



# H<sub>2</sub>OPI TUTUVENI

News from Black Mesa Trust P.O. Box 33 Kykotsmovi, AZ

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*Dedicated to Jerry Honawa and other visionary advisors to Black Mesa Trust who have joined the cloud ancestors.*



Jerry, teacher, mentor, father, grandfather, son and friend, is a member of the Rabbit-Tobacco Clan and Keeper of Pipe at Hotevilla.

Jerry was our spiritual guide when 15 runners delivered a message to the Fourth World Water Forum held in Mexico City in March 2006. "Water is not a commodity to be sold, traded, and fought over. It is a mythical spirit, a breath of life."



**"EVERY DROP OF RAIN HAS ITS SONG" BY JERRY HONAWA**

**Visionary Advisors, Perry Honanie, Jr., Jason Tanakhongva, Joe Browder, Theodore (TJ) Namingha, Jerry Honawa, Valjean Joshevama Sr., and Valgean Joshevama Jr. advocates of Colorado Plateau, members of Black Mesa Trust and water stewards, now passed into legendary status. Your sagacious advice has not been for naught.**

**Your relentless mission to Black Mesa Trust, to protect and preserve water for all Indigenous people does not end but will linger time immemorial.**

**Your quest for reaching beyond a water mission does not cease, yet endures as a bonding spirit now circulating the sacred San Francisco mountains. Your enduring endeavors encompass the advocacy spirit of all living Indigenous resilience continues as examples of the dedication of long-term advocacy on known and unknown water issues.**

**Your sudden absence does not create a permanent void in our midst while we deliberate on new complex issues. Instead, it has renewed our determination to carry on the mission of Black Mesa Trust.**

**In your memory, the Black Mesa Trust ordain this Memorial Ode as you join the spirit world of the cloud people. Farewell, faithful Advisors, we revere you forever.**

*Help save Siipa'pu, The Heart of Siipa'puni*



**Needed: 1,000 SIIPA'PU Warriors**

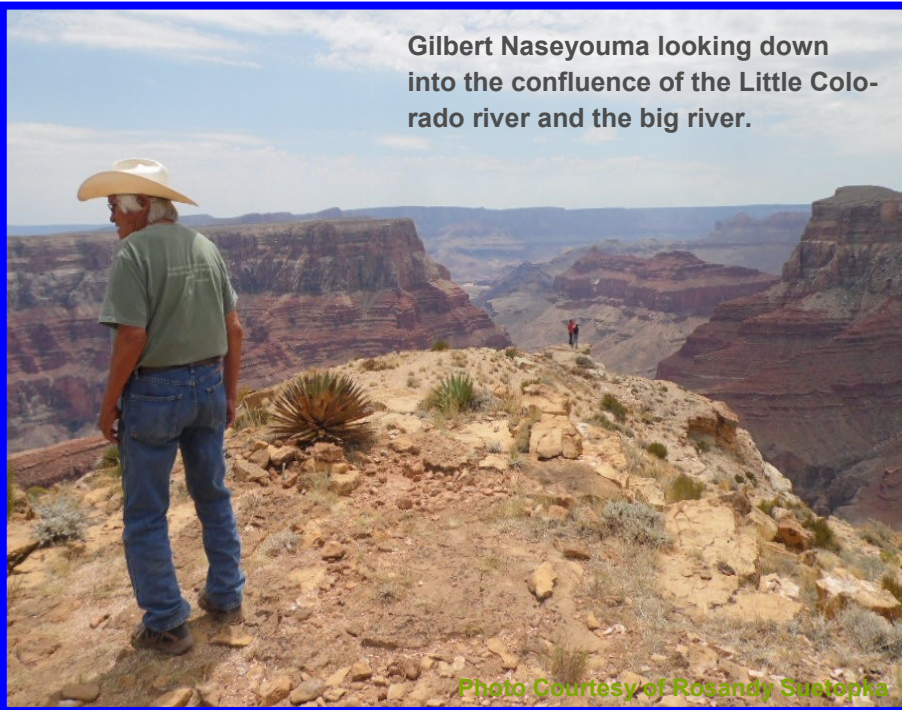
## An Ecological—Cultural Landscape

There is growing concern that we may be standing at the 11th hour of the catastrophic ending of the Fourth World as written on Prophecy Rock, near Orayvi.

Siipa'pu is the heart of the Colorado Plateau, Siipa'puni, the Fourth World. It is a sanctuary, "waaki", for all mankind.

Today businesses like Salt River Project, Peabody Western Coal Co., and towns in Coconino, Navajo, and Apache counties are killing Siipa'pu by capturing waters that keeps Siipa'pu breathing. We must do everything we can to protect the Colorado Plateau from commercial exploitation.

**Gilbert is a farmer—rancher and Advisor to Black Mesa Trust. He was saddened to learn on his last pilgrimage to Siipa'pu that water levels inside the shrine no longer flow in and out as it has done for millions of years. He said: "It's breath is weakening. It is slowly dying."**



Gilbert Naseyouma looking down into the confluence of the Little Colorado river and the big river.

*Photo Courtesy of Rosandy Suetopka*

Hopi call Siipa'pu, "The Place of Emergence" from the Third World to the present Fourth World, one of the holiest religious shrines on earth.

It is located near the confluence of the Little Colorado River and the main Colorado River, adjacent to the Grand Canyon National Park. It is the site of the proposed Grand Canyon Escalade project, a luxury resort, and a gondola-tramway to take millions of tourists down to the Little Colorado River. Investors are the greedy capitalists who have no respect for our values and beliefs

We are calling on our indigenous brothers and sisters all over the world to help us. We can no longer be silent. We need your support to save Siipa'puni and Siipa'pu.

Please make a federal tax deductible gift to Black Mesa Trust to save an ancient living civilization. Help get our message to the world.  
Mail your check to: Black Mesa Trust, P.O. Box 33, Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039 Visit: [www.blackmesatrust.org](http://www.blackmesatrust.org)

*First they ignore you,  
then they laugh at you,  
then they fight you,  
then you win.*

*Mahatma Gandhi*

## Right to Memory: A Declaration

### Black Mesa Trust (BMT) prepared a Declaration on the Right to Historic Cultural Memory.

The declaration calls upon the United Nations to protect historical and sacred sites all over the world recognizing that access to cultural memory embodied in those objects is a basic human right.

Crafted jointly by internationally renowned conceptual and environmental artist and educator Lowry Burgess (Carnegie Mellon University) and former Hopi Tribal Chairman Vernon Masayesva, founder/Director of Black Mesa Trust, the Declaration seeks to protect sites like the Buddhas of Bamiyan in Afghanistan, the ancient Assyrian city of Nimrud in Iraq, and, equally importantly, artifacts, sites, and burials of America's indigenous peoples.

The Declaration will help protect indigenous cultures from developments such as the Dakota Access Pipeline, mining on Bears Ears, monuments threatened daily.

## A CALL FOR HELP

Black Mesa Trust (BMT) is grateful for the continued support from Jane Fonda, Bonnie Raitt, Jackson Brown and Peter Coyote. We need more celebrities to help us spread the message to save Siipa'pu – Siipa'puni, which is a sanctuary for all mankind.

Hopi ancestors left a warning that if we repeat the mistake made by leaders in the Third World of pyramid cities in deep Mexico this sanctuary called the Fourth World could come to a catastrophic ending.

Ancestors said when the ending is near many people of all races from different directions will come here. They will bring their skills, ideas to help create the Fifth World. Hopi – Tewa sinom have started many projects to sustain us in these difficult times and to support Hopi instruction "Never abandon the field".

These organizations need funding support. BMT is therefore calling out to the entertainment community to help.

Much Thanks to Colorado Plateau Foundation & Hopi Foundation for supporting some of the Hopi projects.

Kwaq'kwa – Thank You

### Mission Statement of Black Mesa Trust

Black Mesa Trust is a grassroots non-profit organization founded by Hopi elders in 1998 to save sacred waters. After 20 years Black Mesa Trust is close to achieving our objective of ending Peabody Western Coal Co. mining on Black Mesa, ancient sacred homeland of Hopi ancestors, who settled in the region over 1,000 years ago.

**SAVE H<sub>2</sub>OPI**



**WATER IS LIFE**

**"Never forget" and "Never again"**



These are powerful commitments for the post-Holocaust Jewish community. Like the Jews, Hopi are also a covenanting people. Our ancestors came to the Fourth World and met Ma'sau, a farmer in a desert. The ancestors were granted permission to stay, but on the condition that they will help take care of Mother Earth, be stewards of the land. Hopi have profound obligations of service to Ma'sau, to memory and traditions that give shape to culture and meaning to our lives. This is a covenant the ancestors made with Ma'sau, the holy guardian of the land.

As you read this letter, resources of Hopi memory are being destroyed by the world's largest coal and uranium mining company and impoundment of surface and spring waters that feed Si-ipa'pu, an important sacred site; our Mecca, our Jerusalem, and our Sacred Place.

We will "never again" permit others to despoil our land, our culture, our past and future. We cannot stop this desecration alone. We need the help of everyone who understand what desecration means. We must secure our ability to walk upon the land with our children, to point to sacred sites, which are repositories of their history and memories.

Now, as the world is "turning upside down" as our elders say, it is more important that we join to protect and defend the Colorado Plateau. It is to this corner of the world that our ancestors came, seeking sanctuary, from the Third World which was destined to a be destroyed by corruption, greed, material things and political power.

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