

# The SHOSHONE-BANNOCK TRIBES

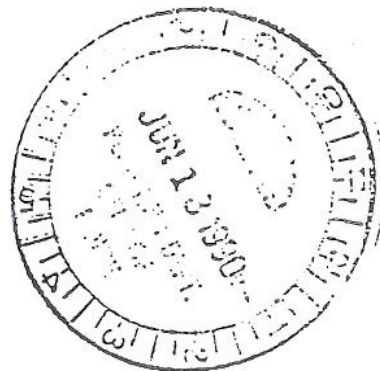
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DEAR COMMISSION:

THE SHOSHONE-BANNOCK TRIBES OF SOUTHEASTERN IDAHO WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT FOR THE RECORD THEIR OPPOSITION TO THE CASTLE ROCK HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

WE ARE ENCLOSED INFORMATION IN REGARD TO THE HISTORY OF THIS TRIBE AND THE REASONS WHY WE FEEL THAT WE STILL HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE BOISE VALLEY.

EVEN THOUGH THE SHOSHONE-BANNOCKS ARE HERE IN SOUTHEASTERN IDAHO, THE BOISE VALLEY ORIGINALLY WAS THEIR HOME. AT LEAST A MAJORITY OF THE INDIAN PEOPLE LIVING HERE NOW. SOME OF THE HISTORY OF THAT MOVEMENT IS ENCLOSED WITH THE STATEMENT WE WERE TO PRESENT TO THE COMMISSION; BUT, WE UNDERSTAND THAT COMMENTS WERE CURRENTLY CLOSED. WE WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO RECONSIDER THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO PROCEED WITH THE CASTLE ROCK DEVELOPMENT.

WE WISH TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

MOST RESPECTFULLY,  
*Mary Dixie Washakie*  
MARY DIXIE WASHAKIE, SECRETARY  
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STATEMENT OF MARY D. WASHAKIE, SECRETARY  
FORT HALL BUSINESS COUNCIL, SHOSHONE-BANNOCK TRIBES,  
REGARDING THE PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT  
CASTLE ROCK

MR. CHAIRMAN, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU AND THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT THE COMMENTS FOR THE SHOSHONE-BANNOCK TRIBES OF SOUTHEASTERN IDAHO, ON THE CASTLE ROCK HOUSING DEVELOPMENT.

THE SHOSHONE-BANNOCK OCCUPIED THE BOISE VALLEY FOR MANY CENTURIES BEFORE THE NON-INDIAN BEGAN TO SETTLE IN THIS VALLEY. THE FIRST WHITES TO APPEAR IN THE AREA WERE FROM THE LEWIS AND CLARK EXPEDITION AND THEREON FROM THE MANY TRAPPERS WHO FOLLOWED. AFTER THESE GROUPS, CAME THE RELIGIOUS PEOPLE TRYING TO CONVERT OUR PEOPLE FOR THE VARIOUS CHURCHES. SOME OF THESE NON-INDIAN FROM THE EARLY CHURCH GROUPS GAVE THE SHOSHONE-BANNOCK PEOPLE LIVING IN THIS VALLEY CHRISTIAN NAMES AND THE NAMES OF THE COMMUNITIES OF WHICH THEY LIVED. SOME OF THE LAST NAMES OF OUR PEOPLE STILL ARE CARRIED BY THE TRIBAL MEMBERS SUCH AS: BOISE, WEISER AND DIXIE.

THE SETTLEMENTS OF THE NON-INDIAN ENCROACHED ON THE TRADITIONAL LANDS OF THE SHOSHONE-BANNOCK AND EVENTUALLY THE TENSION WAS CREATED BETWEEN THE HUNTING AND GATHERING HABITS OF THE SHOSHONE-BANNOCK VERSES THE BARBED WIRE FENCES OF THE NON-INDIANS. THE SETTLERS FEARS OF THE SHOSHONE-BANNOCK WAS ONE OF THE FACTORS WHICH THE IDAHO TERRITORIAL GOVERNOR, CALEB LYON, WOULD ATTEMPT BY NEGOTIATING A TREATY WITH THE SHOSHONE-BANNOCKS. THIS TREATY WAS INTENDED TO CONTAIN THE SHOSHONE-BANNOCKS; BUT, WAS NEVER

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RATIFIED AND IT WAS BY EXECUTIVE ORDER IN 1867, THAT A RESERVATION WAS CREATED FOR THE SHOSHONE-BANNOCKS ON THE FORT HALL INDIAN RESERVATION IN SOUTHEASTERN IDAHO.

THIS MOVE WAS MADE IN MARCH AND APRIL, 1869. SNOW AND ICE WERE STILL ON THE GROUND; IT WAS ESTIMATED THAT THERE WERE 360 INDIANS, 100 ANIMALS AND MILITARY ESCORT. CONTRARY TO THE REPORT SUBMITTED BY THE AGENT THAT THERE WERE NO ACCIDENTS OF ANY KIND TO REPORT ON THIS JOURNEY, THE SHOSHONE-BANNOCKS ORALLY HAVE DOCUMENTED THE VARIOUS ACTS COMMITTED ON THESE PEOPLE. SOME OF THE STORIES INCLUDE FAMILIES WHO REPORTED THEIR PEOPLE BEING SHOT TRYING TO ESCAPE. OUR HISTORY IS FULL OF STORIES AS THESE AND THEY ARE NOT GOOD. NOW, YOU WISH TO BUILD ON THE GRAVES OF OUR ANCESTORS.

THE SHOSHONE-BANNOCK TRIBES ARE OPPOSED TO THIS DEVELOPMENT. LEAVE OUR PEOPLE AT PEACE IN THEIR OWN LAND.