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Nüwüwü (Chemehuevi)
Nuwuvi (Southern Paiute)

My house currently resides on lands that used to belong to the Chemehuevi and Southern Paiute, with the Chemehuevi being a branch of the greater Southern Paiute Tribe. Southern Paiute communities still exist in Las Vegas today, and across the South West. They mainly reside in Southern Nevada, Northern Arizona, and Southern Utah. An interesting fact I learned is their excellence in the basket weaving tradition. They used baskets in all facets of life, as they were very carefully weaved by Southern Paiute women, out of red-stemmed willow. These baskets weaving skills translated into other walks of life as well, and were used to weave things such as houses, traps, and rafts. Another interesting fact I learned is their traditional diet. Southern Paiutes traditionally relied on a diet that centered around bitterroot. They supplemented this with wild carrot, wild union, and chokecherries, which they harvested the juice of and turned into sweet drinks. Bitterroot is a perennial flowering plant. The bitterroot was an important plant to their culture, as it sustained life, and the coyote had special traditional significance as well, as it served as an omen for certain emotions and the center of quite a few rituals.

My Acknowledgement

I would like to acknowledge that my home in Summerlin, Las Vegas, Nevada, is located on the traditional grounds of the Southern Paiute Native Americans.