Nominations for Ethnographic Landscapes

September, 2013, Mount St. Helens was listed as a Traditional Cultural Property for its significance to the Cowlitz Indian Tribe and the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation.

Area encompasses 12,501 acres of the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest in southwestern Washington State.

Confidential TCP nomination within a western national park

- Associated with seven tribes
- Encompasses 676 acres
- Period of significance*: "Creation to the Present"*
- *Includes two (2) contributing resources (sites) and seven (7) non-contributing resources, and has been significant to the traditional cultural beliefs of [the tribes] for thousands of years.*
- *The contributing resources include [x] Canyon and [x] Mountain.*

"Also within the TCP, are character-defining features that do not lend themselves to the formal process of counting contributing features as defined by the National Register, such as:

- *A hot springs area*
- *Two ceremonial clearings/circles*
- *One lithic site*
- *One petroglyph*
- *Doctor rocks*
- *Medicine rocks*
- *Big Horn Sheep*
- *Native plants*
- *Whiptail lizards*
- *Clay, quartz and turquoise*
- *Caves*
- *Rock shelters."*

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Observations:

- NR format was not an impediment to TCP listing
- Landscape resources are generically identified as two sites
- But the two sites are not truly regarded as separate entities
- None of the biotic and abiotic “character-defining features” are identified as “contributing”
- Provides insufficient resource information for future planning and management
- Could be misinterpreted by land managers

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Mount Taylor, New Mexico

A Victory for New Mexico's Endangered Mt. Taylor

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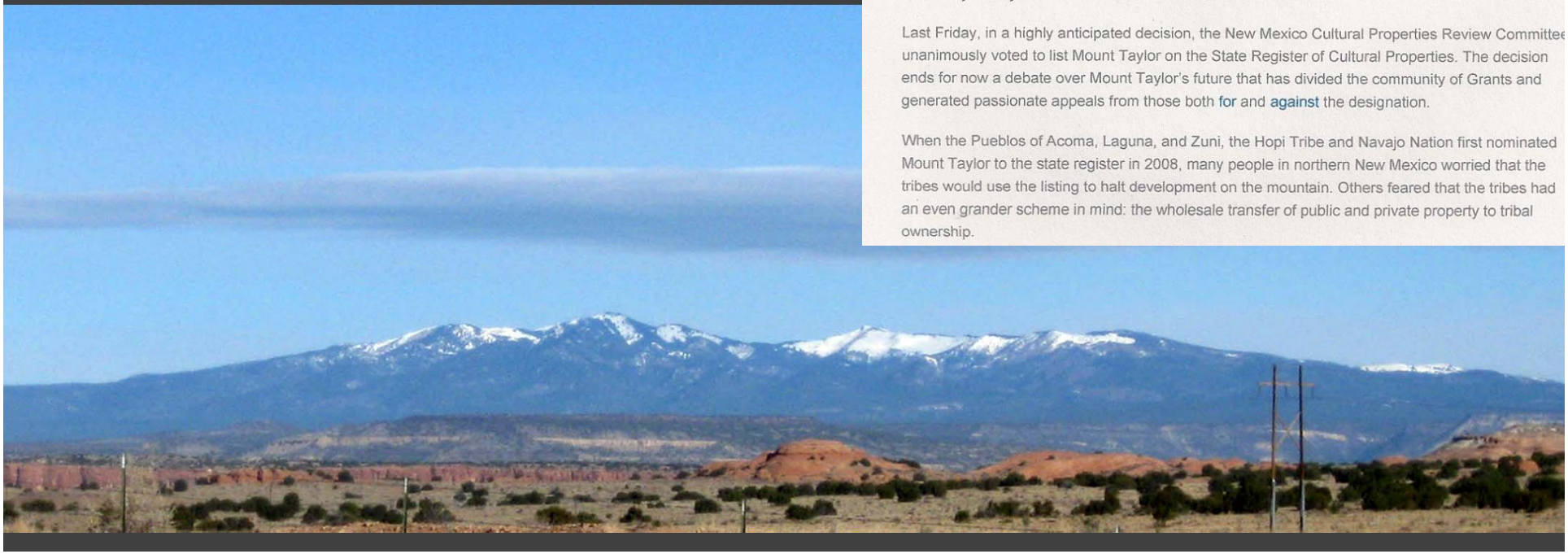
Written by Ti Hays

Last Friday, in a highly anticipated decision, the New Mexico Cultural Properties Review Committee unanimously voted to list Mount Taylor on the State Register of Cultural Properties. The decision ends for now a debate over Mount Taylor's future that has divided the community of Grants and generated passionate appeals from those both for and against the designation.

When the Pueblos of Acoma, Laguna, and Zuni, the Hopi Tribe and Navajo Nation first nominated Mount Taylor to the state register in 2008, many people in northern New Mexico worried that the tribes would use the listing to halt development on the mountain. Others feared that the tribes had an even grander scheme in mind: the wholesale transfer of public and private property to tribal ownership.



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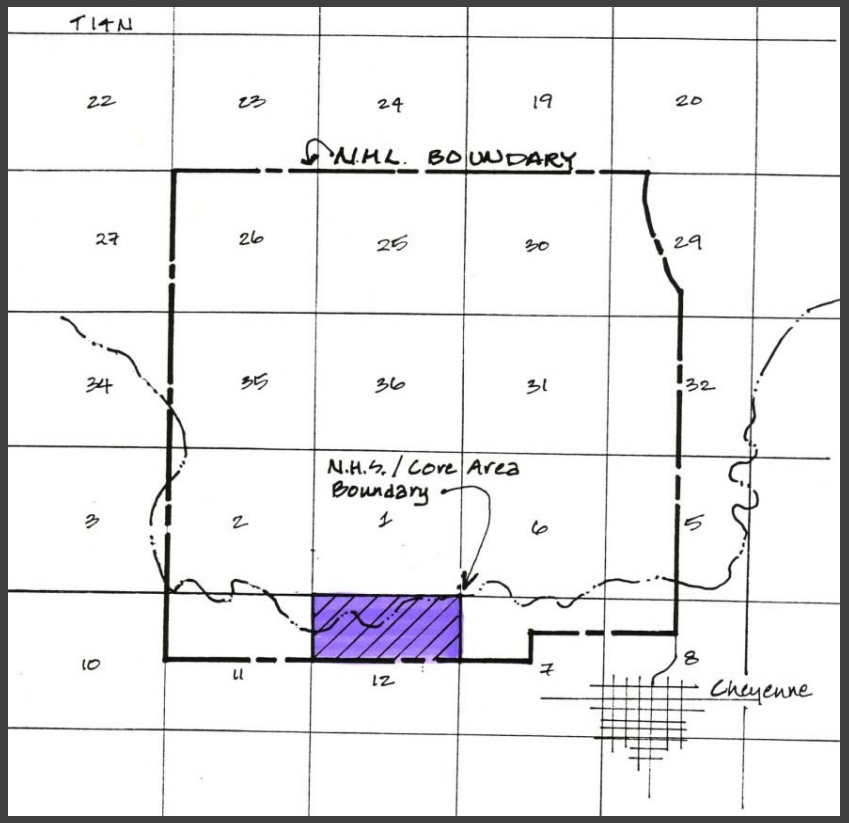
Washita Battlefield NHS, Oklahoma
Combined ethnographic and historic landscape



NHL and NPS boundaries

Existing NHL nomination outdated (1976) , no landscape description

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Landscape management –
external threats (e.g. oil and gas)
More specific nomination needed to identify what needs to be preserved and to clarify integrity

On-going prairie restoration - direction derived from legislation