



Imperial County Business Owner Statement of Support

President Biden,

As business owners in Imperial County, we stand united with the Fort Yuma Quechan Indian Tribe in their request for national monument protections for their homelands managed by the Bureau of Land Management in Imperial County, California. Your leadership is needed to not only protect the valuable cultural and historical connections to the land but also to foster economic growth through increased tourism and investment in local communities. We urge you to recognize the importance of these efforts by establishing the Kw'tsán National Monument.

The Kw'tsán National Monument would encompass over 390,000 acres of the Quechan Indian Tribe's ancestral lands, offering an opportunity to boost local economies by attracting tourists and outdoor enthusiasts. National monuments are known to increase tourism, which in turn supports local businesses, creates jobs, and stimulates investment in surrounding areas. Establishing this monument would bring significant economic benefits to Imperial County and the nearby regions.

The Colorado River, integral to the proposed monument, is not only a cultural treasure but also a vital resource for local economies. Protecting the lands surrounding the river ensures a sustainable environment for those who call the area home, and recreational activities including hiking, camping, and wildlife viewing. As climate change impacts the region, safeguarding these areas becomes even more critical to maintaining the economic benefits derived from these natural attractions.

Establishment of the Kw'tsán National Monument would be an investment in our local communities. It will provide long-term economic stability and growth by attracting visitors, creating jobs, and fostering a sense of pride and stewardship among residents.

Designating Kw'tsán National Monument will also honor the Tribe's longstanding efforts to preserve their ancestral homelands and ensure that future generations can continue to practice their time-honored traditions. At the same time, it will bring substantial economic benefits to the region, aligning with the values that my business and the local community hold dear.

We join the Fort Yuma Quechan Indian Tribe in the request for national monument protections, and we urge you to take swift action.

Sincerely,

Brawley, CA

8th Star Studio 138 Main St. Brawley CA 92227
Brawley Superior Furniture 534 E St. Brawley, CA 92227
Cafecito Bar 157 North Plaza Brawley, CA 92227
Delicious Smoothies 435 W. Main St. Brawley, CA 92227
El Cañon Mexican Food 625 Main St Brawley, CA 92227
Farmacia del Pueblo 653 Main St Brawley, CA 92227
Heriberto Iniguez Appliance Store 628 Main St. Brawley, CA 92227
Johnny's Burritos 490 D St. Brawley, CA 92227
Merle Norman Cosmetics 630 S Brawley Ave Ste 8 Brawley, CA 92227
Nicky's 644 Main St. Brawley, CA 92227
Party Land 533 Main St. Brawley, CA 92227
Prestige Family Hair Salon 640 E Street Brawley, CA 92227
Rosalie Jacobs Art Gallery 616 Main St. Brawley, CA 92227
Spine & Sport Physical Therapy 409 W Main St. Brawley, CA 92227
Valley Medical Pharmacy 630 Main St. Brawley, CA 92227
Vibras Healthy Nutrition 136 N Plaza Brawley, CA 92227

Calexico, CA

Crazy Bull 947 Emerson Ave Calexico, CA 92231
Double AA Packing and Tracking 201 W 2nd St Calexico, CA 92231
Jerusalem's Store 129 Second St Calexico, CA 92231
Lori's Sanitation LLC 1821 Elena Pl Calexico, CA 92231
Rasheeds/Jerusalem 129 Second St Calexico, CA 92231
Veteran Center 711 E 3rd St Calexico, CA 92231

El Centro, CA

Academi Awards & Trophies 532 W Main St. El Centro, CA 92243
Antonio's Meat Market 341 N 8th St El Centro, CA 92243
Big 5 Sporting Goods 905 N Imperial Ave El Centro, CA 92243
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Bonito Family Resource Center 350 W Ross Ave Ste F El Centro, CA 92243
Cast Fill Market, El Centro Fuel and Food 2115 S 4th St. El Centro, CA 92243
CCCreations Church Victory Outreach 1795 Citrus Lane El Centro, CA 92243
Chef Lee's Chinese Food And Noodles 159 W. Brighton Ave. El Centro, CA 92243
Cilantros La Taquería 6435 4th St Suite 1 El Centro, CA 92243
Computer Repair + More 350 W Ross Ave El Centro, CA 92243
Customizer 3451 S. Dogwood Rd El Centro, CA 92243
Deluxe 690 W Main St El Centro, CA 92243
Desert Paints 623 Main St. El Centro, CA 92243
El menudazo 548 Broadway El Centro, CA 92243
El Merendero 1702 N. Imperial El Centro, CA 92243
Elite Motorsports 128 N 4th Street El Centro, CA
Exit Imperial Realty 512 Broadway El Centro, CA 92243

Gabriela Urias Tax Services 474 W Main Street El Centro, CA 92243
Imperial Printers 430 W Main St El Centro, CA
Imperial Valley Paint Center 602 S 4th St. El Centro, CA 92243
Inkredible Tattoo 670 W main St El Centro, CA 92243
Kpop Pink Store Imperial Valley Mall El Centro, CA 92243
La Boutique Imperial Valley Mall El Centro, CA 92243
La Fresa 1600 S 4th St El Centro, CA 92243
Leon's Barber and Beauty Salon 301 N Imperial Ave Ste D El Centro, CA 92243
Leonor's Designs 541 Main St El Centro, CA 92243
Louisa's Cantina 459 W Main St. El Centro, CA 92243
Magazzino Pizza 1802 North Imperial Ave El Centro, CA 92243
My Decomart 3451 Dogwood Rd El Centro, CA 92243
Noelani Dance Academy 1400 N Imperial Ave., Apt 22A El Centro, CA 92243
Palmitas Taco Shop 2003 S 4th St El Centro, CA 92243
Papa Johns 1051 N Imperial Ave, Suite A El Centro, CA 92243
Party Stop 643 South 4th St. El Centro, CA 92243
Primos Party Rental 486 W Main St El Centro, CA 92243
Rene's Comics & Sportscards 549 W. Main St. El Centro, CA 92243
Rent-A-Center 820 N Imperial Ave. El Centro, CA 92243
Rick's Roadrunner Lock and Safe 593 W Main St. El Centro, CA 92243
Rosa's Plane Food Inc 1523 W Main Street, Suite E El Centro, CA 92243
Sherwin Williams 1950 S 4th St El Centro, CA 92243
Simply @ Home Marketplace 607 Main St El Centro, CA 92243
Steve Dahm Ranches PO Box 721 El Centro, CA 92243
Super 99 643 South 4th St. El Centro, CA 92243
The Boba Tea Shop 341 N 8th St Suite 1 El Centro, CA 92251
The Chopping Block 485 Broadway El Centro, CA 92243
The Optical Lab 126 N 5th St El Centro, CA 92243
TKD Extreme Martial Arts 569 W Main Street Stu A El Centro, CA 92243
Top Notch Barbershop 317 Wake Ave El Centro, CA 92243
Uppercuts Barbershop 559 A Main St. El Centro, CA 92243
Valley Tire Wheel Experts 717 S 4th St El Centro, CA 92243
Valley Tire Wheel Sports 717 S 4th St El Centro, CA 92243
Vapor Times EC 1950 54th St Ste 9 El Centro, CA 92243

Heber, CA

Heber Barber Shop 79 E Main St. Heber, CA 92249

Holtville, CA

Ace Hardware 123 E. 5th St. Holtville, CA 92250
D'Lupita's Restaurant 2083 Murray Dr. Holtville, CA 92250
Donut Avenue 582 Pine Ave. Holtville, CA 92250
Union Food Market 608 E 5th St. Holtville, CA 92250
Viking Food 411 E St. Holtville, CA 92250

Vincent V. Soun Medical Clinic 529 Pine Ave. Holtville, CA 92250

Imperial, CA

3.16 Cafe 123 N Imperial Ave Imperial, CA 92251

Desert Foot & Ankle 2410 Commerce Trail Imperial, CA 92251

Fitness Oasis Health Club and Spa 504 W Aten Rd Imperial, CA 92251

Grounded Real Estate 116 S Imperial Ave Imperial, CA 92251

HC Tax Service 110 A W 5th St Imperial, CA 92251

Imperial Valley Therapeutic Massage 502 West Aten Rd. Imperial, CA 92251

IVC French Department 380 E Aten Road Imperial, CA 92252

IVC Spencer Library 381 E Aten Road Imperial, CA 92253

Johnny's Burritos of Imperial 105 S Imperial Ave Imperial, CA 92251

Ma Lupes Restaurant Inc 390 W Aten Road Imperial, CA 92251

Music Professor, Imperial Valley College 380 Aten Rd. Imperial, CA 92251

One Way Realty 447 W. Aten Rd Ste 7 Imperial, CA 92251

Refresh Med Spa 435 W. Aten Rd Ste 5 Imperial, CA 92251

Wong's Kitchen 102 A W 5th Street Imperial, CA 92251

Westmoreland, CA

Westmorland Dateshake 101 W Main St Westmorland, CA 92281

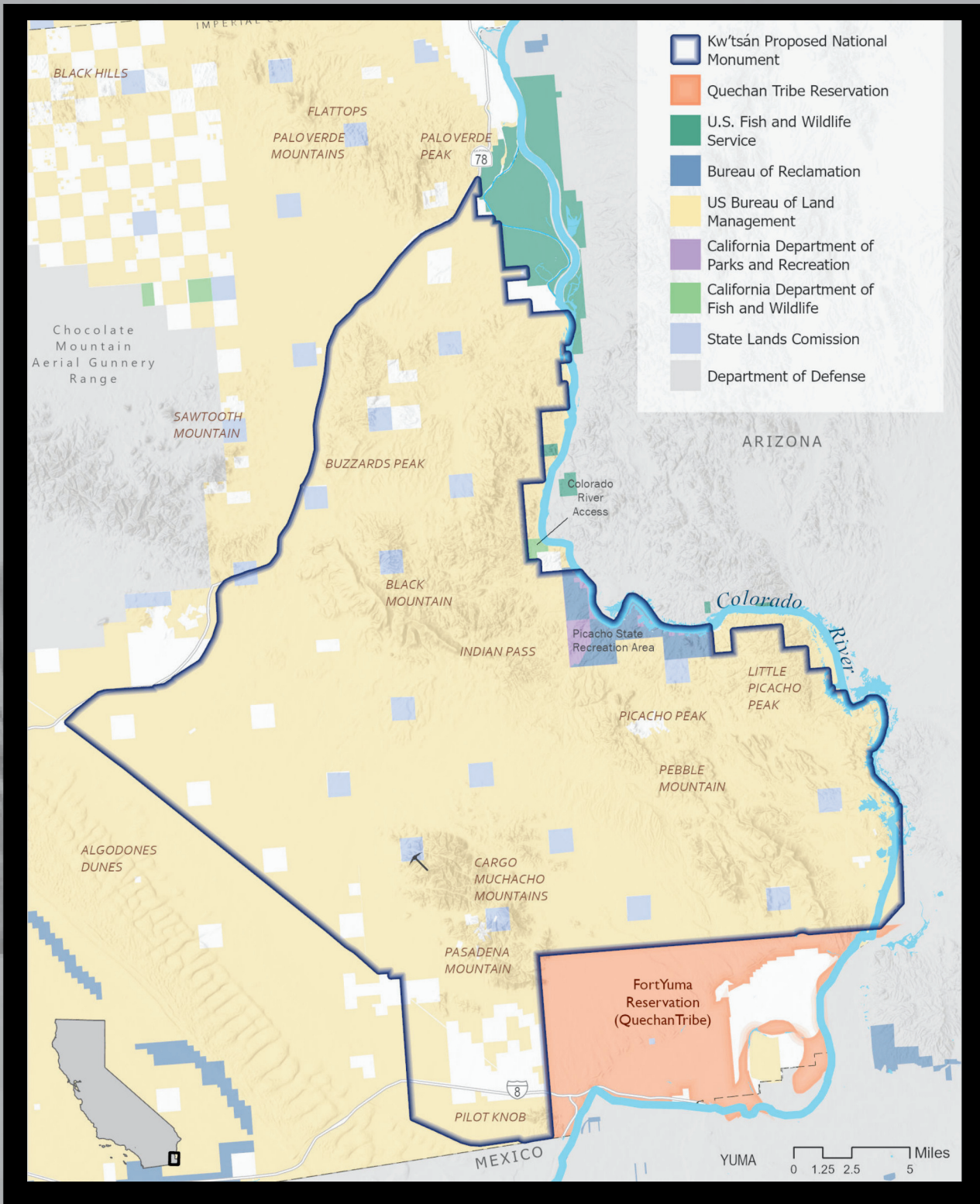
FORT YUMA QUECHAN TRIBE



KW'TSÁN NATIONAL MONUMENT PROPOSAL



Proposed Kw'tsán National Monument





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The **Kw'tsán National Monument** will protect over 390,000 acres of the Fort Yuma Quechan Indian Tribe's homelands, located in Imperial County, California. These lands, currently managed by the Bureau of Land Management, contain incredible cultural, ecological, recreational, scenic, and historic values that must be preserved for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations.

The Fort Yuma Quechan Indian Tribe has proposed this new national monument and the Quechan people remain committed to the preservation of cultural values, belief systems, life ways, traditional practices, and the sovereign legal rights of Native American people.

The Fort Yuma Quechan Indian Tribal Council is requesting that the Biden Administration designate this new monument through the Antiquities Act, and establish an inter-governmental stewardship agreement between the Tribe and federal agencies. This would mean that Quechan values, knowledge, expertise, and worldviews will be incorporated into the new monument management plan.

Tribal citizens will be able to continue conducting ceremonies, cultural activities, and gatherings within the protected area.

The proposed national monument is part of a greater cultural landscape, connecting Avi Kwa Lal, Palo Verde Peak, the proposed Chuckwalla National Monument, and Spirit Mountain in Avi Kwa Ame National Monument. The boundary incorporates the Indian Pass Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) Pilot Knob (Avikwalal), Singer Geoglyphs (ACEC), Buzzards Peak, and Picacho Peak Wilderness areas.

A **Kw'tsán National Monument** would:

- Provide protections for wildlife, cultural places, sacred sites, scenic features and other conservation values.
- Create an opportunity for the Quechan Tribe to collaborate with agencies on all steps of the monument management planning process and implementation of day-to-day decisions.
- Prevent new harmful activities, including staking new mine claims and large industrial development within its boundaries.
- Welcome visitors from all over the world to experience the beauty and significance of the culturally rich and ecologically important landscape.



Ft. Yuma Quechan Tribal Council

The proposed Kw'tsàn National Monument encompasses sacred sites and artifacts of great cultural importance to our Tribe and surrounding communities. We urge federal authorities to ensure that the Antiquities Act is employed diligently to safeguard these sites, granting them the highest level of protection and respect they deserve.

Anaymatt kutt uu ook kavah show'k (protect our culture)



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