



October 2021 Newsletter

Dear Neighbors,

First and foremost, we hope that everyone is safe and healthy as we move into the fall.

We wanted to reach out to share the great progress we've made with the Thacker Pass Project as we move closer to early-works construction next year. Throughout the process of designing and permitting Thacker Pass, we've been humbled by the support of local, state and federal leaders who understand the unique opportunity the project presents to nearby communities. In all of our decision making, we're taking an approach that strives for transparency and respect of all perspectives. We know we have a responsibility to build broad support for this project, and we're taking nothing for granted.

To that end, we've been doing a lot of listening. Since our last update, we've heard from many of you about ways we can improve the project. We've also heard from many of you inquiring about the job opportunities Thacker Pass presents... more on that in the update below.

Community Engagement: Thacker Pass Concerned Citizens

Lithium Nevada has attended several Thacker Pass Concerned Citizens (TPCC) group meetings, which is an important way for us to engage with local communities. There is a professional facilitator firm called Collaborative Decision Resources (CDR for short), that are helping the group make all these conversations effective. They have been contracted by TPCC and Lithium Nevada to identify and quickly address issues of concern to keep these meetings as productive as possible for everyone involved. We're pleased to be a part of TPCC, and we hope to continue finding solutions and building relationships for years to come.

Over the past few months, TPCC has explored several issues of concern like transportation safety. Our sincere thanks to Rob Davidson and Jeff Hymes from Savage Corporation for presenting on the safety protocols Savage utilizes across North America as one of the largest and safest transporters of sulfur.

We're also grateful to Sara Safariyeganeh and Tom Burke from DuPont for presenting their air scrubbing technologies to the Orvada community through TPCC. Thacker Pass will utilize these best available control technologies to reduce its emission levels.

Lastly, we want to thank the teams from the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection for their presentations describing the permitting process we are going through. We continue to commit to operating Thacker Pass safely and in an environmentally friendly manner.

Working together through the TPCC forum, we have identified key issues that you or your neighbors may have, and are making progress on all shared priorities including but not limited to traffic, monitoring, water and air quality, and the K-8 school in Orovada.

New Jobs for Our Community

As you may know, we will need up to 1,000 construction workers and 300 full-time employees to operate the Thacker Pass lithium mine. We are committed to hiring from within Humboldt County. Thacker Pass means more economic opportunity for our community from the rapidly expanding lithium market.

We are thrilled to already be hiring from Winnemucca!

We have grown our Winnemucca workforce by hiring two local, career engineers: Josef Bilant and Joe Sassenrath. Both have extensive backgrounds in mining and processing, and we are fortunate to have their expertise on our team.

Josef Bilant received a metallurgical engineering degree in 2008 and earned a Master's in Business from Temple University in 2018. He has 14 years of experience in the mining industry working across northern Nevada. His area of responsibility is mineral processing, as well as mine planning and operations. He spends his limited free time as a member of the Lowry High School Education Committee and the Winnemucca Grammar School Watch D.O.G.S., and he's also an avid sportsman who supports several conservation foundations.

Joe Sassenrath holds a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from Michigan Technological University. He has more than 25 years of professional experience with 10 years in the chemical processing industry. Joe is assisting in equipment design, process optimization and construction startup. Joe's the proud father of a 2021 Lowry High School graduate, and he's also a big fan of D.J. Jace's Monday Night Money.

Josef and Joe join Maria Anderson, Manager of Community Relations, in the Winnemucca Office. Maria is a dutiful member of the Rotary Club of Winnemucca, the Vice President of the Mining Industry Foundation for Lowry High School, a board member on the Humboldt Development Authority, and a member of the Winnemucca Literary Club.

As we expand our Winnemucca workforce, we will be looking for individuals with varied skillsets and interests. In many cases, no prior experience or certification will be required; we will provide the necessary training.

Next Steps

In addition to continued community engagement and growing our team, we will spend the rest of 2021 completing the state permitting process. We will also support the efforts of the Bureau of Land Management and Far Western Anthropological Research Group – with assistance from members of the Fort McDermitt Paiute-Shoshone tribe – to complete pre-construction cultural work at the site.

On the topic of cultural preservation, the United States District Court recently dismissed efforts to halt required work based on claims it would cause irreparable harm to Sage Grouse and sacred lands. In July, the court ruled that the work, which only requires less than a half-acre of land for the preservation and discovery of artifacts, would not endanger Sage Grouse. Likewise, in August, the court found that the project does not threaten sacred lands. More specifically, the court dismissed claims that Thacker Pass was the site of a massacre and burial grounds stating, "...the 1868 field notes do not show a massacre happened within the Project area."

We are pleased with the ruling and the ability to move forward. As we complete the cultural migration work, we are committed to working closely with the Fort McDermitt Paiute Shoshone tribe to monitor the project and ensure artifacts are protected and preserved in a way most suitable to tribal interests.

Thank you for your attention and support for this important project. We welcome your thoughts and input as we move closer to building an environmentally responsible project that will provide family-supporting jobs, help make America competitive in the lithium market and elevate Nevada as an essential source of materials to combat the climate crisis.

Sincerely,

Alexi Zawadzki,
CEO Lithium Nevada

P.S. We have a new website. Visit www.ThackerPassLithium.com to learn more about Thacker Pass!

Community Achievements

We have had a busy few months celebrating community achievements! We will always be a strong supporter of education, culture, the environment and our community. Here is a sampling of what we have been up to in recent months.

Heavy Equipment Operator Training session planned for fall 2021

Lithium Nevada and Cashman Equipment – Winnemucca are partnering to bring heavy equipment operator training to Fort McDermitt this fall. Participants will receive hands on learning to safely operate equipment such as a Caterpillar D40 articulated truck, D4 dozer, and a skid steer loader.

Additional details will be available soon – stay tuned! You may also contact Maria Anderson at 775-386-8185 to learn more.



Orovada Elementary School Graduation Ceremony

Nearly 170 Orovada residents attended the graduation ceremony for the 2020/2021 kindergarten, first and eighth grade classes on June 2nd. In previous years, parents of graduates would bring a dish for the potluck following the ceremony, but due to COVID-19 a potluck dinner was not an option this year.

We were happy to provide funding for the celebratory meal, freeing up the Orovada parent teacher organization to use its resources to purchase supplies and plan field trips for the upcoming 2021/2022 school year.



Cheering on Humboldt County School District at the Annual Staff Appreciation Banquet

We are proud to be a member of the Mining Industry Foundation for Lowry High School (LHS) and through it, support Winnemucca students and education. Recently, we joined our fellow foundation members and community partners to help with the Humboldt County School District Annual Staff Appreciation Banquet.

Humboldt County School District held the Annual Staff Appreciation Banquet at the Winnemucca Boys and Girls Club on May 19. Outstanding educators and staff were recognized for their exceptional service. We are so proud of Humboldt County schools!

School district employees, their family and friends, as well as members of the Mining Industry Foundation helped celebrate the well-attended event. Lithium Nevada and various Mining Industry Foundation members sponsored tables and participated in the festivities, which included a dinner by Chef Ian Tolotti of the Boys and Girls Club. Women in Mining's Humboldt Chapter provided the beverages.



500 Lowry High School Students Honored at the 2021 Annual LHS Academic Excellence Assembly

We also joined Lowry High School to celebrate student achievement!

At the conclusion of each school year, Lowry High School students gather to receive awards for academic excellence in math, science, social studies, English, art, music, and foreign language as well as for achieving perfect attendance.

Students receive recognition for earning a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 and higher in the first semester of the 2020-2021 school year. Approximately 500 students were honored this school year! Many were awarded chamber checks that can be used as cash at more than 100 businesses in Winnemucca. Nearly \$18,000 in chamber checks were awarded.

This year, Maria Anderson, our Community Relations Manager and a member of the Mining Industry Foundation, gave welcoming remarks at the event. She provided a brief overview of the Foundation's meaningful history and had the honor of presenting awards to the top two students, senior Salutatorian Reece Kalkoske and senior Valedictorian Douglas Bartell.



We congratulate all students for their exceptional work, commend the 2021 graduating class of Lowry High School for achieving this milestone, and wish all graduates the best of success in the future!

Community Contributions

We are proud to support the 2021 Color the Mucc held on April 17th

Nearly 300 runners/walkers helped raise approximately \$7,000 for the Winnemucca Chamber of Commerce. Proceeds will go towards the purchase of informational materials for the Chamber.



A group of Winnemucca residents take a break at the color station sponsored by Lithium Nevada. Liz Lyon, Winnemucca resident and volunteer pictured with Maria Anderson, Community Relations Manager enjoyed the morning throwing paint on participants of the event.

We supported this year's Ducks Unlimited Humboldt Chapter Annual Banquet



Our sponsored table at the Ducks Unlimited Annual Banquet: Liz Lyon, instructional aide, LHS; Scott Anderson, Winnemucca resident; Paige Brooks, local business owner and former City Councilwoman; John Brooks, teacher, LHS and Dr. Dave Jensen, Superintendent, Humboldt County School District. 300 attendees were on hand to help raise over \$85,000 for the annual event.

Community Outreach

Since COVID-19 restrictions lifted, Tim Crowley, Vice President of Government Affairs and Community Relations, and Maria Anderson, Manager of Community Relations, have dedicated time getting to know local residents in the rural communities of Orovada, McDermitt, Fort McDermitt and Kings River.

The two have had dozens of one-on-one conversations with stakeholders discussing the facts about the Thacker Pass project, addressing stakeholder concerns, and providing information about job opportunities and workforce development. We have benefitted greatly from these discussions and Tim and Maria look forward to more get togethers.

If you are interested in learning more about the Thacker Pass project, please contact Maria Anderson at (775) 386-8185 and schedule some time for a discussion. We look forward to speaking with you.

The Thacker Pass Concerned Citizens (TPCC) Group moves forward with the help of Collaborative Decision Resources (CDR)

We are happy to be working with TPCC and CDR. The TPCC is made up of residents from Orovada and Kings River who want to protect the interests of those who live and work in the communities closest to the Thacker Pass project.

CDR's team of facilitators bring decades of experience to help leaders efficiently and collaboratively reach decisions together with a focus on actionable agreements to move projects and ideas forward. They have spent weeks hearing from residents of Orovada, McDermitt, Kings River and Winnemucca and presented their findings at the June 22nd TPCC meeting. The TPCC and Lithium Nevada subsequently appointed a smaller working group to implement tangible solutions to the issues identified in the CDR report. Solutions include air and water monitoring, transportation safety and on-going communication and transparency between the communities and the company. No time was wasted, and this smaller working group met two days later. Several meetings have been held since.

We are committed to working hard through this process in order to build long-term transparency, enhance communications, and build trusting relationships. We are thankful to TPCC!

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