



SHUNDAHAI NETWORK: WHO WE ARE

Shundahai Network is an international network of activists and organizations bridging the gap between the environmental, peace and justice and indigenous rights communities.

Throughout our eleven-year history, we have been closely linked with grassroots groups around the U.S. Shundahai Network trains activists in community organizing and the use of nonviolent direct action to generate public awareness and apply political pressure on nuclear and indigenous rights issues. We strive to ensure that Native American voices and concerns are heard in the movement to influence U.S. nuclear and environmental policies.

Shundahai Network was formed at the Nevada Test Site (NTS) in 1994 by a council of long term nuclear disarmament activists at the request of Corbin Harney, an Elder and Spiritual Leader from the Newe (Western Shoshone) Nation.

Shundahai Network opposes all nuclear weapons research, development, testing and production. We actively seek to close down the Nevada Test Site to all nuclear weapons programs except for containment and cleanup of radioactive contamination. Shundahai Network also opposes all nuclear waste dumping and uranium mining on indigenous peoples' lands.

We are fighting to halt the proposed high-level nuclear waste dumps at Yucca Mountain, Nevada and the Skull Valley Goshute Reservation in Utah. We work to educate about the dangers of radioactive waste transportation and promote a safe and sane energy policy based on conservation and renewable resources. To this end, Shundahai Network organizes and participates in workshops, conferences, demonstrations and nonviolent direct actions.

Our staff and volunteers work on a wide range of community outreach, education and public action campaigns. Through our events and campaigns, Shundahai Network helps train activists in community organizing and the use of nonviolent civil resistance to generate public awareness and apply political pressure on nuclear and indigenous rights issues.



Shundahai Network

DEDICATED TO BREAKING THE NUCLEAR CHAIN



GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF SHUNDAHAI NETWORK

Supporting Corbin Harney's educational and outreach tours on nuclear and Native issues.

Networking with Native as well as multi-cultural grassroots, political action groups on nuclear and Native issues.

Voicing Native perspectives regarding the devastating impacts of the nuclear chain on all peoples.

Supporting Native led coalitions to halt desecration of sacred Native American land due to U.S. nuclear policies.

Shutting down the Nevada Test Site to all nuclear weapons and waste acceptance programs. Begin clean up and containment of current contamination. Return stewardship and oversight of NTS lands to the Western Shoshone Nation.

Stopping all forms of nuclear testing worldwide. Immediate priority should be given to environmental clean up and containment of radioactive and toxic contamination at all Department of Energy (DOE) nuclear weapons research and development facilities.

Halting all current nuclear weapons programs except those concerning disarmament.

Affecting the U.S. nuclear waste policy to stop the ongoing dumping of "low-level" nuclear waste at NTS, stopping proposed plans for transportation of deadly "high-level" nuclear waste for interim storage at the Private Fuel Storage (PFS) facility and final dumping at Yucca Mountain or on any Native land.

Promoting the "Abolition 2000" movement with over 2000 organizations from all around the world, which seeks to ban nuclear weapons and begin immediate lateral disarmament.

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Shundahai is a Newe (Western Shoshone) word that means "Peace and Harmony with All Creation."

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In 2005, we have seen some alarming trends in US nuclear policy:

- Despite delays, President Bush is proceeding with the Yucca Mountain Project as the nation's first permanent high-level nuclear waste dump, and is committed to the shipment of over 50,000 "Mobile Chernobyls". Continued resistance is critical to halt this project.
 - The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is expected within 2005 to decide on a license for Private Fuel Storage (PFS) for the building of a "temporary" high-level nuclear waste dump on the Skull Valley Goshute Indian Reservation in Utah. This is despite opposition from within the Goshute community, The State of Utah other indigenous organizations and several citizens and citizen organizations.
- May 2005-** After an eight-year struggle, the licensing process for the proposed PFS dump passed a critical hurdle. Also, in July 2005, the US Department of Transportation appealed to congress for funding to accommodate this project. Urgent opposition is required to halt this project
- The Bush Administration wants to build a plant to produce plutonium "pits" that make up the heart of nuclear weapons and is studying the Nevada Test Site as one of the five options for the future home of the plant.
 - The Administration is further expected to push for money to refurbish the Nevada Test Site. Underground nuclear tests, halted since 1992, could then resume in a year and a half, rather than the two to three years previously required.



High-level nuclear waste casks could be on our roads and rails if we don't stop the Yucca Mountain and Skull Valley nuclear waste projects



To address these critical issues, Shundahai Network continues to develop three main campaigns:

Environmental Justice Now, supports Corbin Harney and assists indigenous communities affected by nuclear issues in having their voices heard on the national level. Our board of directors is indigenous-led and supervises planning and budgets. Environmental justice has always been the first purpose for all of our campaigns. In all of our work, we strive to insure that indigenous voices and concerns are heard in the movement to influence U.S. nuclear and environmental policies. We work very closely with members of the Western Shoshone Nation as well as activists and organizations from indigenous communities around the country.



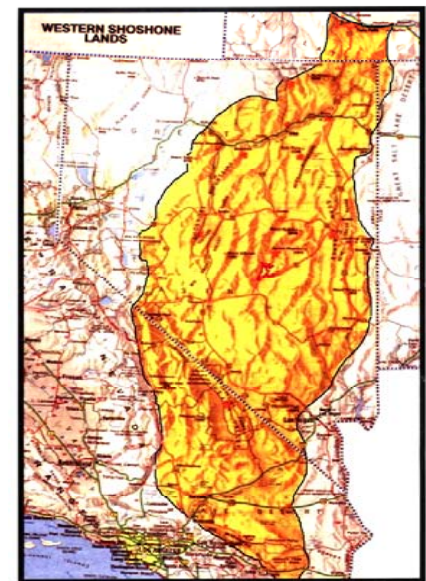
Action for Nuclear Abolition, working for complete nuclear disarmament and cleanup of the Nevada Test Site. Along with our ongoing work in building alliances with affected communities, organizing and supporting conferences, workshops, rallies, and direct actions, we also mobilize internationally to bring activists to shut down the Nevada Test Site and stop the Yucca Mountain Project.

Nuclear Free Great Basin, links the dumping and transportation of nuclear waste in the Great Basin bioregion. The Great Basin bioregion stretches through five states and is home to strong indigenous people and cultures, high mountainous alpine lakes and forests, deep winding canyons and rivers, as well as many endangered and threatened plants and wildlife. Sadly, this land has already experienced the deadly effects of nuclear weapons testing as well as the disposal of radioactive and toxic wastes in leaking dumps threatening precious land, air and water.

Besides the ongoing active nuclear waste dumps in Nevada, Utah and Idaho, and the nuclear weapons design, testing and production facilities at the Nevada Test Site and Idaho National Engineering Laboratories, the nuclear industry has targeted two sites on Native American land for high-level nuclear waste dumps- Yucca Mountain and Skull Valley.

For the past several years, we have put much of our resources and efforts into working with grassroots organizations and activists in Utah who are struggling hard to stop the planned Private Fuel Storage nuclear waste dump, which the nuclear industry wants to begin construction of this year.

NEW E S O G O B I A



Newe Sogobia is the Western Shoshone Homeland, as recognized by the Treaty of Ruby Valley 1863. It encompasses territory in Nevada, California, Idaho, and Utah.