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Navajo Nation, various tribal nations form united front to oppose any Arizona Snowbowl expansion

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WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. -- On August 30 at the Flagstaff City Council's special meeting, the Navajo Nation alongside the Hopi Tribe, Havasupai Tribe, Pueblo of Zuni, Hualapai Tribe, White Mountain Apache Tribe, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, and many more tribal nations will stand strong and unified against the Arizona Snowbowl's proposed contract amendment to have the city of Flagstaff sell potable water to the ski resort for snowmaking purposes on the sacred San Francisco Peaks (Dook'o'oslíid).

On July 21, the 21st Navajo Nation Council voted overwhelmingly to implore the Flagstaff City Council to disapprove the proposed contract to sell potable water to Arizona Snowbowl for snowmaking on Dook'o'oslíid. The Navajo Nation reaffirmed its opposition to the expansion of the Arizona Snowbowl and reaffirmed its opposition to the further desecration of Dook'o'oslíid by the proposed use of treated wastewater.

Additionally, the Navajo Nation among other tribes maintains that clean drinking water is essential for all living beings, especially in the arid Arizona climate where water should not be wasted on non-essential recreational activities such as snowmaking.

Since the proposed contract, the Navajo Nation and neighboring tribes have formed an alliance that remains adamantly opposed to ski resort expansion using any type of reclaimed water.

Navajo Nation Council Delegate Thomas Walker, an integral leader on this issue stated, "The result of this appalling effort by Arizona Snowbowl has brought together an unprecedented and extensive alliance of tribes that will not rest until this issue is resolved appropriately."

"We have visited many tribes over the past month to build an alliance that with its synergy alone cannot be overcome locally, state-wide, or in Washington D.C," Walker added. "Without doubt our strength as unified tribes will be heard and felt on August 30."

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