Navajo People and other indigenous peoples consider San Francisco Peaks a sacred mountain. Eighty-seven percent of the plants growing on the mountain are herbs, medicinal and sacred to the indigenous peoples.

**DESECRATION OF THE SACRED MOUNTAIN**

The United States approved several expansion permits for the Arizona Snowbowl ski resort for the purpose of recreation. The last permit provides for the ski resort to use reclaimed wastewater to make artificial snow. The United Nations Special Rapporteur on Indigenous Peoples informed the United States that it did not secure the free, prior and informed consent from 13 indigenous peoples in order to construct and expand the ski resort.