



## WESTERN SHOSHONE DEFENSE PROJECT


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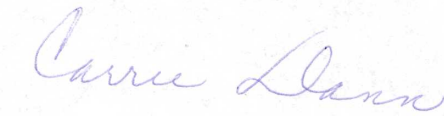
### Our Thoughts on the “Right Livelihood Award”

This award recognizes all that would cherish and contribute to the protection and preservation of our earth-Mother. We personally feel also that it is a lasting tribute to our ancestral way of life-teachings which have always given us the interconnectedness with ALL living things...the animals, birds, streams, trees-each living thing on earth-a recognition of our humanness and spiritual being, based on deep respect.

By virtue of Creator’s law(s) and right, we feel free to determine our own political status, free to pursue our traditional subsistence lifestyle, develop our own economy, and maintain our most unique culture. We are taught deep respect for our lands, waters, and resources which have nurtured and sustained human life since time immemorial; it is our duty to affirm the deeply spiritual, unique relationship between our peoples and our lands and waters and the creatures which inhabit them. This special relationship is basic to our existence and to our beliefs, customs, traditions, culture, and civilization.

It is our stand to promote any positive efforts to prevent and eliminate damage to the environment and biosphere, and to enrich the understanding of the natural resources of the Western Shoshone people. Thus, we are protecting ALL of that we are tied to in the form of respect; the lands, waters, animals, fish, fowl, plant life, trees. All of these provide a unique bond and continuity as to who we are and what we must do.

  
Mary Dann

  
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