

In the Light of Reverence—People in the Film

Segment 1: Devils Tower/Lakota

Vine Deloria, Jr. (Lakota)

Noted Lakota scholar Vine Deloria, Jr. is best known for his books *Custer Died for Your Sins*, and *God is Red*. He is a prolific author who holds advanced degrees in law, history and theology, and teaches at the University of Colorado, Boulder.

Johnson Holy Rock (Lakota)

Former Ogalala Sioux Tribal Chairman Johnson Holy Rock is best known as the man who allowed the sun dance to be publicly performed again after one hundred years of government repression. He coins the title phrase “in the light of reverence” in a story he tells in the film.

Elaine Quiver (Lakota)

Elaine Quiver is head of The Grey Eagles, an Ogalala Sioux organization that brings together youth and elders to facilitate the teaching of important Lakota values.

William Perry Pendley

Executive Director of Mountain States Legal Foundation (MSLF), Perry Pendley was Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy and Minerals in the Department of the Interior during the Reagan Administration. MSLF (founded by James Watt) sued the National Park Service over the Climbing Management Plan at Devils Tower.

Andy Petefish

Commercial rock-climbing guide Andy Petefish, with the assistance of Mountain States Legal Foundation, sued the National Park Service over the first draft of the Devils Tower Climbing Management Plan, which proposed a ban on commercial climbing in June. A federal judge in Wyoming issued a temporary injunction against the commercial ban, stating that it was a government entanglement with religion, and the park service dropped it.

Charles Wilkinson

Charles Wilkinson is Moses Lasky Professor of Law at the University of Colorado, Boulder, School of Law. A former staff member of Native American Rights Fund, he is author of *Fire on the Plateau—Conflict and Endurance in the American Southwest* and *The Eagle Bird*.

Deb Liggett

Currently Park Superintendent at Lake Clark/Katmai National Preserve in Alaska, Deb Liggett was Superintendent at Devils Tower National Monument in the early 1990s when the current Climbing Management Plan was devised. It asks rock climbers to voluntarily refrain from climbing Devils Tower in June out of respect for Native American ceremonies.

Segment 2: Four Corners/Hopi

Thomas Banyacya (Hopi)

The late Hopi spokesman Thomas Banyacya (1909-1999) traveled the world for 50 years in an effort to protect Hopi land and culture, and to disseminate the Hopi prophecy. A controversial figure at Hopi because of his activism and travel, he opposed Peabody Coal Company's stripmining of Black Mesa.

Dale McKinnon

Owner of Cholla Read-Mix and Woodruff Butte (AZ), Dale McKinnon supplies gravel and aggregate to road, highway and construction projects.

Dalton Taylor (Hopi)

A member of the Sun Clan from the village of Shungopavi, Dalton Taylor conducts a pilgrimage to deliver prayer feathers to shrines around the perimeter of the Hopi aboriginal territory. He serves on the Cultural Resources Advisory Team of the Hopi Tribe's Cultural Preservation Office.

Vernon Masayesva (Hopi)

Vernon Masayesva is executive director of the recently-formed Black Mesa Trust, which is working to shut down the Peabody Coal Company slurry line that uses billions of gallons of pristine underground water to move coal to the Mojave power plant in Nevada. He helped prepare the Natural Resources Defense Council report "Drawdown" which documents the detrimental impact of the slurryline pumping on Hopi springs. He was Chairman of the Hopi Tribal Council from 1990-94.

Leigh Kuwanwisiwma (Hopi)

Formerly known as Leigh Jenkins, Leigh Kuwanwisiwma is the Cultural Preservation Officer for the Hopi Tribe and the Governor of the village of Bacabi. His office conducts numerous educational projects and works to protect Hopi land and culture from appropriation.

Jan Balsom

Chief archaeologist, Grand Canyon National Park.

Segment 3: Mt. Shasta/Wintu

Florence Jones (Wintu)

Born in 1906, Florence Jones is known as the “top doctor” of the Winnemem Wintu of northern California. Recognized as a “spiritual person” when she was born, she went through rigorous training by Wintu shamans, was taken against her will to boarding school at age 12, returned home to continue her training as a healer, and to this day, at the age of 93, conducts healing ceremonies on Mt. Shasta. She strongly opposed the construction of a ski resort near Panther Meadows on Mt. Shasta, and objects to New Age ceremonies conducted at a Wintu sacred spring.

Caleen Sisk-Franco (Wintu)

Great niece of Florence Jones, Caleen Sisk-Franco has worked as an educator to help preserve the Wintu language and ceremonies. She is Keeper of the Ceremonies for the Winnemen Wintu, and is working to gain federal recognition of the Wintu tribe.

Chris Peters (Pohlik-lah/Karuk)

Executive Director of Seventh Generation Fund, Chris Peters helps secure funding for grass-roots community projects throughout Indian country. As a plaintiff in the infamous “G-O Road” case (in which the Reagan Supreme Court reversed two lower court rulings which had protected an area sacred to the Karuk, Yurok and Hoopa tribes), Chris has been involved for two decades in struggles to protect sacred sites throughout the world.

Sharon Heywood

Superintendent of the Shasta-Trinity National Forest, Sharon Heywood decided against allowing a new ski resort on Mt. Shasta.