

## SERD Meeting Minutes

4/13/09

**Attendance:** Gargi Roysircar, Jamie Carroll, Nathaniel Thorn, Vincent Pignatiello, Sandra Carazza, Dan Greif, Sheeba Thomas

- Students and Abigail Abrash from the Environmental Studies Department gave a presentation during our meeting this week regarding the effects of gold mining on the Western Shoshone people and their environment in northern Nevada. It is a very controversial topic as it is a lucrative business and also provides jobs for many residents, including the Western Shoshone people. However, the mining interferes with their sacred beliefs and practices and has and will have detrimental effects on the environment with their planned expansion. Please see the details below:

**View a short video about Mt. Tenabo and the proposed destruction here:**

["http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TjQSSdCTrDQ&eurl=http%3A%2F%2F"](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TjQSSdCTrDQ&eurl=http%3A%2F%2F)

**This Mine Would:**

- Disturb 6792 acres of land.
- Blast a new mine pit approximately 8900 feet in length, 6400 feet in width to a depth of 2200 feet.
- Pump approximately 1.8 billion gallons of water per year out of the aquifer under this land causing water shortages and impure wells for miles around the site due to a drop of up to 1600 feet in the water table
- Leave in the place of a mountain a 1000-foot deep pit lake with water containing arsenic and many other heavy metals toxic to human and wildlife.

**We are asking following from you to help us in this urgent struggle:**

- 1 **Spread the Word:** Send out this message far and wide to anyone you know, across the country about the Spring Gathering and the cause.
- 2 **Attend:** For any of you who are able to join us in Crescent Valley to do so from April 17-19, please do! If you know of anyone who may be able to attend, please pass this on to them. The more people who can attend the gathering the better!
- 3 **Donate:** Those who cannot attend, please consider supporting our efforts by sending donations to the Western Shoshone Defense Project. In the last week we have raised more than \$400 towards our ultimate goal of \$1000. This money will go towards staff,

publicity and educational programming in the Western Shoshone Struggle to protect their territory.

Please send donations to The Western Shoshone Defense Project at

Western Shoshone Defense Project  
P.O. Box 211308  
Crescent Valley, NV 89821  
(775) 468-0230 Phone (775) 468-0237 Fax  
Website: [www.wsdp.org](http://www.wsdp.org)

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