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Nixon, NV, 4/18/11: Effective immediately the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe has closed the access road (Tribal Route #5) to and the area near the Pyramid on the East side of Pyramid Lake to the general public until further notice. Citing recent vandalism to the area and the cultural importance of the area to Tribal Members, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Council at their April 15th meeting made the decision to close the area to the general public until further notice.

Persons caught in this area will be cited for trespass pursuant to the provisions of the Law and Order Code and may face fines. “Recent vandalism and concerns over public safety have lead to the closure of this area to the general public in order to prevent additional damage to this sacred area for the Tribe” Tribal Chairman Wayne Burke stated. “The Tribe needs time clean up damage and to come up with a plan for this area that will allow for responsible use of the area for both Tribal Members and visitors to Pyramid Lake” Chairman Burke added.

The closure only applies to access road (Tribal Route #5) and the area near the Pyramid on the East side of Pyramid Lake, all other areas open to the public on the reservation can still be accessed with appropriate Tribal Permits. The closure also does not apply to Tribal members. For more information about the Pyramid Lake Tribal Regulations, please visit www.pyramidlake.us or call 1-775-476-1155.

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Photos of vandalism near the Pyramid on the East side of Pyramid Lake. All Photos Courtesy of Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe
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About Pyramid Lake and its People

Pyramid Lake is located about 35 miles Northeast of Reno, NV and is the property of and managed by the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe. Pyramid Lake is known as being North America’s most beautiful desert lake and home to many year round recreational activities. Pyramid Lake was designated as one of the first National Scenic Byways in the country and was the first scenic byway entirely on an Indian reservation. The lake occupies 112,000 surface acres inside the reservation boundary and has a shoreline of approximately 125 miles. The lake has no outlet and is a residual body remaining from the prehistoric Great Lake Lahontan water body. The lake is fed primarily by the Truckee River and is world famous fishery for the Lahontan Cutthroat Trout and Cui-ui, which are on the endangered species list. The Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation is comprised of 476,728 acres. The over 2,500 Tribal members are direct descendants of the Northern Paiute people who have occupied the vast areas of the Great Basin for thousands of years. For more information about Pyramid Lake or its people please visit the Pyramid Lake Museum and Visitors Center in Nixon or log on to www.pyramidlake.us.

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