



**PROTECT
JURISTAC**



**NO QUARRY
ON AMAH MUTSUN
SACRED GROUNDS**

PROTECT JURISTAC **IN THE SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS**



Juristac

- Juristac (Huris-tak): ancestral lands and ceremonial center of the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band in the Southern Foothills of the Santa Cruz Mountains near Gilroy, California.
- 15,000 years, Mutsun ancestors lived sustainably and stewarded the land. Project targets four sacred mountains.

*“Juristac ...is in a pristine state in relation to the surrounding region. When you look at our other ceremonial sites and our hunting, fishing and gathering places, the vast majority of these places have been lost to development. Juristac is one of the very last remaining undisturbed areas. Our Amah Mutsun tribe maintains that **once disturbed by mining, there will be no way to rehabilitate the cultural and spiritual aspects of the landscape.**” —Chairman Valentin Lopez*

Proposal

- 6,200 acre property known as the Sargent Ranch
Currently owned by Debt Acquisition Company of America (DACA); Sargent Ranch Management Co.; Freeman and Associates, LLC
- Excavate 300 acres to about 40 million tons of sand and gravel
- Current land use designation is “Agricultural Ranchlands”
- 30 Year Use Permit
- Groundwater use: 86,300 gallons/day; 17,260,000 gallons/year
- Balance of Ranch for Mitigation, Conservation, Grazing, Oil Production
- 15 to 20 Jobs - (Salaries range \$25,000 - \$108,991) Livable Wage for Santa Clara County is \$98,325
- Road construction



Environment & Health

Air

- Dust: Effects of hazardous materials in dust not assessed.
- Hazardous Materials, including Mosquito abatement spray

Surface and Ground Water

- Sargent, Tar Springs, Pescadero Creek, Pajaro and San Benito Rivers, wetlands; groundwater aquifers (salt water intrusion)

Endangered and Threatened Species

- Endangered Species: steelhead trout, California red-legged frogs, California tiger salamanders
- Critical wildlife route, linking the Santa Cruz Mountains with the Diablo Range to the east and the Gabilan Range to the south.
- Serpentine grasslands, oak savannah, sycamore riparian woodlands with nesting, rooting, foraging habitats



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