

November 20, 2021

Dear Wakasa Memorial Committee:

The Topaz Museum Board would like to extend an invitation to join us for dinner in Delta on the evening of Monday November 29th during the NPS evaluation visit. We will also be inviting the members of the NPS team as well. Please let us know by Wednesday November 24th if your two representatives will be able to join us and we will provide details once they are finalized.

We are also interested in attending the planned ceremony at the Topaz site where the Wakasa monument was discovered as we are assuming that the ceremony is open to all, as long as we follow the guidelines recommended by the National Park Service. Please share details of the ceremony and let us know if we may be of assistance.

As the logistics of the upcoming NPS evaluation are most pressing, we are addressing those issues in this correspondence. Our response to other points you raised in your letter of November 12th will require a little more time for us to address.

Sincerely,
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