

PYRAMID LAKE PAIUTE TRIBE



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The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribes' Reservation is located thirty five miles northeast of Reno, Nevada in a remote desert area located in the counties of Washoe, Lyon, and Storey. The area of the reservation contains 475,000 acres or 742.2 square miles. Out of this acreage approximately 112,000 acres cover the



surface of a terminal desert lake, Pyramid Lake. Pyramid Lake is one of the most valuable assets of the *Tribe* and is entirely enclosed within the boundaries of the Reservation. Pyramid Lake is approximately 15 miles long and 11 miles wide. Pyramid Lake measures 350 feet at it's deepest point.

The **Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe** is governed by 10 Tribal Council members who are elected bi-annually in December and on staggered two year terms. The tribe operates under the Indian Reorganization Act Constitution and By-Laws approved on January 26, 1936 by the Department of Interior.

In 1993, reservation residents numbers 1,603 individuals, 802 males and 801 females. 45% of the population resides in Wadsworth, Nevada; and 15% of the population resides in Sutcliffe, Nevada. The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe has approx. 2,253 enrolled members. The membership statistic is an approximate number as this total changes from month to month

based on membership approvals and other action taken by the Tribal Council for relinquishments and disenrollments. The majority of enrolled Tribal members reside on the reservation, approximately 12% of this membership reside in other areas throughout the Western United States. The **Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe** has a 56% employment rate and a 44% unemployment rate. The majority of the reservation resident population are young, comprised of individuals under age thirty-five (35) years. The median age is twenty-two (22) years.

Much of the economy on the Pyramid Lake Reservation is centered around fishing and recreational activities at Pyramid Lake. In addition to these permit fees, the *Tribe* also receives lease revenue, and tax revenue. The *Tribe* receives 60% of the monthly net income amount earned by the Tribal Enterprises (I-80 Smokeshop and Campground/Pyramid Lake Marina). Several Tribal members belong to the Pyramid Lake Cattleman's Cooperative Association and the Association utilizes the reservation desert open range to operate and manage the individual cattle herds.

The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe has a Government to Government Relationship with the Federal Government. Therefore, the *Tribe* contracts with or receives grants directly from Federal Agencies or

the State of Nevada, to provide services to the Tribal members and residents of the Reservation. Examples of the types of services provided include:

- [2004 Tribal Council](#)
- [Child Care](#)
- [Economic Development](#)
- [Enrollment Services](#)
- [Environmental Department](#)
- [Environmental Conferences](#)
- [Finance Department](#)
- [Fisheries](#)
- [Health Services](#)
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- [Law Enforcement](#)
- [Maintenance](#)
- [Museum](#)
- [Numaga Senior Center](#)
- [Parks & Recreation](#)
- [PL Rangers](#)
- [Pyramid Lake High School \(Pyramid Lake Lakers\)](#)
- [Social Services](#)
- [Sumunumu](#)
- [Tax Department](#)
- [Technology Services](#)
- [Water Resources Department](#)



The revenue generated by the *Tribe* is used to support local Tribal government activities and to supplement the programs that provide direct services to the Tribal members or residents.



- **"The Tribe announces two RFPs to develop a resort near the Lake and a commercial venture in Wadsworth."**
Deadlines for submittal are October 19, 2004

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