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**Indigenous Elders and Medicine Peoples Council Statement on Fukushima**  
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[COUNCIL FUKUSHIMA STATEMENT OCT 2013.](#)

#### Council Statement

*This statement reflects the wisdom of the Spiritual People of the Earth, of North and South America, working in unity to restore peace, harmony and balance for our collective future and for all living beings. This statement is written in black and white with a foreign language that is not our own and does not convey the full depth of our concerns.*

The Creator created the People of the Earth into the Land at the beginning of Creation and gave us a way of life. This way of life has been passed down generation-to-generation since the beginning. We have not honored this way of life through our own actions and we must live these original instructions in order to restore universal balance and harmony. We are a part of Creation; thus, if we break the Laws of Creation, we destroy ourselves.

We, the Original Caretakers of Mother Earth, have no choice but to follow and uphold the Original Instructions, which sustains the continuity of Life. We recognize our umbilical connection to Mother Earth and understand that she is the source of life, not a resource to be exploited. We speak on behalf of all Creation today, to communicate an urgent message that man has gone too far, placing us in the state of survival. We warned that one day you would not be able to control what you have created. That day is here.

Not heeding warnings from both Nature and the People of the Earth keeps us on the path of self destruction. This self destructive path has led to the Fukushima nuclear crisis, Gulf oil spill, tar sands devastation, pipeline failures, impacts of carbon dioxide emissions and the destruction of ground water through hydraulic fracking, just to name a few. In addition, these activities and development continue to cause the deterioration and destruction of sacred places and sacred waters that are vital for Life.

Powerful technologies are out of control and are threatening the future of all life

The Fukushima nuclear crisis alone is a threat to the future of humanity. Yet, our concern goes far beyond this single threat. Our concern is with the cumulative and compounding devastation that is being wrought by the actions of human beings around the world. It is the combination of resource extraction, genetically modified organisms, moral failures, pollution, introduction of invasive species and much much more that are threatening the future of life on Earth. The compounding of bad decisions and their corresponding actions are extremely short-sighted. They do not consider the future generations and they do not respect or honor the Creator's Natural Law. We strongly urge for the governmental authorities to respond with an open invitation to work and consult with us to solve the world's problems, without war. We must stop waging war against Mother Earth, and ourselves.

We acknowledge that all of these devastating actions originated in human beings who are living without regard for the Earth as the source of life. They have strayed from the Original Instructions by casting aside the Creator's Natural Law. It is now critical for humanity to acknowledge that we have created a path to self destruction. We must restore the Original Instructions in our lives to halt this devastation.

The sanctity of the Original Instructions has been violated. As a result, the Spiritual People of the Earth were called ceremonially to come together at the home of the Sacred White Buffalo Calf Pipe Bundle. These Spiritual Leaders and those that carry great responsibility for their people from both North and South America came together with the sacred fire for four days at the end of September 2013 to fulfill their sacred responsibilities. During this time it was revealed that the spirit of destruction gained its' strength by our spiritually disconnected actions. We are all responsible in varying degrees for calling forth this spirit of destruction, thus we are all bound to begin restoring what we have damaged by helping one another recover our sacred responsibility to the Earth. We, the Original Caretakers of Mother Earth, offer our spiritual insight, wisdom and vision to the global community to help guide the actions needed to overcome the current threats to all life.

We only have to look at our own bodies to recognize the sacred purpose of water on Mother Earth. We respect and honor our spiritual relationship with the lifeblood of Mother Earth. One does not sell or contaminate their mother's blood. These capitalistic actions must stop and we must recover our sacred relationship with the Spirit of Water

The People of the Earth understand that the Fukushima nuclear crisis continues to threaten the future of all life. We understand the full implications of this crisis even with the suppression of information and the filtering of truth by the corporate owned media and Nation States. We strongly urge the media, corporations and Nation States to acknowledge and convey the true facts that threaten us, so that the international community may work together to resolve this crisis, based on the foundation of Truth.

We urge the international community, government of Japan and TEPCO to unify efforts to stabilize and re-mediate the nuclear threat posed at the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant. To ensure that the Japanese government and TEPCO are supported with qualified personnel and

information, we urge the inclusion of today's nuclear experts from around the world to collaborate, advise and provide technical assistance to prevent further radioactive contamination or worse, a nuclear explosion that may have apocalyptic consequences.

The foundation for peace will be strengthened by restoring the Original Instructions in ourselves. Prophecies have been shared and sacred instructions were given. We, the People of the Earth, were instructed that the original wisdom must be shared again when imbalance and disharmony are upon Mother Earth. In 1994 the sacred white buffalo, the giver of the sacred pipe, returned to the Lakota, Dakota and Nakota people bringing forth the sacred message that the winds of change are here. Since that time many more messengers in the form of white animals have come, telling us to wake up my children. It is time. So listen for the sacred instruction.

All Life is sacred. We come into Life as sacred beings. When we abuse the sacredness of Life we affect all Creation/

We urge all Nations and human beings around the world to work with us, the Original Caretakers of Mother Earth, to restore the Original Instructions and uphold the Creator's Natural Law as a foundation for all decision making, from this point forward.

Our collective future as human beings is in our hands, we must address the Fukushima nuclear crisis and all actions that may violate the Creator's Natural Law. We have reached the crossroads of life and the end of our existence. We will avert this potentially catastrophic nuclear disaster by coming together with good minds and prayer as a global community of all faiths.

We are the People of the Earth united under the Creator's Law with a sacred covenant to protect and a responsibility to extend Life for all future generations. We are expressing deep concern for our shared future and urge everyone to awaken spiritually. We must work in unity to help Mother Earth heal so that she can bring back balance and harmony for all her children.

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## [This 80-Year-Old Grandma Walked Hundreds of Miles to Retrace the Underground Railroad](#)

**Katrina Rabeler, News Analysis:** The Council of 13 Indigenous Grandmothers—a force “for the good of all beings”—is a group of matriarchs who are spiritual leaders from native communities around the world. Coming from what they call “the four directions”—North and South America, Africa and Asia—they work to educate others about indigenous ways of life, sacred stories and values. Most importantly for them, they pray for healing the Earth and the reconciliation of its people. [READ](#) | [DISCUSS](#) | [SHAR](#)

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And here we go again: <http://www.cnn.com/video/data/2.0/video/us/2013/11/06/pkg-griffin-yucca-mountain-nuclear-waste.cnn.html>

### **(“Interesting CNN segment on the nuclear waste storage issue”)**

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## [Stunning Portraits Of The World's Remotest Tribes Before They Pass Away](#)

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[Living in a concrete box with hot water pouring from the tap, a refrigerator cooling our food and wi-fi connecting us to the rest of the world, we can barely imagine a day in a life of, say, Tsaatan people. They move 5 to 10 times per year, building huts when the temperature is -40 and herding ...](#)

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## [John Pilger | The Brutal Past and Present Are Another Country in Secret Australia](#)

**John Pilger, Truthout:** Suppressing racist truths, while venerating Australia's servile role in the colonial wars of Britain and the United States, has almost cult status in Canberra today. [Watch the Video and Read the Article](#)

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## **GOP wants to SELL our National Parks, not open them**

by [JLFinchFollow](#) Daily Kos

Thu Oct 10, 2013

There really has been much public whining and gnashing of teeth by the GOP because the National Parks are closed as a result of the GOP shutdown. The GOP would have Americans believe that they value our National Parks and are outraged - outraged! - that the parks are closed.

### [Oh really?](#)

A powerful Republican chairman in the House of Representatives just shared with his constituents his desire to begin selling our national parks. **Rep. Cliff Stearns of Florida** was caught on video in a local town meeting. Here is what he said: "I got attacked in a previous town meeting for not supporting another national park in this country, a 200-mile railway. And I told the man that we don't need more national parks in this country, **we need to actually sell off some of our national parks.**"

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Unfortunately, Rep. Stearns isn't the only prominent politician who thinks of the conservation legacy of Theodore Roosevelt as just so much surplus property. Some of the current candidates

for leader of the free world have also mused about putting America's national heritage on the chopping block, **and the House of Representatives has actually passed or considered favorably a series of radical bills in this Congress that amount to an all-out war on the concept of holding public lands in trust for future generations.**

There is a video of Rep. Stearns at [Think Progress](#). And more from that link:

This is not the first time Republican members of Congress have advocated selling off Americans' public lands without clarifying how taxpayers would get a fair return for them. Last fall, **Rep. Jason Chaffetz (R-UT)** proposed selling off 3.3 million acres of the public lands that belong to all of us. **And former Rep. Richard Pombo proposed selling national parks to mining companies in 2005.**

Republican presidential candidates have also recently been confused about the tangible and [intangible](#) values of our national parks and public lands. **Mitt Romney told the Reno Gazette-Journal that he doesn't know "what the purpose is" of public lands, Rick Santorum told Idahoans that public lands should go "back to the hands" of the private sector, and Ron Paul advocated for public lands to be turned over to the states.**

See also this excellent article from [Salon](#):

**Our national parks have been underfunded for years, not days, and the damage this has caused will last far longer than the shutdown. Inadequate resources have debilitated our parks for decades. In 1998, for example, a Government Accounting Office study concluded that the dwindling funds were not a short-term problem. "Because of advanced, continuing deterioration, some of these assets may be lost permanently," it said. Ten years later, USA Today ran a story with the headline, "National program for ruins in ruins," about the inadequately funded Vanishing Treasures program, tasked with protecting the country's archaeological sites. The aughts have not been kinder. According to the Center for American Progress, since 2010, Congress has cut the parks budget by 13%, leading to the seasonal closure of national parks including the Great Smoky Mountains and the Grand Canyon.**

Most recently, **the National Parks Group accused the Appropriations Committee-approved budget, which among other travesties completely removed [funding for](#) the Land and Water Conservation Fund, of having its "roots in fantasy rather than reality" and putting "national parks, historic places and cultural treasures... at ever-increasing risk."** As Nicholas Kristof wrote in August, "[O]ld bridges have collapsed. Trails disturbed by avalanches have not been rebuilt, and signs are missing." According to the National Forest Service, Kristof reported, only an estimated one-quarter of the country's 158,000 miles of trails meet internal standards. **The Sierra Club told Salon that the national parks need \$11.5 billion worth of maintenance. Half of this is reportedly needed for roads and bridges, whose disrepair poses serious public safety threats. The amount allocated in the 2012 budget? \$2.2 billion.**

**For Congress, though, it's not enough just to defund our parks so they slowly fall into total, unusable ruin. In this country, it's also important that we "Drill, baby, drill," not to mention, "Log, baby, log" and "Mine, baby, mine." All of these efforts create serious threats to our parks. In September 2012, the National Park Service identified forty-two park units where non-federal oil and gas drilling is or could be happening in the future. At the time, twelve had active oil and gas operations. Yet for plenty of politicians, this is still not enough. In the 2011 primaries, Michele Bachmann proposed drilling for oil in the Florida Everglades, one of**

**the country's most endangered ecosystems. Joe Miller, the Tea Party candidate for Senate in Alaska, has run on a platform that includes turning the pristine Denali National Park and Preserve, the home to Mount McKinley, the U.S.'s highest peak, into an oil well. And GOP thought leader Grover Norquist says to hell with all of it, let's just turn them over to the states, or better yet, sell them to the private sector. (Or return to tribes from whence they were carved. sdc)**

The GOP would love nothing better than to sell off (give away) our National Parks to their cronies and campaign contributors for drilling, condos, clear cutting, strip mining, whatever. As usual, Republican mendacity knows no bounds. No surprise there.

#NationalParksHypocrisy

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Join us for these upcoming **LYRASIS Digital classes** and keep your institution on the road to digital readiness.

Also, be sure to save the date for a special session, the [Cooperative Community Emergency Response and Recovery Town Hall](#) at Georgia Tech Global Learning Center in Atlanta, GA on December 6. This session will also be available live online so you can participate from your location.

#### November Digital & Preservation Classes

- [Caring for Originals During Scanning Projects](#) - November 12
- [Going Digital FREE Webinar](#) - November 13
- [Introduction to Outsourcing for Digitization: Who, What, When, Why and How](#) - November 13
- [Evergreen Demo FREE Webinar](#) - November 14
- [Mammoth Materials: How to Preserve Posters, Maps and More](#) - November 14
- [Personal Digital Preservation: Bigger than a Shoebox](#) - November 19
- [Digitization Collaborative Information Session](#) - November 19
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#### Our History

In December 2007, Annie Leonard and her friends at Free Range Studios put a 20-minute movie about the way we make, use, and throw away Stuff on the internet, unleashing a torrent of pent-up demand for honest conversation about the impacts of our consumer-crazed culture on people and the planet. In the five years since *The Story of Stuff* was released, Annie's 'cartoon about trash' has been viewed more than 30 million times worldwide.

Annie responded to viewers' thirst for more information and ways to get involved by founding **The Story of Stuff Project** in 2008. Since then, we've responded to our Community by releasing a best-selling book, co-creating a high school-level educational curricula called *Buy, Use, Toss*, developing a study program for faith communities, and launching a hope-filled podcast series called *The Good Stuff* that chronicles the efforts of everyday changemakers.

And yes, we've also created a series of new online movies! Season One -- *The Story of Bottled Water*, *The Story of Cosmetics* and *The Story of Electronics* -- used everyday consumer products to take a deeper look at where our Stuff comes from and where it goes when we throw it away. When our Community asked to go deeper, we created Season Two—*The Story of Citizens United v. FEC*, *The Story of Broke* and *The Story of Change*—which examines the underlying roots of our unsustainable production and consumption patterns: what makes the system tick, who pays, who benefits and how can we turn it around.

Now, having helped millions around the world understand and talk about the Story of Stuff, we've begun a collaborative pursuit of Solutions with the nearly 500,000 worldwide members of our Community. In 2013, we are launching our first, Community-generated and fueled campaigns to reduce plastic pollution, grow the sharing economy and end political corruption. And in late 2013, we'll be offering Community members an innovative online Boot Camp aimed at helping them strengthen and flex their citizen muscles.

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## **That Oath to the Crown**

**Date:** Nov 6, 2013 9:39 AM      From the Eagle Watch      November 6, 2013

What Does that Oath Really Mean??

It is often hard to understand the thinking of another human being. Sometimes it is because the other person's thinking and reasoning processes don't work the way ours do. It doesn't seem like the other person is reasonable. They may have their facts wrong. Yet to that person, he/she is doing the right thing. Most of us think we are doing the right thing most of the time. We like to think our intentions are good even when the outcome is not.

Sometimes we are in a position to make decisions on behalf of other people. Getting into that position can take a lot of jockeying and strategizing even to the point of pretense, guile and outright lies. We'll make compromises to put food on the table for our children.

While examining some of the treaties, in particular the Canadian numbered treaties, (most of which were designed by lawyer and land speculator, Alexander Morris of Perth, Upper Canada,) we became aware that the band chiefs and councilors take an oath to the Crown just like any MP, MPP, MLA, Senator, Mayor or other Canadian official.

"And the undersigned Chiefs, on their own behalf and on behalf of all other Indians inhabiting the tract within ceded, do hereby solemnly promise and engage to strictly observe this treaty, and also to conduct and behave themselves as good and loyal subjects of Her Majesty the Queen."

Of course, Indigenous understanding of the Treaties is often counter to what the English wrote down. While the treaties state that we, "cede, release, surrender and yield up" our land, it has never been our understanding that this is what we negotiated. We agreed to share our land with the newcomers.

Another question can be asked, "How is it that the treaties made us good and loyal subjects of [the Crown]?? How did that happen?"

The answer is quite simple: because the Crown said so AND because we continue to follow along with this lie. It's not the only one, there are many lies that were told and lived by. Nobody seems to want to get up and denounce the lies. It's like an elephant in the room. Let's all pretend it isn't there.

Lawyers, judges, cops and soldiers also take this oath to the Crown. It is an oath of allegiance, loyalty, and requires one to swear on the Bible.

Sometimes, this oath includes secrecy as with spies and "Persons Permanently Bound to Secrecy".

Where does Your Loyalty Lie??

This brings us to the uncomfortable topic of just who is the Chief loyal to?? Just whose interests does he defend and advocate?? Presumably, the people he is chief of, are his relatives. They are supposed to be his #1 concern yet he is also bound by this oath.

You could quickly point out that all he has to do is pretend loyalty to the Crown. It isn't that simple. Taking an oath is serious business. It does something to your mind. You think you can live your life in 2 worlds, one foot in each world. However, at some point, you are tipped onto one side. Do you even know which side you are on??

There is a saying, "Don't bite the hand that feeds you." So, exactly, how does it feel to be the recipient and administrator of band funds?? Do you say, "Thank you" for something that is already rightfully yours? Do you say "thank you" when the funds are not nearly enough to complete and/or repair houses and infrastructure in your community? Do you smile when you say thank you to Indian Affairs, now Aboriginal Affairs??



### Walk a Mile in My Moccasins

These chiefs are under a lot of pressure, from within, from their people who are often in dire straits and from without, agents, pedlars, profiteers and well intentioned but deluded individuals and racketeers. Many of our communities sit on top of valuable mineral wealth while others are neighbour to horrificly toxic wastelands.

Sometimes our decisions are desperate and made under duress. Do we have to state that we all make mistakes? Here at the Eagle Watch, we know that we are wielding a dangerous weapon, Words. Our goal is to get at the Truth. Truth is powerful. It's evident to us that to solve a problem we must first identify the problem. So we use words to cut to the Truth.

Sometimes we cut very deep, some would say too deep in our eagerness.

It has come to our attention that one or two chiefs were so offended by some of our comments that they have instructed their communities not to read the Eagle Watch. As wordsmiths, we would quickly identify this as censorship. It causes us considerable grief.

When obstacles come from without, we feel like rising to deal with them.

When obstacles come from within, our hearts sink.

It's just fine with us if you don't want to read Kittoh's missives and analyses. However, it's not o.k. when people are denied the information that may support dissent. It has always been our understanding that true democracy is about the best solution for the greatest number of people. Expressing opposing views is a method for reaching such solutions. The internet is a great medium for doing this in real time.

We invite your comments as always, especially if you think we are mistaken. We'd like to know how pervasive such censorship/control of information is in your communities. Kittoh

Notes

<http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1370373165583/1370373202340>

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## **2013 Nevada Broadband Summit: Learning in the Digital Space**

Have you [registered](#) yet?

It's an event you don't want to miss!

You can [check out the agenda](#) packed with speakers and panelists that are in-the-know about the future of broadband in Nevada, across the nation, and its critical connection to education:

- [Blair Levin](#) is Communications and Society Fellow at Aspen Institute and is set to give the keynote. Levin is an attorney, author, and served as the executive director for the effort that produced the National Broadband Plan. He also worked as chief of staff to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) chairman.

- [Anne Neville](#) is NTIA State Broadband Initiative Director and is set to speak on the deep impact of broadband on the education system.

- [Dale Erquiaga](#) is the Nevada State Superintendent of Public Instruction and is set to give opening remarks.

We have a long and impressive list of speakers and panelists lined up for an exciting and informative day on the University of Nevada, Reno campus.

[Register now](#) to attend!

**Monday, November 18, 2013**

**9 AM to 4 PM PDT**

**University of Nevada, Reno Joe Crowley Student Union Ballroom  
1664 N. Virginia Street Reno, NV 89557-0056**

The one-day meeting is being co-hosted by nonprofit Connect Nevada and the governor's Nevada Broadband Task Force.

As a Summit attendee, you'll have several opportunities to interact directly with grant awardees, providers, and stakeholders through Q&A and direct conversations. The event will bring national, state, county, and local leaders together to discuss broadband expansion and the critical role technology is now playing in education.

**Please forward this email to anyone you think might be interested in attending and we will update you as details of the event become available.**

Thanks for your contribution to ensuring a bright future for Nevada through technology. We look forward to seeing you in Reno in November!

Regards, Lindsey Niedzielski (775) 343-9600 [lniedzielski@connectnv.org](mailto:lniedzielski@connectnv.org)

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Participants will enjoy snacks, refreshments and a box lunch hosted by Republic Services

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Tour will begin at Mandalay Bay parking lot located behind the Shark Reef off Russell and Las Vegas Boulevard. We will begin loading the bus at 7:45am for a prompt departure at 8am. Must be 18 years or older.

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**[Gray whale dies bringing us a message — with stomach full of plastic tras](#)**  
**[www.realnews24.com](http://www.realnews24.com)**

[July 29, 2013, a sperm whale was stranded on Tershelling, a northern island in the Netherlands. A rescue attempt was attempted, but unfortunately the whale died. A young adult at 13.5 meters was taken for a necropsy at the port of Harlington. The sperm whale had plastic in its stomach, an increasing...](#)

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**[The coolest cowboys are from Indian Country at national rodeo finals](#)**  
**[america.aljazeera.com](http://america.aljazeera.com)**

[At the Indian National Finals Rodeo, Native Americans give lessons on what a 21st Century cowboy looks like](#)

