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Regional Briefs: Tribal leader to talk about swap of land

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The chairman of an Apache Tribal Council will appear today at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Winston-Salem to speak against a proposed land exchange in southern Arizona.

Wendsler Nosie, the chairman of the San Carlos Apache Tribal Council, will be at the church at 1075 Shalimar Drive from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Earlier this year, Arizona Sens. John McCain and Jon Kyl introduced the Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2009. If approved, Resolution Copper Mining would give more than 5,000 acres to the U.S. Forest Service and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management in exchange for 2,406 acres of land that the company can use for exploration of copper ore.

McCain and Kyl, both Republicans, said at the time the bill was introduced that it would help protect environmentally friendly lands while spurring economic growth in Arizona.

Apache officials said that the land that would go to the company includes sites that are essential to healing by Apache medical men and women, and that they worry about the environmental effects of mining on the land.

## **N.C. Land Trust honors 2 from area**

Two area men were among four winners of awards presented by North Carolina's 25 land trusts for their work in protecting the state's land and rivers.

The recipients were honored Thursday night at the annual N.C. Land Trust Assembly in Raleigh.

Mike Leonard of Bethania helped land trusts save more than 170,000 undeveloped acres, the organization said. The Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy nominated Leonard.

Dick Everhart of Dobson has worked to protect the water quality in the upper Yadkin River for more than 20 years, the organization said. He has worked for the Natural Resources Conservation Service since 1979. Everhart is its district conservationist for Surry County. The Piedmont Land Conservancy nominated Everhart.

## **Nonprofit founder to speak at Salem**

Becky Anderson, the founder of HandMade in America, will be the speaker at Salem College's

commencement May 23.

HandMade in America is a nonprofit organization in Asheville that promotes crafts for community and economic development. Anderson, a Salem alumna, was the first director of downtown development for Asheville and was the director of economic development for the Asheville Chamber of Commerce for 11 years.

She is now a consultant for cultural and economic-development projects related to crafts through Becky Anderson Consulting Inc.

The commencement ceremony will be in the May Dell at 10 a.m.