

November 12, 2013

The Honorable Doc Hastings
Natural Resources Committee Chair
United States House of Representatives
1203 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Hastings:

I would like to take this opportunity to show my support for H.R. 3313, the bill that would place approximately 1400 acres into federal trust on behalf of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians.

When the tribe purchased Camp 4 in 2010, one of the primary goals was to build housing for tribal members and their families. The tribe has simply run out of room on its existing reservation.

Currently, only about 17% of the tribe's members and lineal descendants live on the reservation. Placing the Camp 4 land into federal trust would allow the tribe to accommodate current and future generations of Santa Ynez Chumash. It would also create a meaningful opportunity for tribal members and their families to be a part of a tribal community revitalization effort that rebuilds tribal culture, customs and traditions.

Please consider the tribe's housing needs and support H.R. 3313.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:
Address:

cc: Congressman Doug La Malfa, 1st Congressional District of California
Congressman Anthony Cardenas, 29th Congressional District of California
Congresswoman Lois Capps, 24th Congressional District of California
Senator Barbara Boxer
Senator Dianne Feinstein