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Please hear our voices from White Mesa, Utah part of the ~~White~~ Mtn Ute Tribe.

We are the people who have originated and also are descendants of the Posey Band of Utes of San Juan County, Utah.

The Allen Canyon allotment lands located close to the Bears Ears mountain was giving to the White Mesa community members through or by inheritance from the original Posey Band of Utes of San Juan County.

The Posey Band fought the government to keep the allotted lands years ago and won. And to this day the elders with their families travel to Allen Canyon to gather willows for basket making, picking herbs, hunting deer, elk, to provide food for their families through the winter months. Also hauling wood for cooking and warming their homes. The cutting of cedar trees for the annual Bear Dance on Labor Day Weekend. the gathering of sage for medicine for ceremonial purpose.

One elder said; they left Allen Canyon to live in White Mesa, so that Allen Canyon allotment lands will remain sacred and will always furnish their needs through generations to come.

There are two cemetary or burials sites in Allen Canyon and the people bury their loved ones at these cemetary to this day. For this reason: we say: No!! Ka'ch to Monument - we want to be able to enter and leave whenever we want to our sacred allotment lands and continue to care for it as our ancestors did years ago.

The teaching of the past to the young Ute mtn. Utes of White Mesa is very sacred and valuable, understanding their geneology and history which ties them to the allotment lands of Allen Canyon is priceless. We know and understand how much to take from the land, we give tobacco to mother earth for her continuous, of providing our traditional needs, it will forever be acknowledged through prayers by the Posey Band decendants of White Mesa, ~~White Mesa~~ Utah.

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