

White Mesa Concerned Community

# MEDIA ADVISORY

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## White Mesa Ute Organize Protest & Spiritual Walk

**What:** Rally, protest, and spiritual walk to protect White Mesa Ute community's health, water, air, land, culture, and sacred sites from the nearby White Mesa uranium mill, the last operating conventional uranium mill in the United States. All supporters welcome.

**When:** Saturday, May 19, 2018, 11am rally followed by spiritual and protest walk to the Energy Fuels White Mesa uranium mill.

**Where:** The White Mesa Ute Community Center, located in White Mesa, Utah, just south of Blanding, Utah off of Highway 191. The community center is located on the west side of the highway. Turn in at the Mobil gas station and continue one block south to the community center.

**Why:** Citizens of the Ute Mountain Ute community of White Mesa are concerned about contamination from the nearby uranium mill and desecration of sacred sites and cultural resources.

**Quotes:**

“When the mill's running, it smells like chemicals at my house. The trucks that come and go from the mill are dangerous, especially for my kids and other kids in White Mesa who ride the school bus by the mill. The mill was built on top of burial grounds and it contaminates the bones of our ancestors.—Yolanda Badback, White Mesa Concerned Community

“I am worried about my kids and my grandkids and their future in White Mesa. When I think about the mill, I just feel like I have to fight. I have to stand up for my family and our community in White Mesa.” – Thelma Whiskers, White Mesa Concerned Community

“If a crisis happened at the mill, they would contact Blanding, not us. We're five miles south of the mill and the wind usually blows south. They don't care about us; all they care about is money. If there was a crisis, where would we go? My only place is White Mesa.” –Ephraim Dutchie, White Mesa Concerned Community

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*White Mesa Concerned Community is a grassroots group of concerned citizens of the Ute Mountain Ute community of White Mesa, Utah, located south of the White Mesa uranium mill. We work to inform our fellow citizens and protect our community, health, water, air, land, culture, and sacred sites from toxic contamination.*