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## Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument Management Plan

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### Organization Details

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| <b>Organization Name</b> | Tuleyome        | <b>Annual Operating Budget</b>      | \$1,227,750.00   |
| <b>Applying Contact</b>  | Sandra Schubert | <b>Tax Status/Organization Type</b> | 501c3 Organization   |
| <b>Staff Size</b>        | 6               | <b>Main Phone</b>                   | (530) 350-2599   |
| <b>Total Membership</b>  |                 | <b>Website Address</b>              | https://www.tuleyome.org/                                      |
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### Proposal Questions

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| <p><b>1. Purpose/History Of Organization</b></p> <p>Tuleyome's mission is to provide advocacy and active stewardship to conserve, enhance, restore, and enjoy lands in the Northern Inner Coastal Range region of California. Tuleyome is a Lake Miwok Indian word meaning "deep home place," illustrating our organization's deep connection to our environment, our communities and our regional public lands. Founded in 2002, the 501 (c) non-profit organization is based in Woodland,</p> | <p><b>2. Final Success</b></p> <p>The successful project will secure durable protection of 344,476 acres within California's Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument through completion of a Monument Management Plan co-created with local tribes, environmental organizations, government groups and local communities.</p> |
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California. Tuleyome has been the lead convener and host organization of the coalition providing advocacy and planning for the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument for more than two decades. Tuleyome's leadership resulted in the 2015 creation of the Monument and its May 2024 addition of Molok Luyuk. In addition to advocacy campaigns and policy development, Tuleyome stewards lands and operates free youth and adult educational and adventure programs, including hikes, habitat restoration, online seminars, and a "Boot Bank" and school field trips for low-income youth.

### 3. Location Details

Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument (Monument) comprises 344,476 acres stretching for one hundred miles from the tip of San Francisco Bay through redwood forests, watersheds and grasslands to the scenic ridges of Snow Mountain. Host to rich and diverse plant and animal life, the Monument is the heart of northern California's wild northern inner Coast Ranges. Anchored in the north by the Siskyou Range and in the south by Berryessa Mountain, the Ranges stretch through unbroken wildlands and important wildlife corridors, native grasslands, oak woodlands, headwaters, wild and scenic rivers, rare wetlands, geothermal springs and wild chaparral. It is home to bald eagles, mountain lions, black bears, salmon, steelhead and dozens of rare plants. Located within seven counties (Napa, Yolo, Mendocino, Lake, Solano, Glenn and Colusa), the area is primarily rural. The Monument is home to more than 30 tribes with cultural ties to the land, as well as some smaller tribes not formally recognized. Historically, trails enabled trade between the tribes and the land contains many sites of cultural importance to the indigenous peoples. The landscape is marked by gray-green serpentine rocks and their derivative soils which are critical to native plants. Rare serpentine soils occur on less than 1.5% of California land yet are home to 15% of California endemic species (grown only in specific areas) and nearly 11% of its rare plants. Serpentine soils are home to McNab cypress and other trees, and more than 500 wildflower species, sub-species and varieties. Recreation managed within the Monument includes camping, fishing, hiking, OHV use, hunting, mountain biking and bird watching as well as wildflower and wildlife viewing. Dark skies provide star gazing. The Climate

### 4. Strategy & Timeline For Final Success

For two decades, Tuleyome has spearheaded the coalition to create, protect and preserve the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument and its newest addition, the Molok Luyuk expansion granted by President Biden on May 2, 2024. Importantly, renaming the former Walker Ridge to Molok Luyuk, Patwin for "Condor Ridge," restored an indigenous name to the area, and called for tribal co-stewardship. We have worked tirelessly throughout the region to engage communities, individuals, businesses, elected officials, conservation, recreational and OHV user groups to advocate for this land.

Strategy: Our three-pronged approach for protection of sensitive lands and waters is to advocate for protection, to plan and to participate in stewardship. It is not enough to get Monument status to ensure durable protection for this precious landscape. It is critical to protect the land through development of a Management plan that protects place and resources. Active participation in that planning process must include diverse voices and perspectives, especially those of our native peoples. When the Monument was first approved in 2015, a management plan was supposed to follow but remains undone. Timing is critical. The May 2024 Molok Luyuk expansion comes at a time when federal agencies have been instructed to include traditional indigenous wisdom and tribal co-management in planning. The BLM has just authorized \$1.5 million to Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument planning and their plan requires community input.

The tribes in our area vary significantly in size and capacity. Many of the tribes are small—thirty are federally recognized with many others that are not recognized. Our strategy recognizes that the most respectful way to engage with tribal members is to travel to them, meet with them face-to-face, and engage in deep listening. We cannot assume that they want to participate in the Community Alternative Management Plan Coalition or enter into co-stewardship, so it is paramount that we focus on listening to their concerns and needs. Outreach activities

Atlas (climate atlas.org) demonstrates the importance of this land area for biodiversity protection.

The Monument, jointly managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the U.S. Forest Service, has been challenged by development, mining and illegal off-highway vehicle (OHV) use. Devastating wildfires in 2015, 2018 and 2020 resulted in erosion, harm to watersheds, damage to public access trails and cultural resources, and increased vulnerability to climate change.

The expanse and diverse usage of the area poses a challenge to protect and steward the ecological and cultural features through careful planning while working with people from divergent needs and viewpoints.

provide opportunities to assess needs that can inform the Monument planning and stewardship processes and allow tribal partners to participate to the degree and in the ways that they choose.

The planning process is complex, working with two different federal agencies and the many communities within the Monument. The current 13-page planning outline document has categories such as how to address illegal dumping, mines, protection of archeological sites and indigenous cultural resources, trails planning and illegal OHV use.

**Economic Benefit:** The local communities, including Winters, a Monument gateway city, welcome the increased economic benefit that the Monument status brings. An independent economic analysis funded by the Winters Chamber of Commerce found that recreation in the Monument region currently supports more than 600 jobs and \$55.3 million in economic benefits. They anticipate that an increase of 20-30% in annual visitation will yield a cumulative impact of up to a \$50 million increase from current levels over five years.

(<https://www.tuleyome.org/projects/berryessa-snow-mountain-national-monument>)

Careful planning will reap enormous economic benefits to the communities. Planning will be needed to accommodate this growth and protect the landscape so that it may be enjoyed by future generations.

**Project Goals and Objectives:** This grant will facilitate outreach to the tribes and resources to support their participation in monument management planning and stewardship. We plan extensive outreach to tribes within the area in order to invite them to the table for planning, coalition participation and co-management. Tuleyome will provide stipends and travel funds to enable tribal members to actively engage. Because of historical distrust of the government, we believe that tribes will be more open if approached by us than the federal government.

In addition to individual outreach to tribes, Coalition members will meet in work groups at four 1-day gatherings, with virtual meetings in between the in-person meetings. In-person gatherings will strengthen old ties disrupted by the move to Zoom meetings, provide a warm welcome to new members, and give tribal participants a chance to meet, develop and deepen relationships throughout the region. This work will be foundational in creating a Monument Management Plan that reflects all community members. Tribal participation will ensure that cultural resources and traditions are respected and protected, and that tribal knowledge is applied to land stewardship.

**Timeline:** We anticipate that the plan will be completed in 2-3 years. Activities during the

grant year include ongoing Coalition meetings, identifying and visiting tribal communities, providing resources to tribal participants, hosting four in-person Coalition gatherings, completing a needs assessment and begin drafting the Community Alternative Management Plan

**5. Key Decision Makers**

Tuleyome and the Coalition view increasing tribal participation in the planning and the co-stewardship of the Monument as a critical step in fulfilling its vision of equitable long-term conservation and improved stewardship of the landscape. We will also be approaching leaders within the Latine communities.

While we have a long-term relationship with the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, we are in preliminary discussions with other tribal communities. Many of the smaller tribes are under-resourced, making participation in our planning coalition difficult, because it requires taking time off from paid employment. We have built stipends and travel expenses into the project budget so that participants can attend in-person meetings and virtual work group meetings without personal economic burden. Providing travel expenses will also assist in encouraging participation.

We are in close contact with the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service, the agencies responsible for drafting and implementing the Monument management plan. These relationships are essential as we provide community input into Monument planning and even possible expansion.

Other key decision makers include city, county, state and federal elected officials, local chambers of commerce and rotaries, tourism groups, recreational organizations such as OHV, businesses, funders, community leaders, other stakeholders, and tribes.

Our role as a leader in public lands advocacy, planning and on the ground stewardship for more than 20 years has created a strong foundation of trust within the affected communities and with our governmental and nongovernmental partners. We also recognize that building relationships with the tribes will take time, so it is critical that we begin the process now to ensure that they and their concerns are incorporated into Monument management planning.

**6. Elevate Voices**

Tuleyome has long been committed to working with the underrepresented peoples, recognizing that there are many reasons these audiences cannot participate. To reduce barriers, we provide free programs, resources and outdoor supplies, and develop bi-lingual materials. We expand partnerships with underrepresented communities, in our area primarily Latine and tribal. Our collaborative work includes advocacy, bi-lingual outings and educational materials, grassroots organizing and public and private land management.

This grant focuses on our outreach to indigenous peoples in our region so that land management decisions include the voices, concerns and wisdom of the local tribes. Historically underrepresented groups include the Latine community and more than thirty tribes in the Monument area. These include members of the Yuki, Nomlaki, Patwin, Pomo, Huchnom, Wappo, Lake Miwok and Wintun peoples.

Tuleyome has a collaborative relationship with the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation. We have shared our knowledge of place and cultural resources with tribal council and members and worked side-by-side with them in protecting Molok Luyuk and ensuring tribal co-stewardship of the lands. It was a privilege to join them in the White House earlier this month for the Presidential Proclamation signing.

Tuleyome must also continue building relationships with other tribes in the area, some of which we have met with and are providing regular updates on Molok Luyuk and Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument. We must do this in a manner that respects the communities we are approaching.

Our grassroots organizing methods include convening community and tribal meetings and one on one conversation, organizing publicity campaigns, mobilizing the CAMP Coalition (representing approximately 35 organizations), hosting town hall meetings, working with elected official champions (site visits with legislators and visits to county, state and federal elected officials) and active use of social media.

**7. Measurable On-Ground Outcomes**

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**8. Evaluate Your Progress**

Our vision is that we build on the recent success of our grassroots advocacy to protect Molok Luyuk to engage communities in long term protection of the entire Berryessa

Snow Mountain National Monument.

We will evaluate our progress and success by the following measures:

1. Number of tribal representatives participating in Monument management planning
2. Diversity participation in Monument management process that reflects the Monument communities
3. Progress towards CAMP completion
4. Completion of our stated outcomes
5. Process Goals: We aspire to have lively, respectful dialogue that builds trusting community relationships where people with diverse interests and backgrounds come together to steward the Monument.

**9. TCA Funding Plan**

We plan to leverage funding from The Conservation Alliance with funding from other organizations, including the current funding for our policy director who has experience working with tribal nations in environmental conservation projects. Funding will provide travel and staffing costs of outreach to tribal communities and cover the travel expenses, including stipends, hotels, mileage, rental cars and food, for tribal members to attend in-person planning meetings. Partial organizational administrative costs will also be included.

**10. JEDI Efforts and Impact**

Justice, equity, inclusion and diversity are core values for Tuleyome. This past year we secured funding and hired a policy director with international experience in working with tribal nations and environmental justice to help guide our organizational work. We have initiated a board recruitment process to expand diversity by age, gender and race. All of our programs—including field trips for school children, internship programs for teens, hikes, educational programs—are free of cost, improving outdoor access for economically disadvantaged persons. Our classroom field trip program brings science standards and nature learning to children from low-income families, many with English language learning challenges. All teaching materials for children and teachers are now bilingual. We expanded our popular “Boot Bank” which offers families access to outdoor adventures with free loaner hiking boots, tents and camping gear. Tuleyome’s new web platform (June) is bilingual—English and Spanish.

**11. Confidential Items**    N/A

**Other Relevant Application Details**