

Report: Biggest Green Groups Get the Most "Greenbacks"

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The largest national environmental groups are getting the most charitable dollars, a new report says, while in many cases, important conservation projects taken on by smaller groups in Nevada and across the nation are being overlooked.

People at the local level are often the ones most affected by their area's environment and climate challenges, according to the National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy (NCRP), although its research found they receive only 15 percent of the grant money given by foundations for environmental work.

... Bob Fulkerson, executive director of the Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada, says the three-decade fight by locals to prevent the federal government from turning Yucca Mountain into a nuclear-waste dump is a prime example of the power local grass-roots groups can muster to protect the environment.

"When the federal government first wanted to put nuclear waste here, it was local citizens and it was Native Americans who were working together to fight that dump. And so far we've held them off, and the delay is victory."

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