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Comments: Frye Issue 1 -NO PROOF of San Manuel Ancestral lands

In a January 9, 2023 U.S. Forest Service letter File Code: 5430, the exchange proposal is referred to as the "San Manuel Ancestral Land Exchange." There has been no proof that the U.S. Forest land is or was uniquely San Manuel Ancestral Land.

The Yuhaaviatam of the San Manuel Nation (previously listed as San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, California) (the Tribe, San Manuel Tribe, Serranos) published history on their website never mentions or claims that the San Bernardino National Forest land proposed in the the "land exchange" was their ancestral land nor any connection to the Yuhaaviatam tribe.(<https://sanmanuel-nsn.gov/culture/history>) (FRLX 1 Our History | San Manuel Band of Mission Indians.pdf) The history mentions that the Serranos moved from the mountains near Big Bear and settled near Harlem Springs (FRLX1) . Other sources historical sources concur that the Tribe was located in the mountains near Big Bear and moved later to the Valley to settle near Harlem Springs (FRLX3) not the Arrowhead Hot Springs (FRLX1, FRLX 2, FR LX 4). Multiple sources indicate that the San Bernardino National Forest land proposed to be given to the Tribe in the land exchange was in ancestral lands of the Guachama (that were thought to move toward West toward Los Angeles in the early 1800s) and later the Cahuilla Tribe (now Cahuilla Band of Indians) and even the Shoshonean Tribes with the Serranos (San Manuel tribe) moving into the Valley years later near Harlem Springs (FRLX1-FRLX4).

The Mormons and other early pioneers have many historical claims to this area that the San Manuel tribe wants to take from the San Bernardino National Forest.

The Cahuillas (did not appear to be notified in the public notices provided by the U.S. Forest Service Historical writings mention the Cahuilla and ancient Guachama tribes (FRLX 2, FRLX4) associated with the state Geological Landmark #977 "The Arrowhead" (<https://ohp.parks.ca.gov/ListedResources/Detail/977>) referred to as the "Ace of Spades" by early pioneers David Noble Smith in his possessory claim and John Brown Jr. in recorded court testimony.