

## U R G E N T

**UPDATED MATERIAL Comment Period ends May 6th, 2009**

**Notice of Concern for Rock Creek!**



Here is some additional information I have found regarding the comment period on Rock Creek. Rock Creek is a very spiritual place to the Shoshone people, and my grandfather, Corbin Harney, held a lot of gatherings and prayers at this special place. Please help us to make sure this place is always accessible to the people. We could really use your letters of support.

**Please be sure to get your letters in as soon as possible, before May 6th. Thanks.**

**Hope you all have a wonderful Easter. We all appreciate your help in this matter.**

The following information was found on this website :

[http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/snplma/round\\_10\\_preliminary.html](http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/snplma/round_10_preliminary.html)

The Press Release, complete Preliminary Recommendation (including tables), Executive Summaries, and electronic binders of the full nominations in each

category can be accessed in PDF format below. The purpose of releasing these lists is to obtain input from all interested parties. The BLM is accepting written comments on these nominations until close of business (4:30 PM Pacific Time) on Wednesday, May 6, 2009.

Comments may be mailed to Ron Wenker, SNPLMA Executive Committee Chair, BLM Nevada State Office, 1340 Financial Boulevard, Reno, NV 89502-7147; faxed to the attention of the SNPLMA Executive Committee Chair at (775) 861-6601; or emailed to [snplma@blm.gov](mailto:snplma@blm.gov). The SNPLMA Executive Committee will meet following the comment period to review comments received and develop a final recommendation for consideration by the Secretary of the Interior in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture. Questions may be addressed to the BLM Nevada State office at (775) 861-6401.



This message is being sent to you by Peter Bergel at the request of Shundahai Network Board Member Ann Taylor, Corbin Harney's granddaughter.

Hello everyone. This is a letter regarding the land around Rock Creek and we are working with the BLM in the area to get this land so that we will always have access to it. I know a lot of people don't believe in working with the BLM but this would be a good thing for the Shoshone people in keeping our access to this very spiritual place.

Corbin did a lot of ceremonies at Rock Creek and I think it would be well worth it if you all could help us out by submitting your letters, either by using the example form below or writing your own letter and sending it in, supporting this land acquisition. Thanks for taking the time to at least consider it. I appreciate it.

Ann Taylor  
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## **Support Rock Creek issues.**

Rock Creek is a cultural site which has been used by the Newe for hundreds of years. The road going into the site is considered "private land." The private owners may or may not sell the land next to it which may stop our access to Rock Creek.

At this time, the Elko District BLM has submitted a grant package to the State BLM

1. to continue the easement to the Rock Creek Spiritual Camp Site or
2. to create a permanent easement
3. or even reserve/purchase this important sacred site. Time is short for us to make comments

**Your help is needed now !**

**The comment period starts March 23 , 2009 and ends May 6th, 2009**

**We need to send letters of support so the State Bureau of Land Management will know how vital this site is to Newe people.**

Write a letter to support the grant that has been written. If you want to sign onto a form letter, we will gladly send this off for you and your family.

**Send a letter from your Heart!**

Ask your families and friends (they do not have to be Natives) to send a letter of support to:

Ken Miller  
District Manager  
Bureau of Land Management  
3900 East Idaho Street  
Elko NV 89820

**(Write Rock Creek on the outside of the envelope)**

Sample Letter - change  
in any way you wish (Put in your own thoughts)

Shundahai Network A Project of  
The Center for Energy Research 104 Commercial St. NE Salem, OR 97301  
<http://www.shundahai.org>  
[shundahai@shundahai.org](mailto:shundahai@shundahai.org) If you are a Myspace user, you can now add us!  
<http://www.Myspace.com/shundahai>

Call Bernice or Edith (775) 635-2004 Extension 120 or 122 for more information of danger to Rock Creek!

Put your Name, Address, City & St, zip

Nominating Committee State Bureau of Land Management Carson City NV

Gentlemen:

We read our history and it has been a trail of deprivation and loss but our Newe people (Human beings) survive because of strength gained through prayer, sweats, visions, doctoring and the continuance of culture which has sustained us for hundreds of years.

As a Newe people, we know that Rock Creek has stood for centuries as a place where we could renew our spirits, heal our bodies, and teach our children the ways we have worshipped since time immemorial.

It is with great sadness, we have learned the access to Rock Creek may be threatened. What a tragedy it would be to cut out our souls and not allow our Newe children to have access to a place where we have prayed, cried, stood, and used the sweats. During the last spiritual gathering, there were more young people than there were adults, which says to us that our young people need Rock Creek to survive the tremendous changes to our culture.

I am strongly in support of the grant package that the Elko District Bureau of Land Management has written on our behalf.

Sincerely,

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