

Escalade's Empty Promise:

"A brighter future for the families and youth of Bodaway/Gap and the Western Navajo Agency."



BUT WHAT ARE THEY ACTUALLY OFFERING?

A developer-written bill that calls for approving:

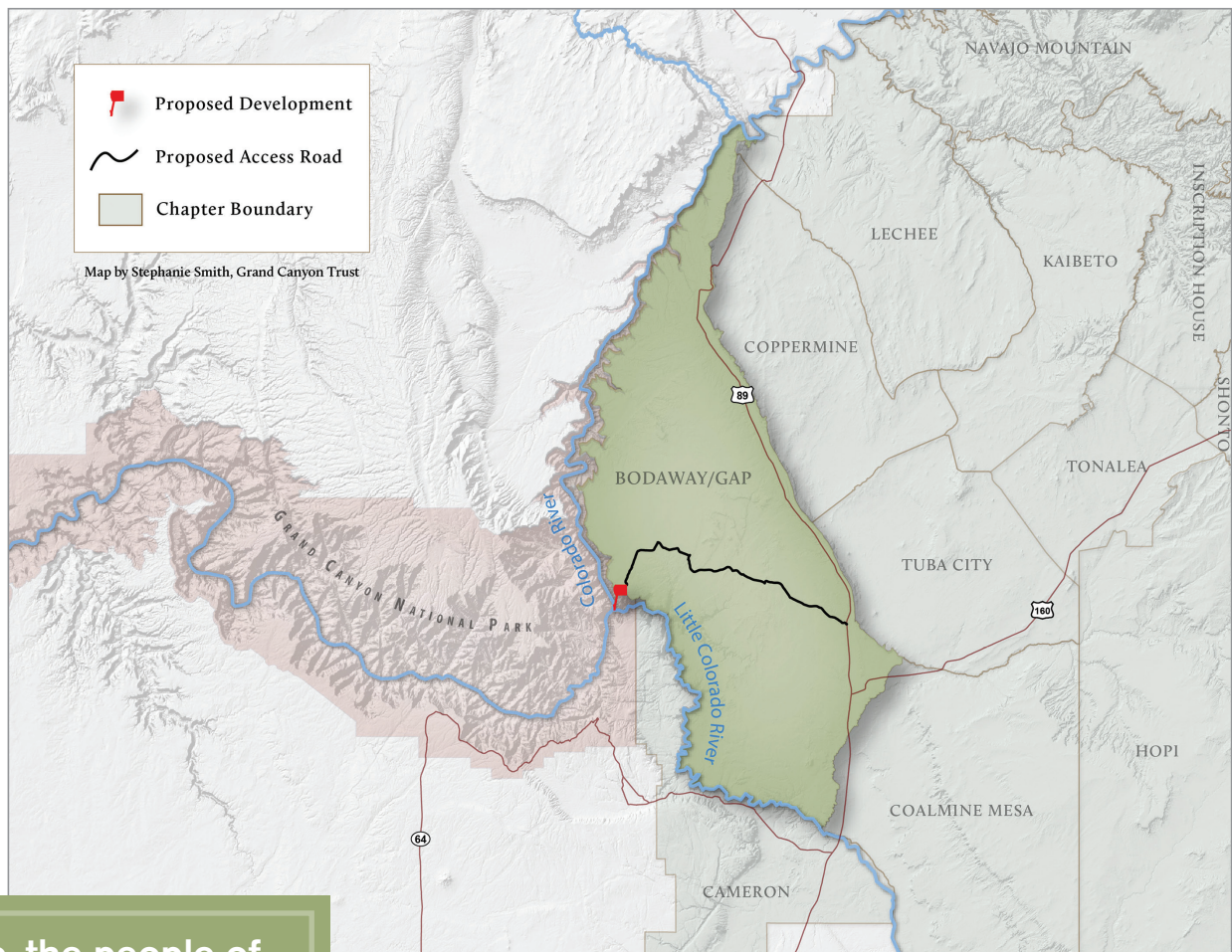
- "Grand Canyon Escalade", a resort located above the sacred confluence of the Colorado and Little Colorado rivers, including a tramway to carry up to 10,000 tourists a day to the bottom;
- Confluence Partners, LLC as exclusive developers and operators: Scottsdale-based partner R. Lamar Whitmer, Albert A. Hale, and eight other non-residents.

ESCALADE LEGISLATION REQUIRES THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL TO:

- Pay an initial \$65 million for "offsite infrastructure" and to remain permanently responsible for maintenance;
- Withdraw 420 acres of land and grant right-of-ways for roads and utilities across thousands of acres, trampling the rights of dozens of fully documented Navajo grazing permit holders;
- Prohibit all business activities on thousands of acres of Navajo land on a more than 20 mile corridor along the access road and Highway 89 ("Covenant not to Compete").



Escalade partner Albert Hale (left) and promoter Lamar Whitmer (right) present to Navajo Council, June 2014. Photos by Marley Shebala



Map by Stephanie Smith, Grand Canyon Trust

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**We, the people of
Dine' bi'keyah,
REJECT Confluence
Partners' Land Grab**



Renae Yellowhorse



Lucille Daniel



The Nockideneh and Saganitso families
Photo by Melody Nez

IN ADDITION, ESCALADE LEGISLATION REQUIRES THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL TO:

- Rubber stamp the secretly negotiated “master agreement”, including unfair terms and conditions designed to maximize profits for Confluence Partners;
- Pre-approve business site leases without prior review by Navajo offices of historic preservation, environmental protection, parks and recreation, and other key agencies;
- Override Bodaway-Gap resolutions:
7/22/12 President to cease and desist all negotiations for the master agreement
5/20/14 Requiring 25% of all revenues to be returned to the Chapter
- Override other important resolutions against Escalade by Lechee, Cameron, Coal Mine, and Tuba City chapters; Diné Medicine Men's Association; and Western Agency Grazing Committee;
- Violate Inter-tribal Compact with Hopi Tribe that requires a review of all new developments within cultural areas established under a court-approved consent decree that lifted the Bennett Freeze;
- Pay for expensive legal costs to defend the legislation against multiple appeals from within the Navajo Nation and by the Hopi Tribe and other affected interests.



ESCALADE INTELLIGENCE TEST

Grand Canyon Escalade is a

- pipedream of Lamar Whitmer, claiming Navajo benefits as an alibi;
- scam to secure land withdrawals and Navajo Nation financing without due process;
- disrespectful assault on grazing permit holders and traditional cultural property;
- all of the above

For more information, please visit Save the Confluence.com