

My name is Kashaduha, Wanda Culp, Tlingit, Chookeneidi, brown bear people from Glacier Bay. I live in Hoonah and am the coordinator for the Tongass Women for Forests, we are action network partners with the Women's Earth & Climate Action Network, International (WECAN). Meaning, that we connect globally through internet technology and numerous news medias to learn from each other and coordinate information into newsworthy actions. It is proving out that it is the indigenous women on the front lines of defending what is left of our natural world from a disease called capitalism.

I will mention names here to bring reality to our minds. (AK-R) Lisa Murkowski is daughter of logging baron and ex-senator and governor (AK-R) Frank who controlled the mass clear cut logging in the 1980-90s. That's when the Alaska Native Land Claims Act (ANCSA) turned Tlingit possessed lands surrounding our villages into private real estate holdings under the State of Alaska rule. This was the "new capitalism experiment" for Alaska's indigenous claims to land traditionally used and occupied since before recorded time.

Byron Mallott, Tlingit, was the president and chief executive officer for my regional corporation during that time, his son Anthony, now occupies that position at Sealaska. Byron was the Lt Governor for the State of Alaska under Governor Walker in 2017 when Lisa made her first underhanded action to weaken the 2001 ROADLESS RULE by sliding it into a "rider" attached to the senate budget package. It is not difficult to see the collusion that has survived decades.

In early 2018, the indigenous women of the Tongass Forest spoke out against Lisa's sneaky move through the [Huffington Post](#), bringing attention to "national interests". That summer I traveled with WECAN to Prince of Wales to visit with the Haida ladies – and ran into the Sealaska top dogs at Klawock's tiny airport. They had been in Hydaburg with their corporate logging plans for Sealaska's newly acquired outstanding acreage that finalized the land claims settlement. The additional Sealaska land is to be logged out.

I also had occasion to travel to San Francisco California where WECAN International action network groups from around the world gathered to demonstrate on the streets bringing awareness of the global warming crisis. This global high temperature shows a world-wide illness of 75% of indigenous land by environmental change through human behavior. I ask you, what is today's first red flag to the possible Corona Virus? An elevated temperature. 75% damage to any living organism, as the degrading of wild habitat is like flesh-eating bacteria to our skin. Skin covers our bodies to keep us as a living breathing unit, same as our planet needs. Our mother, grandmother, tribal leader, "national interest" voice and all decision-makers are facing the burden of PLANETRY HEALTH.

In San Francisco, I participated on one of the many panels of amazing women, and learned of their struggles, hardships, poverty, attacks, torture, rape, murder, the losses of every kind a woman can suffer. In Gandhi's words: "*Poverty is the worst form of violence; we must make injustice visible.*" Poverty is immoral and is a form of hate. Women carry the responsibility of our children's and family's health, as well as preserving the history our proud family bloodline. One indigenous teenager from Canada said: "*They tried to stomp us down under their feet, but I am a seed.*" How about that for seeing our origins with clear female eyes?

Women are experts in "make overs" and sustainable planning into the future for the generations to come. We are also the "house cleaning" experts, a power within itself for the good health of the family, the neighborhood, the community and globally. It is the voices of the female nurses

providing guidance for appropriate handling of the global pandemic we are in right this minute. Our competence must be elevated and brought to the decision-making tables for expediency.

In March 2019, we traveled to Washington D C, the four of us, to let the officials know of the high-powered politics was being played on behalf of Alaska Natives, Alaskan residents, and the nation. We visited 16 congressional offices in two days – a record, we hear.

A lot is said about the Forest Service's Draft Environmental Impact Statement's attempt to roll back the effectiveness of the 2001 ROADLESS RULE. We hear nothing about is what the State of Alaska's Native corporate officials are up to with the governor's office in collaboration with the (AK-R) Lisa Murkowski. They are the seed of the DEIS. The lands directly affected are federally controlled. QUESTION: What of the Tlingit and Haida-owned private property real estate and financial capital that surrounds our villages and are controlled by the State of Alaska rules of enforcement? ANSWER: Lands in private holdings are freely open to capital exploitation. In Alaska, indigenous-owned private lands are vulnerable to outside exploitation just as the 2001 ROADLESS RULE will continue to be if not officially Coded into the books of federal regulations.

Capitalism has failed the Alaska Natives and if our own land claims settlement is the tool to our poverty, the women must step forward and set her children's world straight in the face of wrong. Each of you sitting at decision-making tables must set aside pre-established judgements and allow us to expose the injustices that plague our traditional lands disguised as private property through ANCSA. Hydaburg is having to watch Sealaska drop the trees on their newly acquired ANCSA land within the village viewshed, just as Hoonah had to watch in the 1980s and then the second attack in the 1990s by Sealaska. The federal government has control of the congressional laws of the land, but the corporate employers have the power to control income. This strategy, this experiment has split our culture to pieces.

Nevertheless, the 2001 ROALESS RULE has demonstrated that there are indeed grass-root benefits and more profitability to maintaining and repairing an intact ecosystem over expending federal money on losing investments for out-of-state business sectors. For a congressional delegate to overstep her authority to use a federal government department and agency as her vehicle should be an outrage. As should her joint work with the governor's office to jump over laws and using his pro-logging advisory committee creation to develop the DEIS alternatives on behalf of the DEIS.

This background information must be considered in a holistic approach to land management decisions of the Federal Subsistence Board and S E's regional advisory council. Include not only "subsistence"-related laws, but also those that involve land conservation and environmental protections. All are intertwined in common interest and goals. Dual management with the State on C&T use is not appropriate given their non-compliance to federal laws of the land. We encourage cooperative understanding agreements with tribes to be the most appropriate.

Today, we are asking that the FSB disregard the ROADLESS RULE DEIS as unworkable and take the time to allow the processes work as they should on behalf of the beneficiaries, not despite. Further, we ask that you seriously consider our Tongass Women for Forests WECAN resolution proposal towards a smoother and just operation of appropriateness.

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