



Walker River Paiute Tribe

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How mu (Hello), my name is Genia Williams and I am the Chairman for the Walker River Paiute Tribe. My Tribe is called the Agai-Dicutta (Trout Eaters) of the Agai-Pah (Trout Lake or Walker Lake as it is called today). We are the Agai-Dicutta Band of the Northern Paiute Nation.

Welcome to our ancestral home of the Walker River Paiute Tribe. This area was part of our traditional homelands and Walker Lake is the heart of our reservation. The Agai-Dicutta Band of Northern Paiutes was the primary Tribe to settle in this area.

The Walker River Paiute Tribe is a federally recognized Tribe. Our Reservation was established on March 19, 1874 by Executive Order and is under the General Allotment Act of 1887. Before that time, the original Agai Dicutta "Trout Eaters" (Paiutes) were to be relocated along with other Bands to the Pyramid Lake Reservation. All of the Paiutes in Nevada were to be on one Reservation. Our native forefathers fought to remain in our own lands and even traveled to Washington, DC to make sure we were not moved, as there were five attempts to remove us from our ancestral lands. Our Reservation currently consists of nearly 325,000 acres and covers the whole valley from mountaintop, to mountaintop. It once included the entire Walker Lake and our sacred mountain, Mount Grant.

Our historical and cultural ties to Walker Lake are significant. Our members have relied on Walker Lake for subsistence since time immemorial, and as the reservation was established in 1874, it expressly included Walker Lake in recognition of the fact that the Tribe relied on its resources. In short, Walker Lake remains a critical part of our Tribal traditional and cultural values. Our elders believe that the Lake holds healing powers for our people.

The Lake depends on water provided by the Agai Hoop (or Trout River). Because of over-allocation of the water for irrigation purposes, the Lake suffers. The Tribe receives 1% of the system's water, even though we have the oldest water right of 1859.

When miners and ranchers moved into the area in the late 1800's and early 1900's, the Tribal lands were decreased and our beloved Walker Lake and Mount Grant were taken away. We, the Agai Dicutta still hold claim to those lands and will continue the fight to reclaim our ancestral lands back to the Numu (People).

EXHIBIT J Treasures

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Thank you for realizing that Walker Lake is a “Treasure”. It is our responsibility as a People, to do whatever we can to make sure that the Lake is sustained for future generations. Natural Treasures are to be enjoyed by ALL who come in contact with them. As you drive past the Lake on your way home, take in and enjoy it’s beauty and it’s personality, as it is definitely a “Treasure” that is still alive.

We have a short power point to show everyone.