

David Baddley  
Winnemucca Mountain

I live in Salt Lake, but often visit California. Friends and family live there, and I love the ocean. California announced its shutdown the day before I was to leave to visit my dad, who lives in Carmel. This broke my 11 year old son's heart, who had been excited about this trip for a long time. After much crying, and still hoping for a road trip of some kind, he suggested that we go to Winnemucca, which is half way between our home and the Bay Area. Not what we initially had in mind, but a couple of nights in the Scott Shady Court Motel and a hike up Winnemucca Mountain made him happy.

As I move through the land my passing makes a line. Others have made lines here too, for other reasons, and with different impacts. Creation and destruction are the same, as are beauty and ugliness.

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*David's work has been included in more than 90 group exhibitions and 16 solo exhibitions, including shows at the Finch Lane Gallery, Salt Lake Art Center, Nobrow, Arts Benicia, Center for Fine Art Photography, Free Form Film Festival, and the Granary. His work has appeared in several publications, including Art Week, Neon Magazine, and Leica View.*