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Lawrence J. Whalon, Jr.
Superintendent
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Dear Superintendent Whalon,

As the National Park Service (NPS) is developing a General Management Plan for the Tule Lake Unit, I encourage and recommend that the National Park Service move forward with a plan that is inclusive of the local communities in Modoc and Siskiyou Counties and do everything possible to limit negative economic impacts to the area.

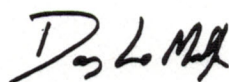
The close proximity of the current Tule Lake Unit to the Tulelake Airport has unfortunately fostered some controversy in recent years. I have continuously stated my support for establishing an interpretive center at the Tule Lake Unit, as a good neighbor to the airport and without impeding its operations or economic viability.

I find it concerning that there have been comments made at public meetings hosted by NPS during this process, revealing intentions by NPS to expand the units boundaries and gain access to the airport for tours. Any archeological excavations promoted by NPS on property outside the current unit's boundaries, whether on private property or airport property must have the owner's full cooperation. Furthermore, NPS should not negatively impact current airport operations, or potential expansion of the airport complex in any way.

I urge you to give great weight to the sentiments of the communities that surround the Tule Lake Unit as NPS moves forward in the General Management Plan because their businesses, farms, and daily life could be impacted greatly.

Please contact my District Director, Lisa Mara, 530-878-5035 Lisa.Mara@mail.house.gov with any questions.

Sincerely,



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