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2 COUNCILMAN JEREMIAH JULIUS: Jeremiah
3 Julius; Lummi Nation.

4 Thank you all for coming out.

5 First of all, I want to thank the President
6 of the United States for acknowledging us. We spoke
7 to him on December 5, him and his administration,
8 regarding sacred sites and burial grounds.

9 He came out with a press release the very
10 next day, and I want to share a couple of words
11 because it means a lot to us as Native American
12 people, not just here, but all throughout the United
13 States.

14 The President is insistent that these Sacred
15 Sites be protected and preserved: treated with dignity
16 and respect. That is also my commitment as Secretary
17 of USDA, said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. I
18 know my fellow Secretaries share in this commitment.
19 We understand the importance of these sites and will
20 do our best to make sure they are protected and
21 respected.

22 Protecting America's air and water and our
23 nation's heritage is an important part of the Energy
24 Department's commitment to Tribal Nations across the
25 country, particularly those that are neighbors to the

1 Department's National Laboratories, sites and
2 facilities.

3 We have copies of these articles for anybody
4 who wants one.

5 The reason that is so important to us is
6 because there is a documented site there; 45WH1,
7 45WH83, and 84. 45WH1 is the most studied site in
8 Washington State and it's been damaged to date
9 already. There was an order for a cease and desist in
10 July of 2011 because of the damage without permit.
11 And under Washington state law, RCW 27, it
12 specifically states that a criminal action has taken
13 place. And we expect the state to uphold their laws.

14 Also, 500 plus of our bodies were pulled out
15 13 years ago in Blaine, Washington, 13 years ago. So
16 we demand, again, a soils study to be done on the
17 impacts it's had on 5,000 plus members, the impacts of
18 our ancestors uprooted because this is a bigger
19 cemetery.

20 Washington state flags this as a cemetery.
21 It is not okay with us. And to mitigate it with
22 conveyer belts over the top of it is not acceptable
23 either.

24 Thank you.

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