

NATIVE AMERICANS IN THE GREAT BASIN

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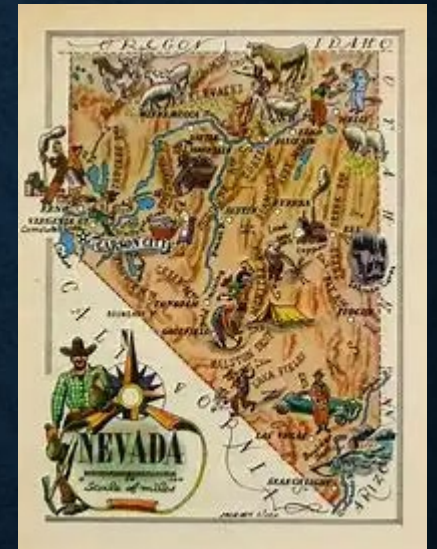
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AGENDA

- Native Americans in the Great Basin
- Tribal Government Structure
- Native American Right to Vote
- Nevada Urban Indians Inc.
- Questions and Answers

NATIVE AMERICANS IN THE GREAT BASIN

- Three (3) original tribes in the Great Basin (Paiute, Shoshone, Washoe)
- The Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation was established in 1874 and operates under the Indian Reorganization Act Constitution and By-Laws approved by the Department of Interior.
- Shoshone Reservation was established in 1867 by President Andrew Johnson by Executive Order on June 14, 1867.
- Washoe Colonies established 1917. They are inhabitants of Lake Tahoe and the Great Basin.
- Reno Sparks Indian Colony established 1917 by the federal government for non-reservation Indians from the three (3) established tribes (Paiute, Shoshone, Washoe)
- Nevada Urban Indians Inc. Established 1975 to provide outreach and referral services in the Washoe County



PYRAMID LAKE PAIUTE TRIBE

- The Pyramid Lake people survived in the Great Basin over 10,000 years.
- The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe is located 35 miles north of Reno.
- Pyramid Lake Tribe Museum & Cultural Center
- Pyramid Lake War 1860
- Population to date is approximately 3,000 enrolled members.



SHOSHONE TRIBE

- The Shoshone lived in the western Great Basin over 6,000 years. They migrated north over time.
- The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes are now located on the Fort Hall reservation located in Southeastern Idaho, between the cities of Pocatello, American Falls, and Blackfoot.
- The reservation is divided into five districts: Fort Hall, Lincoln Creek, Ross Fork, Gibson, and Bannock Creek.
- Elko NV Shoshone tribe
- The tribal population is approximately 5,500



WASHOE TRIBE

- Washoe people have lived in the Great Basin and the eastern Sierra Nevada mountains for at least the last 6,000 years.
- Washoe people territory is comprised of Lake Tahoe at its heart, to include Carson-Dresslerville-Stewart Colonies, and Woodfords Community.
- The Washoe people are a distinct group who share commonalities with both the Great Basin and California Cultures.
- The population to date is approximately 1,200 members



RENO SPARKS INDIAN COLONY

- The Reno Sparks Indian Colony was established in 1917 whereas the federal government purchased 20 acres for non-reservation Indians who came to work and “camped” along the river. People called it the “Encampment”.
- The Reno Sparks Colony has expanded its property to approximately 15, 292 acres with 1200 tribal members. They have property in South Reno, Verdi, Sparks, and Hungry Valley Spanish Springs area.
- The local population is approximately 1,200 members





TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY



- Native Americans have significant rights of self government under the U.S Constitution, which has its root from their own sovereignty.
- There are 578 federally recognized American Indians and Alaska nation in the United States.
- Native American Tribes are sometimes described as “Nations within a Nation”.
- Sovereignty for tribes includes the right to establish their own form of government, determined membership, enact legislation and establish law enforcement and court systems.



NEVADA URBAN INDIANS INC.

- During the mid-20th century, the Federal Government strongly encouraged Indians to stake out new lives in urban areas.
- Nevada Urban Indians, Inc. (NUI) established in 1975 to provide outreach and referral services to American Indians living in the urban areas of Washoe County and Carson City.
- Its mission is to promote American Indian/Alaskan Natives' culture, health, and well-being in the Northern Nevada region.
- Nevada Urban Indian population is estimated at 6,600 Native Americans in the area.



SUMMARY

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