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Dear Susan,

We still don't have any positive information about Thunder.....but we have learned the following 2nd hand. Thunder left a hand written will and the property is suppose to go to his son Dan ....leaving out Ahtrum?

Regardless Dan is living in Palo Cedro, CA (near Redding) and Ahtrum is living in Fallon, NV .....pregnant and with a new boyfriend. Other kids, like David are still living in the Canyon and the place is really torn up. Trash every where and paint peeling. David just told a friend of SPACES that his father died three weeks ago, although Thunder died January 8, 1989.

[handwritten note in right margin: another son]

No one seems to be living on the property and no mortgage payments have been made on the property up the mountain since November.

I've heard that Dan believes SPACES can somehow wave a magic wand and the property can be saved. We have written him to suggest a series of things he and the family must do if they want to save the place and have offered some help once they get their act together.

Are you at all interested in getting involved....A. gathering more information on the site? or B. being involved (suggestions, time, identifying resources) in a preservation effort?

A. might mean talking with Dan & Ahtrum about Thunder and the history of the site.......I've asked Dan to gather personal papers.

B. writing some letters, identifying people who might help - scholars, politicians, funding sources, others to help form a Nevada organization to protect the site?

Enclosed is our current Newsletter containing a obit on Thunder (did we send you one already? my mind is going) and a xerox of a page of notes - we don't recognize the handwriting.........is it you.

If you are interested in any of the above or can suggest somebody. I will contact the Arts Council to see if they can give some help!

I hope all is well with you.

My best,

Seymour Rosen
Director

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