

## ***Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe***

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### **RE: COMMUNITY UPDATE REGARDING ICE**

To the Pyramid Lake Tribal members,

In an ongoing effort to be proactive with the different Law enforcement agencies in our area, I met with the Nevada ICE Supervisory Agent. This is an absolute must for our Tribe, the reason to reach out to such agencies provides the Tribe an opportunity to educate these federal and state agencies on the direct sovereignty that we, as Tribal Members share. During our meeting I was joined by fellow Chairman Daryl Gardipe from the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony. We were accompanied by our Chiefs of Police, Chief Parsons of Pyramid Lake and Chief Nunes of RSIC.

The Supervisory agent was very helpful in explaining their operations. An important piece of their job duties is they are focused on targeted operations to individuals that are known non-citizens. Even with the enforcement of those operations, it was said they will **not** conduct those operations on Tribal lands. Being told about this non entering of Tribal lands, both Chairmans made it a point to make sure all staff are educated on the areas that are Tribal Reservation. Again, this is part of the education piece, so they are made aware of the various additions to both of our land bases over the years.

Copies of our Enrollment cards were provided as examples of our inherent rights as Tribal Citizens. These cards are a direct line of the sovereignty that we carry with us during our travels. I strongly encourage all Tribal Members to update their enrollment cards if needed. Most do carry an expiration date and if you are in possession of one without, it possibly means that you also don't have your picture on it as well. It is also good practice to make sure the Enrollment Office has your current mailing address when you move. This is our direct line of correspondence for our important messaging.

The Enrollment Office is looking into the possibility of further upgrades to our enrollment cards in the future, including a scannable bar code.

It is important to note that not everything you read on Facebook, or the media, unfortunately, can be taken as factual. The false information that was spread a few weeks ago only stirred the pot in an otherwise shaky period of our lives. It can be difficult to piece together all of the information, but the goals of my office are to educate, inform and work with all agencies in the area. Sometimes it is difficult with the current regime in DC, but it is nonetheless our cause to make sure that not only are our Tribal Members safe and healthy, but our Lake and River receive the same courtesy.

Diligently,



Steven Wadsworth, Tribal Chairman  
Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe.