

# **Powwows and Christmas Trees: Ute Land Religion and the Barriers to Native American Reconciliation**



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In 2012, the Rio Blanco Forest Service invited Ute elders to bless a tree headed to Washington DC as the Capitol Christmas Tree, building on reconciliation Powwows held earlier. This talk will examine this moment as a case study of how the US government has approached indigenous religion, first as something to be eradicated, and then, as a tool for reconciliation, even as these efforts fall short.



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