

President Clinton Get Save the Peaks Message

On the same day as Sierra Club activists were talking to the President of the Navajo Nation, other Sierra Club activists were bending the ear of President Clinton while he visited the Grand Canyon to sign Executive Orders creating 3 new National Monuments and expanding another.

"Mr. President, there is another area in need of protection here in Northern Arizona," said Sharon Galbreath, longtime Sierra Club volunteer. She handed the President a Save the Peaks button and smiled as the cameras snapped. President Clinton heard from many people there about the need to protect the sacred San Francisco Peaks.



In addition, Native American activists Gabriel Yaiva and Carlos Slim of the musical group Bad Moon Rising and Hopi Vetran's Princess Somana Thayer shook hands with the President and Secretary of Interior and spoke to them about their concerns for their sacred mountain. They handed Bruce Babbitt a stonewashed jeans petition including the signature of Sierra Club Executive Director Carl Pope. Carl's signature included a statement that said, "Bruce, do the right thing." Secretary Babbitt promised the three young Native Americans to visit their lands and listen to their concerns about the mine and the mountain. Sierra Club will be sure that this meeting takes place.

Be sure to check out our website for photos of this historic event at www.sierraclub.org/chapters/az