

**ROUNDTABLE: LISTING SUMMIT TUNNEL ON
NATIONAL REGISTRY OF HISTORIC PLACES
PART 3 TRANSCRIPT**

MODERATOR: So, as an employee to this federal agency I have the pleasure of honoring grassroots [unintelligible] with a number of tribal members. Their opinions, who have reminded me on a consistent basis that all lands are Indian lands. And that's [unintelligible] think about history but, Phil, you mentioned the Washoe tribes, and do we have any sense at like...you can go into the history of how the land was taken but how about the current communities or organization? Can you tell us more about that?

PHIL SEXTON: I mentioned when I presented earlier today that in the early 2000s, we put a plaque there at the Petroglyphs site, that it's actually not Washoe in origin, it is of the Martis people who are extinct. And the Washoe claimed a cultural connection with them. That might not be ethnographically true but it's true in the sense for the Washoe. So, we actually work with the Washoe tribe, and that there is the Washoe are a federally recognized tribe, they have a headquarters in Reno. And Carrie Smith, the Truckee archeologist, has very good relations with them. I remember talking with the tribal liaison, named William Dancing Feather--I'm not sure he's still there it's been a while--but Carrie could certainly put you in touch with him. But the Forest Service has a very good relationship with the Washoe. But getting back to the Martis people, in the little bit of research that I've done, they actually are more ethnographically connected with the Northern mining tribes who are the current [unintelligible] on the west side. And again, they're a federally recognized tribe. [unintelligible] put you in touch with their people and their headquarters in Auburn. But we have generally good relations with [unintelligible].

MODERATOR: So, just imagining [unintelligible] many of us here are Asian-American or in spirit, and thinking about not having been recognized--how is it that we're not recognizing other people who also are significant occupied [unintelligible]. So I think in my world I would like to see this effort to kind of [unintelligible] example of how we might be including more people that could buy in. Not to [unintelligible]. Do we know what the time is?

AUDIENCE: It's 12:30. So we'll switch over at 1 [unintelligible].

ALAN SPEARS: I just want to say that one of the things that the many subcommittees of this group could do is the old notion of

power mapping. If you've got a particular place that you want to go--Summit Tunnel is the objective for preservation purposes--who are the mayors? Who are the Chambers of Commerce members? The tribal folks? The preservation folks? The ranchers and the farmers? The community members who are out there? Who are the people that are for and against? Who are your elected representatives, again at the local, state, and federal level? And one of the things, we've got that great map on the handouts, but to go with that page two of the map of the Summit Tunnel area would be a power map, which talks about who in the community and who in terms of the elected representatives, we need to talk to. And you run this the way Alice Paul used to run stuff when she was working for the National Women's Party and working on passage of the amendment that got women the right to vote. You do index cards of all your individual people--this was how she did it back in the day, we can use it on the laptop now--how they feel, how they vote, what they've attended, what they've said in the past. And it's the background research that then gives you the sense of everyone that you need to talk to, so that everybody's included, everybody's represented. And then also, who are your champions, your local spokespeople, because the last thing you want is some guy in a tie from DC coming out there and telling people in Truckee, "This is a really good idea, trust me I'm from Washington." That's not gonna work. But you want to find the person who owns the drug store, the gas station, the member of the Chamber of Commerce, the tribal representative who will say on your behalf, "We have to have this." So developing that kind of information, I think is critical [unintelligible] another step in the process of moving forward. So we need to think about who in this room or what subset of people would be responsible for putting together that power map. And then we go and talk to those people.

AUDIENCE:

Alan, I just wanted to add to what you are saying. Those are excellent points. And that is, is that, several years ago there was a--I don't know if you've ever heard of this it was a geo-tourism--[unintelligible] was put together with agencies, so it was Parks, [unintelligible], and Forest Service, although several departments have all signed on to it. And they did a series of pilots and they developed a methodology which is exactly what you're talking about. And the whole idea was to get the buy-in on the civil side as well as the economic side, for all the people that might have a stake in the area. And there were several successful pilots. I thought it was grand until apparently there were several retirements that took place, it kind of killed it unfortunately. But they had some good methodology, which is what you're talking about. The other

thing is on politics. And that's not to be underestimated at all. I can remember before I left my position where folks in the Forest Service have high levels of scrambling because it was this Congresswoman that [unintelligible] that said she was getting complaints about the area and the San Gabriel Forest, and didn't particularly like it. So she decided that, maybe we need to have a mining. And it was very interesting to see the reaction to that, internally in the agency, which was, "Oh my, we better do something about this." And it was amazing because we had a district out there that was probably...you were ranking things you'd call [unintelligible] on the budget area. They weren't after that. All the attention that was provided at the higher events of the agency, that was a focal point. And she made her point very well and it changed, let's put it that way. Constituents got exactly what they wanted.