

Leviathan Mine Superfund Site TSFWG – September 19th 2023

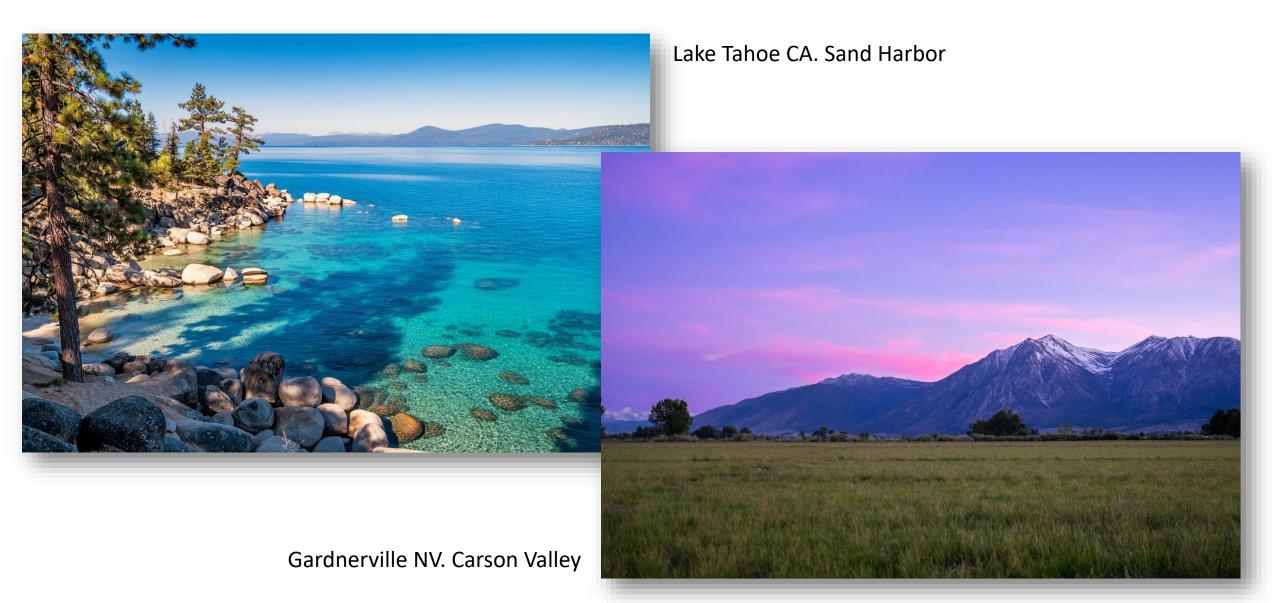
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Presentation Outline

- Washoe Homelands "The Place We Call Home."
- Washoe Leviathan Team.
- Leviathan Site Location/History
- NPL Listing
- "Challenges We Faced."
- Washoe Tribe & EPA coordination / Involvement
- In-person site visit / Washoe Tribal Administration involvement.
- Concerns

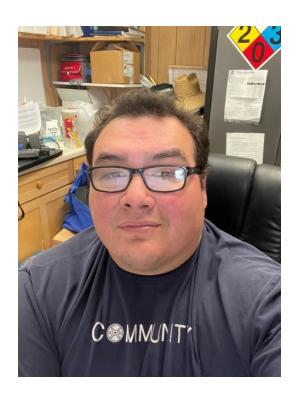


The Place We Call Home





New Washoe Leviathan Team



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Rhiana Jones, Washoe Environmental Protection, Director

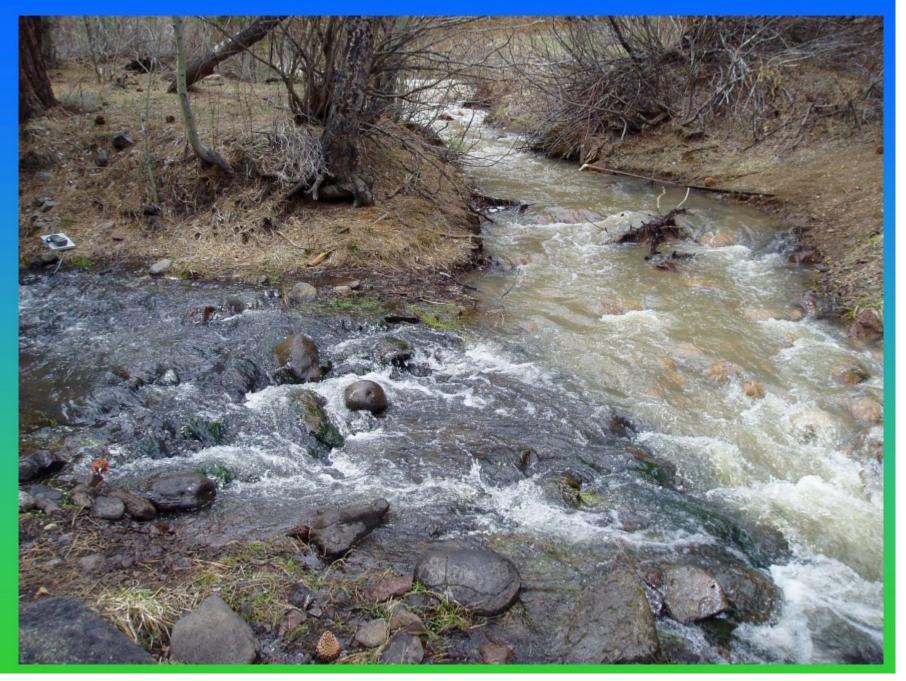


James Gatzke,
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September 1969, East Fork Carson River at Bryant Creek

Confluence of Leviathan and Mountaineer Creeks 1990s



Washoe Tribe and Leviathan Mine

- The Tribe gets re-involved back around 2016. Received funding to participate in calls, meetings, store documents.
- Leviathan Mine gets moved back under the Tribe's Environmental Protection Department.
- Learning Process for the Tribe.

Stop Here

2000 National Priorities Listing / Washoe Involvement

- Washoe Tribe pushed for EPA to investigate on going concerns about the site in 1997.
- Fall 1997 EPA attempted to install active treatment systems to reduce storage pond volume of AMD. Not successful.
- 1999 the State of California funded the treatment of 4 million gallons of mine drainage in ponds.
- May of 2000, Leviathan placed on NPL list and designated a Superfund Site.

Challenges with how our Tribe is Structured

- Four (4) Tribal Communities
 - Dresslerville (largest)
 - Woodfords
 - Carson Colony
 - Stewart
- Each community has its own Tribal Council
- Main Tribal Council
- New members on Tribal Council, different perspectives. Bring members up to speed. How do we do that?

Physical Site Visits / Tribal Council Involvement

- Washoe Tribe looking forward to have boots on the ground experience.
- Washoe Tribal Council getting the opportunity to see the site.
- Tribal Council being updated on the RI/FS status.







Washoe Community Involvement

- Meeting with EPA regarding their Community Involvement Plan.
- Reaching out to community Tribal Councils.
- Presentations to the communities.
- Environmental Department newsletters.
- Social Media
- Looking at historical documents/recordings.
- What are some outreach you are doing with your tribal communities that have been working?



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