

## **PRACTICAL & PRESENT PROBLEMS DUE TO PITU**

The **existing organization** of the separate Bands under the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah (PITU) **creates current concerns & controversy:**

- Creates confusion for federal agencies dealing with Bands
- Increases political in-fighting
- Prohibits effective access to P.L. 93-638 Indian Self-Determination & Education Assistance Act participation
- Inhibits effective participation in Indian Reorganization Act—no clear right to Section 16 Constitution & Bylaws or Section 17 economic development corporate charters
- Inhibits effective participation in Small Business Administration, Section 8(a) contracting opportunities for tribally-owned businesses
- Diminishes government-to-government relationship with state and local authorities
- Inhibits cultural identity for each independent Band
- Limits grant opportunities available to each Band—limits ANA grant access
- Has prohibited Band access to a Tribal judicial forum
- Limits ability of each Band to provide effective health care to its members
- Decreases effective trust relationship and communication between BIA and Bands
- Confuses property ownership
- Limits coordination between federal agencies and Bands
- Bands unable to exercise full breadth of sovereignty
- Creates confusion when doing business with other companies