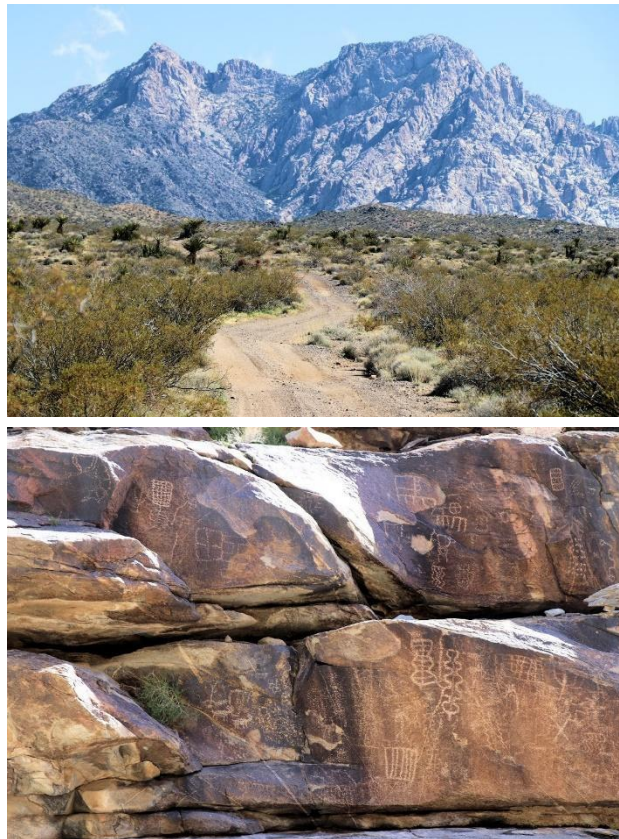


Avi Kwa Ame Advances Biden Administration Agenda

Priorities of Tribal Nations

- Avi Kwa Ame is the center of creation for the 10 Yuman Tribes and figures predominately within Tribes' spiritual ideology. Avi Kwa Ame is the Mojave name for Spirit Mountain and surrounding landscape. This landscape contains areas of both sacred and ritual importance that are associated with traditional cosmogony, delineate religious events, and embody religious figures.
- Avi Kwa Ame is physically and spiritually connected to the viewsheds and landscapes that surround Spirit Mountain; including the surrounding mountain peaks and ranges, the physical network of Mojave trail systems and cultural sites (tangible cultural resources) and the corresponding Mojave Bird Songs and Creation Stories (intangible cultural resources), which links the Mojave and related Yuman tribes.



Climate Adaptation and Resiliency

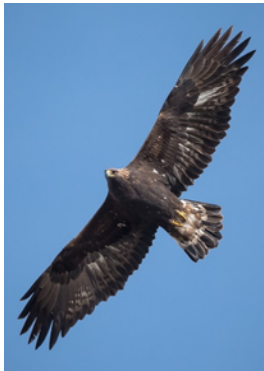
- Avi Kwa Ame is the missing link to connect protected landscapes stretching from the Mojave Desert to the Colorado Plateau. The proposed monument would connect Mojave National Preserve, Castle Mountains National Monument, Mojave Trails National Monument and the Dead Mountains Wilderness in the West to Lake Mead National Recreation Area and the Colorado Plateau to the East.
- From the desert valley floor that is home to Nevada's most valuable desert tortoise habitat to the sloping bajadas and mountains that are home to the world's largest Joshua tree forest and critical desert bighorn sheep habitat, Avi Kwa Ame contains the scale, elevational and transitional zones to allow nature to adapt to the impacts of climate change.



A Desert Ecosystem Full of Life

- Avi Kwa Ame would permanently protect the eastern portion of the country's largest Joshua tree forest. This dense forest is filled with trees hundreds of years old.
- Safeguard designated "Crucial Bighorn Sheep Habitat" that ensures connectivity to California protected parks like Mojave and Castle Mountains.
- Home to one of the densest concentrations of golden eagles in Nevada and supports 18 species of raptors, including 10 that are target species for conservation in the Nevada Wildlife Action Plan. The proximity to the Colorado River makes this region an important stop along the Pacific Flyway.
- The most important, high-density desert tortoise habitat in Nevada, creating connectivity to California protected parks.

- A hotspot of botanical diversity that includes 28 species of native grasses, about half of which are rare.
- Water sources including Pine and McCullough springs to the north and Granite and Hiko springs to the south have sustained life and culture since time immemorial.





Strong Local Support

This campaign responds to the Biden administration's call for locally led and locally designed conservation efforts.

U.S. Congress

- Congresswoman Dina Titus (2022 letter and introduction of legislation)
- Congresswoman Susie Lee (2022 letter)
- Senator Catherine Cortez Masto (2022 statement)
- Senator Jacky Rosen (2022 statement)

Tribal Support

- The Fort Mojave Indian Tribe (2019 resolution)
- The Moapa Band of Paiutes (2021 letter)
- The Chemehuevi Indian Tribe (2021 resolution)
- The Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada (27 tribes) (2021 resolution)
- The Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona (21 tribes) (2021 resolution)
- The Las Vegas Paiute Tribe (2021 letter)
- Las Vegas Indian Center (2021 letter)
- Native American Alliance, CSN (2021 letter)
- Native American Student Association, UNLV (2020 letter)

State & Local Government Support

- The State of Nevada Legislature (2021 joint resolution)
- Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak (2022 statement)
- Nevada Lt Governor Lisa Cano Burkhead (2022 letter)
- Clark County Board of Commissioners (2022 resolution)

- City of Henderson (2022 resolution)
- Searchlight Town Advisory Board (2021 letter)
- Boulder City Council (2021 resolution)
- Laughlin Town Advisory Board (2021 vote)

Business Community

- Boulder City Chamber of Commerce (2021 letter)
- Nevada Outdoor Business Coalition (2021 letter)