

PROTECT THACKER PASS

Indigenous people, environmentalists, ranchers, farmers, and allies are working together to protect Thacker Pass (Peehee mu'huh in Paiute) in northern Nevada from an open pit lithium mine currently under construction.

QUICK FACTS

- **Size:** The mine will cover 17,933 acres (28 sq. miles), & the open pit will be 400 ft deep.
- **Time:** The mine will last for 46-100+ years.
- **Construction:** The project will include an open-pit mine, sulfuric acid plant, electrical substations, water pipelines, & a lithium processing plant.
- **Water:** The mine will use roughly 5 million gallons of water use per day, and may pollute groundwater. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has criticized the corporation's analysis showing little harm.
- **Air:** The project will emit hazardous / "criteria pollutants" & greenhouse gases from buildings, dump trucks, and up to 200 semi-trucks per day.
- **Climate:** will emit 152,713 tons of CO₂e annually & will depend on sulfur from oil refineries — possibly Tar Sands — as the main chemical input.
- **Wildlife:** The project may harm golden eagles, pronghorn migration routes, threatened Lahontan cutthroat trout, pygmy rabbit, western burrowing owl, & many others. This region is the best remaining habitat for the Greater sage-grouse in Nevada, and possibly in the world.
- **Permits:** The Environmental Impact Statement process usually takes 3-4 years. This project took less than 1 year, in the midst of the Covid epidemic. Many tribal members say consultation was inadequate / nonexistent.
- **Human Rights:** Lithium Americas formed a partnership in Argentina with Chinese company Ganfeng Lithium. An investigation of that company alleges it failed to provide free, prior, and informed consultation with local communities where the lithium project is located.

GET INVOLVED

SPREAD THE WORD: Share content on social media. Use #ProtectThackerPass.

SPEAK UP: Write letters to the editor to local and regional papers in Nevada, surrounding states, and globally.

PRESSURE DECISION MAKERS: Express your opposition to this project and demand the permits be rejected and rolled back. **CALL EVERY DAY!**

- Nevada Division of Environmental Protection): call (775-684-2700) or email.
- Department of the Interior, Secretary Deb Haaland: call 202-208-3100 or email feedback@ios.doi.gov.
- Nevada Senator Catherine Cortez Masto: call (775) 686-5750 or email.

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