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JANE SANDERS TO VISIT OAK FLAT

WHERE: OAK FLAT
(Hwy 60, 4 miles East of Superior, AZ)

DATE: MARCH 13, 2016
TIME: 4:00 pm

Oak Flat, AZ. March 7, 2016 -We are pleased to announce that Jane Sanders, wife of Presidential Candidate Bernie Sanders, will be visiting Oak Flat on Sunday March 13, 2016.

Ms. Sanders will meet with the Apache Stronghold, a group of activists taking a stand to protect the sacred land from destruction by Resolution Copper, a subsidiary of foreign mining giants Rio Tinto and BHP Billiton.

Oak Flat -- a site of immense religious and historical meaning, awe-inspiring scenery, and vital to the spiritual life of the Apache people -- is of special importance to Senator Sanders.

In November he introduced a bill, the Save Oak Flat Bill, to repeal the land transfer to the mining conglomerate, which was slipped in, through backroom deals, as a midnight rider to the must-pass NDAA in the end of 2014.

Ms. Sanders' visit comes just as the National Park Service announced Friday that it has listed Oak Flat on the National Register of Historic Places.

The event will begin at 4:00 pm.

Ms. Sanders will meet the Save Oak Flat activists who have been occupying the site for more than a year, as well as with Tribal Leaders, elders, and members to discuss the importance of the site and highlight to the members of the press the need to pass the Save Oak Flat Bill that Sen. Sanders has introduced in the Senate.

"I'm so excited that presidential candidate Bernie Sanders' wife, Jane, has committed to visit Oak Flat to discuss the occupation by the Stronghold," says San Carlos Apache Tribal Council Member Wendsler Nosie, Sr.

"Federal policies must change for us and all Americans in this country in order to secure the future for those yet to be born. We must not lose these holy places, for they are the fabric of who we are to Mother Earth."

The event will include a tour of culturally-significant sites, a discussion with stakeholders, and time to address the members of the press.

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