

**Wakasa Memorial
Committee**



VIA EMAIL

Dec. 22, 2021

Dear Topaz Museum Board,

Belated thanks for hosting a welcome dinner for us at Mi Rancherito on our first evening in Delta. We also thank the Board for agreeing with us and inviting the National Park Service to undertake a technical assessment of the Wakasa Monument and Memorial site on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, one of the six steps in our proposal. We appreciated the Board's kind assistance with our ceremonies.

We received your letter of Dec. 5, and will write back in the New Year. In the meantime, we send our best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday.

Sincerely,
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