

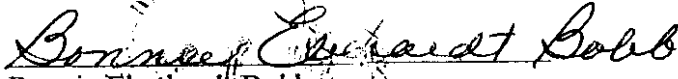
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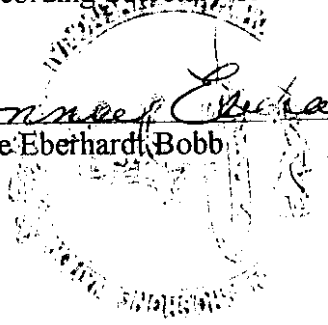
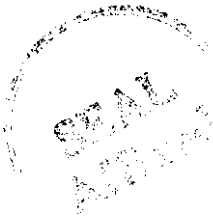
NOTICE

“Western Shoshone National Council Reaffirms Sovereignty” and “Proclamation #1-95 Western Shoshone National Council: Western Shoshone National Government” was printed in the Western Shoshone Defense Project Newsletter, Vol. 4, No. 1, pp. 12-13, the Winter/Spring/ Summer, 1996 issue. A Charter of Self Government was presented to the Secretary General of the United Nations on December 15, 1996.

The Proclamation was promulgated around the world and locally to all persons public and private. The phone number/fax listed to obtain copies of the original has been changed to: (702) 879-3237.

As Recording Secretary of Western Shoshone National Council, I certify the above to be true.

  
Bonnie Eberhardt Bobb



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# Western Shoshone National Council



## Reaffirms Sovereignty!

Since the inception of the "Treaty of Ruby Valley of 1863," the Western Shoshone government and its representatives have filed with the United States Federal government, grievances and protests with regard to gross violations of the treaty. Additionally, the Western Shoshone government continue diplomatic efforts with the United States government to enforce its own "Supreme Law of the Land" and for confirmation and recognition of Western Shoshone sovereignty, land area, natural resources and basic human rights. Diplomatic efforts to date have not succeeded but these diplomatic channels remain open. In an effort to clarify the position of the National Council, a Charter of Self-Government was presented to the Secretary General of the United Nations on December 15th, 1994. This document reaffirmed Western Shoshone sovereignty to the world. It is to this end that the following is served.

### Proclamation # 95

## Western Shoshone National Council Western Shoshone National Government and as directed to the United States Federal Government and its Offices and Agencies

#### WHEREAS

the Northwest Ordinance of July 13, 1787 which is part of the organic laws of the United States, declares that the United States will always observe the utmost good faith towards the Indians and their lands and property shall never be taken from them without their consent and in their property, rights and liberty, they shall never be invaded or disturbed and,

#### WHEREAS

the United States of America in 1863 entered into a treaty at Ruby Valley with the Western Shoshone Nation, a treaty which was ratified by the Western Shoshone Government and by the Congress of the United States and,

#### WHEREAS

the United States Federal Government thereby recognized the Western Shoshones as "a people distinct from others" and therefore recognized them as a nation and,

#### WHEREAS

the Congressional legislation establishing the Territory of Nevada declares that the lands of the Indians constitute no part of the Territory of Nevada without their consent and not to be included within such territorial limits or jurisdiction of any state or territory and,

#### WHEREAS

the Treaty of Ruby Valley was not a treaty of cession, meaning that the Western Shoshones did not thereby cede their lands to the United States of America and,

#### WHEREAS

the Western Shoshones have never knowingly or freely consented to cede or relinquish their lands to the United States nor agreed to allow their lands to constitute any part of the Territory or State of Nevada and,

#### WHEREAS

the Western Shoshone people have lived on their lands for thousands of years in keeping with their laws and theology and,

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**WHEREAS**

the Western Shoshone Nation has the eriegn right to de-  
termine for itself its own form of govermnt and,

**WHEREAS**

on December 8, 1994, the United Nati declared the be-  
ginning of the Decade for the Indigenousoples of the World  
and

**WHEREAS**

on December 15, 1994, the Western Shone National Coun-  
cil reaffirmed its sovereign status to the mational commu-  
nity by delivering a resolution to the Secary General of the  
United Nations and

**WHEREAS**

the territory and lands of the Western Shone Nation is not  
a part of the State of Nevada, nor a part the United States  
of America, but a separate and indepent sovereign na-  
tion as recognized by treaty relations with federal govern-  
ment of the United States

**THEREFORE**

Western Shoshone Law is the Supreme l of the Land within the bound-  
aries of the Western Shoshone Nation, in-ping with the laws given to us  
by our Ah-peh (Father)

Further, according to the United States Ctitation, Article VI, Section 2; the  
judges of the states are bound by the elations of treaties made by the  
United States and,

The Western Shoshone National Councilreby notifies you that you lack  
jurisdiction within the Territory of the West Shoshone Nation, and are there-  
fore operating under color of law outside lawful authority of the Western  
Shoshone Nation and,

This notice served by Proclamation to inn you that the United States Fed-  
eral Government lacks legitimate jurisdic on the so-called public lands as  
outlined on the enclosed Western Shosh territorial map and,

However, be advised that the Western Shone National Government does  
not at this time take issue with privately t lands, towns and cities with the  
exception of lands now being held by ain railroads and other corpora-  
tions and entities operating within the Wen Shoshone Territory and,

It is the policy of the Western Shoshone lunal Council to work to maintain  
peaceful and cooperative relations between Western Shoshones and non-  
Western Shoshones on the condition that Western Shoshones honor and  
respect the legitimate existence of the Wern Shoshone Nation as well as  
the rights of the Western Shoshone peop.

Map of  
**WESTERN SHOSHONE NATION**



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This day February 6, 1995  
Raymond D. Yowell, Chief  
Western Shoshone National Cocil  
Western Shoshone Nation

Copies of the original Charter of  
Self-Government can be obtained by  
contacting the WSNC at P.O. Box 210,  
Indian Springs, Nevada, 89018-0210,  
phone/fax(702)879-5203

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