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**Stop the Mining Industry from Wasting Nevada's Water Support Assembly Bill 346
in the Nevada legislature
Status**

AB 346 has gone through changes, since its first introduction, but it is still a major step forward to prevent wasting water in open pit lakes. At the hearing last week there were no opposing comments, of the amended version of the bill.

This week AB 346 will be discussed in a work session Thursday, April 11. If the bill is not approved by the committee it is dead, so you you continued support of this legislation is critical now.

This bill:

- **requires that any mining reclamation permit issued on or after October 1, 2013 contain reclamation of any pit lakes to provide for public access.**
- **any existing reclamation permit (issued before October 1, 2013) will need to be amended and refiled to also require reclamation of pit lakes to provide public access.**
- **allows a provision for a mining company to petition the Nevada State Environmental Commission for an exemption to reclaim any pit lakes.**

In general there is now a 200 acre surface area cutoff, so any pit lake of less surface area does not need to have a public access point.

This legislation will provide needed direction to the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection.

Action you can take:

- 1. Come to the Nevada state legislature on April 11 and speak in support of AB 346.
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND
MINING Room 3161 of the Legislative Building, 401 S. Carson St., Carson City, NV.**

12:30 PM

2. Leave a comment to the committee

by phone (775) 684-6738 or email AsmNRAM@asm.state.nv.us

Use the online comment page [here](#) Link to committee information [here](#)

Good Points to raise:

- To date every pit lake has been granted exemption to reclamation by the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection, so pit lakes are effectively not reclaimed by default. This bill will reverse this situation so that reclamation is the default and sets a much higher bar for an exemption.
- By requiring public access to pit lakes, there will need to be a minimum recreational use standard applied to the water in the pit lake, instead of the current language which only describes a "potential to affect adversely the health of human, terrestrial or avian life." This language is too vague.
- Under current law there will be millions of acre-feet of Nevada's water, once groundwater, that will become inaccessible and useless.
- Under current law without reclamation pit lakes are only required to be fenced off to prevent intrusion. While the water in pit lakes is generally going to be degraded, compared to the pre-mine groundwater, many of the pit lakes will be able to support fish and probably water contact recreation. If they do support fish, it is likely that someone, over the years, will stock the pit lakes with fish able to survive. If that happens, fishermen will want to get down to the pit lakes, and fences, particularly in the rural areas, are not likely to be sufficient to prevent the general public from getting to the pit lakes for recreational fishing. These lakes will thus provide an "attractive nuisance" and unless the pit lake walls are stabilized and a safe access is provided, they will become a dangerous attraction.
- If nothing is done, the pit lakes will remain an attractive nuisance and become a liability for the mining company, and also for the land management agencies.
- The entities that created the pit lakes have a responsibility to provide a productive post-mining use that minimizes the risk to the general public.

For more information - [GBRW Pit Lake Action page](#)

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SEVERAL NEVADA LAWMAKERS NOT CONCERNED ABOUT NUCLEAR WASTE BURIAL PLAN (*bears full reading....sdc*)

Several state legislators voiced no concern Wednesday about the U.S. Department of Energy's announcement that it intends to bury 403 canisters of nuclear bomb-usable waste at the Nevada National Security Site. <http://erj.reviewjournal.com/ct/uz3688753Biz16621586>

Growing Number of First Nations Across North America Gather In Ottawa with Unified Message

March 20, Ottawa – Chiefs and hereditary leaders from ten First Nations with traditional territory in the tar sands and on tar sands pipeline routes in western and eastern Canada and the United States gathered in Ottawa today to deliver a clear and unified message: tar sands pipelines will not pass through their collective territories under any conditions or circumstances. The First Nations signed two historic agreements pledging their mutual support to one another in their respective battles to protect their lands, water and health from proposed tar sands projects.

“The International Treaty to Protect the Sacred from Tar Sands Projects and Save the Fraser Declaration are rapidly gaining international support across Canada, the US and beyond. Whether or not Prime Minister Harper or President Obama approves the Enbridge, Kinder Morgan, the Keystone KL or the Enbridge Line 9 pipelines, they will not pass through our collective Aboriginal Territories under any conditions or circumstances,” said Hereditary Chief Phil Lane Jr., Ihanktonwan Dakota signatory of the International Treaty to Protect the Sacred from Tar Sands Projects, whose traditional lands include the ecologically sensitive Ogallala aquifer along the route of the Keystone XL pipeline.

Representatives of the Yinka Dene Alliance, the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation, the Tsleil-Waututh Nation, the Yankton Sioux Nation and the Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg Nation stood together to demand a cap to tar sands production and say no to further projects.

“Forcing these projects through would contravene our Indigenous laws and our decision-making rights under the Canadian constitution and international law. We have said no, and we call on the



Canadian government to recognize and respect our decisions,” said Chief Martin Louie of the Nadleh Whut’ en First Nation, which lies in the path of the proposed Enbridge Northern Gateway Pipeline.

The Yinka Dene Alliance, the Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg

Nation and the Yankton Sioux Nations of South Dakota engaged in mutual signings of the Save the Fraser Declaration and the International Treaty to Protect the Sacred from Tar Sands Projects,

instruments asserting the illegality of tar sands projects under these nations' own Indigenous laws. Leaders fighting the effects of environmental degradation on their rights and culture stressed that building more pipelines will increase tar sands production and destroy Indigenous communities.

“The Canadian government is spending a lot of money and time in the United States saying the tar sands are environmental and well-regulated, but my community -- the polluted air we breathe, the polluted water we drink, the miles of toxic lakes -- is living proof the Canadian government is telling one long, expensive lie,” said Chief Allan Adam of the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation in Alberta.

Four pipelines are being proposed to transport tar sands oil: Enbridge Northern Gateway, Kinder Morgan Trans Mountain, Trans Canada Keystone XL, and the Enbridge Line 9 reversal. First Nations represented along all of these proposed pipelines rejected efforts by government and industry to greenwash these projects and to push them through without consultation, stressing that Canada's energy program must change to meet the challenges.

“We must ensure a clean and healthy world for future generations by providing different solutions. Together we are more empowered than apart. Our resistance is strong and growing and we believe we will succeed,” said Rueben George of the Tsleil-Waututh First Nation, which is opposing Kinder Morgan's new pipeline.

The Alberta tar sands currently produce approximately 1.8 million barrels of oil per day, but if industry and government's expansion plans are approved that number could reach six million barrels per day. Analysis by the Pembina Institute shows the projected emissions from the tar sands are increasing Canada's overall emissions. If the tar sands were capped at the current production, Canada's emissions would decrease – not enough to reach the government's 2020 target, but enough to stop Canada from going backwards.

The Save the Fraser Declaration is an Indigenous law declaration banning tar sands pipelines and tankers from crossing British Columbia, signed by over 160 First Nations and supporters since its creation in 2010. The International Treaty to Protect the Sacred Against Tar Sands Projects is a treaty of peace and mutual defense concluded in January 2013 between the Yankton Sioux and Pawnee Nations, marking the 150th anniversary of a historic peace treaty between the two nations and committing signatories to defending their territories and sacred sites from tar sands infrastructure.

For more information, please contact: Geraldine Thomas Flurer, 250-570-1482

Why Enbridge is afraid of Ta'Kaiya Blaney

Blogpost by **Stephanie Goodwin** - March 24, 2011 at 12:00 [4 comments](#)

In my work for Greenpeace I meet special people pretty regularly. And by special, I mean people who do the most unexpected things in the most wonderful ways.

Meet Ta'Kaiya. She's a ten-year old girl from North Vancouver who, while learning about sea

otters in her home-school, became concerned about the devastation oil tankers would cause to B.C.'s coast.

When she learned about Enbridge's proposal to build an oil pipeline from the Alberta Tar Sands to the Great Bear Rainforest, bringing more than 200 oil tankers per year to this pristine coast, she got really worried. So, she wrote a [song](#) about her concerns. And it's good...really good.

Ta'Kaiya and her mom, Anne, went to Enbridge's office in Vancouver to hand deliver a copy of her music video and a letter that asks them to stop their plans. When she arrived security guards stopped her from going to Enbridge's office on the sixth floor and even entering the building, period. They also refused to send someone down to the street to accept her letter. Apparently Enbridge, who has touted their willingness to listen and work with First Nations, is afraid of a 10-year-old First Nations girl. She is pretty powerful but come on, really? I suppose that is what happens when you speak truth to power...it scares them.

Ta'Kaiya is interviewed by media outside Enbridge's office after being refused entry for trying to deliver her music video and letter to their office.

Ta'Kaiya knows that oil spills are inevitable with oil pipelines and oil tankers. She recorded the song to make a difference for the environment and the cultures that depend on the coast for their livelihood.

If an election isn't triggered already, which seems a certainty, our MPs will be debating Bill C-606 in the House of Commons shortly that would legally ban crude oil tankers from B.C.'s Great Bear Rainforest.

So Ta'Kaiya wrote an open letter to Canada's Members of Parliament (MPs) and sent it to each of them today, on the anniversary of the Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska, that urges them to vote in favour of the bill.

Below this blog is her letter and music video. I'm sure you'll agree that with kids like her, our future looks bright. Follow Ta'Kaiya's lead and [send your own letter](#) to Prime Minister Stephen Harper urging his government to represent our voices and those of the future that say loud and clear "Protect the Great Bear Rainforest coast!"

Stephanie Goodwin is Greenpeace's British Columbia Director and works from Vancouver.

Open Letter to Canadian Members of Parliament,

My name is Ta'Kaiya Blaney. I am 10-years-old. I live in North Vancouver and am from the Sliammon Nation. My name means "special water."

I am writing to you because the Enbridge Corporation is planning to build a pipeline from the tar sands of Alberta to Kitimat, BC. I thought it would be very risky for our coast so I wrote a song, called "Shallow Waters" about an oil spill happening in the shallow waters.

You will be debating Bill C-606 soon, if an election is not triggered, which would ban oil tankers from our northwest coast. I am [sharing my song's music video](#) and a personal message to encourage you to vote in favour of the bill.

Today is the anniversary of the Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska. Even today, 22 years later, oil still remains a few inches under the surface of the water.

With this song, I hope to encourage government officials, people of British Columbia, and people across the world will realize the dangers of oil pollution, replace jobs that **destroy** the environment with jobs that **help** the environment. I ask government and corporate officials such

as yourselves change your plans stop oil tanker traffic on BC's coast and in waters around the world.

Please feel free to share my letter and video with others.

All my relations, Ta’Kaiya Blaney

<http://www.greenpeace.org/canada/en/Blog/why-enbridge-is-afraid-of-takaiya-blaney/blog/33920/>

Tulalip B.O.D.: "We Raise Our Hands" - (VAWA) www.youtube.com

Many thanks to Deborah Parker and the Tulalip Board of Directors, as well as ALL of Indian Country, for their work on pushing through the Violence Against Wo...

6 Native American Basketball Facts, Inspired by Louisville’s Star Sisters - COLORLINES colorlines.com

Basketball is an important part of life Native American communities. And nothing shows that better than the ascendance of Louisville’s Shoni and Jude Schimmel.

(Incredible opportunities for tribes to retake the territory.....)

"A hospital will not last long with no doctors, and a courthouse and judicial system with no lawyers faces the same grim future."

DAVID E. GILBERTSON, chief justice of South Dakota, where lawyers are in short supply in rural areas. NY?T 4.9.13

No Lawyer for 100 Country Miles, So One Rural State Offers Pay **By**
ETHAN BRONNER

With rural Americans increasingly underserved by legal firms, South Dakota has enacted a financial inducement that could become a model.

Teacher Knows if You've Done the E-Reading

By DAVID STREITFELD nyt 4,9,13

Educators from nine universities are testing technology from a Silicon Valley start-up, CourseSmart, that allows them to track their students' progress with digital textbooks.

Upcoming Warehouse / \$4.99 Bag Sales

2013 Sale Dates* - All items 99¢

Wednesday-Sunday, April 10 - 14

Wednesday-Sunday, May 8 - 12

Wednesday-Sunday, June 5-9

Sale wrap-up on last day: \$4.99 Bag Sale, 9am-5pm

*dates subject to change

Donations in April

We pay cash for books, movies, music and video games (e.g., Wii). You may opt to make a charitable donation in lieu of receiving cash.

Grassroots Books' April charity of the month is the Lahontan Audubon Society.

The Lahontan Audubon Society, a Reno-based chapter of the National Audubon Society, seeks to improve habitats for birds and other wildlife while providing education for the local community. LAS activities include guided birding trips for public and school groups, birding classes, and site clean-ups. For more information, visit the LAS website: nevadaaudubon.org.

We also donate to Reno Sparks Kiwanis, which provides bikes, helmets and books to local kids. Donation receipts are available for possible tax deduction.

Grassroots Books team members decide the monthly "good causes." Let us know if you have suggestions.

*Donation receipts for possible tax deduction available at the Grassroots Books counter.

We Pay Cash

We pay cash for books, DVDs and CDs (scratched o.k.). No appointment necessary for 6 or fewer boxes; drop in between 9am and 7pm, seven days a week.

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Subject: **Update on Newman Ridge Quarry** - Please Read

From: "Sondra West-Moore, No on Newman Ridge Quarry and Edwin Center North Asphalt Plant Campaign" <noreply@list.signon.org>

April 9th, 2013

Dear Friends, Supporters and Neighbors - both near and far

Our legal fight to stop to the Newman Ridge hard rock strip mine and Edwin Center North Asphalt Plant is proceeding well, but we wanted to update you and ask you to do these three steps:

1. Please visit www.ionevalleylawda.com - where there are facts, maps and video testimonials to understand how a huge hedge fund -- in this case Tom Steyer's Farallon Capital Management - used the force of their unlimited resources to rush an unwanted, unneeded, super-polluting set of projects though the local process in a small agricultural county.

2. Understand that the only recourse left to Amador citizens is this legal fight. We have "stepped up" because so many in the County cannot, and decided that our job is to defend this little corner of America. What we want is the best outcome for all; to stop the project, to have the land permanently conserved as agricultural grazing, with open space hiking and equestrian trails - which will then add value, clean jobs and quality of living as well as tourist revenues to the local County tills. Please visit our What You Can Do page on www.ionevalleylawda.com for actions you can take now.

3. Amador County local government ignored our petition. We are now targeting at least 1000 more signatures for our meetings in the California State Capitol. Please ask 5 people you know to read and sign the petition as well as taking the actions in #2 above, which will help stop Newman Ridge and Edwin Center North. Please forward this letter, or ask that they also ask 5 people do the same - which will help us reach our target number of signatures quickly - http://signon.org/sign/no-on-newman-ridge-quarry?mailing_id=11227&source=s.icn.em.cr&r_by=2825910

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An **ancient mammoth skeleton, estimated to be more than 10,000 years old, is displayed after being discovered in Mexico City.** The bones found in the borough of Milpa Alta are thought to be one of the most complete sets found in Mexico. Excavators think the mammal weighed 10 tonnes and stood at three metres high. For video:

http://world.einnews.com/article/145532720/ocdLC-f9mbq4gp5u?afid=777&utm_source=MailingList&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Breaking+News%3A+world350-wednesday

Turn STEM into STEAM with arts education

seattletimes.comWe need to add an “A” for art to the national STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education agenda and turn it to STEAM, writes [guest columnist John Maeda](#).

THE PRESIDENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2014 BUDGET

The [President’s Fiscal Year 2014 Budget](#) demonstrates that we can make critical investments to strengthen the middle class, create jobs, and grow the economy while continuing to cut the deficit in a balanced way. The President believes we must invest in the true engine of America’s economic growth – a rising and thriving middle class. He is focused on addressing three fundamental questions: How do we attract more jobs to our shores? How do we equip our people with the skills needed to do the jobs of the 21st Century? How do we make sure hard work leads to a decent living? The Budget presents the President’s plan to address each of these questions.

KEY BUDGET FACTS

- Creates jobs by responsibly paying for investments in education, manufacturing, clean energy, infrastructure, and small business.
- Includes \$1.8 trillion of additional deficit reduction over 10 years, bringing total deficit reduction achieved to \$4.3 trillion.
- Represents more than \$2 in spending cuts for every \$1 of new revenue from closing tax loopholes and reducing tax benefits for the wealthiest.
- Deficit is reduced to 2.8% of GDP by 2016 and 1.7% by 2023 with debt declining as a share of the economy, while protecting the investments we need to create jobs and strengthen the middle class.
- Includes \$400 billion in health savings that crack down on waste and fraud to strengthen Medicare for years to come.

LINKS

- [The FY2014 Budget](#)
- [Budget Overview](#)

DOI :Highlights (*but read yourself.....devil in the details*)

- Provides \$11.7 billion in discretionary funding for the Department of the Interior, an increase of over four percent above the 2011 enacted level. This funding level reflects an

ongoing commitment to protect critical landscapes and infrastructure, partially paid for with savings achieved through administrative efficiencies.

- Promotes job creation and economic growth by conserving landscapes and promoting outdoor recreation in national parks, refuges, and on other public lands through the America's GreatOutdoors initiative.
- Proposes for the first time a dedicated source of long-term funding—reaching \$900 million by 2015—for Land and Water Conservation Fund programs to support land conservation and resource protection, in collaboration with Federal, State, and local partners.
- Invests in the safety, reliability, and efficiency of America's water infrastructure and in the protection and restoration of fragile aquatic ecosystems.
- Continues efforts to manage and promote the ecological sustainability and resilience of ecosystems on a landscape and watershed scale such as the California Bay-Delta, the Everglades, the Great Lakes, Chesapeake Bay, and the Gulf Coast.
- Proposes oil and gas management reforms to save \$2.5 billion over 10 years by building on the Administration's efforts to encourage diligent development of Federal energy resources while improving the return to taxpayers from royalty reforms.
- Provides robust support for energy development on Federal lands and waters and continues investments to strengthen safety oversight for offshore oil and gas operations.
- Supports tribal priorities in Indian Country by increasing funding for public safety and justice, natural resources, and assistance for Tribes that assume responsibility for managing Federal programs.
- Reforms oversight of mining on Federal lands and reduces the environmental impacts of coal and hardrock mining by dedicating and prioritizing funds to reclaim abandoned mines.
- Invests in science to support decision-making in the Department's resource management and trust responsibilities.

There are images floating around FB that say there have been 3 or 4 different **oil "events"** in the past week or two. It's actually much worse than that.

1. ExxonMobil's Pegasus Pipeline leak in Mayflower, Arkansas (March 29)
2. Enbridge's Norman Wells Pipeline leak in the Northwest Territories (4th leak discovered March 30)
3. Suncor, Alberta Tar Sands leaking into the Athabasca River (March 25)
4. Lansing Board of Water & Light leaking in the Lansing Grand River in Michigan (early April, date not confirmed)
5. Canadian Pacific Rail train derailment in western Minnesota (March 27)
6. Canadian Pacific Rail train derailment in northwestern Ontario (April 3)
7. Shell Pipeline leak in West Columbia, Texas (March 29)
8. DCP Midstream natural gas compressor explosion in Guthrie Oklahoma (April 4)
9. ExxonMobil chemical leak at Chalmette refinery in LOUISIANA (April 3) (apologies for the mistake in the pic)
10. S&S Energy oil tanker and gas well explode in Damascus Ohio (April 4)



PLUS:

- 250,000 gallon leak in Equador on April 8
- On-going oil leak in Parachute, CO
- Chevron diesel spill into Willard Bay, Northern Utah (March 18)
- unconfirmed report of spill at Pembina Gorge in North Dakota
- Train derailment in Winn, Maine (March 7) (reported that no oil spilled)
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Elveda Martinez

Yesterday was a tough one here in Schurz, as we lost a fellow tribal staff member, who worked at our Fitness Center. Gabe was a young man who worked to whoop people into shape and he was good at it. He also played with his uncle and best friend Jeremy in their band, Doghed. Prayers to the Sanchez family on this heartbreaking loss. Also prayers to my fellow EMT's who responded to this accident. It's time to stick together and support each other at this time. God Bless you all.