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Ute Indian Tribe Political Action Committee Announces Launching of Ute PAC Website, TV Ads and Online Petition

October 17, 2016—The Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation announces the launching of www.utepac.com, the website of the recently founded Ute Indian Tribe Political Action Committee, Ute PAC. The immediate focus of Ute PAC and utepac.com is to inform voters about Congressman Rob Bishop's attacks on Indian Country through his Committee on Natural Resources in the U.S. House of Representatives and to defeat the Congressman in the upcoming election. Congressman Bishop has initiated an all out assault on the Ute Indian Tribe through his deceptive Utah Public Lands Initiative that is nothing but a modern-day Indian land grab. Congressman Bishop also has a history of partisan attacks on Indian Country. Ute PAC is running television ads to highlight these issues. These ads can also be viewed on the new website.

Ute PAC also circulating a petition, available at www.utepac.com/petition, to the Speaker of the House, Paul Ryan, calling on him to seek the withdrawal of H.R. 5780. All people of good will are being asked to join with the Ute Indian Tribe in calling on the leadership in Congress to stop this devastating Indian land grab. A similar online petition has almost 4,000 signatures.

Congressman Bishop must also face consequences for using his Committee on Natural Resources to attack Indian Country. In his Committee he declared policies to limit the settlement of water rights and pushed legislation that would politicize the process of federal recognition of Indian tribes. In addition, a Committee hearing memorandum produced under his leadership even called allotment policies resulting in the loss of 100 million acres of tribal lands "humane."

Rob Bishop's era of broken promises and violation of treaties with Indian Tribes must come to an end. Visit www.utepac.com today and support the Ute Indian Tribe's fight against Congressman Rob Bishop. Ute PAC is also on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/UtePAC/> and Twitter at @TheUtePAC