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Ethnie:	SHOSHONI*, WESTERN (NEWE) *also spelled SHOSHONE
Language:	Central Numic
Family:	Numic
Stock:	Uto-Aztecan
Phylum:	Aztec-Tanoan
Macro-Culture:	Great Basin
Speakers	2,284 in 1990 Census US incl Northern

The Western Shoshoni were a nomadic hunter/gatherer dialectic group and culture closely related to the Northern Shoshoni. They were primarily of a foraging type culture in that they occupied the arid Great Basin as relied on small game, fish, and dug for roots for subsistence. They spanned over a large area in just under 200 small villages or camps. They ranged from central and western Idaho south into northwestern Utah, central and northeastern Nevada, and California about Death and Panamint Valleys but wandered well outside of the aforementioned territories hunting, gathering, and foraging for food. The Western Shoshoni avoided White contact, thereby resulting in little of their post arrival history being recorded. The introduction of domestic livestock destroyed the vegetation on which they relied for food. [Please click here for a more detailed historical narrative of the Timbasha Shoshone relative to the proposed casino at Hesperia, California](#)

Aboriginal Locations

Number of villages or camps: CA 123, ID 6, NV 42, UT 10

Present California Locations

BIG PINE RESERVATION, Big Pine

BISHOP RESERVATION, Bishop

BRIDGEPORT INDIAN COLONY, Bridgeport

DEATH VALLEY INDIAN COMMUNITY, TIMBISHA SHOSHONE TRIBE, Death Valley

LONE PINE RESERVATION, Lone Pine

<i>Year</i>	<i>History</i>
1825	Met by Jedediah Smith, may have been preceded by Old Greenwood
1849	Panamint of California first contacted by Whites, negatively affected by Gold Rush, livestock depleted food supplies
1851	Smallpox epidemic
1862	Began attacking stage lines and pony express, Army massacred large number of tribe at Steptoe Valley
1863	U.S. treaty with Western Shoshone
1933	Panamint (Timbasha) ancestral lands taken to create Death Valley National Monument
1983	Timbasha Shoshone federally recognized
2000	Timbasha Shoshone Homeland Act restored 10,000 acres to the tribe

<i>Year</i>	<i>Total Population</i>	<i>California Estimate</i>	<i>Source</i>
1700	4,500	500	NAHDB calculation
1800	4,500	500	NAHDB calculation
1845	4,500		Mooney estimate (included 2,000 Northern Paiute)
1900	2,100	200	NAHDB calculation
1910	1,800		Census
1937	1,201		U. S. Indian Office
1989	3,400		BIA
2000	3,800	500	NAHDB calculation

Other speakers of the same language:

CA Koso, ID/WY Northern Shoshoni, OK Comanche

Western Shoshoni Sites

Ancient Altered States <http://www.discover.com/issues/jun-98/features/ancientalteredst1456/>

Ancient Artists of the Desert http://www.desertusa.com/mag/dec97/dec_pap/du_artists.html

"Ascertaining" Tonopah's Origin <http://dmla.clan.lib.nv.us/docs/nsia/archives/myth/myth32.htm>

Archeological Resources <http://www.nps.gov/voja/mojaplan/mojaaffc.htm>

Black the West poem by Sunderland http://www.fourdir.com/black_the_west.htm

China Lake: Prehistoric Human Occupation ... http://www.cirhm.org/indian_wells/index.asp

Desert Hideaway <http://www.theatlantic.com/issues/2000/02/002frazier.htm>

EIS Timbasha Shoshone Homeland Act (Federal Register) <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/EPA-IMPACT/2001/January/Day-26/2340.htm>

Follow Red-Tape Road to Hesperia <http://www.bestonlinecasinos.com/CasinoNews.asp?c=380&u=2246>

Gold, Greed, and Genocide <http://saiic.nativeweb.org/ayn/goldgreed.html>

The Gold Rush Legacy: Greed, Pollution, and Genocide
http://www.carthisland.org/ej/cumal/spring98/sp98g_wr.htm

Granite Mountains Archeological Survey <http://www.pcas.org/Vol37N2/GraniteMts.pdf>

Great Basin <http://www4.hmc.edu:8001/humanities/basin/gb-intro.htm>

Great Basin Cultural Area http://www.cabrillo.cc.ca.us/~crsmith/noamer_basin.html

Great Basin Indians http://www.cabrillo.cc.ca.us/~crsmith/noamer_gbasin.html

Halloran Spring: Cultural Resources <http://www.nps.gov/moja/mojaplan/mojaaffc.htm>

Help the Timbasha Shoshoni Draw the Line <http://www.dickshovel.com/tim.htm>

Indian Wells Valley http://www.cirfm.org/indian_wells/index.asp

Legend of Manitou Springs <http://history.oldcolo.com/stories/shortsto/legendms.html>

Lewis and Clark (Western Shoshoni mentioned)
<http://www.lib.uidaho.edu/mcbeth/governmentdoc/histlewisclark.htm>

Litigation to Protect Western Shoshone Territorial Integrity
<http://www.nativeweb.org/pages/legal/shoshone/>

Mojave Desert Petroglyphs at Black Canyon
http://www.petroglyphs.us/photographs_rock_art_BC.htm

Native Americans Get Some of Their Land Back from a National Park
http://www.sdnr.org.gy/apa/native_land_back_from_np.htm

Native Americans and the Environment - Great Basin <http://www.cnre.org/NAE/basin.html>

Native People of Death Valley <http://www.thesierraweb.com/sightseeing/deathvalley/dvnative.html>

Not all welcome Timbasha Shoshone casino project
<http://www.indianz.com/IndianGaming/archives/000990.asp>

Paiute and Shoshone Baskets of Owens Valley <http://www.nhm.org/exhibitions/myth&memory/>

Panamint (Language) <http://linguistics.buffalo.edu/ssila/learning/panamint.htm>

Panamint (Timbasha) Baskets <http://www.indianterritory.com/pages/panamint.htm>

Relationships of Native American Cultures to NEMO Lands
<http://www.nps.gov/moja/mojaplan/mojaaffn.htm>

Relationships of Native American Cultures to Death Valley Area
<http://www.nps.gov/moja/devaplan/affntv.htm>

Ruby Valley Treaty http://www.nativeweb.org/pages/legal/shoshone/ruby_valley.html

Shoshone Bibliography <http://www.mip.berkeley.edu/cilo/bibs/shoshone.html>

Shoshone Map http://www.h-o-m-e.org/Shoshone/shoshone_map.htm

Shoshone/Paiute Tribes History/Links <http://www.rootsweb.com/~idreserv/dvhist.html>

Shoshoni <http://www.carniussandiego.com/products/time/lewisclark15/shoshoni.html>

Shoshoni <http://emuseum.msu.edu/cultural/northamerica/shoshoni.html>

Shoshoni Language http://www.ethnologue.com/show_language.asp?code=SHH

Shoshoni Linguistic Lineage http://www.ethnologue.com/show_lang_family.asp?code=SHH

Support for the Timbasha Shoshone Tribe of Death Valley
http://www.ncai.org/data/docs/resolution/1999_annual_session/PSC99.019.htm

Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone Indians <http://tton.org/tribes/te-moak.html>

Timbasha Shoshone Death Valley Land Restoration Project <http://www.dickshovel.com/timup.html>

Timbasha Shoshone Homeland Act <http://www.calindian.org/timbisha.htm>

Timbasha Shoshone Images
http://www.csusm.edu/bbiggs/loc/rezinfo/timbishashoshone/timbishashoshone_images.htm

Timbisha Shoshone Reservation <http://www.csusm.edu/bbiggs/loc/rezinfo/timbishashoshone/>

Timbisha Shoshone Tribe Face Eviction <http://www.ywiiusdinvoohi.net/news/timbisha.html>

Timbisha Shoshone Tribe of Death Valley <http://www.nps.gov/deva/Pdf/TribeOverview.pdf>

Timbisha Shoshone Tribe signs casino deal with city
http://www.fourdir.com/western_shoshoni.htm

<http://www.indianz.com/IndianGaming/archives/001283.asp>
Timbisha Shoshone Web Site <http://www.timbisha.org/>
Treaty With the Western Shoshoni <http://digital.library.okstate.edu/kappler/Vol2/treaties/sho0851.htm>
Tribal Maps http://www.acfnewsroom.org/science/tribal_maps.html
Tribe Receives Trust Lands in Death Valley
http://www.npca.org/magazine/2001_issues/january_february/tribal_lands.asp
Wells Band of Western Shoshone <http://www.angelfire.com/nv2/wells/shoshone.html>
Wells Band Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone Indians <http://itcn.org/tribes/wells.html>
Western Shoshone <http://www.unr.edu/nnap/NT/ws-1.htm>
Western Shoshoni Cannibal Myths <http://www.unm.edu/~jar/v52n2.html>
Western Shoshoni of Nevada http://www.webpanda.com/white_pine_county/ethnic/shoshone.htm
Western Shoshone Territory <http://www.unr.edu/nnap/NT/ws-2.htm>
Western Shoshone Treaty Rights <http://www.h-o-m-e.org/Shoshone/shoshone.htm>
White Pot Mine <http://www.ghosttowns.com/states/ca/whitepotmine.html>
White Trail in the Sky <http://www.carthow.com/native/shoshone/whitetrail.htm>
Wolf Protector of Women http://earthrenewal.org/dog_care_usenet_postings.htm

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