The Great Basin

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The region is the Great Basin.
The location is in between two mountain ranges in the present day United States. Some tribes were in California, the Columbian Plateau, and the Great Basin. It was very desert like, but cold.
Where is it now?

- Southern Idaho
- Nevada
- Utah
- Southeast California

The Great Basin is located between two mountain ranges in the present day United States. It is a very dry area, much like a desert although it is cold.
The used the environment to survive by gathering supplies from plants, animals, and other natural things for building, eating, and crafting. One example is that they would take saplings, cover them in brush, bark, grass, or reed mats as homes. Also, they used animal hides for clothing and to keep warm.
Native American People

There were many Native American tribes in each with their own culture and languages. The major tribes are listed below.

- Shoshone
- Paiute
- Bannock
- Ute
- Mono
- Washoe
- Gosiute
Geography and Climate

The Great Basin is located between the Wasatch Mountains to the east, and the Sierra Nevada Mountains to the west. The Great Basin is actually made multiple basins, the opposite of the name suggests. A basin is like a valley that’s filled with water. This explains why the terrain is flat, contrary to the neighboring mountains. The salty soil doesn’t allow many plants to grow, with the exception of a few like sagebrush, which thrives there. The climate is comparable to one of a desert’s, only the climate in the Great Basin is colder. The humidity level is low, and at night, there can be sharp drops in temperature.
The Culture of the Great Basin region thrived. Women became expert weavers because they gathered their food. Both men and women dressed in materials that they found. When it was hot men wore breechcloths made of animal skins or woven grass or reeds. In colder weather they added leggings, deerskin shirts, and moccasins. Women wore dresses of skins and then later cotton. The Great Basin region had two languages. The Washoe spoke a Hokan Language, which is now spoken in parts of California. The remainder spoke Numic Language, formerly called Plateau Shoshonean. 70% of the food Great Basin people had were vegetables. Tribes near water fished a lot. They were involved with trade using shells. They painted their teepees with pictographs and petroglyphs. The Great Basin Region had lots of culture.