

Meaning of subsistence questioned

To the editor:

I am writing this letter in hopes that it may be read by some higher up official that might change or prolong the death of a land that is being continually raped by a society whose value system includes manifest destiny, communism, etc. My questions to you are the following: 1) Do you picture the entire world as pavement, concrete, skyscrapers and buildings? (2) Do you enjoy wiping out entire biological chains because of the increased expansion of building? (3) Do you en-

joy these slow death methods I have just stated? 4) Would you like to see your children, and their children's children enjoy the beauty of this great land? 5) Do you really understand the true meaning of the word SUBSISTENCE? As this question is aimed at the politician I really do not think that you do. Subsistence to me means using everything that you have taken, having respect and not overkilling, giving back to the Earth somehow, and being grateful for what our Higher Spirit has given us.

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Many people now for instance, go shoot a Moose, leave the guts in the ditch, throw away the hide and maybe, just maybe use the rest. They call this subsistence. I ask you Mr. Politician, before you start making any decisions about subsistence, take a real close look at the true definition of the word, ask for perceptions and opinions from us NATIVE PEOPLE who have been here longer than anyone and who care and love this ground that the Great Spirit has blessed and given to us to use, and for our children to use, and for our children's children to use — if it isn't destroyed by then.

Thank you
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