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Brandon D. Guitierrez
Tribal Chairman
Susanville Indian Rancheria
745 Joaquin Street
Susanville, CA 96130

Dear Chairman Guitierrez:

I am writing in response to your letter of July 6, 2016 regarding the vandalism at Tommy Tucker Cave. Thank you for so eloquently describing the importance to Native people of this and other cultural resource sites. Please rest assured that we understand your concerns and appreciate your requests.

We are continuing to investigate this vandalism and plan to match the Susanville Indian Rancheria's reward fund in hopes that someone will provide information that will help us apprehend those responsible for this callous act.

Please know also that my staff is consulting with experts about the best way to remove this graffiti without damaging the irreplaceable pictograph that underlies it. Restoring the pictograph panel will be time consuming and expensive, but we are committed to finding a solution.

Thank you for the suggestions about future protection for the site. I think there are many ideas and approaches that we can explore, and I look forward to working with you and others at the Rancheria to discuss options.

Sincerely,

Ken Collum
Field Manager