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Charles Laws: I am headed, on some strange mission of adventure, to a small island with a decreasing population. Roughly 4000 people have departed from an island of 6000 people over the last 40 years, leaving less than about 1200 to sustain their culture, their language, and the **Nation of Niue**. I guess I'm attracted to small communities.

The emigration has prompted the local leaders and most of the people to recognize that they are going to be losing their culture and their identities as Niueans if they do not manage to - somehow- maintain their culture. I suspect each individual's deeper personal identity, as members of families and the association with their 'inherited' lands, will also suffer. Families are going, land and structures are going unused. The 2011 census identified 477 occupied houses, and 538 either unused or empty but used houses. – By any measure this exodus is not much different from a plague or devastating war. There is continuation of Niuean speakers, and most can also read Niuean, as I understand the education in schools is in Niuean for the first couple of years. But an official language is now also English. It may not have helped that their independence is formed in association (a very close association) with New Zealand. These people their identities as individuals, as family members, and as communities, and as a nation are in jeopardy. -A true jeopardy. Even though they are actively trying to get Niuean emigrees to return I think their future is fragile. Just as fragile as those nations and communities being inundated due to climate and sea level changes.

I don't know what an alien immigrant (applicant), such as myself, will be able to contribute to the Niueans present well-being or their ability to sustain themselves into the uncertain future. But – I will go, I want to learn about and contribute to potentially sustainable communities, as much as my monolingual capacities will allow. I'm not sure how I might be able to engage in in order to learn about this community and these people for whom I have a great deal of hope, --but that's part of the adventure.

I guess, on reflection of this issue, and I seem to have an enormous investment, a personal investment, in being of some kind of assistance that would help this community to sustain itself.

I have no idea of how that will play out in the real physical, social, economic, or ecological communities. No idea, whatsoever, of what I will do or how I will do it. (Maybe writing for the newspaper, published mostly for the Niueans living in New Zealand, an occasional column -an alien's perspective.. ...like I should actually check that idea out with the editor, Michael Jackson).

It is within my sense of 'what is likely' that the global economic system will collapse within a very few years. (As anyone who knows of my previous predictions during the last 40 or 50 years - I can be off by an order of magnitude, but they more or less eventually they happen). Given the present state of global concerns, anxieties, hostilities, and intercontinental dependencies, I think the global social situation (as the collected personal experiences and perspectives) is developing insecurities and 'insabilities' at exponential rates. – With all of these adverse factors (of human creation) constructing an impenetrable wall of destruction.. yes even of extinction. Without a major transformatio most of humanity, and possibly most of ecology, will hit the wall.

I'm not trying to say that the 'wall' is being constructed solely by humans, previous extinction and events provide evidence of global ecosystem catastrophes to have happened without the 'advantages' of human intervention. However, the evidence of social and ecological degradations that have occurred during my lifetime (and to some extent by the actions in which I was engaged) is simply that the humans have dumped their « shit » all over Life, and are continuing the perpetration of this heinous act. The wall that we have constructed is condemning all life, including our own, into a fatal collision.

I guess my present 'adventure' is motivated by a desire to find, and contribute to, an alternative path.

Ways To See the World

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New Knowledge at Noon - Introduction to LEED v4: Measuring for Success

Location: InNEVation Center 3rd Floor, 6795 Edmond St, Las Vegas, NV 89118

Date: 07 Aug 2014 12:00 PM PDT

LEED v4 takes a systems thinking approach and emphasizes the connections within a building in order to improve overall performance. This is the second session of two parts and emphasizes the role of performance and how the underlying frameworks of flexibility, integrative process and performance are aimed at improving the user experience in LEED v4.

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- Identify areas of performance based requirements in LEED v4.
- Describe the role of performance data to address LEED system goals
- Recognize performance goals in each of the LEED credit categories
- Identify benefits of the performance criteria in LEED v4

This course will count as 1 LEED-specific CEU and 1 AIA CEU as applicable.

Lunch will be provided and space is limited to 32, so register early!

For more information and online registration, please go to: [New Knowledge at Noon - Introduction to LEED v4: Measuring for Success](#)

Oil leases auctioned amid fracking protest in Reno

Special to the Pahrump Valley Times - Nevadans Against Fracking protest the sale of oil leases in front of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management offices in Reno Thursday.

By Mark Waite Pahrump Valley Times mwaite@pvtimes.com 7.24

RENO — Quarterly auctions of oil and gas leases are normally routine affairs, but the auction last Thursday drew protests of fracking at the U.S. Bureau of Land Management office from residents just across the Lander County line.

More than 30 people hoisted signs displaying their opposition to hydraulic fracturing, a technique where a water, fracturing fluid and propping agent are injected into the hydrocarbon bearing formation under extremely high pressure to further open existing fractures or create new fractures, permitting hydrocarbons to more readily flow into the well bore. It makes some sand and shale formations now workable for oil.

The BLM sold 27 of the 102 parcels up for auction in the Battle Mountain District, which extends into northern Nye County. All but one parcel were bought up by American General Energy Exploration Corporation out of Austin, Texas.

Bidders bought leases on 38,070 acres of the 173,921 acres offered, that was after 83,848 acres were withdrawn from the list due to sage grouse habitat.

All 102 parcels received protests, but none were withdrawn due to protests. All the bids came in at the minimum \$2 per acre. The highest bid was \$5,120 for a 2,560-acre parcel.

“We believe the costs of fracking far outweigh the perceived benefits,” said Dawn Harris, a spokeswoman for the group Nevadans Against Fracking. “The farmers, ranchers and families that live in Reese River Valley are at risk of losing their livelihoods and way of life.”

Nevadans Against Fracking are concerned chemicals injected with the water during the fracking process may pollute the groundwater and fracking may increase the chances for earthquakes. Air pollution is also a concern.

The protesters asked Gov. Brian Sandoval to keep fracking out of Nevada, but Sandoval has supported fracking with appropriate safeguards. "I support (fracking) as long as it is done in conjunction with and subject to the review of the Department of Minerals," Sandoval said last week.

Nevadans Against Fracking had asked a federal judge to block the sale after the environmental analysis showed energy exploration resulting from the sale of the leases would have little or no impact across about 270 square miles of Lander, Nye and Esmeralda counties.

While Nevada's limited oil production has been primarily in Railroad Valley in the northeastern corner of Nye County, the citizens group said a recently discovered shale deposit, the Chainman formation, running from southern Nevada north through the eastern one-third of the state, could become one of the nation's most valuable, according to a University of Wyoming energy economics professor.

The Lander County Commission and the Center for Biological Diversity filed protests over the lease sales, around Big Smoky Valley between Austin and Tonopah.

The lawsuit was filed on behalf of ranchers, alfalfa farmers and others that said fracking could suck millions of gallons of water from the high desert, undermine the region's seismic stability and pose a threat to wildlife. The vast majority of parcels, 78, up for lease were in the Big Smoky Valley hydrographic basin.

Half of the \$137,472 collected goes to the state of Nevada. Leases are issued for a primary term of 10 years, they continue beyond that time as long as oil or gas is produced in paying quantities. If a lease is producing, a royalty of 12.5 percent is levied. Bidders may not purchase more than 246,080 acres of public land.

The BLM received 5,100 individual comment letters during a 30-day comment period that ended March 13. Most expressed concerns on impacts to wild horses and burros, water usage, hydraulic fracturing, potential ground and surface water contamination with exploration and development.

The environmental assessment said there wouldn't be direct impacts to groundwater from the auction, because development activities would be analyzed under a separate, site-specific environmental analysis.

The Tonopah Resource Management Plan states the extremely complex geologic structure of the area has limited the success rate of wells to 28 percent, within defined oil fields the success rate is 60 percent. The BLM projects modest amounts of oil and gas exploration are expected to continue in the Battle Mountain District over the next 10 years, even with the current technological advances in hydraulic fracturing.

A BLM white paper on fracking said the process is unlikely to directly affect freshwater aquifers because fracturing typically takes place at depths of 6,000 to 10,000 feet, much deeper than drinking water aquifers, which are typically shallower than 1,000 feet deep. Fractures created haven't been shown to span the distance between the targeted oil formation and fresh water, the report said.

Fracking could create seismic activity, but the white paper said only a small fraction of activities at hundreds of thousands of energy development sites in the U.S. have inducted seismic activity at levels noticeable to the public.

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Paiutes seek 174-acre transfer into federal trust; Springdale still not convinced

Written by [Aspen Stoddard](#) on July 26, 2014 **SPRINGDALE** — Around 60 people, comprised of Springdale business owners, county commissioners, park rangers, tribal leaders and Bureau of Indian Affairs officials, convened Tuesday evening in the conference room of the Hampton Inn & Suites, located at 1127 Zion Park Boulevard, regarding the [Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah's](#) application to transfer 174 acres of fee land into federal trust.

If the application is approved, [the PITU, which currently has 892 members](#), would have sovereignty over this land allowing them an opportunity, they maintain, to further develop self-sufficiency. The 174 acres encompasses a few minor sections of the Virgin River, but the main acreage is situated to the east of state Route 9 in Springdale accessible by way of the trail system that branches east from the George A. Barker Springdale River Park located on Zion Park Boulevard in Springdale.

This request of land use transfer follows Springdale City's denial of a proposed plan in 2013 when the PITU asked for a change in zoning from residential to commercial, said Pat Cluff, who was Springdale's Mayor at the time.

Read more: [Springdale denies Paiutes' request to build Native American cultural center - June 2013](#)

"They came to us and had hired some firm, like an advertising agency, with a very elaborate plan," Cluff said, "one that would have increased the commercial density by 40 percent and went against every one of our ordinances."

The City Council's decision to deny the PITU's proposal, Cluff said, was due to issues concerning: traffic, where there is currently only a two-lane road through Springdale; maintaining the village atmosphere and night sky; disrupting sensitive lands; and aesthetics that maintain Springdale's character.

This is not about building a casino or a huge resort next door to Zion National Park, it's about economic opportunities and securing a cultural presence for the Paiute people, Gaylord Robb said, economic development director for the PITU.

"This is a baby step program," Robb said. "The Paiutes don't have the funding for huge construction plans."

The question of utilities arose quite frequently. Several people asked if this became a federally managed land then where would they get their water and power? Robb said they would have to purchase water from the Town of Springdale, which would give the town some leverage in proposed projects.

Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah Economic Development Director Gaylord Robb explains the historical significance of the Paiutes in Zion National Park, Hampton Inn & Suites, 1127 Zion Park Boulevard, Springdale, Utah, July 22, 2014 | Photo by Aspen Stoddard, St. George News

"If water is provided then the project can go through," Robb said. "And if there is no water, then there will be no project."

While there are no firm plans proposed for the building prospects, two of the main objectives for this land are to build a cultural center and museum to showcase the culture, art and history of the early Paiute people and provide an opportunity for economic development.

"We want to be able to share our beadwork and traditional crafts with the millions of tourists who visit Zion yearly," said PITU Chairwoman Gari Lafferty.

Evidence of the thousands of years that the Paiutes inhabited Zion National Park is found in the ancient housing located about five miles down the canyon. As well as the discovery of an ancient Paiute cemetery that holds 200 gravesites, Robb said.

Lora Tom, who served as chairwoman for the PITU from 2000 to early 2009, and now currently serves as chairwoman for the Cedar Band of Paiutes, was involved with the initial discussion surrounding this piece of land that began at the turn of the 21st century. While Tom does not speak for the PITU, she said she speaks for the Paiute Band of Cedar. Acquiring this piece of land has always been backed with the intention of showcasing the historical Paiutes, she said, which is currently lacking throughout the area.

"This has been a long process. It didn't just fall into our laps," Tom said. "Opportunities do not come easily. This project gives us the potential to help one another. Native Americans don't like to disturb land. We would be the first to recognize disturbance."

After the termination of the five bands of Paiutes by the federal government in the 1950s, 25,000 acres of land was lost. Once reinstated in 1980, the federal government promised 15,000 acres to the Paiutes that they would be able to choose – though this never happened, Robb said. They only ended up with around 4,800 acres.

“If there was ever an endangered species, it was the Paiute people during the time of their termination,” Robb said.

“You don’t need to worry that we are going to rush in here and set up our homestead,” PITU Chairwoman Lafferty said. “We are really respectful of the land, appreciate the landscape and respect our neighbors.”

“The town is being asked to play ‘trust me poker,’ one that says don’t worry, we’re good,” Bill Bassett said, owner of W J Bassett Zion Canyon Auto, located at 32 Steamboat Lane in Springdale. “We might have listened a little more if it had been more than ‘trust me.’ I think we respect the Indians and the fact they have been here longer than the white man but who’s to say that the tribe isn’t going to build 4-story buildings?”

Looking into the eyes of a Native American and saying ‘trust me poker’ is a gross irony, said Logan Hebner, who founded the Bit and Spur Restaurant and Saloon in 1981, located at 1212 Zion Park Boulevard, and authored “Southern Paiute: A Portrait,” in which Hebner relates interviews with 30 Southern Paiute elders.

“To worry of commercialization when it’s already happened is another irony. Look at where this meeting is being held,” Hebner said. “Springdale has been carpet-bombed with hotels, restaurants, bars. The Paiutes could bring a new dimension to Springdale.”

“If the Paiute tribe of Utah would have come and said we want to set up residential and craft shops I think we would have worked with them,” Louise Pittit said, who was on the City Council at the time of denial. “I am still worried that they have a big resort development in the back of their minds.”

Someone in the meeting asked why the Paiutes don’t come back to the town with a more distinct plan because the town would be willing to listen, but they said no. When it all boils down to it, they don’t want to have to pay taxes, Cluff said.

“Native Americans were never supposed to pay for property taxes,” Robb said. “And the \$10,000 it would cost a year would be a burden on the Paiute tribe. That land was given to the tribe free and clear.”

“The Paiutes have endured so much with termination and countless court battles over land. They’ve had a lot of hardships,” Tom said. “It’s time we look to the future and teach our young people that there is something to look forward to. We, like anyone else desire to leave a legacy.”

“This could be mutually beneficial for the Town of Springdale and the Paiute tribe,” Hebner said. “But both parties need to learn to trust each other.”

This ‘scoping meeting’ represents the initial step in the [National Environmental Policy Act](#) process intending to inform and gather public comments pertaining to this acquisition project. The Zion Development Corporation donated this land to the PITU and the deed was signed Feb. 25, 2014, according to the Washington County Recorder’s Office.

The NEPA process includes an environmental assessment to evaluate the condition of the land and whether it meets the federal standards to be placed into federal trust.

The land is located near Zion National Park in Springdale in Township 42 South, Range 10 West, Section 31 in Washington County.

Resources – Comment period open

If you were not able to attend the meeting but would like to submit a comment, send them by Aug. 14 to:

*BIA Southern Paiute Agency Office, 180 North 200 East, Suite 111
PO Box 720, St. George, UT 84770*

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If you want to understand me,
Speak to me of the Great Catfish,
Man sized fish caught by hand.
From dark crevices in muddy waters.

Of giant Alligator Gar,
Which shred incautious hands,
That take children unaware,
Til' quelled by spear or club.

Speak to me of crackling fat,
From Coho and Chinook,
Dripping onto fire,
From roasting racks,
As the people gather.

Speak to me of men,
In hand hewn boats,
Who hunt the great whale,
To feed the village,
On Pacific Shores.

Speak to me of women,
Who soften and sew,
Fish skins for waterproofs,
While winds howl across the ice.

If you want to understand me,
Come guest join in the hunt,
Then we will feast,
Let us talk of fish.

John D. Berry, 2014

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