

APACHE STRONGHOLD

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U.S. Congress, Religious leaders and People of America:

We call on all people to stand together with the first people to inhabit and steward the land now called the United States of America, to call for an end of the genocide to their sacred lands, religion and people. The government of the United States has clearly recorded the wrongful takeover of Native People's lands that has been justified by Christian doctrines enshrined in U.S. laws.

We call for an end of the sacrilegious use of any religion to justify the destruction of sacred land including the sacred religious holy grounds of Chi'chil Bildagoteel (Oak Flat) where the Apache and other people practice the oldest religion of these lands to spiritually connect to the same Creator referred to in the Christian bible and all religious sacred texts.

We call on all Christian and religious groups to join the Apache Stronghold to demand of all people and the government of the United States to finally stop this ongoing holocaust. In the sermon on the mountain, the Bible says that Jesus taught his followers to pray asking that God's will be done on earth as it is in heaven warning that greed is against God's will because a person can only serve God or money, not both. May this be our prayer — that God's will be done on earth to protect Oak Flat against the threat of greed and evil corporate and U.S. interests.

It is now time to heal as one drum, one prayer, one circle and move forward protecting Mother Earth and all future children here and around the world. The spirit of the earth has spoken!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wendsler Nosie, Sr.'.

— Wendsler Nosie, Sr., Apache Stronghold

CC: San Carlos Apache Tribe

National Congress of American Indians

Dr. Homer Wilkes, Undersecretary for Natural Resources and the Environment, USDA