Western Mining Action Network (WMAN)
Indigenous Environmental Network (IEN)
Western Organization of Resource Councils Education Project (WORCEP)

Mining Mini-Grant Program
June 2021 Recipients

Mini-Grant Recipients

1. **Uranium Watch, Monticello, Utah.** $3,000 Emergency grant.

Uranium Watch was established in 2006 to address the health, safety, and environmental issues associated with uranium mining and milling. Uranium Watch has worked with local, state, and national organizations to impact agency decision making on the White Mesa Uranium Mill, other mine and mill operations, and state and federal regulatory proposals. Uranium Watch submits comments, attends meetings and hearings, and participates in state and federal adjudicative proceedings. Uranium Watch’s focus over the past 3 years includes the White Mesa Mill’s operation and license amendments, the Canyon Mine and protection of the Grand Canyon from uranium mining.

Uranium Watch will use their Mini-Grant to hire technical expertise to develop comments and legal strategies to address the Canyon Mine and its potential to contaminate local aquifers during and after mine operation. Energy Fuels Resources (USA), the owner of the White Mesa Mill, is developing the mine to provide ore to the Mill. Technical assistance is needed to 1) Provide technical comments on the proposed Aquifer Protection Permit (APP) issued by the Arizona Dept. of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and 2) Provide comments to the USFS concerning the present reclamation and closure bond and provide a preliminary estimate for the bond amount. The project addresses impacts to the Grand Canyon of the Canyon Mine and other potential breccia pipe uranium mines in the Grand Canyon area. It will help identify groundwater contamination problems and the basis for challenging Arizona DEQ and the USFS decisions.

2. **Black Hills Clean Water Alliance, Rapid City, South Dakota.** $3,000 Emergency grant.

The mission of Black Hills Clean Water Alliance, founded in 2009, is to stop current and prevent future radioactive and destructive mining in the Black Hills region to protect our valuable resources -- especially our water -- for future generations. The Alliance is a diverse collection of citizens concerned about the health, environmental, and economic impacts that irresponsible mining projects would have on our communities, people, economy, and natural resources. Our major projects have been researching and monitoring mining plans; public education, building networks; mapping claims; ensuring an active public presence at hearings; and supporting litigation. With our
allies, we delayed the start-up of an in situ leach uranium mine by at least eleven years and we are opposing two major gold exploration projects upstream from Rapid City.

The Mini-Grant will enable Black Hills Clean Water Alliance to develop its response in opposition to Powertech Uranium’s proposed in situ leach uranium mine, which is asking a South Dakota Board to restart its water permit process. This mine would be located on the southwest edge of the Black Hills, and the major issues are (1) the potential placement of a new mine upriver from the Pine Ridge and Cheyenne River reservations, a recreation lake, and ranches; (2) the failure to complete a cultural resources survey in an area that is sacred to the Lakota people; and (3) the potential resumption of mining in an area that has been free of uranium mining since 1972. The grant would fund advertising (social, newspapers, magazine), updated printed materials, research support for the attorney, and information tables. With these things, we can be substantially more prepared for the next chapter in our work to stop Powertech’s uranium project.

$3,000 Emergency grant.

The Norton Bay Inter-Tribal Watershed Council is a non-profit tribal organization focused on the protection and sustainable management of water and subsistence resources, climate change adaptation planning, Alaska Native tribal sovereignty and environmental human rights in the Norton Bay Watershed, located on the Seward Peninsula, Alaska.

The WMAN-IEN grant will enable us to complete funding for a time-sensitive report that will analyze the number of predicted spills at operating major metal mines in Alaska, with the number of actual spills, and make recommendations for how the spill risk assessment process should be improved. Although the State of Alaska collects spill data, nobody has compared this data with the EIS predictions during the permitting process. The Red Dog Mine has topped the State of Alaska’s spill report in most years. This report will be important for a number of mining issues in Alaska, including the proposed Ambler mining road, a private 200-mile industrial mining road that the State of Alaska is proposing to fund to open up a remote area to mineral development. The road would traverse important caribou habitat, include thousands of stream crossings, and have significant impacts on Alaska native subsistence resources. This spill research will also be important for our work on the U.S. Bureau of Land Management’s (BLM) proposal to open up tens of millions of acres of federal public lands to mining under the Resource management Plan process currently underway in Alaska. These lands, which have been protected from industrial scale mining since the 1970’s, are vital to the subsistence lifestyle of Alaska Native communities, and it’s crucial that the BLM consider the potential impacts of mining spills on land, water and wildlife.
4. **Menikanaehkem, Gresham, Wisconsin. $4,000.**

Menikanaehkem is a grassroots community organization based on the Menominee Reservation in Northeast Wisconsin working to revitalize our communities. We rebuild our communities by relying on our traditional organizing roots and striving for Community Wellness. We come together with one heart and one mind to create hope for our future, through connecting to our Identity and Spirit. We do so with unclouded vision and determination; by honoring our differences and embracing our strengths as First Nations People. Our purpose is to work from the heart to bring wellness to our community, to lead by example and celebrate the sacredness of life. We work to perpetuate healthy, loving, relationships with ourselves, our families, our community, and all of creation so that we create Belonging. We strengthen our minds by connecting to Land, Language, and Lineage to give our lives Meaning; and will share this with all our relatives.

The Mini-Grant is helping to fund the WMAN-IEN Indigenous Caucus conference in July 2021 that we are hosting. In this conference, we are highlighting our ongoing struggle against the Back 40 mine. In addition to contributing to travel costs for this in-person meeting, the Mini-Grant will help us develop information and campaign materials, including the hiring of technical assistance to help us fight the Back 40 mine. This grant will offer immense support in helping us raise public awareness through educational and promotional materials, and social media.

5. **Local Environmental Action Demanded Agency, Vinita, Oklahoma. $4,000.**

LEAD Agency organized in 1997 to deal with the Tar Creek Superfund site and the environmental and health impacts on the community members and those downstream from the heavy metals, lead, arsenic, cadmium and manganese discharged every day since 1979 into a primary drinking water source, Grand Lake. LEAD addresses additional impacts to this area including an abandoned industrial site with known benzene and asbestos exposures to residents.

The Mini-Grant will enable LEAD Agency to launch a public information and education campaign to get Tar Creek Rights in the town of Miami, OK, downstream of one of the nation's largest lead and zinc mining sites. Tar Creek flows through and floods with her contaminated water, leaving heavy metal residue on fields, playgrounds, ball fields and neighborhoods. The grant will fund the development of campaign materials, including billboard, yard signs, social media, buttons, t-shirts, postcards and postage. LEAD's efforts will empower citizens to speak out and protect one of 2021's Most Endangered Rivers, creating ownership with a MY TAR CREEK theme. These efforts will embolden citizens to demand a cleanup from EPA and force EPA, FERC, GRDA and the State of Oklahoma to work under an Memorandum of Understanding on the entire watershed.

6. **West Kootenay Community EcoSociety, Nelson, British Columbia. $4,000.**

Since 1994, EcoSociety has been a community-driven grassroots organizer. We bring together local residents to protect the natural environment while building just, equitable, healthy, and
livable communities. Our vision is that our rural region is a model of inclusive and sustainable living where oppressed & vulnerable people, and Indigenous Peoples are engaged in local decision-making. We have 550 members and 20,000 supporters in rural BC communities. We use grassroots engagement organizing to build power and win campaigns.

With the Mini-Grant, West Kootenay Community EcoSociety will launch a project to address conflicted beliefs and behaviors in a company mining town affected by Teck Resources smelter, based in the city limits of Trail. The goal of the project is to help residents shift their beliefs to be more supportive of government regulation on this mining industry. Using deep canvassing and strategic communications, this project will be a social media and public education awareness campaign that also produces online publications, a playbook and toolkit to share steps taken and lessons learned in the campaign with partner organizations for replication and scalability.

7. **New Mexico Environmental Law Center (NMELC), Santa Fe, New Mexico. $4,000.**

Since 1987, New Mexico Environmental Law Center has provided free and low-cost legal representation to individuals, neighborhood associations, grassroots organizations, Tribes, and Pueblos across New Mexico to ensure that under-resourced frontline communities have the same clean air, land and water that every New Mexican is entitled to. We are also a hub for public education and outreach on issues impacting communities across the state, specifically Indigenous communities and communities of color. Our work includes preventing future uranium and copper mines and remediating uranium waste pollution in Indigenous communities.

For the past 40 years, cleanup operations for the Homestake uranium mill’s large and small tailings pile in northwestern New Mexico have exacerbated water quality issues originally created by the mill’s operation from 1958-1990. With generous support from the Western Mining Action Network, NMELC has been able to hire consultants to help us advocate for groundwater quality standards that reflect the priorities and meet the needs of Indigenous communities. This new Mini-Grant will allow us to continue to inform regulatory agencies and pursue legal strategies -- using science-based data and technical expertise -- to hold Homestake accountable and ensure it does not walk away from its mill site where years of groundwater remediation still needs to occur. The funding will also support travel, communications, and meetings to keep the surrounding communities informed of actions surrounding the case.

8. **Bluewater Valley Downstream Alliance, Milan, New Mexico. $4,000.**

Organized in 2007 to support community members who had been working for over twenty years to improve cleanup of the Homestake-Barrick Gold uranium mill tailings Superfund Site located adjacent to their homes, the Bluewater Valley Downstream Alliance identified the following goals: a) To restore the underground aquifers in Murray Acres, Broadview Acres,
Felice Acres, Pleasant Valley, Valle Verde, La Siembra, and other affected communities. b) If the underground aquifers cannot be restored, to provide just compensation to homeowners for lost property. c) Protect community members’ health and restore regional water sources for future generations.

The Mini-Grant will be used to challenge the Environmental Protection Agency, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the NM Environment Department to improve the cleanup levels at the Homestake Barrick Gold (HBG) Uranium Superfund Site located near Grants, NM. We are currently fighting the attempts by HBG to walk away from any further efforts to cleanup the contaminated aquifers in the area. The Mini-Grant will be used to hire a geochemist to augment the work of our hydrologist to counter the claims by HBG that they do not need remediation.

9. **Cascade Forest Conservancy, Portland, Oregon. $4,000.**

The mission of the Cascade Forest Conservancy is to protect and sustain the forests, streams, wildlife, and communities in Washington’s South Cascades through conservation, education, and advocacy. Since our founding in 1985, we are the only non-profit conservation organization solely focused on conserving the Gifford Pinchot National Forest and surrounding areas. We oppose irresponsible management practices and harmful resource extraction projects, advocate for proactive conservation initiatives and policies, and protect and restore riparian and terrestrial ecosystems. We are working to protect Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument and the Green River valley from a dangerous hard rock mining proposal.

WMAN-IEN funds would support the ongoing effort to oppose a mine in Washington’s Green River valley, neighboring the Mount St. Helens National Monument. Mini-Grant funds will be used for the production of outreach and petition materials, event fees, and cost-share in the production of an independent economic mining report. This report will pair with our previous WMAN funded report on the economic declines resulting from recreation impacts--bolstering our case of why the Green River valley is No Place For A Mine.

10. **Patagonia Area Resource Alliance, Patagonia, Arizona. $4,000.**

Patagonia Area Resource Alliance (PARA) is a grassroots, community-driven nonprofit dedicated to the preservation and protection of local mountains, wildlife, and watersheds in and around Patagonia, Arizona. Several foreign mining companies are attempting to develop large-scale mines in our bioregion. The Patagonia Mountains are part of the Madrean Pine Oak Woodlands, a global biodiversity hotspot identified by scientists as one of the top regions in the world most in need of protection for species survival. PARA monitors the activities of mining companies and local government agencies to ensure any actions taken in Patagonia ultimately benefit our public lands, our water, our wildlife, and our region.
The Patagonia Mountains and Sonoita Creek Watershed are currently imperiled by several proposed industrial mining operations that total 39,085 acres (61 square miles) of claims. Currently, the biggest threat is from South 32, an Australian company planning a zinc, lead and silver mine in the Patagonia Mountains. South 32 has applied for a permit to remove approximately 1.2 billion gallons of water per year for the next five years from the watershed to expose its mineral deposits which are deep underground. This Mini-Grant grant will enable PARA to continue to monitor the activities of South 32 and keep the public informed of this project, and to continue our work with water rights attorneys and hydrologists to study the impact of this proposed de-watering plan on the fractured hydrology of the region, and the impacts on the town and the region.

11. **Orutsararmiut Native Council, Bethel, Alaska. $4,000.**

Orutsararmiut Native Council is a federally recognized tribal governing body for the community of Bethel, Alaska. The mission of ONC is to promote the general welfare, enhance independence, encourage self-sufficiency/self-motivation, enhance quality of life, and preserve cultural and traditional values of the tribe, and to exercise tribal authority over resources through educational, economic, and social development opportunities.

Orutsararmiut Traditional Native Council, and other local and regional organizations have expressed concern over the probable impacts that the proposed Donlin Gold Mine will have in the region if the project proceeds as in the Donlin’s Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). The Mini-Grant will help us acquire and implement comprehensive professional outreach and educational awareness by developing and distributing informational materials such as newsletters and environmental surveys to all tribal citizens living within the Yukon Kuskokwim Delta Region who may become affected by the Donlin Gold Mine Project. The grant will also help fund a No Donlin Watch stand-alone website to share progressive media updates and a video titled Protect The Mother Kuskokwim River.

12. **Ahmut Pipa Foundation, Bard, California. $4,000.**

The Ah-Mut Pipa Foundation was founded in 1996 because of concern about the preservation of Native American culture and art. The foundation is located on the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation, a remnant of the ancestral home of the Quechan people. The Ah-Mut Pipa Foundation has been a strong advocate for the protection of Sacred Sites and the desert ecosystem in and around the lower Colorado River region and has built alliances with local area non-profit organizations and tribal organizations to bridge the cultural divide, creating better understanding on issues important to Native American communities.

We are most concerned about a proposed open-pit gold mine adjacent to the Quechan Indian Reservation. We aim to stop this mine to preserve our cultural
resources in the area and avoid the contamination of the land and water with toxic chemicals used by the gold mine such as cyanide and mercury. The Mini-Grant will help us provide information about the area and the dangers of gold mining, and enable us to conduct interviews with Tribal members and experts for the radio, providing information and point of views on the gold mine at Indian Pass. This information will be provided to the Quechan community and general public through our radio station, KUAV 105 FM and the creation of a new website to house the Foundation’s projects and events. Audio and video taping will be used to inform the public and invite other tribes and the general public to help us stop the mine.

13. **SkeenaWild Conservation Trust, Terrace, British Columbia. $4,000.**

Formed in 2007, SkeenaWild Conservation Trust is dedicated to making the Skeena River and nearby coastal communities a global model of sustainability where large human and salmon populations coexist. Our regionally-based organization is focused on the effective use of science, laws and convening to empower communities to protect and strengthen vulnerable salmon populations, improve management decisions and deepen people’s connection with wild salmon.

Following the success of our last mini-grant from WMAN, this new Mini-Grant will fund a helicopter to collect additional photos and videos of operating and proposed mines in Northwest BC to show Indigenous and local communities the impact of mining in their backyard. We will collect images of the proposed KSM mine site and the operating Red Chris Mine. We will superimpose the proposed KSM project footprint onto images and video collected to show the startling comparison of historical footage of the landscape before the Red Chris Mine was developed and after. Imagery will further complement our campaign on mining reform and education. Images and footage collected with our last grant were used in videos, reports and media outreach. This work caught the attention of local health authorities, Indigenous leaders and communities, provincial decision makers and the mining community as a whole. We’re excited to build on our current momentum.

14. **Kamloops Area Preservation Association, Kamloops, British Columbia. $4,000.**

The Kamloops Area Preservation Association was formed to oppose the expansion of the currently closed Ajax mine. KAPA is now engaged in the review of the existing effluent permit for the closed mine. We aim to work in consultation and collaboration with other groups on a number of issues, including cancellation of all mining claims within our municipal boundaries; establishment of a no-mining zone around the City of Kamloops, and modernization of BC’s Mineral Tenure Act.
KAPA will use the Mini-Grant to hire a consultant to propose permit changes and engage with the regulatory authorities during the review of the Ajax Mine Effluent Permit. The project addresses the inadequacy of British Columbia's mining regulations with respect to contamination from closed mine sites. For the closed Ajax mine, there is a lack of monitoring to measure the seasonal aspects of effluent concentrations, particularly periodically high toxic concentrations exceeding aquatic life guidelines. Due to its close proximity of the mine to the City of Kamloops, contamination from the mine is affecting Peterson Creek, which flows right through the heart of the city.

15. **White Mesa Concerned Community, Blanding, Utah. $4,000.**

White Mesa Concerned Community is a grassroots organization of White Mesa Ute Community/Ute Mountain Ute Tribal members, founded over 18 years ago. Our mission is to protect our health, environment and cultural/sacred sites, and close the Energy Fuels uranium mill located immediately next to our community. Our Immediate goals are to defeat plans to dispose of more uranium tailings and "alternative feed" materials proposed to be imported from across the US and overseas. We ultimately want to close the uranium mill and have the contamination cleaned up.

The Mini-Grant will enable White Mesa Concerned Community to organize and host a regional conference on uranium mining and mill issues and protection of sacred sites and cultural landscapes. The conference, to be held in October 2021, will culminate in the 5th annual Spiritual Walk and Protest against the uranium mill. These events will help build a stronger, effective movement, and solidarity between organizations, issues, and campaigns -- including between communities advocating for cleanup of uranium mine contamination and our community and tribe fighting to close the uranium mill. The grant will fund travel costs, food, and lodging for Indigenous groups from across the Four Corners/southwest who need assistance to attend the conference and Spiritual Walk and Protest.

16. **Vivre Sans Mine (Live without Mining), St-Félix-de-Kingsey, Quebec. $4,000.**

We, the land owners, growers, and environmentally-conscious citizens of the Municipality of St-Félix-de-Kingsey and the Municipality of Cleveland Township, have formed a 12 active members non-profit Citizen Action group "Vivre sans mine" (Live without mining), effectively representing and defending the interests of over 50 directly impacted land owners and their families, and potentially, over 3,000 citizens of the two municipalities. We are working to create awareness among the local and regional communities as well as the elected municipality leaders, with a view to putting an end to any mining exploration and eventual exploitation work; protecting our environment, waters, forests, wildlife, and everything we hold dear to our hearts. We believe that the Enertourbe / GoldMinds hard-rock mining project for Gold, Silver, Copper, and Zinc will negatively transform our wonderful living environment into a broad wasteland, will pollute our precious water sources, scare away a rich wildlife with its protected
species, will destroy a thriving organic farming community and well established maple sugar harvesters, and more.

The Mini-Grant will be used to create awareness, establish strategies, and take action against the establishment of a substantial hard rock/minerals/metals mining operation in the municipalities of St-Félix de Kingsey & Cleveland Township (recognized as an ancient Wabanakis hunting ground) by the mining enterprises Enertourbe / GoldMinds and their potential affiliates. This Mini-Grant, added to the energy and dedication of an already strongly committed Citizen Action group, will help us develop a campaign of education materials, including creating, producing, and posting “NO MINE” signs throughout the affected municipalities, setting up an information kiosk at community events and local public markets, promoting on Facebook and the upcoming Vivresansmine.org web site, publishing small advertisements in local newspapers, and hiring technical and legal support in a strategy counselor, among the most pressing needs.

17. **Regroupement de Protection des Lacs de la Petite Nation (RPLPN), Dehamel, Quebec. $4,000.**

Founded in the spring of 2019, our Regroupement aims to raise awareness in the media and political spheres about graphite drilling sites and we oppose the development of graphite mines in our region. Thanks to your previous grant, we went from 7 to 9 Lake Protection Associations, from 5 to 12 Municipalities and are backed by our Regional County Municipality (RCM Papineau), Creddo (Conseil régional du développement durable de l'Outaouais), Kenauk Nature, Nature Conservancy Canada, RAP-HL (Regroupement d’associations pour la protection des lacs et cours d’eau des Hautes Laurentides) and MiningWatch Canada. We’ve created and made public maps of all claims in our region and neighbouring regions.

Lomiko Metals announced it is now drilling for its pre-economic assessment (PEA) and has now hired a PR firm to manage it’s image. As such, this Mini-Grant will primarily be used to hire an expert to analyze the technical, financial, and environmental risks assessment of this project. This analysis will be put into a report, with a French translation of the summary, and shared broadly. The grant will also help us continue to build opposition in solidarity with neighbouring communities and regions, and keep the pressure on our government through ongoing public awareness campaigns and media communications.

18. **Citizens for Safe Ground Water (CSGW), Wilmot, Ontario. $4,000.**

Citizens for Safe Ground Water (CSGW) is a 100% volunteer-run non-profit organization in Wilmot Township protecting the Region of Waterloo’s groundwater (aka the Waterloo Moraine) from industrial aggregate mining activity. Of particular concern is the proposed Hallman Pit - an
open pit aggregate mining operation in Wilmot, Ontario. We formed our group out of necessity and are in the midst of fighting to keep this pit from being approved in order to spare our community from the heartbreaking environmental & social impacts of mining operations.

We are now at a critical juncture in the fight against the proposed Hallman Pit and the Mini-Grant will fund three important actions for this phase of the mining resistance. First and foremost, we will hire a Hydrogeologist to give expert opinions on the scientific documents in the planning process and impacts from the proposed pits. Secondly, part of this materials review & expert opinion will include informing, designing, producing, and distributing a leaflet to our local community to get more people informed about & engaged in the plight of Wilmot Township in the fight against the Hallman Pit, as well as to recognize the plights of several other local communities in the Waterloo Region. Part of the follow up to the leaflet will be running a public awareness campaign with the Wellington Water Watchers, including online produced public information sessions, social media campaigns, communications support, and media engagement.

19. **Coalition opposants projet minier Haute Matawinie (COPH) - Citizen Coalition Opposed to Nouveau Monde Graphite Project, Saint-Laurent, Quebec. $4,000.**

Coalition of Opponents of a mining project in Haute Matawinie (COPH) was founded in 2016 with a goal to stop the largest graphite open-pit mine project in Quebec. We believe that this mining project, as proposed by Nouveau Monde Graphite Inc., represents a threat to the region recognized for its wilderness, water ecosystem, fishing, hunting and its high touristic potential, as well as the home of the Manawan Atikamekw First Nation. The project also threatens the precious waters of the Lac Taureau Regional Park, located a few km downstream from the site, one of the largest lakes in the region, home to multiple fish, bird and other aquatic species. We are a small group of local residents, cottagers, and settler families who want to protect this area for the future generations.

This Mini-Grant will help us hire an external biologist to develop a grassroot citizen science for environmental surveillance program to train our community members to take water, noise, and air pollution samples on and around the proposed mine site, where drilling and trucking has recently begun. We also want this training to help us detect potential environmental violations by the company, including on sensitive animal and plant species.

20. **Centre québécois du droit de l'environnement, Montreal, Quebec. $4,000.**

The Quebec Environmental Law Centre / Centre québécois du droit de l'environnement (CQDE) is a non-profit organization acting as a guardian of environmental law in the province
of Québec, Canada. Our lawyers undertake legal recourses while informing the public of their rights and the tools at their disposal to actively participate in the protection of the environment. Frequently in the previous years, our partner lawyers have provided legal information and legal opinions to citizens mobilized against mining development in fragile natural and social environments (Sayona Mining Authier Lithium project, MFQ Lac Bloom mine, Lac Barrière, etc.).

The Mini-Grant will allow the CQDE to finance the production of legal opinions on mining and environmental law by our partner lawyers, in support of local citizens’ committees involved in the various struggles facing the mining industry across Quebec. Specifically, the grant will finance a legal opinion concerning the environmental impact assessments that should be carried out as part of the relaunch of the North American Lithium mine in La Corne. If sums remain, the grant will fund legal opinions on the Lac Barrière case; endangered species by mining exploration on Lumiko site; and the pending decision on Bloom Lake / destruction of lakes.

21.  **Diné Citizens Against Ruining our Environment (C.A.R.E.), Winslow, Arizona.**  
$4,000.

Diné Citizens Against Ruining our Environment (C.A.R.E.) is a longtime environmental justice organization that has actively organized in our communities around the prevention and mitigation of energy and environmental extraction projects and activities that affect our lands since the late 1980s. We are an all-Navajo member organization comprised of grassroots community members active on Navajo Nation lands in and around the Four Corners region of Arizona, New Mexico and Utah. We advocate for our traditional teachings by protecting and providing a voice for all life within and beyond the Four Sacred Mountains. We promote regenerative and sustainable uses of natural resources consistent with the Diné philosophy of life. We empower local and traditional people to organize and determine their own destinies, in ways that protect the health of their communities, their long- held subsistence practices and way of life.

The Mini-Grant will fund the research and development of a series of educational materials about uranium impacts for print, web, social media, and short radio PSAs, in both English and Diné languages. The grant will enable us to hire a consultant to develop educational materials for a Uranium Popular Education Project to inform Diné communities about the ongoing uranium issues, including present dangers from abandoned uranium mines, transport of uranium and radioactive materials through the reservation, and new threats. There is a strong need to translate the proposed 10-year plan for cleanup of abandoned uranium mines into layman's terms which can be translated for Diné speakers. The focus of the popular education materials will also include: basic information about how uranium is used; the ongoing health and environmental impacts from past uranium development, uranium spills, and current transport of radioactive wastes; as well as how to advocate for
better cleanup standards and amendments to continue the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA), which may sunset in 2022.