



The Honorable Raúl Grijalva  
Chair  
Committee on Natural Resources  
1324 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Teresa Leger Fernández  
Chair  
Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples  
1432 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

**RE: Letter of Support for HR 6032, The Katimiin and Aamekyáaraam Sacred Lands Act**

Dear Chairman Grijalva and Chairwoman Leger Fernández,

On behalf of the Western Klamath Restoration Partnership (WGRP), please accept this letter of support for the proposed legislation which serves to reinstate Karuk people to free, unfettered and undisturbed access to their sacred places. We implore you to take this opportunity to right an historical wrong, and take action to return part of what was taken from them.

The Karuk have lived and conducted ceremonies at Katimiin and Aamekyáaraam since the beginning of time. The Karuk Tribe's historic and present-day government to government relations with the United States is due in large part to their continued presence and traditional and customary uses of Katimiin, Aamekyáaraam, and several other ceremonial areas. These areas are integral to the perpetuation of Karuk customs and culture as well as to Karuk cosmology and creation.

WGRP is a group collaboratively co-led by the Karuk Tribe along with other local, non-governmental organizations who have been working on landscape, watershed, and fire management issues for decades. One area of focus is on creating community and ecological resiliency to wildland fire through a systems approach of restoring area forests and watersheds. Our work spans a 1.2-million-acre planning area in Humboldt and Siskiyou Counties that largely follows Karuk aboriginal territory. We are guided by our mission is to "maintain resilient Klamath ecosystems, communities, and economies guided by cultural and contemporary knowledge." Legislation of HR 6032 is fundamental to this mission.

We wholly and emphatically support the Karuk Tribe's efforts to ensure the repatriation and management of Katimiin and Aamekyáaraam so their Tribal ceremonial leaders, traditional practitioners, and community members will have access to these lands for traditional and customary uses in perpetuity.

With appreciation,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jodie Pixley".

Jodie Pixley, Partnership Coordinator  
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