

Great Basin National Park

Pioneer Rifle Exhibit (2016)

National Park Designation

1986

Park Size

77,000 acres,

Annual Visitors

110,000

Superintendent

Steve Mietz

Partner Group

Great Basin
Foundation



The opening of the American West in the nineteenth century brought over five hundred thousand pioneers on trails over the Rockies and through the Great Basin. Many artifacts from that era have been found within the park but none in recent history have inspired as much interest as the recent discovery of an intact Winchester Model 1873 rifle, mysteriously left leaning against a tree in the wilderness over 100 years ago. This project will provide a grant to the Great Basin Foundation to create an engaging visitor center display and interpretation for the rifle, relating it to the pioneer history of the time in which it was abandoned.

Project Cost: \$12,000