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- 1 MR. HARNEY: My name is Corbin Harney. I am going to talk about the treaty of the Western Shoshone. The outline of it there, 26 million acres of land, what the federal government has agreed to with the Shoshone Nation.

Those are the reasons why we, as a native people throughout the country, are concerned. Because from the beginning for five to 600 years, we have been told and lied to, and today we still get that message from them.

Today, the Yucca Mountain is a very important part of our life. This is where my people roamed; this is how they survived; on the land. It's something that we have lived for thousands and thousands of years upon that land. We relied on that land. Not only us but all the living things -- the animal life, the bird life. And today we are running out of water in that part of the country.

Not only as a Shoshone people -- we all face the same thing today. We are all running out of clean water. We are buying water and so forth.

Today, I am asking each and every one of you to support the Indian people throughout the country. You survive on their land here. This is really important to each and every one of you. Because you came here 600 years ago, and today your people are happy. We think that you are happy. We enjoy you people. We got to work together as one people. If we don't work together, this is going to continue.

- 2 The DOE Nuclear Energy Department is trying to shorten your life by shipping all of this throughout the country. I know in my country, Nevada, they want to ship from Carlin into Yucca Mountain. That's Indian land they are coming through. It will be coming through two Indian reservations. This is something that they have never consulted with us, and never will either. Because they always think that we are dummies; we don't know anything; they are the only ones.

But we are beginning to surprise them by knowing more than they think. And today we have told the people someday, somewhere, we are going to be running out of water at the Nevada Test Site. They already begin to see that.

- 3 Now, Yucca Mountain is a live mountain. The people that roam that part of the country drink from that mountain. The snake moves -- it's got a movement to it. It's going to get worser and worser. I know I have been told by my people long ago, when you are thirsty going through that part of the country, you could suck water from it.

And today the Nuclear Energy Department should realize there is water coming in. They don't know where it is coming from. But they are saying the rain is the reason why it's going through the mountain site, but it's not. It's a snake that lays there, carries water for the people. But it's hard for you people to understand.

But you are the people that I relied on at the Nevada Test Site before, and I am going to ask you people again to support the native people throughout the country. They understand the land; this world of ours in this part of the continent. And today I'm going to ask each and every one of you people again -- we are going to be protesting what they are doing in May, Mother's Day. I want people to support us so that we can put a stop to this nonsense of what they are trying to do to us. Thank you.

FACILITATOR LAWSON: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Harney. Our next speaker is Grace Lester. Ms. Lester will be followed by John Cadek and Jerry Jamriska.