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5 MS. DANN: I'm Carrie Dann. I'm a WESTERN
6 Shoshone. My family has been in the valley from time
7 immemorial. I have lived here and hopefully my
8 grandchildren and now the future generations of people
9 will be here and I hope that they will be safe that
10 shouldn't have no fear of nuclear accident and I just hope
11 that this valley and any other valleys will be free from
12 nuclear transportation because I don't think that nuclear
13 power, nuclear arms, all of this in my opinion is suicide
14 for our people.

15 I think when they start fooling around with
16 something that they really can't control, then
17 automatically I feel it's a suicide.

18 They made this plan, this pact for us. I
19 sometimes think that it's -- they made plans to kill us
20 out here and in case there is an accident it will happen.
21 Those that are close by will die certainly faster, but
22 those further away will die in agony one way or another.

23 And I say to young mothers or mothers to be,
24 when your child is suffering, you wonder what you can do.

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1 You can't do anything. You suffer along with them. Your

2 suffering is mental, their suffering is physical. And you
3 think about these things and think about all the things
4 that will happen to the future generation if there is ever
5 an accident if they allow the nuclear waste dump in Yucca
6 Mountain to be where it is at.

7 Even if my grandchildren have a stomach ache I
8 suffer along with them. What would it be like to see them
9 suffer from something that you don't even know what it is?

10 And I look at all of these things, not only
11 going to be suffering from humankind but suffering from
12 all the animals, the birds. Of course the plant life too
13 will suffer, only we can't see them suffer, but they will.
14 They will wilt and they will die.

15 I'm an indigenous person. I have different
16 viewpoints on life, of all things, on plant life, animal,
17 bird life, fish life. All of these have a meaning to us.
18 They have a purpose for us to be here. I wonder what
19 purpose of man, I mean human when I say man I mean human,
20 because a lot of places where humans walk we find a path
21 of destruction, a path of destruction that is so horrible
22 just like the nuclear weapons testing.

23 Now they are talking about germ warfare down at
24 the test site.

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1 It came out on the T.V. not long ago what they
2 are doing down there. These things are scary. I'm mean
3 scary when you have children and grandchildren and you
4 think about the future generations of people, of animals
5 and all of these things. It will all be affected.

6 Then again as Christopher Sewell said, there is
7 a treaty of peace and friendship with the United States.
8 United States has yet to honor this treaty.

9 And I think and I say to the population over
10 here, during the 1970s, during the MX crises, we use that
11 treaty to defeat the MX and I think it should be used
12 again. It's a living document.

13 I don't think the United States should -- United
14 States should not just say, well, oh, it's just a domestic
15 affair. It's not a domestic affair.

16 The constitution of the United States recognizes
17 treaties as the supreme law of the land. Okay. Then if
18 it is or if it isn't then why did they write it into that?

19 I mean, I've seen laws broken by the federal
20 government. I've been fighting the federal government for
21 28 years and I find the federal government is very
22 deceitful. They will make plans, not law but plans as

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23 they go along.

24 Is this what the DOE is going to do, make plans

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1 as it goes along? I find it sometimes really sad that a
2 country like United States that advocates freedom, peace,
3 human rights are the first ones to break these things. I
4 think that's wrong.

5 I think United States should not say anything if
6 it does not mean it. I think the respect of the United
7 States -- look at the protests by its own citizens. You
8 wonder why? Is it because the United States has not
9 respected the rights of these people? I don't know how it
10 treats other countries of the whole world. Is it good?
11 Is it bad? I wonder about these things. I wonder if it's
12 good, I wonder if it's bad.

13 Certainly as far as being an indigenous person,
14 a person of color, it's hard for me to say I respect what
15 United States says because United States does not mean
16 what it says to us. And I think it's wrong.

17 We're the most disrespected people in United
18 States I believe. I cannot prove it, but the actions of
19 United States has proven that to me.

20 Even the court systems. I find a lot of things

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21 wrong with it and I also find if United States is going to
22 spend billions and billions of dollars down at Yucca
23 Mountain, I believe what United States, if they are
24 spending this money is to try to look for a way to
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1 neutralize the nuclear energy that they are going to bury.
2 That's most important. If you cannot control it, why are
3 you fooling around with it?

4 It tells us these things in our creation stories
5 of what man will do. There is things that humans is not
6 supposed do and this is one of the things being conducted
7 by the human beings.

8 It's wrong. There is no respect for life.
9 There is no respect for anything. I wonder these people,
10 these so-called scientists that created this monster, Some
11 dead, some still alive and some still working on it. Are
12 they going to be free from nuclear accident or going to
13 fly out in outer space and create new colonies up there.
14 I don't know what they will do. Maybe they will be
15 subjected to whatever we're subjected to, even their
16 children.

17 I wonder if they will suffer in agony, mental
18 agony as we normal people do when their children are

19 suffering from things like that. I think when people are
20 talking about these things there is no consideration for
21 the future generations.

22 I think the future generations is the one to
23 inherit this earth, that will be their -- that's going to
24 be their right that will be destroyed and a lot of this

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1 rights that they have is being destroyed down at the test
2 site or was destroyed.

3 I was a young person during the time that they
4 first started talking about the nuclear. It wasn't called
5 nuclear then. It was called atom bomb and wasn't called
6 DOE either.

7 I remember I was going to high school and they
8 said this will be brought and they will have the nuclear
9 power in this certain community and the people, adults
10 with businesses were overjoyed that it can bring up the
11 economy. That seems to be the thing. Economy is a word.
12 It takes precedents over everything, precedents over
13 health. I don't know.

14 I sometimes -- I've never been a rich person but
15 I manage to get along. I would prefer good health instead
16 of having oodles of money. And I see that a lot of times,

17 that's what in our minds first of all, how much money are
18 we going to make.

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19 To me money is the most controlling greed that
20 there is. And I just seem to think that remembering some
21 of the things back during the time of the nuclear, first
22 above-ground nuclear testing and all of these things and
23 up to today when you see these things in your lifetime you
24 wonder about it and you would seem to think that America

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1 by now should realize it shouldn't do things that's is
2 harmful and damaging because everything they have done,
3 they have to have a supersite to go up and clean up their
4 mess. Isn't that kind of backward. That mess shouldn't
5 be there so there wouldn't be no super funds no super
6 sites to clean up.

7 I think it seems to me wrong the way people do
8 these. They should know these things instead of
9 projecting what might happen, what is good.

10 I don't know how many of you people been at
11 Yucca Mountain but I was saying just to the west of Yucca
12 Mountain there's these real jagged mountains, looks like
13 an earthquake has been through there. Yucca Mountain
14 itself from a distance looked like it has a white ground

15 in there. It's about that thick. But I understand that

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16 is also a bed of lava that is that thick that runs through

17 that Yucca Mountain itself.

18 Now to me anything that has any kind of volcanic

19 activity could come to life at any time. Earthquake

20 that's about three miles to five miles from Yucca Mountain

21 would probably have kind of an affect, you know, if it was

22 maybe over a .7 or something like that probably might

23 destroy the whole Yucca Mountain waste dump that they will

24 put down there, I don't know.

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1 But this is not from a point of people that

2 studies geology, studies hydrologies, that studies all

3 this.

4 Another thing, water contamination, as an

5 indigenous person it really hurts me to see waters being

6 contaminated. That's man caused. To me water is life,

7 it's life. I don't care who you are, what you are, water

8 is life. Once you start contaminating these waters, I

9 don't care with what kind of nuclear waste or whatever

10 other thing is out there, you are destroying the future

11 generation rights. These young people that's yet to come

12 do have rights I would hope.

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13 But as we go along we look at all these things.

14 Let's do what's right. Let us as human beings use common

15 sense. I don't think scientists, they say nothing is

16 proven good until it is scientifically proven.

17 Well, I disagree with that. I think every man

18 has a common sense. Let's use that common sense. Let's

19 put all this nuclear thing away and try something better.

20 Try to neutralize the nuclear junk that's already out

21 there because it's nuclear junk. Spend that money that

22 you are spending down there at Yucca Mountain just to see

23 if it could hold all of this nuclear thing, put it into

24 research where they can neutralize all of the junk that

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1 they created. I guess that's all I have to say. Thank

2 you for listening to me.