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Breaking
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**The
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JUST**

dropped the final Legislative Environmental Impact Statement (LEIS) on the Desert National Wildlife Refuge. This bomb of a proposal was ironically released during National Wildlife Refuge Week; what a way to celebrate the destruction of one of the largest, most intact and wild refuges in the lower 48. I hope you are as outraged as we are! At first glance it does not appear that the military listened to the 32,000 comments submitted during the draft process or at the public meetings, rejecting their expansion proposals and opposing the shutting down of public access.

Here are the links to the military proposal:

Final LEIS Documents: http://www.nttrleis.com/final_documents.aspx

General Website: <http://www.nttrleis.com>

#DontBombtheBighorn: Save The Desert National Wildlife Refuge (Trailer)

October 31, 2018: The Desert Refuge makes NPR's State of Nevada

Our Southern Nevada Director, Jose Witt, appears on NPR's State of Nevada expert panel to express how military expansion into the Desert National Wildlife Refuge will impact the public and why it must not be allowed.

Read full article and download the audio on the NPR State of Nevada Website [here](#).

DON'T BOMB THE BIGHORN UPDATE: The desert bighorn sheep thank you for your outpouring of support for them and for their home in the Desert National Wildlife Refuge!

In total, 32,000 of us sent comments to the Air Force in favor of keeping the Desert National Wildlife Refuge as it stands today! This amazing accomplishment is thanks to people like you. The comment period and public meetings are over, but our work to protect the refuge still has a long way to go. We will continue working with our Nevada Congressional delegation, the media, local elected officials and others to show strong support for permanent protection of the Desert Refuge as Wilderness. "Don't Bomb the Bighorn!"

The [Desert National Wildlife Refuge](#), just outside the city lights of Las Vegas, is nearly 1.6 million acres and home to one of Nevada's largest desert bighorn sheep populations. In 1971, about 1.2 million acres of the Desert Refuge were proposed as Wilderness by the US Fish & Wildlife Service. Immediately threatened by this round of military expansion is the broader Sheep Range proposed Wilderness ([Sheep Range](#), [Las Vegas Range](#), [Gass Peak](#)).

On December 7, 2017, the military released their Legislative Environmental Impact Statement (LEIS) with details on how much more of the refuge and proposed Wilderness they want to take over - it is a LOT! Hundreds of you turned out to the military's public meetings in January and 32,000 comments went into the military opposing their expansion by the end of the comment period in March. We have been working feverishly to ensure that the word is out about what is happening just north of Las Vegas in the Desert National Wildlife Refuge.

The Air Force still wants to withdraw an additional 300,000 acres of the Desert Refuge to add to their monstrous 2.9 million acre Nevada Testing & Training Range! We will need to continue the fight!

The Final Legislative Environmental Impact Statement (LEIS) for the proposed expansion of the Nevada Testing and Training Range into the Desert National Wildlife Refuge was officially released October 26, 2018. Since it has been released, a motion for congressional vote on which alternatives to pass can be introduced at any time! We are determined to put the pressure on our Nevada elected officials to stand up for the Desert Refuge by exercising the status quo alternative which keeps the refuge open for public access.

If you haven't already, please sign our [Save The Desert petition](#) to our Nevada Congressional Delegation. We're also urging all opponents of this expansion to directly contact your [elected representatives](#). Let's tell them #DontBombTheBighorn!!

[SIGN OUR PETITION TO THE NEVADA CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION](#)

[Click here to read more about the military's jurisdiction over the Desert Refuge, and what's at stake if they intrude further on refuge lands.](#)

BACKGROUND

In the 1940's, the military gained joint administration with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service of the western half of the Refuge. This eliminated public access and called any future wilderness designation for that portion of the Refuge into question. Now, the Air Force is looking to seize control of most of what's left of the [Desert National Wildlife Refuge](#). This would not only threaten wildlife and indefinitely close public access, it would remove the possibility of future wilderness designation for the area. Most of the Refuge was recommended for Wilderness in the 1970's by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and it is up to us to make sure these high quality wild lands do not become lost forever! The Air Force is currently seeking public comment. It is critical you voice your concerns and oppose any transfer of the [Desert National Wildlife Refuge](#) to the military.

Originally protected in 1936 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt to provide habitat for the iconic desert bighorn sheep, the [Desert National Wildlife Refuge](#) (DNWR) is the second largest wildlife refuge in the United States and the largest wildlife refuge in the contiguous United States. Since the Refuge was established, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has managed the Refuge to protect its rich biological diversity and wildlife habitat, maintain the integrity of the recommended wilderness areas, and safeguard invaluable cultural resources. The military already controls millions of acres of land in Nevada and they have unlimited ability to fly over the Refuge for training purposes. We have already sacrificed enough of the Desert Refuge, it is time to make a stand for what remains.

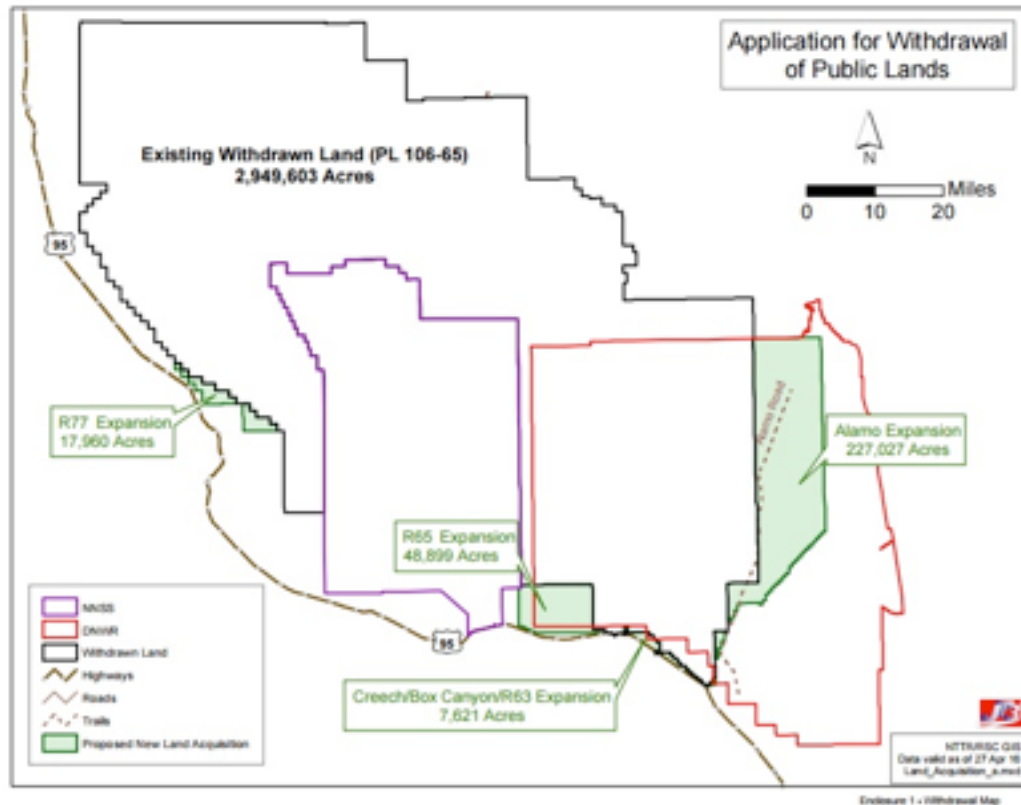
Please stand up for one of our nation's most precious resources – [The Desert National Wildlife Refuge](#) with its large tracts of undisturbed wild lands that provide invaluable habitat for threatened, sensitive, and endangered wildlife species.

At the end of 2016, the Department of Defense released a draft of their proposed alternatives to the current management in their scoping plan. They accepted comments about this scoping document and are using the input they received to release another draft of proposed alternatives to management for the Refuge. Thank you to everyone that submitted comments and who attended public meetings to make their voice heard.

Friends of Nevada Wilderness submitted a comprehensive letter that addressed our concerns on impacts to wildlife, proposed wilderness, and public access to the Department of Defense in regards to the expansion proposal.

[Read Friends of Nevada Wilderness' submitted letter here](#)

Air Force Proposal - [View the Air Force proposal website here.](#)



About the [Desert National Wildlife Refuge](#)
 Created in 1936 to provide habitat and protection for desert bighorn sheep, the Desert National Wildlife Refuge is the largest refuge in the contiguous United States.

Encompassing six major mountain ranges and nearly 1.6 million acres in Nevada, it provides the highest quality, intact habitat for desert bighorn sheep and other wildlife that depend on Great Basin and Mojave Desert ecosystems. With the exponential growth of Las Vegas over the past decades reaching right up to the refuge boundary, this haven for wildlife is critical.

Last year, Senator Harry Reid and Congressman Joe Heck helped prevent the transfer of more than 800,000 acres of National Wildlife Refuge System lands from becoming bombing ranges to the Air Force. Unfortunately, the latest attack on southern Nevada's wild gem, the [Desert National Wildlife Refuge](#) is yet again under attack - this time directly under military request.

Don't Bomb the Bighorn!

Resources

- [U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Wilderness Appendix for DNWR](#)
- [Desert National Wildlife Refuge website](#)
- [Friends of Nevada Wilderness Expansion Comments](#)
- [History & Timeline of the Desert National Wildlife Refuge](#)
- [National Wildlife Refuge Association Petition](#)
- [PBS Outdoor Nevada episode on the Desert National Wildlife Refuge](#)
- <http://video.vegaspbs.org/video/2365827320/>

Related News Articles:

[Desert Companion: By Land and By Air](#)

[Las Vegas Review Journal: Conservationists Sound Alarm Over Air Force Plan \(Sept. 15, 2016\)](#)

[Pentagon to Lawmakers: Let Interior Keep Refuge](#)

[One View: Proposed Military Base Expansions Threatens 800k Acres](#)

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National Opportunities

Support for Social Justice Efforts in the U.S., Haiti, and Mexico

The Peace Development Fund believes that the change in values needed to establish a more just and peaceful world can come about only if it is strongly rooted in local communities that recognize the importance of building movements to create systemic social change.

Student Technology Projects Addressing Environmental Challenges Funded

The Captain Planet Foundation is dedicated to giving the next generation of environmental stewards an active understanding and love for the natural world in which they live.

Grants Strengthen Healthcare for People with Disabilities

The mission of the WITH Foundation is to promote the establishment of comprehensive healthcare for adults with developmental disabilities designed to address their unique and fundamental needs.

Conflict Resolution Training for Youth Supported

The JAMS Foundation/ACR Initiative for Students and Youth provides grants for conflict prevention and dispute resolution programs for K-12 students and for adults working with youth populations in ways that directly transfer Conflict Resolution Education (CRE) skills from adults to youth.

Regional Opportunities

Funds for Healthcare Programs in Massachusetts

The Massachusetts Medical Society and Alliance Charitable Foundation is dedicated to addressing issues that affect the health, benefit, and welfare of communities throughout Massachusetts.

Grants Promote Initiatives for Minnesota's Children and Youth

The Sheltering Arms Foundation provides grants to nonprofit organizations in Minnesota that benefit children and families who have the least access to resources.

Support for Transformative Health Efforts in Idaho

The mission of the Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health is to build a healthier Idaho through catalytic engagement, partnerships, and transformational solutions.

Programs to Enhance Communities in Appalachian OH, PA, and WV Funded

The EQT Foundation supports nonprofit organizations in the communities where the company operates in eastern Ohio, southwestern Pennsylvania, and northern West Virginia.

Federal Opportunities

Program Addresses Mental Illness

The Statewide Consumer Network Program seeks to improve efforts to address the needs of adults with serious mental illness by developing or expanding peer support services, peer leadership, and peer engagement strategies statewide.

Funds Available for Pre-Disaster Mitigation

The Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program provides support to state, local, and tribal governments to implement and sustain cost-effective measures designed to reduce the risk to individuals and property from natural hazards, while also reducing reliance on federal funding from future disasters.



Calendar

**[Nevada Indian Commission Second Quarter Board Meeting](#) 12/03/2018
9:30am**

**[Stewart Indian School, Home of the Braves Documentary Premiere](#) 12/17/2018
**[Northern Nevada Premiere at: Nevada Museum of Art](#) 160 W. Liberty St.
Reno, NV 89501
[Doors open at 4pm VIP Reception @ 5:30 Film starts at 6:15](#)****

**[Reservations:](#)
<https://48677.blackbaudhosting.com/48677/tickets?tab=2&txobjid=f01e9a4a-e40e-44e4-a260-87336a505943>**

And Just Down the Street from Stewart: Nevada State Children's Home in 1940



Permanent Link: <http://photos.aroundcarson.com/details/20060307orphanage1940>

Shortlink: <http://photos.aroundcarson.com/d/245>

http://aroundcarson.com/2006/03/23/nevada_state_childrens_home_then_and_now/#comment

Anonymous [September 15, 2007 at 9:48 am](#)

My two brothers and I lived at the home from July, 1954 to November, 1956. We were from Elko, NV and had been sent to the home because we were declared by the local judge as “vandals”. I was seven years old when I arrived and it is still hard for me to believe that I could have been so “dangerous” that my bother’s and I should be committed to a state institution. I did discover some years later that the Elko County Sheriff’s office and local child welfare office had determined that our parents were simply too neglectful and irresponsible. We surely were wild Indians which suited us since our mother was a member of the Temoak Band of the Western Shoshones. I do have very fond memories of our time at the home and believe that it helped give me an insight of what life could be like instead of living from hand to mouth like we were accustomed to. I found our time there to be a very positive experience and think of it quite often now that I’m getting older.

November 29, 2009 at 8:33 am

I lived there from 1969-1973 – in cottage 5 then 4. The Osbourne’s with Hattie Becker as sub in 5 and the Henson’s in 4 with Mrs. Miller as sub.

I found this site because I was trying to find out the name of the man who started sponsoring Christmas in about 1971 – I thought his name was Mr. May – and that he was an owner of May

Company. When I looked that up – I come up empty. Anyway, what magnificent Christmas's we had. Harrah's Casino in Reno sponsored us, and then "Mr. May" started too. Plus the various women's groups/churchs that would make us scarves/hats, etc. I always tell people how wonderful those holidays were. At least until after the gift opening was over – and many of the kids got to go home or with a relative. "Mr. May" also sponsored a couple of the kids – the Williams kids and then Vicky Tobey I think. I hope that gave them back some advantage and they have been able to be successful.

Another highlight – our summer trips to the Girl Scout camp at Tahoe. Remember the contests after every meal where we made stuff out of our plates, etc and they gave us huge candy bars when we won? I remember making myself sick eating all that chocolate – taking the bus down the mountain and them having to pull over so I could "visit the side of the road". Ugh.

And the annual vacations – it was something to look forward to, and mostly fun. Can't imagine how those poor hotel staff felt when 70 rowdy kids decended on them.

FYI – you can get your records – they will send you a copy of whatever they have on file (except court records) – you want to contact the Nevada State Library and Archives, 100 N. Stewart St., Carson City, NV 89701 775-684-3313

I found my records to be very interesting reading – funny the things that they felt they should record and the things they didn't. Throwing 10 year old children into jail at the county police station as a disciplinary measure never made their documentation – nor did beatings. Opinions were allowed however. Interesting how it works – and how things have turned out.

I am making a project of collecting stories of children (and staff if they want) – stories of how you got there, what happened while you were there (good and bad) and where you are now. I know that there have to be success stories out there. You can send your stories to: nsch.stories@gmail.com – and Michael, your website isn't working right now, but when it is, please send me an email – thanks. (Anon)

mia wackerly [May 16, 2011 at 9:16 am](#)

hi michael, i remember you, i was in #4 with the hennens. 68/75 i do have a few good memories and some not so good. i dated a young man from stewart indian school, Luke Williams and he use to come play music in the rec room so we could have dances. I had a horse and i would ride in all the parades in town. i hope your doing good , god bless you and your family. feel free to write me any time. you can find me on fb under mia green, or mias89240@yahoo.com. take care.

Madelyn Colautti-Leonard [September 16, 2012 at 2:52 am](#)

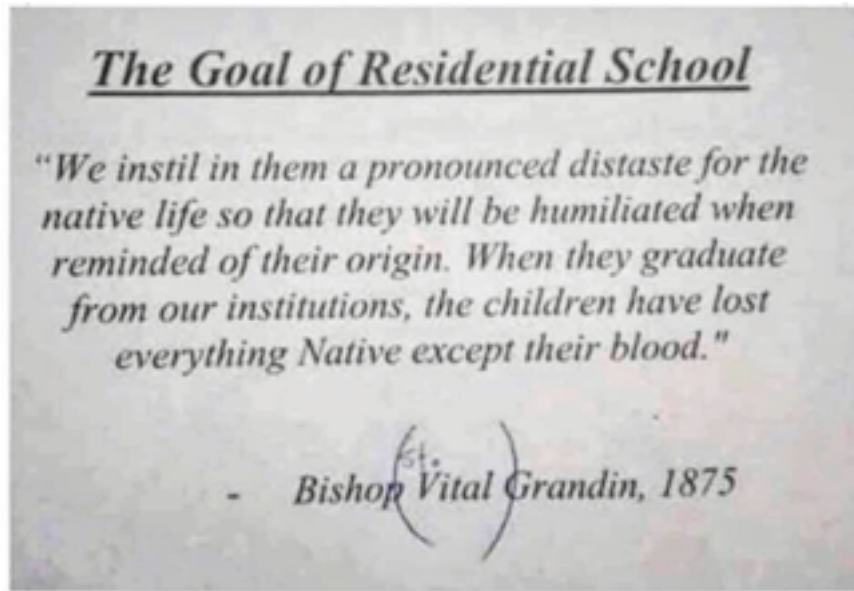
There is a big ledger, now located in the State Archives in which the name of every child admitted from the beginning (I think 1879; I think John Heinz was the name of the first child admitted.) until I'm not sure when or if they continued to record names in the book past my time. I graduated and aged out in 1964; My sister's and my names are in the book. The ledger was available for us to peruse during the reunion. You might contact the Nevada State Library and Archives.

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Hi neighbors! I work for JVS, a nonprofit in SF that helps people build in-demand skills and find good jobs in the Bay Area. We're teaming up with San Francisco State

University's College of Extended Learning and the SF Department of Public Health to offer a free 10-week course followed by 160 hours clinical externship at the DPH. Training starts on January 14th. We're looking for individuals who are passionate about working with the public, fast learners, and committed hard workers who are ready to kickstart their healthcare careers. You'll gain the necessary skills and certifications you need to gain entry-level positions as Medical Assistants in clinics, physician offices and other outpatient facilities. Coursework includes learning about a variety of clinical procedures, assisting with minor surgery, performing electrocardiograms, administering medications, educating patients and maintaining equipment in an ambulatory care setting. Successful students will earn their MA cert from SFSU, a BLS Provider Cert, as well as preparation to sit the state board qualifying exam (CCMA-C). To qualify for this free program, you must be 18 years or older, have basic math and literacy skills, be authorized to work in the U.S., and have a HS diploma or equivalent. Must be committed to completing training and ready to start a career! Learn more and submit an application and resume today: <https://www.jvs.org/macourse>



THE SHOSHONEANS



By Edward Dorn | Photographs by Leroy Lucas
Edited by Matthew Huter | Foreword by Simon J. Lee

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Another interesting point of view: <https://www.indigenous-americans.com>

National Museum of the American Indian Through 2020

The Great Inka Road: Engineering an Empire

Construction of the Great Inka Road stands as one of the monumental engineering achievements in history. The road continues to serve contemporary Andean communities across Columbia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Argentina and Chile as a sacred space and symbol of cultural continuity. The presentation explores the foundations of the Great Inka Road in earlier Andean cultures, technologies that make building the road possible, the cosmology and political organization of the Inka world, and the legacy of the Inka Empire during the colonial period and in the present day.

