

"Mother Earth is desecrated, and in the name of profits we are punished."

- Louise Benally

RESISTANCE AT BIG MOUNTAIN

2011 Benefit Event:

—SPEAKERS:—

Louise Benally (*Diné/Navajo*)

Louise Benally is a Diné mother, grandmother, activist, educator and lifelong resister of relocation and coal mining at Big Mountain.

Ann Marie Sayers (*Ohlone*)

Ann Marie is an outspoken and active Ohlone woman who has worked for decades to protect burial grounds and sacred places of her ancestors.

- **Delicious food, drinks, and desserts**
- **Black Mesa Indigenous Support slideshow**
- **California Indian Singers, including Luta Candelaria (Rumsen Ohlone)**

Since 1977, federal relocation policy has forced over 12,000 Diné (Navajo) people from their ancestral homeland in Arizona, an area known to contain 21 billion tons of high-grade coal. For over 30 years, many traditional Diné families at Big Mountain/ Black Mesa have lived in resistance, steadfastly refusing to relocate as strip-mines rip apart their sacred lands and generating plants poison the desert air.

SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 6TH

A benefit for Black Mesa families resisting relocation

✦ 6:00pm ✦

Quaker Meeting House
225 ROONEY ST.
(Hwy 1 & Morrissey Blvd.)

ON NOVEMBER 19TH, work crews from Santa Cruz and all across the country will converge in support of the indigenous resistance communities of Black Mesa. Our work will include chopping firewood, shepherding, and repairing structures for the icy winter months.

Donations of tools, food, funds and other supplies (see below) are requested.



2011 FALL

CARAVAN TO BLACK MESA

For more information:

<http://blackmesais.org/>
sheepandsagebrush@riseup.net
831-708-8199

DONATED SUPPLIES will be driven from Santa Cruz to Black Mesa and distributed to families directly.

This is a partial list. For a longer, more detailed list of needs, please contact us or look online at <http://blackmesais.org/>

- Axes and mauls.
- Axe and Maul HANDLES. Wood is preferable over fiberglass.
- Building materials: Lumber, fencing, roofing materials, tar paper, nails, screws, boxes of screws, nails, & chalking, levels, rolls of barbed wire, fence posts, leather gloves, etc.
- Chainsaws.
- Chainsaw files and bar/chain oil.
- Tools of all kinds: Shovels, hoes, rakes, hammers, hand saws, hand shears, picks, mattocks, wire cutters, drills, posthole diggers, and extra tool handles.
- Vehicles to donate to families. Vehicles that are able to drive on rough terrain. Trucks are the best but not necessary.
- Vehicles to use during the week of the caravan.

NEEDS LIST

- Portable generators.
- Work gloves.
- Portable stove / propane tanks, large pots to use during the caravan.
- Recording equipment (audio or video) for documenting government harassment.
- Food. Non-perishables. Oats, beans, flour. Organic fruits and veggies.
- Organic coffee and tea.
- Water barrels, fittings, pumps.
- Solar panels, solar parts (batteries), wind turbines.
- Medicinal herbs. (Teas, dried herbs, fresh extracts, liniments, and salves for stress, colds & flus, digestion, arthritis, diabetes, altitude sickness, back-aches.)
- Food for dogs, cats, and livestock.
- Blankets. Warm, nice clothing.
- Gas money.
- Laptop computers.
- Educational books for both youth and adults.