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Trespass on Shivwits Reservation

SHIVWITS BAND RESERVATION—In an effort to curtail increasing trespass violations on Band lands, the Shivwits Band of Paiute Indians, whose 28,000-acre Reservation is located in southwestern Washington County, twelve miles west of St. George in the city of Ivins, Utah, has passed a Land Use Ordinance explicitly defining and prohibiting trespass on the Shivwits Reservation. The Ordinance allows for the issuance of citations by the Band with civil penalties up to \$1,200 for each trespass offense. Civil penalties may also apply to unauthorized grazing on Tribal land, along with hunting, vandalism, construction or any removal or use of any natural resource such as minerals, water, or the antlers or hides of wild game.

Exceptions identified in the Ordinance allow for people to be on the Reservation for the duration of an activity sponsored or approved by the Band. Non-Band members are welcome to patronize Shivwits-owned businesses and commercial ventures, such as the Shivwits Convenience Store on Old Highway 91 and the adjacent Legacy Fields soccer complex, once construction of the complex is complete and an event is occurring. Reservation visitors are also free to drive on public roads within the Reservation, provided they stay on the public road and don't pull off, park, or otherwise enter Reservation lands.

Entities requesting entry on the Reservation may submit a [Shivwits Trespass Permit Application](#) for consideration by the Shivwits Band Council. If approved, a trespass permit requires payment of a pre-determined fee and allows for access to a specific area of the Reservation for a specified activity during a prescribed time period. All applicants must agree to be bound by Shivwits law and acknowledge the Band's exclusive regulatory and adjudicatory jurisdiction.

In addition to civil trespass prosecution, the Band, in conjunction with the Washington County Sheriff's Office, may also pursue criminal trespass violations against trespassers. Utah law provides fines up to \$1,000 and six months in jail for the class B misdemeanor of criminal trespass on state or private property, and the maximum penalty increases to \$2,500 and a year in jail if the criminal trespass occurs in a dwelling.

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