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Pueblo of Jemez  
C/O Greg Kaufman  
Natural Resources Department  
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Jemez Pueblo, NM 87024

Dear Mr. Kaufman:

The Climate Change Leadership Institute (CCLI) is delighted to present the 2011 Innovation Award as well as the 2011 Justice Award to the Pueblo of Jemez for its remarkable renewable energy and sustainability endeavors in the face of climate and economic adversity. This is the first year we have given both of these unique honors to one recipient and we have done so because of the self determination, the teamwork and resiliency exhibited by your community.

CCLI's Innovation Award goes to persons, businesses or communities who are leading the way in spearheading solutions to human induced climate change and CCLI's Justice Award is given to communities in the world that are unduly affected by human induced climate change.

As excellently portrayed in National Wildlife Federation's 2011 Report *Facing the Storm* ([http://www.nwf.org/~media/PDFs/Global%20Warming/Reports/NWF\\_TribalLandsExtremeWeather\\_FINAL.ashx](http://www.nwf.org/~media/PDFs/Global%20Warming/Reports/NWF_TribalLandsExtremeWeather_FINAL.ashx)), tribal communities are increasingly and disproportionately under strain from the harshest affects of global warming including the threats of prolonged drought, deforestation and extreme wildfires. The injustice is that while typically finding themselves on the front lines of climate's weather extremes, tribal communities have tended to emit per capita a relatively meager amount of greenhouse gases compared to the wider society. The opportunity is that Tribes will dig deep into their vast heritage and rich culture of sustainability and work together with the public at large to forge unprecedented solutions to these unprecedented problems.

What is remarkable about the Pueblo of Jemez is that instead of shrinking from, playing a victim to or simply denying this growing problem of human induced climate change, your community has been actively endeavoring to lead the transformation to a new and vital sustainable energy society.

CCLI honors the Pueblo's now on-going quest to be a solar power generator as well as geothermal power provider. Furthermore CCLI honors the energy plan and energy efficiency improvements you are making as well the Pueblo's extra-ordinary efforts to combine the prevention of wildfires through forest thinning with the creative use of biomass energy from the forest byproducts. It is a testament to the Pueblo that you seek in your endeavors to work in collaboration with the wider public including Los Alamos Laboratory and DOE demonstrating that we are all truly in the same boat as far needing to find a more sustainable way of life on earth. We further applaud the way the Pueblo of Jemez community is teaching, exposing and involving your young people in these vital pursuits, demonstrating the profound importance of no longer harming but rather taking care of the next generations in the way we live today.

With gratitude,

Robb Hirsch

CCLI's Executive Director and Founder