IN MEMORIAM
Margene Bullcreek

Goshute Shoshone elder and activist Margene Bullcreek passed away Sunday, March 01, 2015. Margene Bullcreek has been active since the 1990’s in investigating adverse health consequences impacting the Skull Valley Goshute tribe. Her investigation led her to become President of the Native Community Action Council (NCAC), a Nevada non-profit that published research on the effects of nuclear weapons testing on the Western Shoshone and Southern Paiute people. As president of the NCAC, Ms. Bullcreek sought and obtained funding for the NCAC to conduct health effects research from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Agency for Toxic Substance Disease Registry entitled: Native American Exposure to Iodine-131 from Nuclear Weapons Testing in Nevada.

Margene Bullcreek continued her work protecting the land and people from nuclear threats and nuclear hazards by organizing her community in the 2000’s to resist the high level nuclear waste Monitored Retrievable Storage (Private Fuel Storage) site proposed for the Skull Valley Goshute Reservation. Margene Bullcreek led her community to the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission licensing proceedings to prevail and prevent the nuclear waste disposal site. Further, Margene Bullcreek continued leadership of the NCAC to participate once again at the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission licensing of domestic nuclear facilities, successfully intervening in the proposed Yucca Mountain nuclear waste repository licensing.

“We spoke three days ago and Margene was intent upon presenting to the participants of the Native American Youth Awareness Forum on Nuclear Issues 2015 in Las Vegas at the UNLV Law School,” said Ian Zabarte, organizer of the annual event of Native American nuclear activists. He also stated, “Margene was involved in nearly every aspect of the NCAC participation in the NRC Yucca Mountain proceedings including the research that were the basis for contentions filed in the proceedings. She will be missed, but we will continue this work in the spirit she envisioned...until the end.”