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**(1) Letter of Intent**

**- May 1, 1980**

PETITION FOR RECOGNITION AS AN INDIAN TRIBE

Whereas,

Exhibit A

We are acknowledged to have inhabited the region south and east of the confluence of the San Juan and Colorado Rivers from prehistoric times to the present day, and

Whereas,

Exhibit B

We are recognized as a distinct ethnic group by our Hopi and Navajo neighbors and by other Paiute bands, and

Whereas,

Exhibit C

We have been identified continuously as a distinct group by Federal authorities and agencies, and

Whereas,

Exhibit D

We continue to live according to our traditional values and govern ourselves through our traditional family council, and

Whereas,

Exhibit E

We desire to develop and secure our community for ourselves and for the rising generations, and

Whereas,

Exhibit F

We have specific needs for services in health care, housing, education, protection of our sacred and natural resources and of our homesites and grazing areas, and

Whereas,

Exhibit G

We desire to maintain our distinct identity as Paiute Indians within our traditional homelands:

Now, therefore,

We, the people of the Southern San Juan Paiute Tribe of Paiute Indians, do hereby petition for recognition by the United States of American according to the provisions of 25 CFR 54.

(signed) Mrs. Evelyn James Spokesperson

Date: 5-1-80

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note: Exhibits will follow upon completion of documentation