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# **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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## **White Mesa Ute Invite Public to Join Spiritual Walk to Protest Uranium Mill**

### **White Mesa says NO to Uranium**



### **And protect our Sacred Land**

**What:** A rally and spiritual walk to protect the White Mesa Ute Community's health, water, air, land, culture, and sacred sites from the nearby [Energy Fuels uranium mill](#) and show community opposition to the mill operating as an international dumping ground for radioactive waste from North America, [Japan](#), and [Europe](#). All relatives and allies welcome.

**When:** **Saturday, October 4, 2025, 11 a.m. MDT** rally followed by spiritual walk to the Energy Fuels uranium mill, about five miles on relatively flat pavement. Wear comfortable shoes and bring plenty of water. Limited number of vehicle seats available for elders and those not able to walk the whole way.

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

**Why:** The Ute Mountain Ute Community of White Mesa and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe are concerned about contamination from the nearby uranium mill and desecration of sacred sites.

**Background:** The uranium mill, owned by Energy Fuels Resources, is also where uranium ore from controversial uranium mines, including Pinyon Plain Mine, near the Grand Canyon, is sent for processing; Native American tribes, including the [Havasupai Tribe](#), strongly oppose that mine. As far away as [Madagascar](#), [Indigenous people](#) strongly oppose Energy Fuels' operations. The October 4 protest and walk are sponsored by the White Mesa Concerned Community and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe.

**Quotes:**

*"I want my community to have good air quality, good water resources. We live there and that's our homeland. And I will never leave my homeland for anything."* –[Yolanda Badback](#), White Mesa Concerned Community cofounder.

*"We love our community, and we love our people. We need to put a stop to this."* –[Yolanda Badback](#), White Mesa Concerned Community cofounder.

*"I sit out here and watch those trucks, and in the back of my mind, I'm wondering what they're hauling ... It kind of gets nerve-wracking. It's scary." –[Anferny Cly](#), 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 Energy Fuels' uranium mill. We work to inform our people and protect our community, health, water, air, land, culture, and sacred sites from toxic contamination.*

*The 2025 Rally and Spiritual Walk is sponsored by the White Mesa Concerned Community and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe.*

*Event co-sponsors:*

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