

Mt Tenabo



Where No Mine Should Be

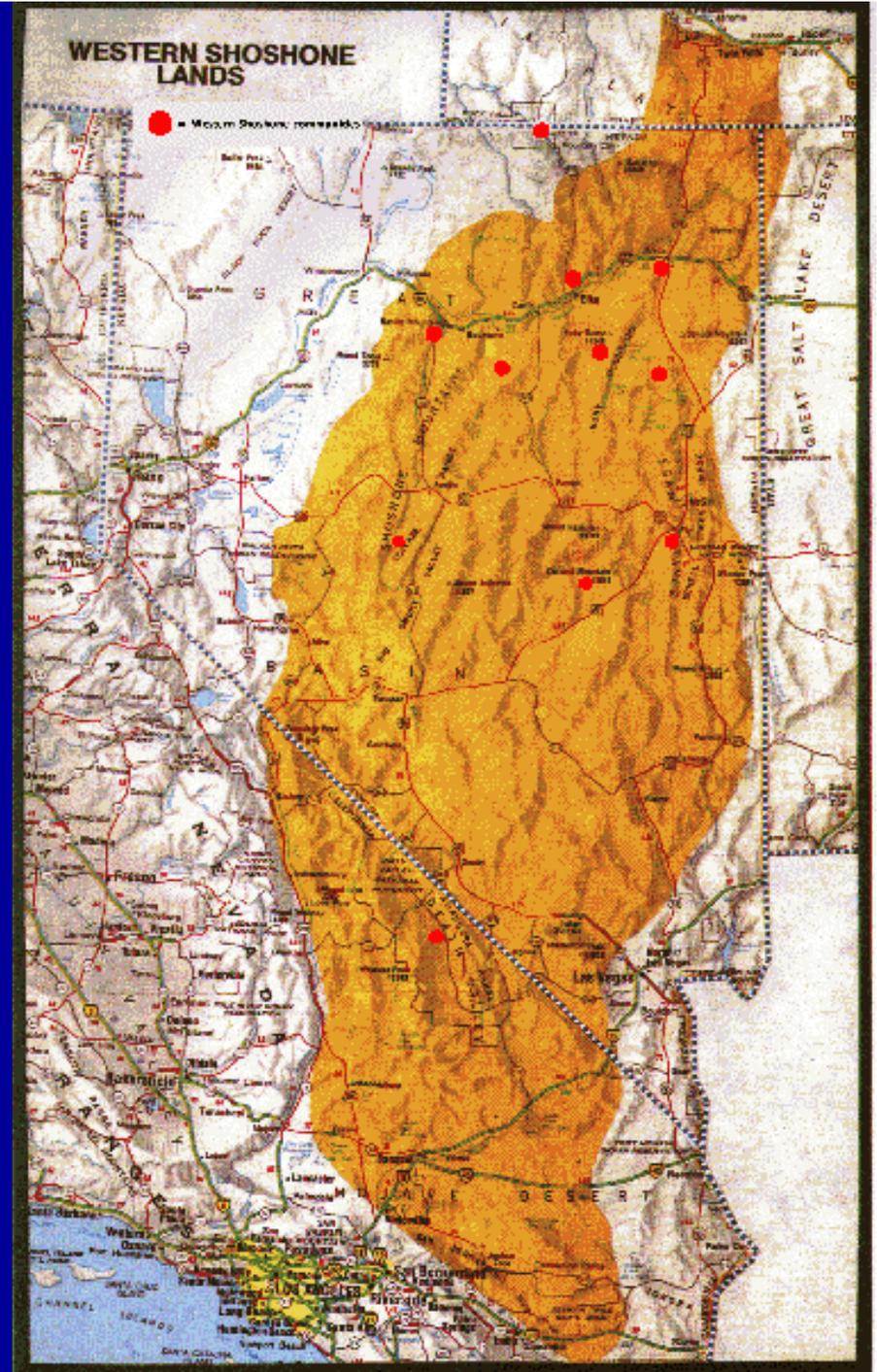
Great Basin Resource Watch



Protecting the people, communities, land, air, and
water of the Great Basin

Cultural Issues

- Western Shoshone
- Paiute
- Washoe





Mt. Tenabo with Pipeline Mine in foreground

Project Summary

- 6,139 acres: Pinyon forest clearance, top soil removal, open pit and mine waste rock dumps
- Additional ground water dewatering
- Two new heap leach facilities with solution ponds
- Two new waste rock facilities and disposal
- 12 mile conveyor belt
- Installation of 120kV transmission line and substation
- Relocation of existing county road

Why the Opposition to this Mine?

- Mount Tenabo is an important area for Western Shoshone cultural and spiritual practice, and many Shoshone individuals and tribal governments oppose the mine.
- We strongly believe that these cultural and spiritual values, which have been important for centuries and which can remain so for many generations to come, are fundamentally more valuable than a mine which will last less than 15 years, but devastate the area forever.



- The mine would effectively dewater Mount Tenabo, which would have devastating impacts on the regions wildlife, vegetation and general ecology, as well as the cultural and spiritual values for the Western Shoshone.

Brief History & Current Status

- 1. Te-Moak Filed Traditional Cultural Property status for Tenabo Area. BLM has agreed for portion of area – Historic Preservation Act listing.
- 2. Three legislative attempts to privatize area – all three were stopped.
- 3. Over 10,000 comments received, nearly all opposing the mine, during EIS process.
- 4. November 12, 2008, Record of Decision by BLM approves the mine.

Legal Challenge

- Currently, Te Moak Tribe, Timbisha Shoshone Tribe, South Fork Band, Western Shoshone Defense Project, and Great Basin Resource Watch are challenging the project in court.
- Moved for an Injunction to halt work until the case can be heard.
- Hearing date is January 20 and 21 here in Reno.

Basis of Challenge

- Native American Religious Freedom Act
- NEPA
 - Mercury
- Air Quality
 - FLPMA
 - Undue Degradation

March 10, 2006, UN Committee on the Elimination of
Racial Discrimination
Decision against the United States in the case of the
Western Shoshone

- Respect and protect the human rights of the Western Shoshone peoples;
- Initiate a dialogue in order to find a solution;
- Adopt the following measures until a final decision or settlement is reached;
 - Freeze all efforts to privatize Western Shoshone ancestral lands for transfer to multinational extractive industries and energy developers;
 - Desist from all activities planned and/or conducted on Western Shoshone ancestral lands;
- Stop imposing grazing fees, livestock impoundments, hunting, fishing and gathering restrictions and rescind all notices already made.



















