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Sáttítla Gains National Monument Status: Pit River Nation Leads Efforts in Cultural Preservation and Redding Rancheria's Chairman Accompanies to Washington DC

In November 2023 the Pit River Nation submitted a proposal to President Biden and launched a campaign to protect Sáttítla, an area of great cultural and ecological significance in the Medicine Lake Highlands. On Tuesday, January 14, 2025, President Biden signed off on the approval of this request. Redding Rancheria's Chairman Jack Potter Jr. accompanied Pit-River Nation and many other Tribal leaders to Washington DC for this monumental occasion where President Biden formally signed the approval on stage alongside Chairman Potter and other Tribal leaders.

The proposal requested that Sáttítla—the Pit River Nation's traditional name for the upper elevations of the Medicine Lake Highlands—be designated as a national monument under the Antiquities Act. Now that the federal government has approved this, new projects involving industrial activities that cause environmental damage are banned on about 200,005 acres of land managed by the US Forest Service. This is a historic win for Pit River nation and Indian Country as a whole.