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Request for Proposal (RFP) Walker River Paiute Tribe - Water Resources Department



Mono Lake, seen on Aug. 8, has been stressed by the drought. (David McNew/Getty Images)

“We do not submit this request lightly.”

Mono Lake was supposed to have been saved by now. In 1994, after a lengthy environmental campaign, state regulators put caps on how much water Los Angeles could import from the receding Eastern Sierra lake. Yet it remains about 40 feet below the level it was before Los Angeles began drawing its water in the 1940s. Now the state is reviewing an environmental group's request that the city be forced to cease diversions. [L.A. Times](#)



PEACEFUL MARCH

JANUARY 5, 2023

RENO, NV
FROM 8AM - 3PM

**This Peaceful March is Grounded in Native American Spiritual Prayer
Come with a Clean Heart, Mind, Body & Spirit**

8:00 am at
RSIC Smoke Shop 2
901 Golden Lane

1.6 miles



10:00 am at
Bruce R. Thompson Courthouse
400 S Virginia St.
Peaceful demonstration 10am-3pm

**Oral arguments will be heard on January 5th regarding the Thacker Pass
Litigation Case.**

**LET'S DEMONSTRATE OUR SOLIDARITY TO
PROTECT PEEHEE MU'HUH/THACKER PASS**

**Plan accordingly for weather. Watch your food, warm drink & water intake.
Lunch & warm drinks will be provided.**

Sign Making Event on January 3,
2023 from 6-8pm at Reno PLAN
Office: 1475 Terminal Way Suite C2

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**Great Basin
Resource Watch**
(775) 741-1931



**People of
Red Mountain**
peopleofredmountain@gmail.com

**Thacker Pass Protectors to March and Rally Outside Federal Court on Thursday,
January 5th!**

Tribal Chairman: "It's Our Responsibility to Protect Sacred Sites"

Media photo, video and interview opportunity:

WHO: Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Chairman, Arlan D. Melendez; Other Plaintiffs & Tribal Members participating in Peaceful March.

WHAT: Peaceful March grounded in Native American Spiritual Prayer while final oral arguments will be heard regarding the Thacker Pass Litigation Case (see attached for flyer)

WHEN: TOMORROW, Thursday, January 5, 2023

March starts at 8am, Smokeshop 1 (901 Golden Lane). Peaceful March will start with a Prayer by a Tribal Elder, Remarks by Chairman Melendez, and Organizers will rally the marchers before the march.

Arrive Federal Building at 10am (400 South Virginia Street);

Rally & Invited Speakers 10am-3pm at Federal Building.

WHERE: 10am-3pm at Bruce R. Thompson Courthouse, 400 South Virginia Street, Reno, NV 89502

Plan Ahead Calendar - Oakland Museum of California

OMCA GIFTED THE PERSONAL ARCHIVE OF DUGAN AGUILAR

We are honored to receive the personal archive of Native American photographer, Dugan Aguilar. The collection, gifted by Aguilar's family, will be featured in an exhibition celebrating the photographer in the fall of 2024.

Of Mountain Maidu/Pit River/Walker River Paiute heritage, Aguilar was an important figure in the revitalization of native traditions. From 1982 until his death in 2018, Aguilar documented a wide spectrum of Indigenous life in California.

We hope these photographs will provide a starting point for larger conversations around native activism, the history and renewal of native traditions, and what all of us can learn from California's oldest cultures.

LEARN MORE

This project was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Scholarships with Feb 2-8 Deadlines

South Carolina Federal Credit Union Scholarship	\$10,000	02/02/2023
The Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation	\$30,000	02/02/2023
AMS Freshman Undergraduate Scholarship	\$5,000	02/03/2023
AMS Minority Scholarships	\$6,000	02/03/2023
Christian A. Herter Memorial Scholarship	Varies	02/03/2023
Greehey Scholars Program	Varies	02/03/2023
John Lennon Scholarships	\$20,000	02/03/2023
McDonald's® HACER® National Scholarship	\$100,000	02/03/2023
PGA WORKS Golf Management University Scholarship Program	\$8,000	02/03/2023
RTDNF Bob Horner Scholarship	\$2,500	02/03/2023
RTDNF Carole Simpson Scholarship	\$2,000	02/03/2023
RTDNF Ed Bradley Scholarship	\$10,000	02/03/2023
RTDNF George Foreman Tribute to Lyndon B. Johnson Scholarship	\$6,000	02/03/2023
RTDNF Lee Thornton Scholarship	\$2,000	02/03/2023
RTDNF Mike Reynolds Scholarship	\$1,000	02/03/2023
RTDNF Pete Wilson Scholarship	\$2,000	02/03/2023
RTDNF Presidents Scholarships	\$2,500	02/03/2023
SJCF Arturo Vera Art Scholarship	\$500	02/03/2023
SJCF Avi Raina Scholarship	\$2,000	02/03/2023
SJCF Bill Pollard Jr. Scholarship	\$1,000	02/03/2023
SJCF San Joaquin Society for Human Resource Management Scholarship	\$2,000	02/03/2023
SJCF Stockton Student Athletes Scholarship Fund	\$6,000	02/03/2023
SJCF The Robert & Catherine Lagorio Scholarship	\$5,000	02/03/2023
TMCf Lowe's Scholarship	\$7,500	02/03/2023
ACEC Colorado Scholarship & Education Foundation Scholarships	\$6,000	02/04/2023
Arturo Vera Art Scholarship	\$500	02/04/2023
Bill Pollard Jr. Scholarship	\$1,000	02/04/2023
Elaine Ehlers Arts Scholarship	\$5,000	02/04/2023

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<u>James M. & Erma T. Freemont Scholarship Program</u>	\$2,500	02/04/2023
<u>San Joaquin Society for Human Resource Management Scholarship</u>	\$4,000	02/04/2023
<u>Southern California Mothers of Multiples Clubs, Inc. (SCMOMC) Scholarship</u>	\$1,500	02/04/2023
<u>Stockton Student Athletes Scholarship Fund</u>	\$1,500	02/04/2023
<u>The Robert & Catherine Lagorio Scholarship</u>	\$5,000	02/04/2023
<u>Women Athletes Scholarship Fund</u>	\$1,500	02/04/2023
<u>Darryl Jahn Memorial Scholarship</u>	\$2,000	02/05/2023
<u>Doreen Montalvo 'Do It Anyway' Scholarship</u>	\$1,000	02/05/2023
<u>OAWWA Graduate/Adult Continuing Education Degree Scholarship</u>	\$4,000	02/05/2023
<u>OAWWA Undergraduate Advanced Degree Scholarship</u>	\$4,000	02/05/2023
<u>One AWWA Operator Scholarship</u>	\$2,000	02/05/2023
<u>Pacific Gas & Electric Company Access ERG Scholarship</u>	Varies	02/05/2023
<u>Pacific Gas & Electric Company Veterans ERG Scholarship</u>	Varies	02/05/2023
<u>Pacific Gas & Electric Company Women's Network ERG Scholarship</u>	Varies	02/05/2023
<u>Richard J. Bea Nursing Scholarship</u>	Varies	02/05/2023
<u>WHOI Summer Student Fellowship Program</u>	Varies	02/05/2023
<u>\$10,000 LevelUp Gov Contest</u>	\$10,000	02/06/2023
<u>Arts for Life! Scholarship</u>	\$1,000	02/06/2023
<u>Bernard Kilgore Memorial Scholarship</u>	\$5,000	02/06/2023
<u>Elks National Foundation Legacy Awards</u>	\$4,000	02/06/2023
<u>Jimmy Rane Foundation Scholarship</u>	\$5,000	02/06/2023
<u>Libbie H. Hyman Memorial Scholarship</u>	Varies	02/06/2023
<u>NCAE Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship</u>	Varies	02/06/2023
<u>Ohio University Women's Club of Greater Cleveland Freshman Scholarship</u>	Varies	02/06/2023
<u>Oracle Developer Scholars Program</u>	\$10,000	02/06/2023
<u>Ritchie-Jennings Memorial Scholarship</u>	\$10,000	02/06/2023
<u>American Society of Naval Engineers - Scholarship Program</u>	\$16,000	02/07/2023
<u>SOD Pearl Anna Neal Scholarship</u>	Varies	02/07/2023
<u>ABF Summer Undergraduate</u>	\$6,000	02/08/2023

Scholarship Description

LevelUp Gov Technological innovation and the welfare of our country are tightly linked. If we want to shape and protect our future—avert the climate crisis, accelerate the transition to green energy, modernize America’s crumbling transit system and infrastructure—we must creatively deploy technology and use it in an equitable way. How can we use tech as a force for good? One way is to equip the government with the fiercest, sharpest tech talent. Unfortunately, not enough people with cutting-edge tech skills are interested in working in the government. Here’s a troubling fact: only three percent of information technology workers in the federal government are under the age of 30, while over half are approaching retirement.

That’s where you come in. LevelUp Gov is a national contest to collect fresh, bold messages to get people with technology skills to pursue careers in government. If you're a member of Gen Z with a passion for public service and a flair for marketing, social media, or design and you are eighteen (18) years of age or older, we’re asking you to inspire people with technology skills to pursue career opportunities in federal government. The top two winners will each receive a \$10,000 cash prize. Two runners-up will each receive \$2,500. Up to six honorable mentions will each receive \$500. We need your vision and ideas—help us level up government and set the course of our future.

“Be a yardstick of quality. Some people aren’t used to an environment where excellence is expected.” — Steve Jobs

Montana legislator hopeful questions if reservation votes should count

Drew Zinecker, an aide to Rep. Braxton Mitchell, R-Columbia Falls, made the comments during a meeting of the Lewis and Clark County Republican Central Committee. Arren Kimbel-Sannit

[Montana Free Press](#)

A legislative aide with aspirations of representing House District 80 in the 2023 Legislature questioned in public remarks Tuesday whether members of tribes living on reservations in Montana should be able to vote in state elections.

“If the reservations want to say they are independent countries ... but they want a lot of handouts, why are we counting their ballots?” said Drew Zinecker, who will this session serve as a staffer for Rep. Braxton Mitchell, R-Columbia Falls, during a meeting of the Lewis and Clark County Republican Central Committee.

Mitchell did not respond to a request for comment.

The committee was gathered to advance potential appointees to HD 80, a district including parts of Lewis and Clark and Powell counties that was recently vacated by Rep. Becky Beard, R-Elliston, who herself was appointed this month to represent Senate District 40, [a seat made vacant by the retirement of Sen. Terry Gauthier, R-Helena.](#)

Zinecker, one of several candidates who stood for questioning by committee members Tuesday, made the comment to mixed applause during a conversation about election integrity. The committee ultimately voted to send all six candidates — Zinecker, Hailey Oestreicher, Zack Wirth, Valerie Clague, Ken Liston and Nathan Nachtsheim — forward in the process. A committee combined of representatives from both the Lewis and Clark and Powell County GOP central committees will meet next week to advance three of the candidates for consideration by the Lewis and Clark and Powell County commissioners.

In an interview with Montana Free Press after the committee meeting, Zinecker said his perspective on tribal sovereignty and access to the vote is common among conservatives.

“It’s a very consensus opinion among conservatives that if the tribes want to continue to assert their sovereignty, that draws into serious question whether they should be allowed to vote or not,” Zinecker said.

Zinecker served as an aide to Rep. Brad Tschida, R-Missoula, in the 2021 session. He was also the Senate GOP’s communications director in the 2019 session and ran Public Service Commissioner Randy Pinocci’s 2020 campaign, among other political jobs.

While working as communications director for the PSC from 2019 to 2020, Zinecker was a main character in a saga of [the commission’s internal dysfunction](#). An internal probe identified Zinecker as the likely leaker of emails from then-Commissioner Roger Koopman that found their way to Pinocci and right-wing blog Northwest Liberty News.

Koopman took the PSC, Zinecker, the commission’s legal department, office administrator Mandy Hinman and commissioners Pinocci, Bob Lake and Brad Johnson to court in late 2020. The case is still outstanding. Zinecker, in response to a question from a central committee member, called the lawsuit “frivolous and harassing” and said the respondents have all filed motions to dismiss the case.

Zinecker said his comments Tuesday about reservation voting were in regard to state elections, not federal, as “we can only deal with the state.”

Sen. Jason Small, a Republican from Busby and member of the Northern Cheyenne Nation, said Zinecker’s skepticism about tribal voting in state elections is limited to “a very select group” in the Legislature.

“Goddamn, I can’t believe he said that,” Small said. “It’s funny but it’s not funny.”

Zinecker said one major justification for his position is that conservatives in state government want to — but can’t — audit the finances of tribal nations as the Legislative Audit Committee can with state agencies.

“That’s a big problem. They increasingly assert they are sovereign nations. And if they want to continue to operate on a totally different standard or playing field from Montanans, then they need to truly be those independent nations, and that starts with voting,” Zinecker said.

There are 12 federally recognized Native American tribes in the state. Generally, the majority of tribes' funding comes from the federal government, which does [audit tribal finances](#). However, state dollars go to Montana's tribes as well, accounting for 8% of tribal revenue between 2003 and 2009, [according to the Montana Budget and Policy Center](#).

Small said tribes in Montana, despite their status as sovereign government entities subject to federal and tribal law, have a “symbiotic relationship” with the state, including numerous revenue sharing agreements and second-order benefits derived from tourism and other economic drivers, he said. Additionally, owners of fee land on reservations — that is, land not held in trust by the federal government — must pay state and local property taxes.

“You can’t pick and choose who votes,” Small said. “Where do you draw that line — ‘Hey, you didn’t pay taxes this year, you can’t vote?’”

Zinecker said he knows of several people who have run for Montana secretary of state, the office that oversees Montana elections, and made “not counting [tribal] votes” a big part of their platform. He didn’t name any such candidates.

“And I’m all for counting their votes,” he said. “I just want them to go ahead and be Montanans. Let Montanans be Montanans. No discrimination.”

It’s under similar logic that a bill Zinecker is preparing at Mitchell’s behest would ban questions about race or origin on state forms aside from drivers licenses, he said.

Rep. Joe Read, R-Ronan, is one of several state lawmakers and political figures — including former Crow Tribe Chairman A.J. Not Afraid — who have endorsed Zinecker’s bid for the HD 80 seat. Read, whose district includes parts of the Flathead Indian Reservation, said Montana citizens, including those on tribal reservations, have a right to vote in Montana elections.

He suggested, though, that Zinecker was merely entertaining a hypothetical based on a conversation the two of them had during the 2021 session related to legislation Read sponsored to allow non-tribal members to hunt on privately held reservation land.

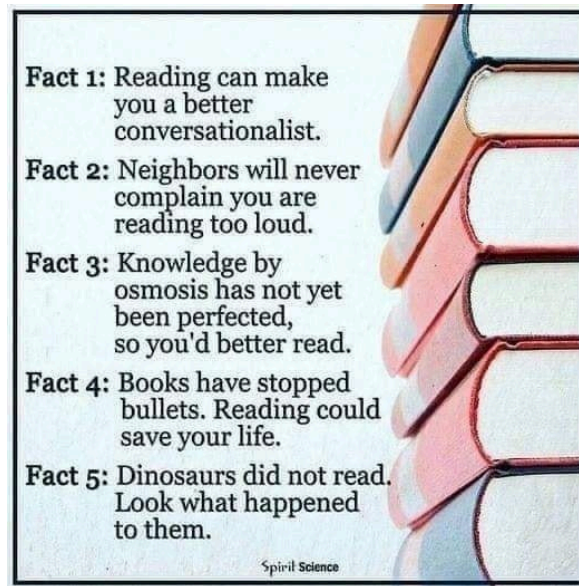
Read said the tribes are not truly sovereign, describing them as “a federally dependent people group.”

“We still represent them as citizens of the state of Montana,” he said. “That was a discussion we had in the back floor — and that was if they were truly a sovereign country, that would negate their ability to vote. Literally, it was only an ‘if.’”

<https://indiancountrytoday.com/news/montana-legislature-hopeful-questions-if-reservation-votes-should-count>

This Land is Their Land

Berkeley sits on land stolen from indigenous communities. What should it do?<https://alumni.berkeley.edu/california-magazine/2022-summer/this-land-is-their-land/>



Request for Proposal (RFP) Walker River Paiute Tribe - Water Resources Department

Open: December 30, 2022 - Deadline: January 27, 2023

PUBLIC PURPOSE/Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) Grant

The public purpose of this project is to create a site-specific climate change resiliency plan for the Tribe. Compilation of data relevant to the Tribe's water resources will provide the Tribe with a Geographic Information System (GIS) database tool to better manage water quantity and quality. Prioritization of projects to increase resiliency of waterbodies and design of the highest-priority projects will protect water resources through a changing climate.

BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

Climate change has exacerbated effects of upstream water and land use on water quantity and quality in the lower Walker River and Walker Lake. The 2018 Walker River Paiute Tribe Climate Adaptation Plan was created to identify management strategies to protect the Tribe, their culture, and their lands from climate change. The plan identifies the resources that will be most impacted by climate change and proposes actions to create a more climate-resilient environment.

The Climate Adaptation Plan includes climate change predictions for the Reservation and Walker River watershed. The projections of 15 climate models were averaged, which showed that annual temperatures will increase by 2 to 15° Fahrenheit, and precipitation will remain the same or have a slight increase from the current average of around 11 inches per year. Despite consistent precipitation, higher temperatures will result in higher rates of water evaporation and evapotranspiration and less surface and groundwater. Warmer air temperatures have the capacity to hold more water vapor than cooler air, resulting in fewer but larger storm events. Wildfires and drought are expected to increase in frequency and intensity. The Climate Adaptation Plan identifies water shortage to be a major impact of climate change on the Reservation. Floods are increasing flash flooding and erosion. Negative impacts to native flora and fauna will result from climate change around the Reservation. The management and availability of water for cultural, domestic, and agricultural use is vital to the resiliency of the Tribe.

The primary objective of this project is to develop a site-specific climate change resiliency plan that will address the following goal of the Climate Adaptation Plan:

"Continue to inventory, identify, and prioritize stream reaches, floodplains, riparian areas, and wetlands for protection and for restoration in collaboration with water and wildlife experts. In addition, will take into account areas that are expected to be particularly resilient or particularly vulnerable in the context of a changing climate."

The Tribe needs to move this work forward and make specific plans to increase the resiliency of the lower Walker River and Walker Lake and water supply to support the Tribe's community members, basis of the Reservation's economy, and their way of life.

PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE AND FUNDS AVAILABILITY

Work must be completed within a 12-month period; the starting date will be from when the Tribal Council approves the contract for services with a company that has been selected.

SCOPE OF WORK AND MILESTONES

For this project, the tribe is proposing to develop a site-specific climate change resiliency plan for the Lower Walker River that will involve the following phases:

Phase 1: Data Compilation and Evaluation

Through collaborative efforts with agencies, many water quantity, water quality, climate, and sediment transport data have been collected and analyzed. To understand watershed conditions and constraints and the trajectory of the lower Walker River under increasing climatic extremes, the selected consultant, will:

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compile and synthesize a database with all available data relevant to lower Walker River (Phase 1).

To locate this data and understand the results of previous analyses and recommendations from scientific studies, the Consultant will interview key stakeholders.

The Consultant will prepare a summary of key interview findings; annotated bibliography of all reports, publications, and data sources; and will develop a geographic information system (GIS) baseline application to help identify areas of concern (i.e., high-risk areas) along the lower Walker River using spatial data.

Trends in water quantity, water quality, and sediment erosion and deposition will be analyzed in relation to past climate trends and anomalies to identify sites within the watershed that are vulnerable to impacts from climate change. Concerns brought forth during interviews with stakeholders will guide the analyses. The Tribe is very concerned about the effects of severe drought, and sites that are at risk from drought and floods will be identified and explored. Effects of climate change on water quality will be analyzed with a focus on sediment and turbidity, salinity, and water temperature.

Based on the areas of concern identified through GIS and other analyses, the consultant will conduct site assessments of the lower Walker River to identify sites and actions that could increase climate resiliency. Approximately 10 days in the field will be required to assess the sites. The Consultant will summarize the assessed sites and opportunities for improvement in a technical memorandum. Potential projects may include planning for updating irrigation infrastructure, revegetating floodplains to absorb and filter pollutants and increase river shading and reduce water temperatures, repairing or constructing fencing around riparian areas, stabilizing riverbanks through bioengineering, constructing treatment wetlands, or restoring floodplains to manage stormwater and increase water and sediment storage.

Phase 1 Outcomes):

Consultant will prepare a Summary of stakeholder and resource specialist interviews, annotated bibliography, GIS application, and summary of assessed sites (technical memo).

Phase 2: Project Prioritization Consultant will:

1. Evaluate and prioritize the potential projects identified and examined during the site assessments.
2. Develop criteria to assess each project based on immediate action needs, relative benefits to climate change resiliency, ability to address stakeholder goals and objectives, budget constraints and opportunities, and feasibility.
3. Build a prioritization matrix to evaluate each project according to the criteria that will result in suggested rankings of the projects by priority. Criteria in this matrix will include Presidential and Department of Interior Priorities. The resulting prioritization matrix and prioritized projects will be presented to the Tribe's members during a workshop.

The Tribe plans to conduct meaningful public involvement to solicit input and suggestions from the Tribe's members on the prioritization of potential projects. The Tribe, with support from consultant, will lead one tribal workshop that will be open to all members of the Tribe.

Representatives from the Water Resources Department, Land and Irrigation Department, Roads Department, and Environmental Department will attend. Depending on constraints from COVID-19 (and other factors), the workshop will be held either virtually or in person.

The workshop will commence with a formal presentation demonstrating methods and results of the prioritization matrix and highlighting three or more of the proposed high-priority projects, including an overview each project's: 1) benefits for climate change resiliency, 2) design parameters, and 3) potential implementation approach. If the meeting is in person, the presentation may include a visit to two or more of the proposed project locations. After the presentation and during the site visit (if applicable), the community will be invited to ask questions or make comments. At the end of the workshop, consultants will lead the participants through a short activity during which the tribal community members can provide feedback and rank the proposed high-priority projects. The Tribe will also post a summary of the proposed projects on the Water Resources Department website (<http://paiutewater.us/home page.html>) and provide an email address and/or a mailbox where the public can submit comments (for those individuals who are unable to participate in the workshop). The outcomes of this workshop will be summarized in a technical memo that will describe the tribal community perspective and top priority projects. The Tribe will use this information to guide the final selection and design of the priority projects.

Phase 2 Outcomes):

Draft prioritization matrix, and technical memo summarizing outcomes of tribal workshop and public input.

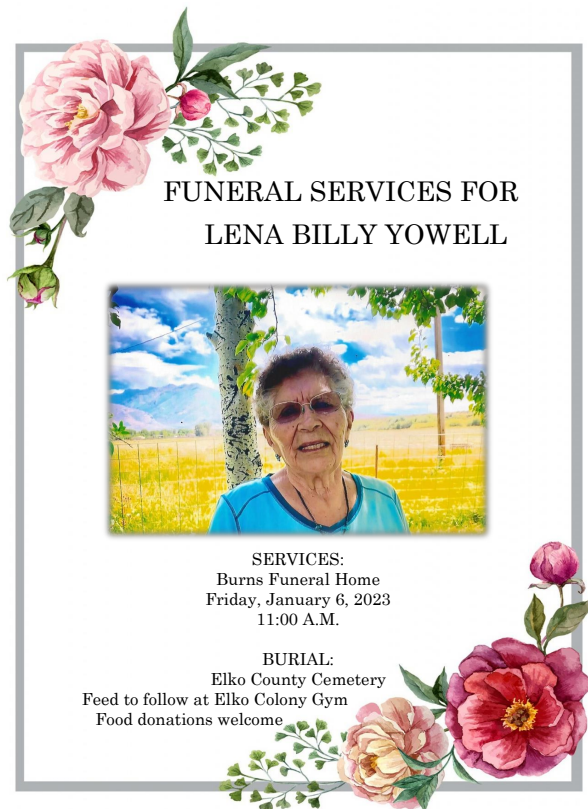
Phase 3: Design Priority Projects

1. Focus on designs and details required for planning implementation and identifying funding needs.

All: Please get out to your contacts. Thanks. *(There is more info. sdc)*

For more information, elvedamartinez@yahoo.com

Elveda Martinez, Water Resources Coordinator Walker River Paiute Tribe



Our Mother, Wife,
Great-Grandmother;
passed away on
the age of 94.

Grandmother and
Lena Billy Yowell has
January 1, 2023, at

Lena was born to Cassie and Wes Billy in Ely, Nevada in 1928. As a child, Lena and her siblings were forced to attend Stewart Indian School in Carson City, Nevada. She shared many stories of her experiences as a young child taken by the government. While there, she made many friends and would attend pow-wows in Nevada and Idaho, she was always so happy to see friends that she remembered from school.

In the 80's, Mother and her husband, Raymond were involved with the National Council of Western Shoshone. They traveled to Genova, Switzerland along with the National Defense, Carrie and Mary Dann. They attended many meetings across the state and to Washington D.C.

Lena loved making crafts, she embroidered, made cradleboards, beaded, moccasins, sewed blankets and dolls for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and was an artist who would make one-of-a-kind pictures for the family. She loved to laugh and taught her children to work hard and to be successful. Lena took many pictures of her travels and of family, her home was full of albums, she was very proud of her family. She loved living in South Fork with the beautiful view of the Ruby's and the friendships in the community.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Cassie and Wes Billy, twin sisters who died at birth; brothers; John and Joe Billy; sister, Leona Clark and grandson, Billy Manning. She is survived by her husband , Raymond Yowell of South Fork, her children; Pamela Charley, Pacheco Gibson Jr., Jody Abe, Mitchell "Duke" Gibson, and Gloria Gibson, all of Elko, and a niece Velma Billy Williams from Salt Lake City , Utah. Lena had 17 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.