, lying below the natural ordinary high water  
line of the Truckee River.

Note: Legal description previously contained in Document No. 4221606, recorded April 2,  
2013, Official Records of Washoe County, State of Nevada.

APN: 079-180-18