

1 PAULINE ESTEVES: [My comment is about our /
2 lands are in the area where they're going to put in
3 the railway. And I would say DOE does not address
4 the people too much, like some of the people they
5 already did but DOE doesn't in their assessment.

6 We believe in people, because it's going to
7 affect people. Not only that but also the people's
8 way of life. We have lands there at Scotty's
9 Junction, and that to me will be affected.

10 We are trying to build an environmentally
11 safe solar system there adjacent to where they're
12 going to be putting in the railway. And even that we
13 oppose because we had to go into what you call it to
14 see the impacts that will happen on the land and on
15 the wildlife, all that as a tribe, because we believe
16 in the land and we believe in all the natural
17 resources to protect them as much as we can.

18 And to me what DOE is planning on doing is
19 they're not thinking that way, all they're thinking
20 about is the impacts onto the land. They don't think
21 about the impacts on people, people that will be
22 affected in ways that DOE does not address at all.
23 And I would like to see DOE address that more through
24 that resource, which is people. And without people,
25 what is land and what is water, because without
1 people there is no land at all.

2 And most of the land there is all federal
3 under the United States government. The United

4 States government has responsibility to protect those
5 lands themselves. There's Bureau of Land Management
6 and then there's Park Service there and forestry
7 close by and a lot of BLM land through there.

8 These are the resources off of those lands
9 that keeps the people, you know, their subsistence.
10 That's what I'm trying to say here is that I am
11 opposing what the DOE is planning on doing. And I
12 will oppose completely on behalf of the Timbisha
13 Shoshone tribe and other tribes along the north and
14 across the nation that will be affected in the same
15 way.

16 And it is our way of life to protect all the
17 natural resources. It's our way of life to protect
18 all of mankind, and that is our responsibility. I do
19 know that it's a heavy responsibility but it rests
20 upon our shoulders, and we will still keep on saying
21 that we have to protect the lands into the future and
22 for the future generations for all of the people here
23 on the land.

24 And another thing I want to address is the
25 water. There has not been done enough studies on the
1 land. And we do know that the land is very precious
2 and we need to protect that completely. And this is
3 something that we believe in because it is our
4 lifeline.

5 But doing this energy, the energy that is
6 going to be expelled out into the air and into the
7 ground from the impacts from the railway and the

8 Yucca Mountain itself will affect the land. And what
9 we put into the land, we have to be very careful
10 about, and DOE has not been that careful. They say
11 that they have done their scientific studies, but we
12 don't believe in that. They have never done the
13 studies of the impacts on the human people, what the
14 people really believe in.

15 And I still say that California and Nevada
16 are two states that really depend on the resources
17 for their subsistence. It's people, the people that
18 travel through California and Nevada to get away from
19 the big cities and all that, they want to get out
20 there in the open country, out on the BLM lands and
21 into the forestry. And that is what the Timbisha
22 Shoshone tribe is trying to figure out is how we can
23 make our lands attract the people, you know, so they
24 can stop on their way on Highway 95.

25 And so that is what I'm trying to say is
that I oppose what's happening here, that there is

2 not enough assessment of people's comments of their
3 needs in all this.

4 And I admire the people that spoke up
5 tonight on the same subject, but I speak on behalf of
6 the Timbisha Shoshone tribe and their way of life,
7 and that is to protect all of mankind and that is
8 what we were put here for.

9 And I do know there are stumbling blocks
10 along the way, but we will overcome that. And I

11 believe that because of the support of all the
12 people, the people that have spoken tonight with
13 their comments, that we can stop the transportation
14 of radioactive materials into Yucca Mountain.

15 Yucca Mountain itself is a spiritual
16 mountain. And geologically it's not even a mountain,
17 it's a plateau. That's something that has never been
18 corrected. They still call it Yucca Mountain, but to
19 me that's a farce because it's a plateau. That's
20 what I learned when they very first started this
21 talking about Yucca Mountain.]

22 [And lately they have kept the Timbisha 2
23 Shoshone tribe off their studies just because they
24 said we weren't to be recognized as an affected tribe
25 under their regulatory act, their policy act, nuclear
1 policy act. We tried several different times to get
2 that status so we can speak up and defend ourselves,
3 but it never happened.

4 Finally we got a status of ^[trust] ~~waste~~ lands
5 within Inyo County, Esmeralda and Nye County, those
6 three counties in the two states of California and
7 Nevada. And we propose that we are going to defend
8 those lands on behalf of mankind,] and that's all I
9 have to say.