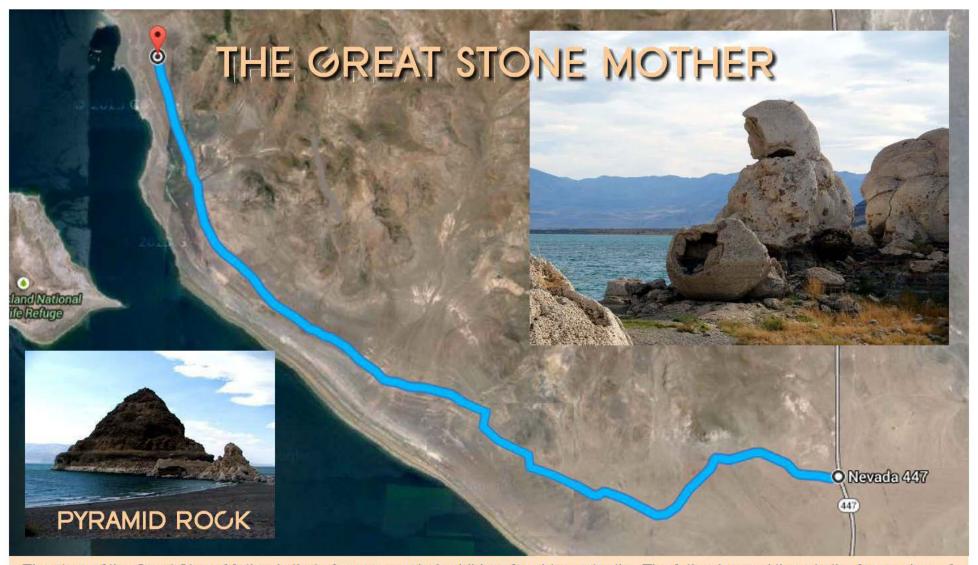
TREKKING BLACK ROCK

OREAT STONE MOTHER PYRAMID ROCK





The story of the Great Stone Mother is that of a woman who's children fought constantly. The father banned them to the far reaches of the lands never to return.

Those who where very bad he sent to the west becaming the Pitt-Rivers. The other children who were peaceful, he kept at home. He told them that they were to take good care of their mother whom he was leaving with them. They became the "Paiutes" who grew into a strong Tribe, but woman still grieved for her other children. Woman was so sad that she began to cry bitterly. She missed her other children very much. She cried more and more each day.

One day she decided to sit near a mountain, Pyramid Rock, where she could look toward Pitt River country. She sat there day after day crying. Her tears fell so fast that they formed a great lake beneath her. This became "Pyramid Lake". She sat so long that she turned to stone. There she remained to this day, sitting on the Eastern shore of Pyramid Lake, with her basket by her side.

51 MILES to GERLACH The Great Stone Mother and Pyramid Rock are both on Paiute Lands and require obtaining a permit to travel on. Even still the area is closed to non-Tribal members until further notice. If you venture out once you leave Rt447 just follow the dirt road all the way to the site. There really are no turn-offs but plenty of places to pull over for photos. A regular car can make the trip but take an SUV just in case. STARTING POINT 1 • 0 miles 39° 58' 50.64" N 8 MILES to NIXON PAGE 1 www.brxs.org









