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Here we are at another 00 issue which means it is quality control time. This is your opportunity to critique Journal contents, request topics to be covered, and/ or to opt off the list. It is also the time to suggest other persons to be on the list and I challenge each one of you to submit one new name/address. Please acknowledge the receipt of this Journal and your comments.

For those that have commented on the emphasis on IdleNoMore over the last few months, this is the modern history that is unfolding in front your eyes. It is also a commentary on the impacts of electronic technology on the indigenous world......instantaneous communication demonstrates the similarity in many challenges and that no community is alone. Many times it also demonstrates how history repeats itself.

The emphasis on water should be self evident but it also underscores that American tribal groups often hold the oldest historical water rights in a geographic region that need to be understood and protected by emergent leaders who may not have been schooled on this subject but who are interested in creating sustainable communities, both physically and fiscally.

Salmon because someone asked me to.....also our modern "canary in the mine". Hard to believe that 150 years ago, most every stream in the USA had salmon.

There is a reason for every inclusion. Hope they are of use or entertainment to you. sdc

**State Dept: No major objections to Canada pipeline** By MATTHEW DALY and DINA CAPPIELLO Associated Press Producers Tap Old Wells in Search of Oil

WASHINGTON (AP) -- The State Department on Friday raised no major objections to the Keystone XL oil pipeline and said other options to get the oil from Canada to Gulf Coast refineries are worse for climate change.

But the latest environmental review stops short of recommending whether the project should be approved. State Department approval of the 1,700-mile pipeline is needed because it crosses a U.S. border.

The lengthy report says Canadian tar sands are likely to be developed, regardless of whether the U.S. approves Keystone XL, which would carry oil from western Canada to refineries in Texas. The pipeline would also travel through Montana, South Dakota, Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma.

The report acknowledges that development of tar sands in Alberta would create greenhouse gases but makes clear that other methods to transport the oil - including rail, trucks and barges - also



pose a risk to the environment.

The State Department analysis for the first time evaluated two options using rail: shipping the oil on trains to existing pipelines or to oil tankers. The report shows that those other methods would release more greenhouse gases that contribute to global warming than the pipeline. The Keystone XL pipeline, according to the report, would release annually the same amount of global warming pollution as 626,000 passenger cars.

A scenario that would move the oil on trains to mostly existing pipelines would release 8 percent more greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide than Keystone XL. That scenario would not require State Department approval because any new pipelines would not cross the U.S border.

Another alternative that relies mostly on rail to move the oil to the Canadian west coast, where it would be loaded onto oil tankers to the U.S. Gulf Coast, would result in 17 percent more greenhouse gas emissions, the report said.

In both alternatives, the oil would be shipped in rail cars as bitumen, a thick, tar-like substance, rather than as a liquid.

The State Department was required to conduct a new environmental analysis after the pipeline's operator, Calgary-based TransCanada, changed the project's route though Nebraska. The Obama



administration blocked the project last year because of concerns that the original route would have jeopardized environmentally sensitive land in the Sand Hills region.

The administration later approved a southern section of the pipeline, from Cushing, Okla., to the Texas coast, as part of what President Barack Obama has called an "all of the above" energy policy that embraces a wide range of sources, from oil and gas to renewables such as wind and solar.

The pipeline plan has become a flashpoint in the U.S. debate over climate change. Republicans and business and labor groups have urged the Obama administration to approve the pipeline as a

source of much-needed jobs and a step toward North American energy independence.

Environmental groups have been pressuring the president to reject the pipeline, saying it would carry "dirty oil" that contributes to global warming. They also worry about a spill.

Industry groups and Republicans hailed the report, saying the Obama administration was moving closer to approving Keystone XL, which has been under consideration since 2008.

"No matter how many times KXL is reviewed, the result is the same: no significant environmental impact," said Marty Durbin, executive vice president of the American Petroleum Institute, the largest lobbying group for the oil and gas industry.

The report "puts this important, job-creating project one step closer to reality," Durbin said.

Environmentalists blasted the report.

"This analysis fails in its review of climate impacts, threats to endangered wildlife like whooping cranes and woodland caribou, and the concerns of tribal communities," said Jim Lyon, vice president of the National Wildlife Federation.

If Keystone XL would not speed tar sands development, "why are oil companies pouring millions into lobbying and political contributions to build it?" Lyon asked. "By rejecting the Keystone XL tar sands pipeline, President Obama can keep billions of tons of climate-disrupting carbon pollution locked safely in the ground."

The draft report begins a 45-day comment period, after which the State Department will issue a final environmental report before Secretary of State John Kerry makes a recommendation about whether the pipeline is in the national interest.

Kerry has promised a "fair and transparent" review of the plan and said he hopes to decide on the project in the "near term." Most observers do not expect a decision until summer at the earliest.

Canadian Natural Resource Minister Joe Oliver said Friday that Canada will respect the U.S. review process and noted the importance of the pipeline to the Canadian economy. "Canada's continued prosperity will be determined by our ability to diversify markets for our energy products," Oliver said.

Obama's initial rejection of the pipeline last year went over badly in Canada, which relies on the United States for 97 percent of its energy exports.

Associated Press writer Rob Gillies in Toronto contributed to this report.

## FOCUS: Michael Brune | Keystone XL: Cynicism on the Potomac

## **5 Fracking Consequences You've Never Heard About**

**Lisa Garber, News Report:** We know fracking isn't exactly the safest of practices. We've heard of its propensity to pollute our air and drinking water and thereby raise human health concerns. The media, however, isn't talking about the massive sinkholes pockmarking the nation, the radiation leaks and other lesser known, but no less earth-shattering effects of fracking. Many doctors are protesting fracking and direct contamination via the air and water mustn't be the only considered contributors to fracking-related cancers. <u>READ</u> | <u>DISCUSS</u> | <u>SHARE</u>

# <u>Millions of Acres of Land, Larger Than California and Florida Combined, Already</u> <u>Leased to Oil and Gas Industry</u>

**Amy Mall, News Report:** According to a new NRDC analysis, at the end of 2011, seventy of the largest oil and gas companies operating in the U.S. held leases covering at least 141 million net acres of American land—an area greater than California and Florida combined. Given the sordid environmental history of oil and gas development that has already occurred across the U.S., NRDC is extremely concerned about the additional harmful environmental, health and

**Social Security or other Federal Benefits** - Beginning March 1, 2013, the Treasury Department is requiring all Social Security, VA, SSI, and other federal beneficiaries to receive their benefits by electronic payment. Senior citizens and other federal beneficiaries may choose either direct deposit or the Treasury recommended Direct Express Debit Master Card. This new payment method is not optional. Individuals that need assistance can call the Treasury's secure Go Direct Call Center at (800) 333-1795.

## First Lady Michelle Obama Announces Unprecedented Collaboration to Bring Physical Activity Back to Schools

Mrs. Obama calls for school champions to sign up at <u>LetsMoveSchools.org</u> to help all students get active, sets ambitious goal of engaging 50,000 schools in the next five years and praises range of partners, including a \$50 million investment from NIKE, Inc.

Chicago, IL – First Lady Michelle Obama today launched *Let's Move!* Active Schools – an unprecedented collaboration to bring physical activity back to America's schools. The program provides simple steps and tools to help schools create active environments where students get 60 minutes of physical activity before, during and after the school day. Mrs. Obama called on school staff, families and communities to work together to reach an ambitious goal of engaging 50,000 schools in this program over the next five years.

The President's Council on Fitness, Sports & Nutrition (PCFSN) the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance (AAHPERD) and the Alliance for a Healthier Generation are the managing organizations guiding the development and implementation of the program.

Funding and other resources for *Let's Move!* Active Schools are being kick-started by NIKE, Inc., the GENYOUth Foundation, ChildObesity180, Kaiser Permanente, and the General Mills Foundation, the inaugural sponsor of the Presidential Youth Fitness Program. Over the next five years, NIKE, Inc. will invest \$50 million in the U.S. to increase the physical activity of kids in schools and communities as well as target advocacy efforts to inspire kids and draw additional resources to this important effort. Collectively, the other groups are committing over \$20 million to help America's schools engage all students in quality physical activity.

In addition, the U.S. Department of Education will continue to support both physical and nutrition education in schools by realigning its \$80 million Carol M. White Physical Education Program ("PEP") to prioritize schools most in need and support applicants with plans to maximize their reach by building cost effective, sustainable programs.

*Let's Move!* Active Schools combines effective elements of existing programs and draws on new resources to provide customized support for schools to encourage physical activity. The program mobilizes physical education teachers, classroom teachers, administrators, staff, and even parents to be "school champions" for their community. School champions are encouraged to sign up at LetsMoveSchools.org, where they will be guided along a simple, six-step process. Participating

schools will have access to free tools and resources, including in-person trainings, program activation grants, and direct, personal assistance from certified professionals.

"With each passing year, schools feel like it's just getting harder to find the time, the money, and the will to help our kids be active. But just because it's hard doesn't mean we should stop trying – it means we should try harder. It means that all of us – not just educators, but businesses and non-profits and ordinary citizens – we all need to dig deeper and start getting even more creative," said First Lady Michelle Obama. "That's what *Let's Move!* Active Schools is all about – it's about all of us coming together to once again make being active a way of life for our kids. And with today's announcement, anyone, in any community, can become a champion to bring physical education back to their school."

According to the *Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans*, children and adolescents need at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity each day to stay healthy. Regular physical activity enhances important skills, like concentration and problem solving, which have been shown to improve academic performance. However, kids today are the most sedentary generation in America's history. Only 1 in 3 children is active on a daily basis and only 4% of elementary schools, 8% of middle schools and 2% of high schools offer daily P.E.. Meanwhile, only 9 states require recess in elementary schools.

Kids spend a significant portion of their time in school, which is why the First Lady is focusing this initiative on the school environment as a key place to increase access to quality physical activity, so that all students can stay healthy and reach their potential. *Let's Move!* Active Schools is designed to make this work easier for schools by recommending evidence-based, free or low-cost solutions and providing ongoing support to every school that signs up. *Let's Move!* Active Schools also calls on parents and community members to build support for active lifestyles and help schools make movement a part of every student's day.

The First Lady was joined by Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel, NIKE, Inc. President & CEO Mark Parker, Serena Williams, Gabby Douglas, Allyson Felix, Bo Jackson, Colin Kaepernick, Sarah Reinertsen, Ashton Eaton, Paul Rodriguez, Dominique Dawes, and Bob Harper. Thousands of Chicago area students and teachers participated in the launch event at McCormick Place.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

The **President's Council on Fitness, Sports & Nutrition (PCFSN)** of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is the program's leading federal partner. As part of *Let's Move!* Active Schools, PCFSN will promote and scale up the new Presidential Youth Fitness Program (PYFP). To maximize reach and implementation of the PYFP in schools, the General Mills Foundation has committed \$10 Million to support opportunities for schools to utilize the program

"Children need at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity per day where they live, learn and play. With youth spending six to seven hours in school daily, schools are a great place to get kids moving. With the launch of this initiative, we are confident that schools will have the tools, resources, and support they need to inspire their students to be physically active for a lifetime." - U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius

Since 2001, the **Department of Education** has awarded more than \$785 million to schools through its Carol M. White Physical Education Program ("PEP"). During the Obama Administration, PEP has been significantly improved to promote innovations in the field. Earlier this week, the Department of Education announced a new series of changes to PEP for fiscal year 2013. The improved PEP encourages proposals designed around evidence-based best practices, and prioritizes addressing the persistently lowest-achieving schools. In addition, the program now integrates the Presidential Youth Fitness Program by including new performance measures based on moving students into the healthy fitness zone in 6 critical fitness areas.

"Good health is not an add-on to a good education. Our children need to be healthy to be prepared to learn, and we know active students are better able to engage in the classroom and excel academically. We need more of our schools creating environments that promote physical activity and play and encourage our students to get moving." - U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan

As a managing organization for *Let's Move!* Active Schools, the **American Alliance for Health**, **Physical Education, Recreation & Dance** (AAHPERD) will work to recruit individual champions, provide customized support to schools, and facilitate the training of at least 20,000 school Physical Activity Leaders over the next 5 years.

"Physical educators have always known that children are designed to move. Now through *Let's Move!* Active Schools, we are thrilled to elevate our efforts in increasing physical activity before, during and after school to a larger national stage. Our role will be to provide professional development training so that physical educators will create even more early, positive experiences for all children. We want physical activity to become an integral part of their daily lives." - AAHPERD CEO E. Paul Roetert

The Alliance for a Healthier Generation, whose Healthy Schools Program works with 15,000 schools across the country, played a critical role in the development of *Let's Move!* Active Schools. Alongside AAHPERD and PCFSN, the Alliance will host the 6-step process, facilitate direct technical assistance to participating schools, and lead recognition efforts for schools that have created active environments.

"The Alliance is honored to serve as a managing partner of *Let's Move!* Active Schools. We embrace and understand the importance of reintegrating physical activity into young people's lives. Since 2006, the Alliance has supported schools to implement the evidence-based, Six Steps to a Healthier School, the roadmap to making school health changes, where schools continuously take a status check, work on making improvements, learn from successes and challenges and keep pushing the needle forward." - Ginny Ehrlich D. Ed

Over the next five years, **NIKE**, **Inc.** will invest \$50 million to get American kids physically active. As part of this commitment, Nike is supporting *Let's Move!* Active Schools by focusing

resources on getting kids active before, during and after school. In addition, Nike's efforts will include developing access to sport in our communities and broadening the community of partners focused on this important issue.

"Today's announcement is part of Nike's long-term commitment to help our nation's youth lead more active and healthy lives. All kids deserve a chance to realize their full potential and we believe creating active schools will help kids do better in school and most importantly in life." - NIKE, Inc. President and CEO Mark Parker

**ChildObesity180** will provide "Acceleration Grants" totaling \$1 million and innovative curricula to at least 1,000 school champions in 2013 to get them started on the path to becoming a *Let's Move!* Active School. These resources will scale up model programs identified last year through the Active Schools Acceleration Project. Over the next three years, ChildObesity180 will invest up to \$3 million to grow and expand quality school-based physical activity programs.

"ChildObesity180 is thrilled to collaborate with *Let's Move!* Active Schools and the Partnership for a Healthier America, and bring innovative and flexible physical activity programs to America's schools. We believe this work will further our shared goal of reversing the childhood obesity epidemic."

- Christina D. Economos, PhD, Vice-Chair and Director of ChildObesity180, Associate Professor at the Gerald J. and Dorothy R. Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy at Tufts University, and a leading researcher in the field of childhood obesity prevention

The **GENYOUth Foundation** will dedicate \$9 million over the next 5 years to help at least 5,000 schools implement quality physical activity programs through Fuel Up to Play 60 grants. Through these direct grants, GENYOUth will encourage schools to complete the *Let's Move!* Active Schools program and empower students of all ages to be leaders for physical activity.

"GENYOUth believes that active and healthy students are better students and schools need our help. Through our flagship program, Fuel Up to Play 60 (FUTP 60) – developed by the National Dairy Council and the NFL – more than 73,000 schools are taking action to improve nutrition and physical activity. More than 3,000 schools have benefited from over \$10 million in FUTP 60 mini-grants to jump start healthy changes. We are proud to be a part of *Let's Move!* Active Schools and join forces with other leading organizations to ignite further support for healthy school environments." - GENYOUth CEO, Alexis Glick

In partnership with the **Safe Routes to School National Partnership and the National PTA**, **Kaiser Permanente** is launching "Fire Up Your Feet," an innovative program that helps teachers, parents, and administrators get students moving before, during, and after the school day. The program also helps schools conduct healthy fundraisers that promote walking, biking and other types of physical activity. Over the next three years, Kaiser Permanente will invest \$1.76 million to make this program available to every elementary and middle school in the country, and to provide an opportunity to compete for challenge awards to 11,000 elementary and middle schools in communities served by Kaiser Permanente.

"Every child deserves a chance to be active during the day. It's good for kids' health, and it's good for their learning. At Kaiser Permanente, we do all we can to help children live healthy and active lives through extensive work in the community and collaborative partnerships. That's why we are excited to be part of this important initiative."

-Raymond J. Baxter, senior vice president, Community Benefit, Research and Health Policy

As the nonprofit partner of *Let's Move!*, the **Partnership for a Healthier America (PHA)** played a key role in convening the organizations represented here to develop the concept for *Let's Move!* Active Schools and make commitments to support its long-term success.

"The Partnership for a Healthier America is proud to be a part of this effort to end physical inactivity across the country. Today's announcement is an opportunity to change our kids' futures, it is a chance to make sure they do not live shorter lives than their parents. But with a challenge this big, no single company or organization can solve it alone. PHA is honored to be among such leaders in this effort and we look forward to the strides this group will undoubtedly make." -PHA President and CEO Larry Soler

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICERS

February 28, 2013

## Current Tribal Consultation & Requests for Comment: National Park Service (NPS)

Request for Comments: National Register Bulletin 38-Traditional Cultural Properties The NPS is continuing to solicit comments from its tribal, national, state, and local historic preservation partners, National Park Service regional offices and parks, other Federal agencies, and the public at large until April 2, 2013. The original National Register memo requesting comments on Traditional Cultural Properties and Native American Landscapes can be found on the NR website: <u>http://www.nps.gov/nr/publications/guidance/TCP\_comments.htm</u>

## **National Park Service (NPS)**

The NPS is developing a new regulation for Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations, under Part 79 "Curation of Federally-Owned and Administered Archeological Collections." NPS proposes a new section entitled "Procedures to dispose of material remains" that focuses on the disposition of archeological material remains of "insufficient archeological interest." This definition includes artifacts or objects that: (1) lack provenience information, (2) lack physical integrity, or (3) are redundant and not useful for research. The disposition of "cultural items" as defined by the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), including human remains and associated objects, will not be affected by this rule.

For a copy of the new, draft section you can:

- 1. Send me an email request or
- 2. Contact the Departmental Consulting Archaeologist (information below)

Comments should be sent to:

National Park Service, Archeology Program (2275), 1201 Eye St, NW. 7th Floor, Mail Stop 2275, Washington, DC 20005, or, by electronic mail to <u>DCA@nps.gov</u> Please contact Dr. Stanley Bond, Departmental Consulting Archeologist, at 202-354-2123 with questions.

#### NRC Tribal Policy Development – Open Comment Period

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is seeking comments on draft agency procedures for consulting with Native American tribes and suggestions for a policy statement on tribal consultations that the staff will develop. The draft Tribal Protocol Manual provides guidance on effective interaction between NRC staff and tribal governments, along with background on the historic relationship between the Federal government and Native Americans. To aid in the development of an agency-wide policy statement, the NRC is looking for comments from tribal governments and organizations, the public, and other interested parties. The comment period closes April 1, 2013.

Federal Register Notice:

https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2012/10/12/2012-25115/draft-tribal-protocol-manual-and-scoping-for-proposed-policy-statement

NRC Tribal Website: <u>http://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/state-tribal/tpm.html</u>

#### **Environmental Protection Agency**

The U.S. EPA is consulting, in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), on two general permits issued under the Clean Water Act and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) regulations for stormwater: the Construction General Permit (CGP) and the Multi-Sector General Permit (MSGP).

To view the current CGP (issued February 2012) go to:

<u>http://www.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/cgp2012\_finalpermit.pdf</u> (see Appendix E for the Historic Property Screening Process)

To view the current MSGP (which EPA intends to re-issue in 2013), go to:

<u>http://www.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/msgp2008\_finalpermit.pdf</u> (see Appendix F for Procedures Relating to Historic Properties Preservation)

Next Steps in the consultation process and development of PAs:

Now – April 2013: The EPA will take into consideration feedback from the ACHP, SHPOs, THPOs, and other Tribal representatives in the development of Programmatic Agreements for the CGP and MSGP.

For more information, contact Katherine Telleen, Office of Wastewater Management

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#### **U.S. Forest Service**

2012 Planning Rule Proposed Directives

The Forest Service is seeking public comment on the 2012 Planning Rule Proposed Directives. The proposed directives will help the Forest Service achieve the vision articulated in the 2012 Planning Rule – to protect and restore National Forests and Grasslands for the benefit of communities, natural resources and the environment. The Agency's intent is to ensure an adaptive land management planning process that is inclusive, efficient, collaborative and science-based to promote healthy, resilient, diverse and productive national forests and grasslands. Please submit comments on or before April 29, 2013.

Click here for a copy of the proposal and more information:

http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/planningrule/home/?cid=stelprdb5403924

#### **News Stories:**

Tribes Oppose Obama's Nomination of Lynne Sebastian to Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

Tribal leaders and American Indian activists are protesting President Barack Obama's nomination of Lynne Sebastian to serve on the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), saying that the anthropologist and director of Historic Preservation Programs at the SRI Foundation has disregarded tribal culture and sovereignty in her past work experiences as

a consultant to large mining companies, while ignoring opportunities for tribal consultation. <u>http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2013/02/28/tribes-oppose-obamas-nomination-lynne-sebastian-advisory-council-historic-preservation</u>

#### Of Interest:

NPS NAGPRA Review Committee Meeting -- Important Change The NAGPRA Review Committee meeting currently scheduled for May 22 and 23 in Denver, Colorado, will now occur only on May 22, 2013, from 10am to 4pm EST. This meeting will be telephonic and open to the public. A new meeting notice will publish. All existing deadlines for agenda items will remain. For more information: http://www.cr.nps.gov/nagpra/INDEX.HTM

Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians Resolution

#### "BIA Budget Cultural Resource Line Item"

http://www.atnitribes.org/sites/default/files/res\_13-01%20winter.pdf

For the well-being of the unique tribal cultures in the nation and in furtherance of tribal and BIA compliance with federal and tribal laws and statutes that ATNI does hereby call for the BIA to create and support a financial line item in the BIA budget that supports tribal efforts to preserve and protect tribal cultures and participate in federally-funded development projects.

#### NATHPO Request for \$15 Million for Tribal Line Item of the Historic Preservation Fund

For Fiscal Year 2014, NATHPO is advocating for \$15 million for an expected 142 Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPOs) and tribal heritage grants. Please send me an email message if you would like an electronic copy of this one-page summary.



Saturday, March 2nd thousands of warriors from 15 Pacific Islands will be mobilized at prominent locations to perform their unique war challenges, songs, and...See More