



Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe

NUMA NEWS

September 2026

STALLION FIRE 2026

Total Acres: **Bug** 93,733 acres / **Stallion** 40,691 acres

Start Dates: **Bug**: 8/8/26 **Stallion**: 8/10/26

Containment: **Bug** 97% / **Stallion** 98%

Causes: Bug: Human. Stallion: Human.

The Stallion Fire began on August 10, 2026, in the Virginia Range Mountains. This human caused vegetation fire (the cause has yet to be identified as of August 27, 2026) began near Stallion Drive and Rodero Road in Palomino Valley, and quickly spread north-east throughout the day. By night, fueled by wind and the chimney fire effect within the numerous canyons in the Virginia Range, the Stallion Fire became a threat to Nixon.

NV Energy cut the power to Nixon on Monday night as they determined threat to their power poles on the Flats along State Route 447. Multiple Tribal departments came together to form an Incident Command Center at the Pyramid Lake Tribal Health Clinic. That night of August 10th, the fire had come down from the mountains and stopped at base, forming south back through the range.

Evacuation centers were quickly established in Wadsworth, which had the facilities necessary to temporarily house those fleeing the threat of the Stallion Fire; the Wadsworth Community Center, the Wadsworth Daycare Center and the Food Distribution Program. Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Staff coordinated and manned these facilities as NV Energy cut their power to Nixon.

Meanwhile on August 10th, the Fred Mountain Fire was growing in size near Lemmon Valley; this fire was started by an arsonist who had then confessed and was arrested by the Washoe County Sheriff's Department. The Bug Fire, which had started on August 8, 2026, east of Highway 395 and south of Bringman Road in Lassen County, had merged into the Fred Mountain Fire. The Fred Mountain Fire and Bug Fire were then labeled as Bug Fire by officials. The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe had given permission for firefighting aircraft to pick up water from the lake in order to combat these fires on August 10th, in which the lake was closed down to activities through August 17th.

The Bug Fire began spreading through the Red Rock area and became a threat to all those communities, including the Hungry Valley area, which prompted evacuations. The Bug Fire continued to grow into the Palomino Valley area, which prompted a power shutdown by NV Energy. Sutcliffe was now considered threatened both by the Bug Fire and Stallion Fire.

Red Cross was able to come in and provide food, water and supply our evacuation facilities, allowing Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Members to come in and eat, or to take home to their families. The

Boys and Girls Club of Fernley and Famous Dave's had also provided hot meals to those in need, as many had lost their refrigerated food during the power loss in Nixon and Sutcliffe. Pyramid Lake Tribal Council members, Nathan Dunn and Loren Decker spearheaded food delivery and transportation to those in Sutcliffe at the Sutcliffe Community Building during this time. Josh Davis and Stacia Fallingstar cooked up some meals for residents as well.

Many individuals had come together to provide and cook, and it was good to see all this come together during this chaotic time.

On Tuesday, August 11th, Nurses from the Pyramid Lake Tribal Health Clinic set out and began visiting elders in these two communities. Transit buses were organized to pick up anyone interested in leaving in Sutcliffe during the power outage to be transported to a Wadsworth evacuation center. Pyramid Lake Fire/EMS and Pyramid Lake Police Department kept the ICC updated with the fires' progress towards the community; their constant monitoring assured Tribal officials that Sutcliffe was not in any fire's path, but as any seasoned wildland firefighter would tell you, that could change at any moment.

Pyramid Highway (State Highway 445) was shut down by Nevada Department of Transportation and Nevada State Police; the Nevada National Guard were called in to assist evacuating Palomino Valley citizens, so Sutcliffe Community members could only travel towards Nixon to access Reno through the I-80 Freeway. Spot fires from the Stallion Fire climbed down towards Blockhouse and Popcorn Rock beaches, by were stopped by the road (State Route 446) by firefighting personnel.

Thursday, August 12th, the area received an unexpected Alert—a tornado warning. Hail, intense rain and wind began sweeping through Reno/Sparks and Storey County, the tornado expected to cross through the I-80 corridor through Wadsworth. The rain was helpful in knocking away at the Stallion Fire, coming in to assist firefighters attacking the fires in the region. This, in turn, caused some flooding in various areas. Most notably, the roads to the Pyramid, and Hardscrabble canyon.

With the help of the rain, continued fire suppression efforts, the Bug and Stallion fires were slowed. By August 24th, both fires were contained at 97% and 98%.

The Hawk Fire, started on Peavine Peak August 26, 2026, flared up by unknown human causes, and burned down 47 Reno homes, one known death, and caused evacuations in the North Valleys area. This fire is still ongoing as of August 28, 2026.

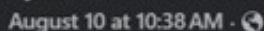
—Article written by Michelle Mix, Administrative Assistant, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe.

Public Information

State Lands
U.S. Fish Wildlife
Service Lands

BIA - Native Lands

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ATTENTION:

Due to the vegetation fire near the area of Stallion Dr & Rodero Road, East of Moses Lake and South of Pyramid Lake, fire fighting air craft will be using Pyramid Lake to retrieve water to fight this fire. [See less](#)

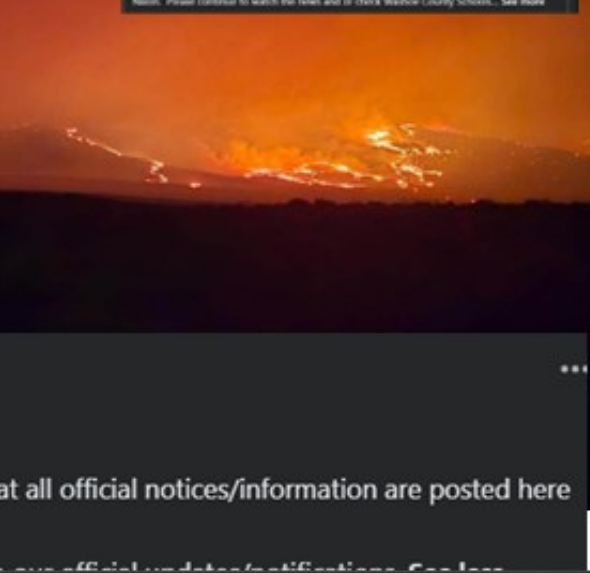
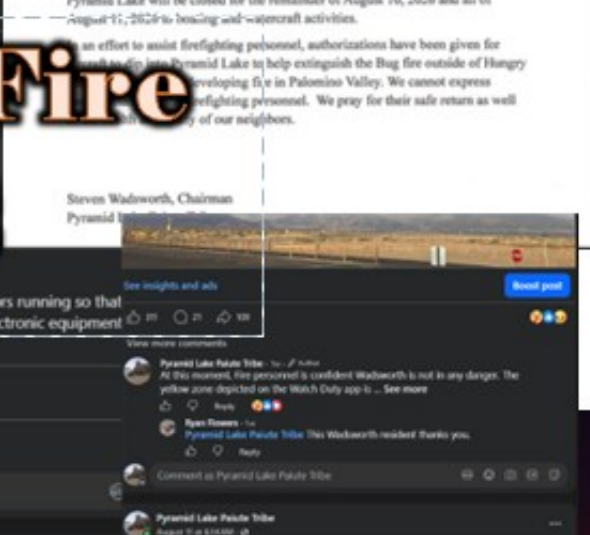
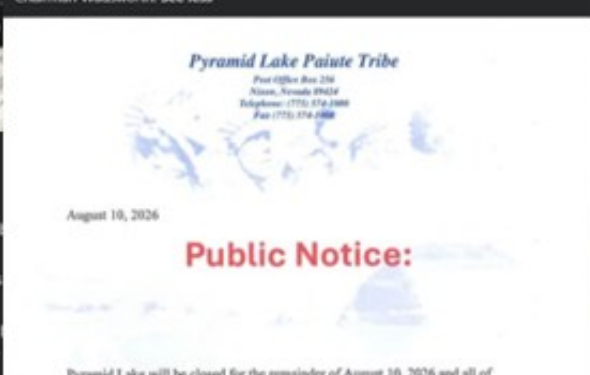
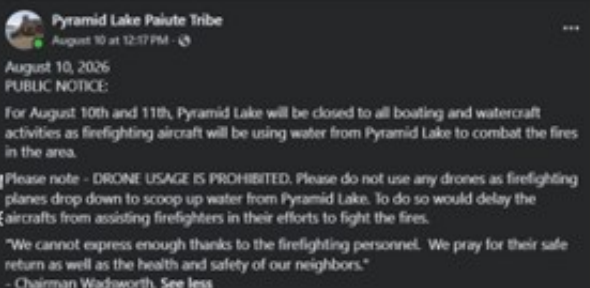
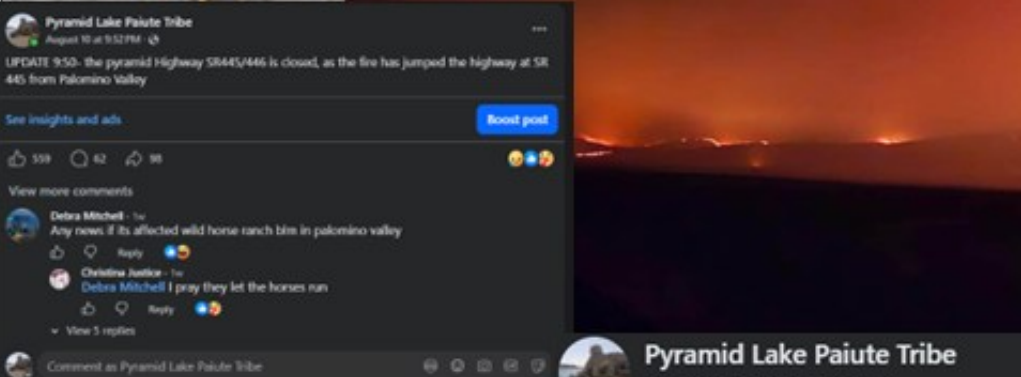
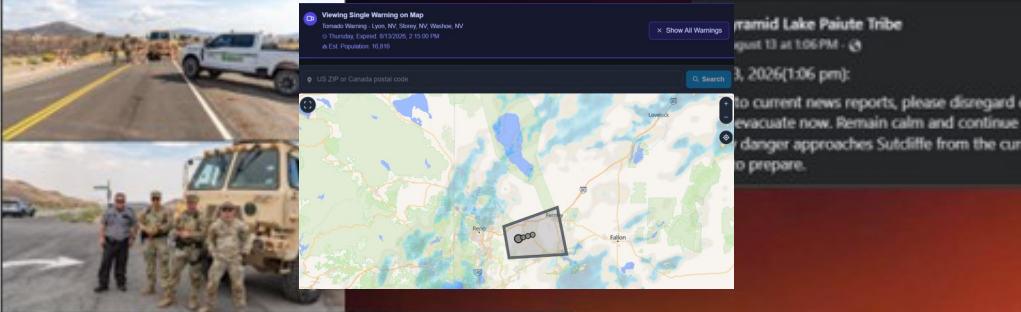
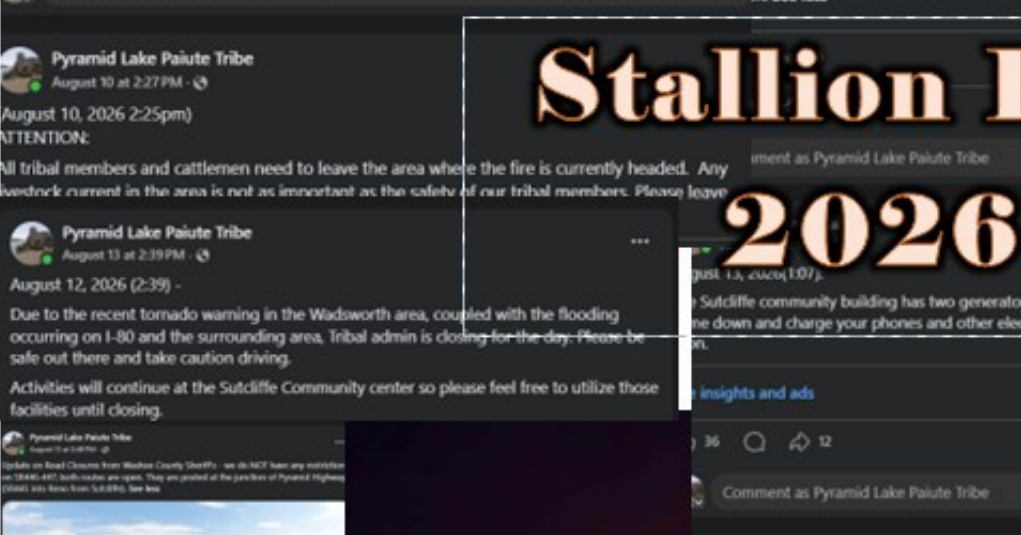
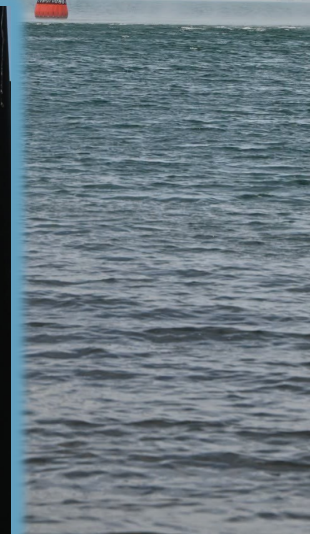




Photo by Nathan Dunn



Photos by Nevada National Guard

Photos by Diana Mitchell; delivery of food by the Fernley Boys & Girls Club



In Memoriam

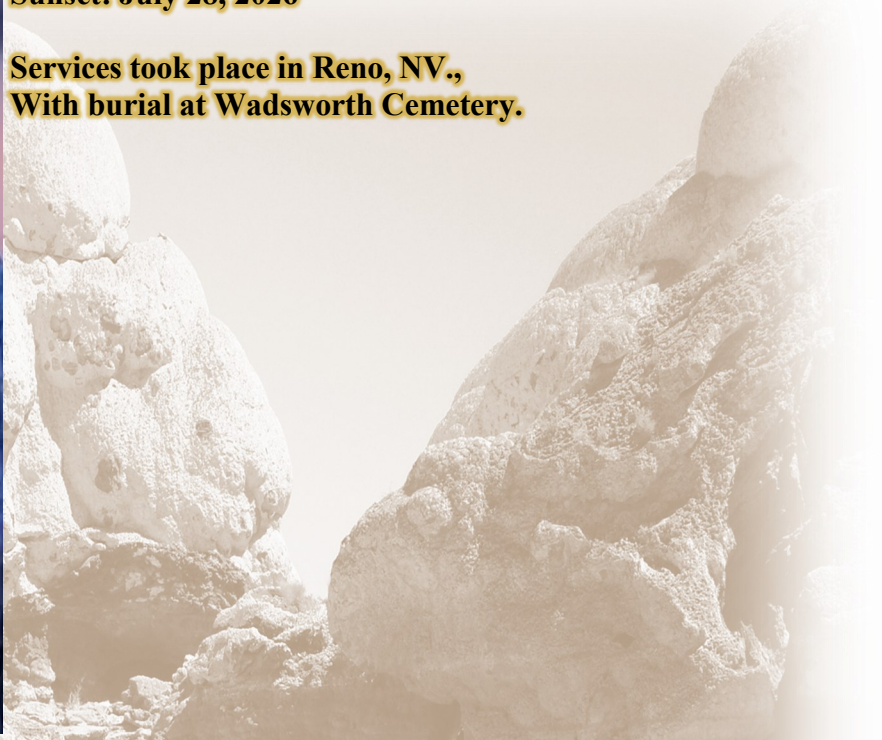


Alvin "Gus" Ray James

Sunrise: June 8, 1935

Sunset: July 28, 2026

**Services took place in Reno, NV.,
With burial at Wadsworth Cemetery.**



Kenneth W. Paul
Sunrise: March 3, 1957
Sunset: August 04, 2026

**Services took place in
Fernley, NV., with burial
at the Fernley Veterans'
Cemetery in Fernley,
NV.**



IN REMEMBRANCE OF

★★ POLICE OFFICER ★★

ANTHONY FRANCONI

END OF WATCH: AUGUST 25, 2023



Today, we honor and remember Police Officer Anthony Franconi, who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

Officer Franconi was tragically killed while assisting with a vehicle pursuit south of Nixon, Nevada. In the area of State Routes 446 and 447, he was struck by the fleeing vehicle while courageously deploying spike strips in an effort to protect his fellow officers and the community.

Officer Franconi dedicated **25 years** of his life to law enforcement and public service. Throughout his distinguished career, he served with the Eureka County Sheriff's Office and Storey County Sheriff's Office, where he retired. His commitment to serving others continued after retirement through his service with the Fallon Paiute Tribal Police Department, Washoe Tribal Police Department, and Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Police Department.

Officer Franconi's legacy extends far beyond the uniform. He is remembered as a dedicated officer, colleague, father, son, brother, and friend whose years of service touched many communities throughout Nevada.

He is survived by his two sons, daughter, father, stepmother, and sister, along with his law enforcement family and the communities he faithfully served.

We will never forget his service, his courage, or his sacrifice.

HONOR ★ SERVICE ★ COURAGE ★ SACRIFICE

GONE, BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN.



Serving Our Communities Foundation

Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe

NvCAN
THE NEVADA COLLECTIVE FOR AUTISM AND NEURODEVELOPMENT

FIND YOUR SUPERPOWER!

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 26TH

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

PLEASE JOIN US IN IDENTIFYING THE STRENGTHS AND ABILITIES IN THE CHILDREN OF PYRAMID LAKE!

HEALTH & WELLNESS SCREENINGS FOR CHILDREN AGES 0-8

EVENT DETAILS:

- LOCATION: NIXON GYM: 301 GERLACH HWY NIXON, NV 89424
- FUN SUPER HERO STATIONS AND ACTIVITIES!
- ASSEMBLE A SUPER HERO SWAG BAG
- T-SHIRTS FOR THE FIRST 40 SUPER KIDS
- USE THIS QR CODE TO REGISTER YOUR SUPER HERO(S):

FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS PLEASE CONTACT TEOLA >>>
TEOLA@SOCFOUNDATION.COM

Calling All Little Superheroes!

Join us on September 26th at the Nixon Gym for a **SUPER** day of **FREE** childhood health & wellness screenings with our amazing Super Team!

Kids ages 0–8 can explore fun superhero-themed stations, enjoy exciting activities, and get important health screenings—all while having a great time!

- Pediatric Dentist
- Optometrist
- Speech Pathologist
- Occupational Therapist

Come discover your child's superpowers and help them grow strong, healthy, and ready to soar!

The Super Support Team: Serving Our Communities, Nevada Center for Autism & Neurodevelopment, Pyramid Lake Tribal Health Clinic, Sumunumu Behavioral Health Program, and the Pyramid Lake Victim Services Program

For more information, contact Teola Shaw at:
teola@socfoundation.com

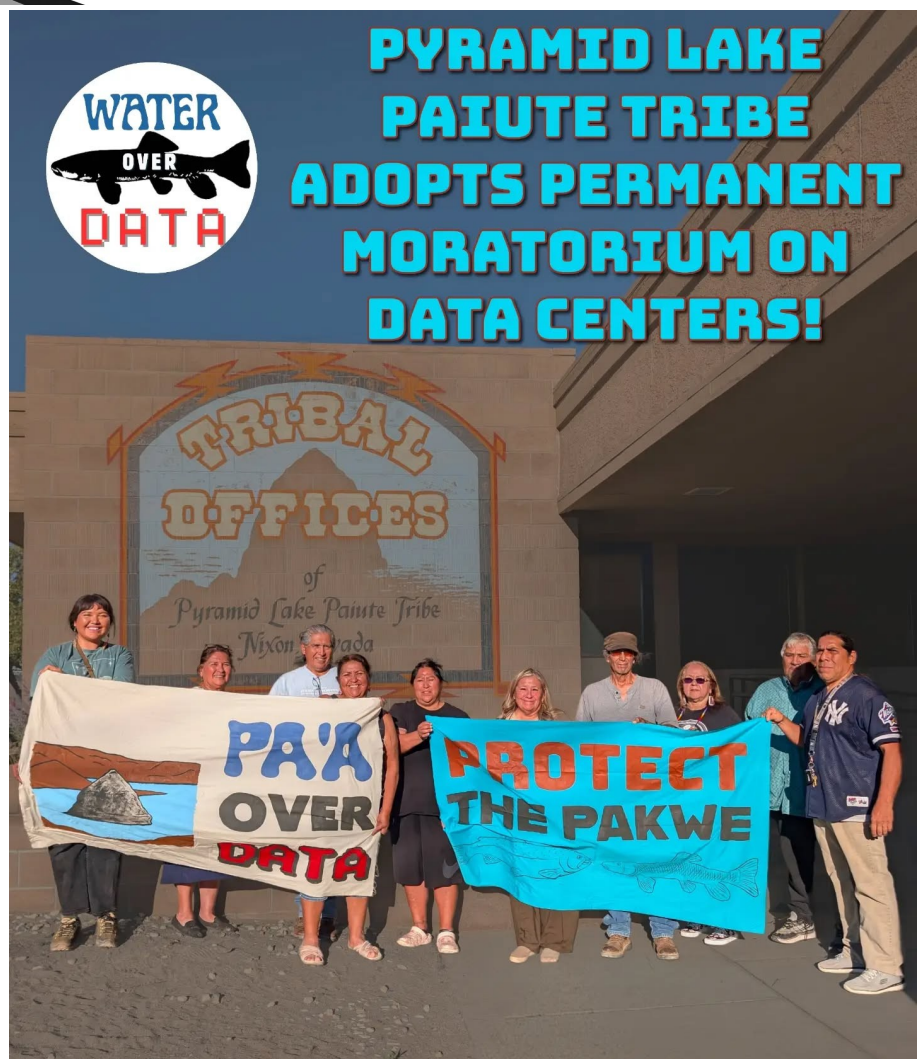
August 21, 2026—Autumn Harry Facebook Post:

“Tonight the Pyramid Lake Tribal Council approved a permanent ban on data centers! This resolution began as a community-led effort to provide permanent protection of Kooyoee Tukadu homelands, water, and communities.

After legal review, the original language shifted within the course of the last 1.5 months. We are appreciative of these protections, however, as community members we will continue to find avenues to advance for even stronger protections to prevent data centers from existing within the Reservation. Protect the Pakwe, forever

Pesa u, Autumn.”

Photo: Autumn Harry





Washout at Pyramid Lake Road, August 14, 2026 –flooding occurred August 13, 2026 due to much needed rain

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RENO-SPARKS INDIAN COLONY

★ CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

34 Reservation Road, Reno, NV 89502

Phone: (775)-329-2936 • www.rsic.org

August 24, 2026

Notice to Numaga Indian Days Powwow & Handgame Committees

To: RSIC Powwow Committee and Handgame Committee

From: Daryl D. Gardipe, Tribal Chairman and RSIC Tribal Council

Re: Cancellation of 2026 Numaga Indian Days Powwow & Handgames

Dear Committee Members,

After careful consideration, the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Tribal Council has made the difficult decision to *CANCEL* the 2026 Numaga Indian Days Powwow & Handgames due to the ongoing **State of Emergency and impacts of the Bug and Hawk Fires** on the RSIC community and surrounding areas.

Our community has experienced evacuations, wildfire threats, and continued emergency response and recovery efforts. While we understand the importance of Numaga Indian Days to our people, **the safety and well-being of our community must remain our highest priority.**

We sincerely thank the Powwow and Handgames Committees for the tremendous amount of work already invested in this year's gathering. We also extend our **heartfelt apologies to our Head Staff, Host Drum, dancers, singers, handgame participants, vendors, volunteers, sponsors, and visitors** for the inconvenience and disappointment this cancellation may cause.

Tribal Council encourages the Powwow and Handgames Committees to bring forward ideas, including the possibility of incorporating additional activities into this year's New Year's Eve Sobriety Powwow and making that gathering an even larger celebration.

We recognize that many have already made travel arrangements and invested significant time and resources in preparing to join us. **This was not an easy decision, and we sincerely appreciate everyone's understanding during this emergency**

At this time, RSIC must remain focused on supporting our people and continuing our emergency response and recovery efforts. Thank you for your dedication to keeping our culture and traditions strong. We look forward to safely gathering together again for Numaga Indian Days.

Respectfully,

Del D. Snyder

Daryl D. Gardipe
RSIC Tribal Chairman

FREE

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY CHECK

"Love Me, Buckle Me...Every Trip, Every Time,
Every Vehicle"



Date: Tuesday September 15, 2026

Time: 9:30 am-12:00 pm

**Location: Wadsworth Community Center Parking Lot
551 8th St Wadsworth, Nevada 89424**

**Contact: Da Nelle Smith- Transportation Safety Coordinator
(775) 574-1000 Ext. 1107**

dsmith@plpt.nsn.us

Partnering with Nevada Department of Public Safety and REMSA



LABOR DAY 2026



**The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal
Administration Office will be closed
Monday, September 7, 2026 in
observance of Labor Day.**

**We will reopen Tuesday,
September 8th at 8:00 am.**

Have a safe Labor Day holiday!



Burning man 2026 Hours of Operation

Friday September 4, 2026 8:00am-10:00pm

Breakfast Burritos, Rez Burgers, Indian Tacos

September 5-8, 2026 24HRS

Indian Tacos

Location:

303 HWY 447 Nixon , N V

Behind the old white building



Square

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DISCOVER

N NV TWO SPIRITS

TIE-DYE NIGHT

SEPTEMBER 1

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

**101 Big Bend Ranch rd.,
Wadsworth NV 89442**

**Contact Ari Florez for
more info: 775-217-5956**



PYRAMID LAKE FISHERIES FISHING DERBY

DECEMBER 5TH, 2026
PYRAMID LAKE
MARINA STORE

FINAL WEIGH-IN – 3:00 PM
\$50 ENTRY FEE

REGISTRATION DAY BEFORE EVENT AND
MORNING OF EVENT UNTIL 8:00AM

CASH PRIZES

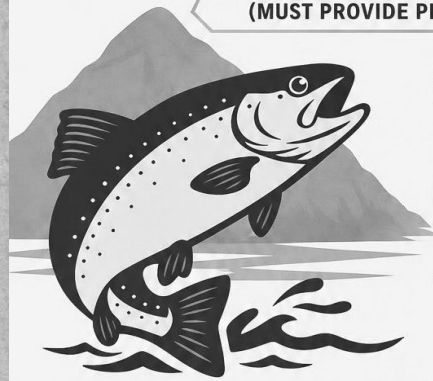
1ST PLACE – \$1,000
2ND PLACE – \$500
3RD PLACE – \$400
4TH PLACE – \$300

RAFFLE FOLLOWING WEIGH-IN
VENDORS ON SITE

PYRAMID LAKE FISHERIES • 775-476-0500

PYRAMID LAKE FISHERIES FISHING DERBY YOUTH CATEGORY

AGES 17 & UNDER
(MUST PROVIDE PROOF OF AGE)



BLIND BOGEY
THE "GOAL WEIGHT" WILL BE
ANNOUNCED THE NIGHT BEFORE
THE DERBY.



REGISTRATION FEE
\$25
PER ANGLER



DERBY LOCATION
PYRAMID LAKE
MARINA STORE

DERBY DATE
DECEMBER 5TH, 2026

YOUTH PRIZES

1 ST PLACE \$300	2 ND PLACE \$200	3 RD PLACE \$100
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FISHING STARTS ONE HOUR BEFORE SUNRISE
FINAL WEIGH-IN AT 3:00 PM

**ENSURING THE PRESERVATION OF
LAHONTAN CUTTHROAT TROUT**



Great Basin™

GAS TRANSMISSION COMPANY

Great Basin Gas Transmission Company (Great Basin) plans to expand its existing natural gas pipeline infrastructure to support significant growth and increasing energy demand in northern Nevada.

The proposed **Great Basin 2028 Expansion Project** (the Project) will enhance the availability of reliable, on-demand energy by building on Great Basin's existing approximately 898-mile natural gas transmission system.



Natural gas is a critical component of Nevada's energy system, providing a safe, reliable, and affordable energy source for homes, businesses, industry, and electric generation.



For decades, Great Basin (formerly known as Paiute Pipeline Company) has safely operated and maintained its system, delivering dependable service that supports regional energy reliability and economic development.

Great Basin 2028 Expansion Project



Strengthening Energy Reliability for Northern Nevada

- Supports reliable energy for homes, businesses, and essential services in our communities
- Helps communities prepare for growth with long-term infrastructure planning
- Creates construction-related employment and demand for local services over multiple Project years
- Primarily co-located with existing utilities and roadways to reduce new land impacts

Project Snapshot



Expanded Natural Gas Infrastructure

Installation of approximately **230 miles of natural gas pipeline** and associated facilities, one new compressor station, and modifications to existing infrastructure.



Increased Capacity

Adds up to approximately **948,000 dekatherms** per day of new natural gas transportation capacity to meet the growing demand for reliable, resilient and on-demand energy in Northern Nevada.



Phased Development

The Project is currently in the **Planning & Development Phase** with an anticipated in service date of November 2028.



Federally Regulated

The Project is subject to approval from the **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)**, the lead federal agency overseeing review of the Project.

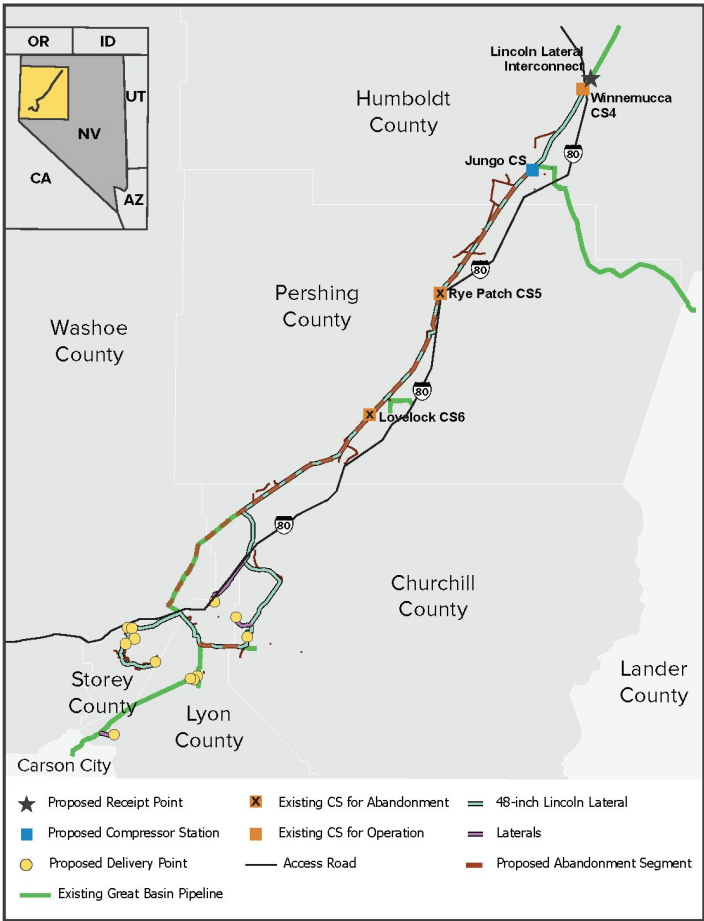
Project Location

The Project will be located entirely in northwestern Nevada, spanning from Winnemucca to west of Fernley, within the following counties:

- Humboldt County
 - Pershing County
 - Churchill County
- Washoe County
 - Storey County
 - Lyon County

The preliminary route is approximately 74% co-located with Great Basin’s existing facilities or other existing utilities and roadways.

Site-specific locations of aboveground facilities, contractor sites, and temporary workspaces are currently in development.



Project Timeline

2026

- Begin FERC Pre-Filing Process
- Hold public open houses
- Perform environmental and cultural field surveys
- Begin FERC National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) environmental review process
- Submit FERC application

2027

- Continue FERC NEPA environmental review process

2028

- Construction underway upon receiving approval from FERC
- Target in service date of November 2028

2029

- Project concludes and infrastructure is complete
- Great Basin will discuss with FERC the abandonment of pipeline and compressor station facilities that are no longer necessary after the Project is placed into service

Stay Up-to-Date

Check for Project Updates

Hosted on the Project website
<https://expansion2028.greatbasingtcprojects.com>

Connect with Great Basin

Via a toll-free number: (877) 428-1660
E-mail: GreatBasin-2028Expansion@swgas.com

Attend Local Public Open Houses

Held in locations along the Project route in March and August 2026
<https://expansion2028.greatbasingtcprojects.com>



Great Basin™
GAS TRANSMISSION COMPANY

About Great Basin Gas Transmission Company

Great Basin Gas Transmission Company (Great Basin), formerly known as Paiute Pipeline Company, is a wholly owned subsidiary of Southwest Gas Corporation. Great Basin owns and operates an interstate pipeline system which extends from the Idaho-Nevada border to the Nevada-California border. The Great Basin system also includes a liquefied natural gas peak shaving facility located near Lovelock, Nevada. Great Basin is a natural gas company subject to the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission under the Natural Gas Act.

Recruiting

The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe is proposing the following changes to the **Regulations Brochure**.

Deadline to submit your written comments is: **September 2, 2026 at 4:30 pm.**

Please send your written comments to:

Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe
ATTN: Tribal Secretary
PO Box 256
Nixon, NV 89424

Regulations working group proposed changes

Definitions

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Tribal Member, "tribal member" means an enrolled member of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe.

Changes: Page 24 and 25

ORIGINAL LANGUAGE: **Recreational off-highway vehicles (ROHVs)**, Off-highway vehicles are defined as: 1) 4-wheel drive jeeps, automobiles, pickups or sport utility vehicles; 2) motorcycles designed for cross-country use; 3) all-terrain vehicles, better known as ATVs and 4) snowmobiles, and 5) other specially designed or modified off-road motor vehicle used for recreation.

PROPOSED CHANGES: **Recreational off-highway vehicles (ROHVs)**, Off-highway vehicles are defined as : 1) 4-wheel drive jeeps, automobiles, pickups or sport utility vehicles; 2) motorcycles designed for cross-country use; 3) all-terrain vehicles, better known as ATVs and 4) snowmobiles, **and 5) E-bikes and 6) other specially designed or modified off-road motor vehicle used for recreation. ROHVs with Conventional motors and electric motors are both included in the definition**

Changes: Page 19

ORIGINAL LANGUAGE: **20.2 TRIBAL MEMBERS**, All Tribal members over 12 years of age fishing on the Reservation must have in their possession and after the person while fishing a valid issued and authorized Tribal membership identification card,

*PROPOSED CHANGES:***20.2 TRIBAL MEMBERS**, All Tribal members over the age of 12 **must have in their possession a valid, issued and authorized Tribal membership identification card while fishing.**

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ORIGINAL LANGUAGE: The open waters of Pyramid Lake will be open to trout fishing from October 1 through June 30 of each year. Trout Season will be closed from July 1 Through September 30.

PROPOSED CHANGES: The open waters of Pyramid Lake will be open **for fishing to all species except cui-ui** from October 1 through June 30 of each **fishing season. All fishing** will be closed from July 1 Through September 30. **Cui-ui caught must be immediately released.**

Remove section 16.1.1 From July 1 through September 30 the open waters of Pyramid Lake will be open to fishing to all species except trout and cui-ui, and will be limited to shore fishing only (wading permitted, but no boats, ladders or floatation devices may be used). Any trout or cui-ui caught must be immediately released.

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ORIGINAL LANGUAGE: 6.3 Boat landings are prohibited on closed or restricted areas

PROPOSED CHANGES: 6.3 Boat landings are prohibited on closed or restricted areas **including the eastern shorelines.**

ORIGINAL LANGUAGE: 5.4 TRUCKEE RIVER. Boating Closed Waters. The waters of the Truckee River 1 ¼ mile radius around the mouth of the Truckee River. Closure extends from the south end of the Cattleguard to the east end of Howards Bay at the sandy cliffs.

PROPOSED CHANGES: 5.4 TRUCKEE RIVER. **The waters of the Truckee River within the Reservation, including the area of Pyramid Lake located within a 1 ¼ mile radius around the mouth of the Truckee River. Closure extends from the south end of the Cattle guard to the east end of Howards Bay at the sandy cliffs.**

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Additions:

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SECTION 31: Surge Pricing

31.1 The Tribal Council may set a new pricing schedule for any upcoming events, holidays, or other happenings where a large number of people are expected to occupy areas of the reservation.

Section 32: Closures

32.1 The Tribal Council may close the purchase and sale of permits at its discretion.

32.2 The following dates are closed to all permit sales and purchases, including fireworks at the enterprises:

July 6 through 11 2027

July 6 through 12 2028

July 9 through 15 2029

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ORIGINAL LANGUAGE: 20.4 Tribal Fishing permit fees shall be as follows:

Adult: 1 Day	\$27.00	3-Day \$70.00
Youth: 1—Day	\$15.00	3-Day: \$39.00
Second Rod: 1-Day	\$27.00	3-Day: \$70.00

Proposed Changes: 20.4 Tribal Fishing permit fees shall be as follows:

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Second Rod: 1-Day	\$27.00	3-Day: \$70.00

Seasonal Permit: \$750.00 Available only from September 4th through September 30th

The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe is recruiting for 1 vacancy on the **Law and Order Committee.**

Deadline to submit your application is: **September 21, 2026 at 4:30 pm.**

Applicant must be 21 years of age and a resident of the Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation for at least 1 year.

Please send your application to:

**Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe
ATTN: Tribal Secretary
PO Box 256
Nixon, NV 89424**

