# Hopi Tumalhoymuy Tutuveniam



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## Threatening Hopi Ties to the Grand Canyon

By Micah Loma'omvaya, Anthropologist & Chief of Staff Office of the Hopi Tribal Chairman

In the place where the mighty Colorado River meets its smaller tributary, the Little Colorado River, the Hisat.sinom, ancestors of the Hopi people, established sacred ties with the landscape many thousands of years ago. The confluence is a unique part of one of the most recognized geological features in the world. known as Öngtuvga to those who first inhabited and cared for the area. You will recognize it today as the Grand Canyon.

Let us recall a time, long before the American government's designation of this National Park, back to the arrival of the Spanish Conquistadores almost 500 years ago who were searching for fabled treasures of gold and silver in this uncharted Canyon, the Little Colorado River and region. As the Conquistador Coronado began this treasure hunt of 1540 A.D. main Colorado River.



Hopi ethnobotany research team in Ongtuvqa in 1998 contributing Hopi stewardship knowledge to educate federal resource managers about the

within the Pueblo region, he sent a dispatch of Spanish soldiers to the Hopi mesas where they were informed by Hopi leaders about a great river and sacred canyon to the west of our ancient Hopi villages. The Hopi people, in a diplomatic effort to share our intimate knowledge, ancestry and sacred ties to this sacred place, presented to the world a *natural treasure*, one that is of paramount importance to the enduring Hopi culture.

Even before Arizona achieved statehood, the Grand Canyon has served as a majestic symbol of Arizona. Millions of people travel from across the world to experience the breathtaking views and pristine landscapes without the knowledge of Hopi stewardship history in this beautiful landscape. And while many developments have been made to serve the large number of visitors, to their credit, national park developers have exercised care by protecting the historical and cultural sites of local Native American tribes.

That is, until now. Despite formal opposition from the Hopi Tribe and many Navajo tribal members, an Arizona business partnership known as the Confluence Partners LLC has proposed to the Navajo Nation a commercial initiative that truly threatens the environment, sacred lands and cultural sites within Öngtuvga. The proposed project, named the Grand Canyon Escalade, that will cover 420 acres, features a gondola tram that bypasses the historic trails that connect the Canyon rim to the floor, along with building developments including a restaurant, museum and other large-scale "attractions."

The targeted development area of the Grand Canyon Escalade is within the confluence described above. This unique and pristine area has held tribal significance for hundreds, even thousands of years as sacred lands for several Native American tribes, including the Hopi, Havasupai and Zuni. Now, those involved in the development of the Grand Canyon Escalade want to diminish the natural beauty of the area with artificial structures and resulting damage from construction areas.



Artist illustration of the proposed gondola in the Grand Canyon confluence area.

The Hopi and Navajo tribes have a long history of disputes and this proposed project has challenged that relationship once again. Today, the Navajo Nation entirely surrounds the Hopi villages and the respective Hopi reservation, making it difficult for the Hopi people to uphold their ancient stewardship responsibilities over a larger indigenous land base known as Hopi Tutskwa. Despite their tumultuous history, the confluence is of cultural importance to both tribes, where both have had to co-exist since historic times. The insensitive nature of this proposed project by Confluence Partners LLC threatens the spiritual practices and ceremonies of the tribes as well as the state-recognized historical landmarks.

## From the Desk of the Chairman



Lolma Hopi-Tewa Employees,

I would like to take this opportunity to share a couple of my most recent events with you. The Hopi Tribe was invited to two influential events to both our great state of Arizona and the United States. My wife and I were honored to be able to take part in such a historical event along with the Vice Chairman and his wife Arlene.

In November 2012, we were contacted by Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick's Office, to invite the Hopi Tribe's Elected Officials as well as other Arizona Tribal

Leaders to be her guests at the 2013 Presidential Inauguration of Barack Obama and Joe Biden. Both, I and the Vice Chairman were honored to be invited to such a remarkable event. This special invitation has not been given to the Hopi Tribe in many years.

In January, while in Washington, my wife Mavis and I were able to spend some time with our Hopi Jr./Sr. High School students who were a part of the Close UP Program and participated in many Inaugural events. Vice Chairman and I also had the pleasure to meet with Ms. Jamie Chavarria who is member of the Hopi Tribe and attends Santa Fe Indian School.

Although the Inauguration was the big event of this trip, we took the opportunity to meet on issues that are currently facing the Hopi Tribe. Meetings were held with Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick, Indian Health Services, the Department of Interior, Fish & Wildlife Services, and the Department of Justice. There is not a day that goes by that I do not think about our people and ways to support the Hopi & Tewa Senom in the future.

On February 5, 2013, I, the Vice Chairman and Tribal Council Members from Bacavi, Mishongnovi, and Moenkopi attended the Arizona Tribal Legislative Day. I was honored to be asked to speak to the State Senators on issues that Indian Country is facing and gave insight to what the future may bring for both the state as well as the cities that border Reservations.

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### From the Desk of the Vice Chairman



- Executive Order #01-2013 "Severe Cold Weather Has Created Water Emergencies for First Mesa Consolidated Villages and Hopi Villages" expired, February 14, 2013. Hopi Emergency Response Team (HERT) did an admirable job in working with villages and their CSA's in fixing water problems.
- Plans are under way hold the first annual Code Talkers Recognition and Celebration Day. The planning involves Office of Vice Chairman, Hopi Vets, Hotevilla based VA, Hopi Code Talkers family members and other invited participants. The event is tentatively schedule for the third Tuesday of April. Public announcements will placed in advance.
- On January 31, 2012, the Department of Community Health Services (DCHS) and my office participated with the Intertribal Council of Arizona (ITCA) and the AHCCCS to get an orientation to the Affordable Care Act (ACA) as well getting information on Governor Brewer's proposed legislative bill wherein adults without children will be eligible for AHCCCS services. There will be community hall presentations by AHCCCS representatives starting in early Mary 2013 on the proposed bill and the implementation plan.
- My office has been informed the Arizona Veterans Services Benefits Counselor has made schedules with our Hopi Vets program and these scheduled veterans notices will be posted throughout the community as well as being announced on KUYI.

## Office of the Chairman cont...

I discussed building partnerships between the Tribes and State, Education for all Arizona Children, the Arizona Snow Bowl and the need to respect sacred sites of all Tribes in Arizona and the need to establish a Cabinet level for Tribes.

I believe that Tribes all across Arizona have always given a lot to the State of Arizona as well as the United States and it is time they give back to us. I continue to work hard every day to give positive feedback on issues that will be beneficial to us all.

In closing, I see the Tribal programs and employees working hard to give the tribe a great reputation but we only hurt ourselves as a Tribe when we don't try. I encourage all of you to keep doing your best. I know we all have challenges we face every day but we cannot give up.

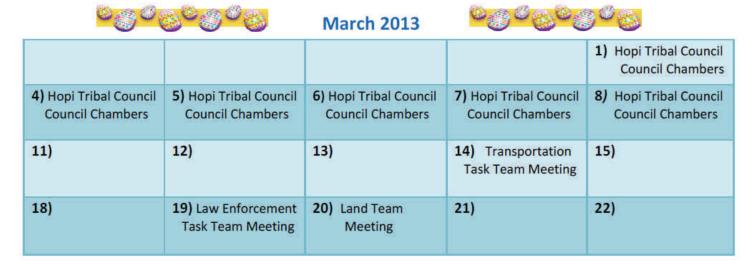
Kwak Kwah for all your hard work and dedication to the Hopi and Tewa Senom.

LeRoy N. Shingoitewa, Chairman



Chairman Shingoitewa and Navajo Councilman Joshua Lavar Butler at the Grand Opening of the Navajo Nation Detention Center Navajo Nation Detention Center.

### **Executive Schedule**



Please Note: Executive schedule is subject to change on short notice. If you would like to schedule a meeting with the Chairman, please contact Nicole Honanie, Executive Assistant at (928) 734-3102 for availability. Thank You.

## **Hopi Art Event Benefits Education**



**Kykotsmovi Village, Az** – The public is invited to participate in the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Hopi Art Sale sponsored by HEEF, the Hopi Education Endowment Fund. The annual Benefit Art Sale will be held Saturday, March 2 on the grounds of the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona, directly across from the Heard Museum in Phoenix on Central

Avenue. The 9-5 event coincides with the 55<sup>th</sup> annual Heard Museum Indian Fair & Market. This is HEEF's signature annual event to raise funds to support Hopi education.

HEEF Executive Director LuAnn Leonard says "Some of the finest Hopi artists have generously donated to this year's event. There will be something for everyone from stocking stuffers to museum quality art and the best part is every dollar generated goes to support Hopi education."

The Endowment Fund, which was established by the Hopi Tribal Council in 2000, has provided funding for scholarships, grants and educational programs for the Hopi people. Art featured at this year's event will include traditional and contemporary designs and mediums from Kastina dolls to jewelry, pottery, paintings, prints and sculptures.

Event details and art can be seen online at www.hopieducationfund.org Artwork is still being accepted and for more information contact the HEEF staff at 928-734-2275. The HEEF is a 7871(a) charitable non-profit organization. All donations are tax-deductible.



"Mesa" by Sheryl Susunkewa

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Etched mirror w/ Sun design by Ryan



Hopi\_Top: Hopi Hahayi top by Gregory Hill

### Threatening Hopi Ties to the Grand Canyon cont...

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Commercializing the confluence area as a tourist attraction will prevent the Hopi from practicing the peaceful and solemn ancient. religious observances in this area. There is no doubt that this proposed tourist development will ravage the sacred lands and desecrate one of the oldest sacred sites in North America.

If allowed, the Grand Canyon Escalade will threaten one more treasure of the Hopi people including traditions they have always held close the ancient ties, heritage and religious integrity in this *grand* canyon.

As Hopi people we can come together and share our concerns with the American public, including federal, state and tribal entities who make decisions and influence these types of proposed development projects throughout the area known as Hopi Tutskwa. My research and career work has always been dedicated to the Hopi people and I hope you will join us in this effort to protect Öngtuvga. Kwa'kwha



### Fact Sheet Grand Canvon Escalade Project February 2013



### **FACTS**

- The Grand Canyon Escalade is a proposed 420-acre tourism attraction on the Navajo Nation
- Reservation at the confluence of the Colorado River and the Little Colorado River.

  The proposed project includes a gondola tramway from the rim of the Grand Canyon to an elevated river walk on the canyon floor. It also includes a walkway and food pavilion at the bottom of the
- canyon, and hotels, restaurants (including fast food) and an R.V. park on the canyon rim. One of the major sacred places of Hopi Tribal origins and religious beliefs is the Grand Canyon, known to the Hopi as Opatowapa, including the area of the confluence. It is believed to be a place where many Hopi ancestors lived and their spirits still dwell there including many cultural resources
- that support its revered status for H<mark>opi p</mark>eople.

  The entire region of the Grand Canyon and Colorado Rivers is of paramount importance to the Hopi religious traditions.

### MYTHS vs. FACTS

Myth: The Grand Canyon Escalade will not be close to the area considered sacred to the Hopi Tribe. Fact: The Grand Canyon itself is consid<mark>ered sacred as this is one of</mark> the places where the Hopi Tribe originated from

Myth: The Grand Canyon Escalade will not be close to the actual confluence of the Colorado and Little

Fact: Although reports from the Confluence Partners, LLC vary- the river walk may only be anywher from 1-3 football fields away (300-900 feet).

Myth: The Grand Canyon Escalade will only affect the Navajo heritage and the Navajo community entirely supports the project. Fact: The Grand Canyon is part of several tribes' histories and many of the Navajo people who live in the area oppose the project as well.

Myth: The Grand Canyon Escalade will not go any place that hikers and river tours don't already go. Fact: Sacred areas near the Grand Canyon Escalade that are only allowed to be accessed by native people will be exposed. Unlike guided river tours, tourists visiting the Grand Canyon Escalade may not be supervised on where they can and cannot go.

- The Grand Canyon Escalade project will irreversibly compromise the tranquility and sacredness of
- all the surrounding development area.

  Hop i religious leaders and the Hopi people in general strongly oppose this proposed development. The Hopi Tribal Council Resolution # H-113-2012 by unanimous vote to formally oppose the proposed Grand Canyon Escalade project by Confluence Partners, LLC.
- . The Hopi Tribe and many other Southwestern Tribes hold the Grand Canyon as a sacred place of
- reverence, respect and conservation stewardship.

  The Hopi Tribe invites your support in opposition to the Grand Canyon Escalade project.

### **Hopi Veterans Services**

Submitted by Eugene "Geno" Talas, Director Office of Hopi Veterans Services & Safety Officer

It is my esteem pleasure to introduce Tara Torivio, our new Administrative Secretary II, Hopi Veterans Services (HVS), Hopi Guidance Center (HGC), who started on February 25, 2013.

Mrs. Torivio is from Shungopavi Village and is Sun Forehead Clan. She is married, has two sons and one daughter. Her hobbies include basket weaving and sewing. However, her real joy is spending time with her three grandchildren.

Tara brings to our office a wealth of secretarial work experience from previous employments with Sipaulovi Village, Hopi Cancer Support Center, Hopi Special Diabetes Program and the International Institute of Health with Phoenix Indian Medical Center.

HVS and HGC are elated that Tara is on board to provide customer service for our Veterans, Hopi clients and being the focal Tara Torivio, Geno Talas and Hanna Polewytewa point for HGC Administration. She looks forward to working with



HVS, HGC, Tribal Department employees and the Hopi People. Her direct number is (928) 737-1836.

Our team also includes Hanna Polewytewa, Transport Driver, who provides direct services to ensure our Veterans are safely transported to various VA medical clinics and centers state-wide. A stellar team player, my thanks to Hanna for holding down the front office for two months until Tara started this week. Hanna's direct line is (928) 737-1837.

Please welcome Tara as she makes her rounds at the Tribe or stop by to visit her at the HVS office at Toreva.

### Planning to Begin for Hopi Code Talkers Recognition Day

Submitted by Eugene "Geno" Talas, Director Office of Hopi Veterans Services & Safety Officer

As Hopi Veterans Services rolls into a new year, our first major event is assisting the Vice Chairman's Office with the first annual "Hopi Code Talkers Recognition Day" scheduled for April 23, 2013, at the Hopi Veterans Memorial Center. Mark your calendars to attend this event.

The planning committee will meet on March 7, 2013, at the HGC Administration conference room starting at 1:30 p.m. The planning committee also is looking for a theme for the event. Themes should be between 5 to 10 words, please e-mail, fax or telephone your suggestions before March 7 to my office. Submitted themes will be reviewed and final selection will be made by the planning committee on March 7.

The committee also seeks volunteers to help in this year's event, so come attend the meeting if you are interested. Should you have any questions or need more information, give me a call and I will be happy to chat with you on HVS services and/or the Hopi Code Talkers Recognition Day. I can be reached at 928-737-1834 or by email at: hopivets@yahoo.com.



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## Presidential Inauguration and Tribal Legislative Day Photos













President Obama's Inauguration January 21, 2013



Tríbal Legíslatíve Day February 5, 2013









### Hopi Domestic Violence Program

February was Teen Dating Violence Awareness month and the Hopi Domestic Violence Program held two events to bring awareness to this issue. The Teen and Parent nights were held on February 25<sup>th</sup> at Hotevilla Bacavi Community School and on February 27<sup>th</sup> at Hopi Jr/Sr High School. The topics discussed included: Cultural–Respect/Communication-Presented by Beatrice Norton; Teen Dating Awareness–Presented by Sharra Poleviyuma and Iva Mahle; Healthy Relationships– Presented by SheRie



Penn; and Communication (Letters)/Positive Affirmations—Presented by Carey Onsae. There were also many booths such as Hopi Substance Abuse Prevention Program, BIA Law Enforcement, Hopi Sex Offender Registration and Tracking Office, Community Health Services to name a few that provided very important information.

We would like to thank all the teens and their parents for attending the events. The participants not only received valuable information on teen dating but were entered into a raffle to win prizes such as itunes cards, Harkins movie cards, Subway gift cards and other great prizes. Refreshments were also provided.

We would also like to thank the presenters, volunteers and all the programs and all who donated to make our events possible: HTI, Hopi Indian Credit Association, Monongya Gallery, Vice Chairman's Office, Hopi Tewa



Womens Coalition to End Abuse and Keams Canyon Shopping. And a special thank you to Ms. Sharra Poleviyuma for her hard work in coordinating both events!! Good job Sharra!

As February comes to an end...it is now time to begin plans for April which is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. We hope to see you at all our events in April.

For more information on Teen Dating Violence, Domestic Violence and/or Sexual Assault please call the Hopi Domestic Violence Program at 928-738-1115.

### Support for Native Artists



Vancouver, Wash.- American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian artists are encouraged to apply for the 2014 Native Arts and Cultures Foundation Artist Fellowships before May 3. This unique national fellowship honors excellence by Native artists in six disciplines: dance, filmmaking, literature, music, traditional arts and visual arts.

Ranging from \$10,000 to \$20,000, the fellowships awarded by the Native Arts and Cultures Foundation (NACF) recognize the creativity and expression of exceptional

Native artists who have made significant impact in the field. In past years, Sherwin Bitsui (Navajo), Natalie Diaz (Mojave/Pima), John Feodorov (Navajo), Bennie Klain (Navajo), Rose Simpson (Santa Clara Pueblo), Rulan Tangen (Metis) and William Wilson (Navajo) were honored with this award.

"Through the fellowship program, we hope to foster the creative voices of our indigenous artists," said foundation Program Director Reuben Tomás Roqueñi (Yaqui/Mexican). "The Native Arts and Cultures Foundation believes in the beauty and inspiration of the work of Native artists and the fellowships provide a significant resource for their practice."

Artists who are members of federally and state-recognized U.S. tribes, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian communities can review criteria in full and apply by the May 3 deadline at: <a href="http://nacf.us/2014-fellowships">http://nacf.us/2014-fellowships</a>. The foundation will announce award recipients in November 2013. For questions and technical support, contact Program Director Reuben Roqueñi:

reuben@nativeartsandcultures.org or 360-314-2421.

Since it was launched in 2009, the Native Arts and Cultures Foundation has awarded \$1,341,000 in grants to 72 Native artists and organizations in 20 states. In the Southwest, in addition to awarding Native artist fellowships, the foundation has supported the Diné be' liná Navajo Lifeway project in Window Rock, Az., and in Santa Fe, N.M., the Institute of American Arts and the Southwest Association for Indian Arts. Created after decades of visioning among the nation's first peoples with the support of the Ford Foundation and others, NACF is a national charity solely dedicated to supporting the revitalization, appreciation and perpetuation of Native arts and cultures. To learn more about the foundation's mission and past fellows awarded, visit www.nativeartsandcultures.org.

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### 2013 Wings National Team Shines at USATF Cross Country Championships

On Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013, Wings of America's all-star squad of Native athletes ran in the USA Cross Country Championships in St. Louis, Missouri. Competing in the Junior division race, these young men and women lined up with some of the Nation's best long-distance runners (ages 14-19) for the chance to compete on Team USA at this year's IAAF World Cross Country Championships in Bydgoszcz, Poland.







Woven across a sloping lawn in St. Louis' Forest Park, the course challenged competitors with sloppy footing, brisk temperatures and piercing winds. Though no individual Wings runner qualified to run in red white & blue in Poland on March 24th, our young men captured 1st place honors in the team race. Unfortunately, the women's squad was not permitted to score as a team due to USA Track & Field's recently amended club affiliation rules. Nevertheless, Wings of America congratulates each of our fourteen student-athletes on their impressive displays of fitness, fortitude and camaraderie. As in years past, they made certain that Native America was well represented in this important elite-level race.

Aside from the race, trip highlights included visits to Washington University in St. Louis, Cahokia Mounds State Park and the Gateway Arch.

For more information about our athletes' performance in St. Louis, including photos, please visit our website at <a href="http://www.wingsofamerica.org/2013-usatf-cross-country-championships-re-cap/">http://www.wingsofamerica.org/2013-usatf-cross-country-championships-re-cap/</a> or contact the organization directly.

### BACKGROUND:

Every year Wings of America (The Earth Circle Foundation, Inc.) sponsors a men and women's team of Junior runners (ages 14-19, cannot turn 20 during the year of competition) from across Native America to compete at the USATF Cross Country Championships. The qualifier for the USA World Cross Country Team, the Championships are held in February of each year. Wings created this opportunity to showcase the talents and positive achievements of American Indian youth and provide them with a cross-cultural learning experience. The program brings Native youth of varying backgrounds together to compete as a team in an elite field of both high school and college runners. Many program alumni have earned the attention of college coaches with their performance in this race. Wings runners have captured twenty-two national junior team titles since 1988.

Members of the 2013 Wings of America team were selected based on their performance at a Nike Cross Regional or Footlocker qualifying race. Overall time factoring course difficulty, course conditions and weather were considered by program director Dustin Martin in order to select the top seven individuals for both the men's and women's team.

## Arizona Gives Day Comes to the Hopi Community



Kykotsmovi, AZ – On March 20<sup>th</sup>, the Alliance of Arizona Nonprofits (Alliance) and Arizona Grantmakers Forum (AGF) are doing something never done statewide in Arizona. They are taking **one day** to harness the power of **individual** contributions statewide, using the power of **online giving**, connecting new and existing investors with thousands of Arizona nonprofits. The result is Arizona Gives Day, a day to help raise the profile of local nonprofits and tell their stories in an effort to grow more individual support.

"The nonprofit sector in the Hopi community has grown significantly since the first organization was established in the early 1950's. Today with over 15 incorporated nonprofits in our community, we have become key partners in addressing the unique needs of the community that simply cannot be addressed through governmental services alone. These areas of need include cultural and language revitalization, youth educational opportunities, elder care services, substance abuse prevention, and access to low-income housing, just to name a few." explains Monica Nuvamsa, Executive Director of The Hopi Foundation. For over 25 years, The Hopi Foundation has been engaged in collaborative projects and connecting the local community to a shared value of *itam naapyani* or "doing the work ourselves" through *the development of micro-enterprises and community-based projects that work to strengthen culture and values of the Hopi and Tewa people*.

In January, The Hopi Foundation began to reach out to Hopi nonprofit leaders to participate in this year's inaugural Arizona Gives Day. The response was positive and the Hopi Nonprofit Partnership now includes:

**Mesa Media**, **Inc.** – Mesa Media was established in 2005 to help keep the Hopi language vibrant. Mesa Media produces learning materials in the Hopi language by Hopi people for the Hopi people.

**Moenkopi Senior Center** – The Moenkopi Senior Center was established in 2006 to provide direct services that are vital to elders' in maintaining their independence, and living healthier, longer, fulfilled lives. Services are for all Hopi Elders of Moenkopi Villages and the Hopi Reservation.

**The Hopi School, Inc.** – Also known as Hopitutukaiki, the Hopi School was established in 2005. The school's inter-disciplinary curriculum is rooted in Hopi philosophy and teachings. Courses are taught during a summer apprenticeship program in Hotevilla Village.

Other local nonprofits may still join and must be a registered 501c3 corporation in good standing with the Arizona Corporation Commission. To find out more, visit www.azgives.org.

The Foundation's goal for the partnership is to engage at least 5 local nonprofit partners for this first statewide campaign and to raise a goal of **\$50,000** for the local nonprofit community in this first-ever statewide campaign.

"Our theme for this year's campaign is 'Sumi'nangwa: Living A Tradition of Giving' which exemplifies our Hopi value of working together for the benefit of all," states Nuvamsa. "Our goals are simple: to educate our public about the unique services that each of our nonprofits provide to the local community and to raise the financial capacity of our nonprofits to continue the valuable work they contribute to our villages, clans and families."

For more information about the Hopi Partnership for Arizona Gives Day, please contact The Hopi Foundation at (928)734-2380.

### Announcements





The Hopi Tribe P.O. Box 123 Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039 928-734-3102 St. Patrick's Day
March 17, 2013
Easter
March 31, 2013



Thank you to all the departments who submitted their updates and stories. The next deadline for submission is on March 28, 2013. You may email submissions to LDyer@hopi.nsn.us.

