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Volvon National Park A Vision

The Volvon Tribe controlled Mount Diablo and the Black Hills to the east for probably many thousands of years. Mount Diablo was recognized by all Native American tribes in central California as being the center of their spiritual universe and origin myths, and it still is.

The civilization and cosmopolitan culture the Volvons were part of may have persisted for 10,000 years or more and was far more developed, settled, and pervasive than is generally recognized or acknowledged.

Today the entire Volvon territory is virtually undisturbed from the time of the Volvon tribe's extirpation just over 200 years ago.

We have identified over 80 intact village and camp sites and over 2000 bedrock mortar holes in Volvon territory alone.

We propose to combine all the nearby tribal territories that are contiguous to Mount Diablo and still mostly undeveloped open space into one monument to Central California Indians and their culture.

Volvon National Park would encompass Mount Diablo State Park, Morgan Territory Regional Preserve, Black Diamond Regional Park, Brushy Peak, the Marsh House, and the North Livermore Road area north of Interstate 580.

A tribal consortium of the immediately adjacent tribes (Chupcan, Saclan, Tatcan Ssaom, Yokuts) could be organized to help develop the National Park along with all other central California Native Americans that formerly or currently revere the mountain's presence in their lives.

Current property owners would not need to be displaced but future development would be limited to protect Volvon National Park interests.

This is just the seed of an idea. It will only need more public, Native American, and academic interest and awareness to grow like a weed. This history is too important to ignore.

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