

Site Visit Report (Confederated Tribes of the Goshute)

On Friday May 7, 2010, we left our Wendover hotel and headed to the Goshute Tribe in Ibapah, UT. We were on the schedule with the Goshute Council, so we presented our information and talked with the council members. We later met with Clell Pete, Goshute EPA. We sat down in his office and discussed their environmental issues, current activities involving the EPA department, and future plans.

Visit with Clell Pete, Goshute EPA:

- Environmental Issues:
 - Wetlands- the Goshute wetlands are fading, and the livestock are overgrazing, not giving the plants time enough to grow
 - Bonneville Cutthroat Trout- endangered species, Natural Resources working on license for fishing because too much recreational fishing.
 - Diabetes & Asthma

- Current Activities:
 - Wind power- Monitoring one wind powered machine in the mountains
 - Bottled water- want to get bottled water on the Goshute reservations
 - Drinking water- EPA testing the drinking water, report to Roger Yates in San Francisco
 - Aquifers- maintenance on the aquifers for the reservation, 2 (lower and upper)
 - Solid Waste- Sanitary truck provided by tribe every Tuesday, picks up waste and takes to Wendover

- Future Plans:
 - Well head protection- water wells need a protection plan
 - Earth day- must post pone until the weather is good enough to have it
 - Dump cleanups
 - Recycling in the community

- Goshute Council:
 - Discussions:
 - Travel- would like to have more visits with Liaison Office (at least once a year)
 - Water- underground tanks have spillage, old abandoned mine sites can drain into water systems.
 - Mines- extension of mines, digging up Native American graves and moving them without consideration of the Goshute people, very upset.
 - BLM- turned down permits for groundwater proposal.
 - Ruby Pipeline- worried about consultation, they have voiced opinions, ITCN taken no action yet, settling with tribes by offering jobs
 - Funding- anything with EPA they are slashing funds, council thinks they suspect “illegal” activity