

NATIVE MOVEMENT

ALASKA'S INDIGENOUS ACTIVISM

WELCOME BACK ACTIVISTS

This issue of the Native Movement newsletter is packed with the latest news on U.S.A environmental and Indigenous activism. This issue will keep you up to date on everything you need to know about the legal proceedings on the Willow Project, climate protests in Manhattan, and insights from Iñupiaq locals on food security going forward.

WITH THE WILLOW PROJECT ON THE HORIZON, SOME ALASKA NATIVES WORRY ABOUT TRADITIONAL FOODS

In this [article](#), Grist Media correspondents speak with Iñupiaq locals who voice their concerns for food security in the wake of Project Willow's construction approval.

Although the project is expected to generate local income, locals point out that the industrial construction and operations will harm traditional subsistence lifestyles.



Image: Flickr - Caribou on the tundra

Nuiqsut's former tribal administrator, Martha Itta, explains the impacts of oil projects.

"I'm upset [Willow] went through," Itta said. "They are slowly depleting our subsistence. I myself am a hunter and fisherman, all year long. And it's still not enough. I'm a single mother, and the store costs are way too high. Sometimes I can't afford to go to the store."

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CLIMATE DEFIANCE

On Wed (March 10), climate activists [protested](#) on Manhattan's Fifth Avenue, where President Biden was attending a fundraiser to demand an end to fossil-fuel projects.

Many activists feel that Biden has broken his commitment to curb the threat of climate crisis by approving projects such as the Willow Project.

Film icon, Jane Fonda, [joined](#) the rally to voice her support for the climate movement. "Now is the time for civil disobedience," she said.



Image: Climate Defiance Twitter

RESPONSE TO WILLOW PROJECT APPROVAL

Following the Biden government's approval of the Willow Project last month, our Executive Director, Enei Begaye, released a [statement](#).

"We invite everyone outraged about Willow to join us. The Willow approval is disappointing, but it's not the end of the story. We won't stop our work to build communities of reciprocity and joy and to create a legacy of physical, mental, and spiritual health for the next generations".