

July 27, 2001

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Mr. Oke;

In response to your certified, threatening letter dated July 18, 2001,  
Mail Letter #7000002058453775:

I am not a violator. I have repeatedly asked the BLM people to send me the documentation of the *1863 Treaty of Ruby Valley Lands Transfer to the United States*. I have never received this. There must be a date, year, time and place where it was signed. I would like to know the names of the Western Shoshone leaders that signed the Land Transfer.

Your U. S. Constitution states that "a treaty once entered into by the United States becomes the supreme law of the land." (*U.S. Constitution, art. VI, Section 2*). The Treaty of Ruby Valley was ratified by Congress and signed by the President of the United States, recognizing the Western Shoshone Nation.

One Nation cannot make laws for another nation. The United States have claims and other uses that were not specified in the treaty, which I believe is a violation of Western Shoshone rights, including our right to live off of our own homeland. I also see this as denial of Human Rights.

The Western Shoshone have their own laws which were handed down to them by the Creator, when he placed them here on the Western Hemisphere.

You now state that we are allowing our cows and horses on seeded "Beowawe Area". This is not true. Wherever cows are seen, it is assumed they are ours. Cows were there, but I did not see any with our brand.

I have seen gates left open. Our cows and horses have been chased down or up the mountain by 4-wheelers or helicopters. Horses have been shot and wounded. Some have been killed.

Enclosed is the Western Shoshone Government stand. Maybe you can furnish me the documents that are important to me as a human, not as "an Indian". Explain to me how the homelands of Western Shoshone peoples were transferred to the U. S.

You can be of great help to me in understanding the laws of the United States of America. Also, you can help me in understanding the harassment, which causes me great mental pain and stress. I am not young anymore and this harassment is now into its 28<sup>th</sup> year.

I will be waiting for your reply,

Mary Dann