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When Drones Guard the Pipeline - Militarizing Fossil Fuels in the East

By Winona LaDuke with Frank Molley. <http://bit.ly/16cjzqz>

Delta Plan due October 1st

Date: Jun 25, 2013 8:11 AM

<http://www.mymotherlode.com/news/local/2143676/Brown-and-Obamas-Water-Draft-Plan-By-October-1st.html>

Amodei introduces Nevada Native Nations Lands Act June 26, 2013

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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WASHINGTON, D.C. —Congressman Mark Amodei (NV-2) today announced the introduction of H.R. 2455, the Nevada Native Nations Lands Act, which includes seven tribal lands measures, as well as a smaller purchase by the City of Elko.

"These are all cases where local control and economic self-determination are preferable to Washington-centric management by a federal agency," said Amodei. "These lands will enable the tribes to chart brighter futures for their communities and to better preserve their cultural heritage."

Native American pipe focus of national monument. The Winnewissa Falls at Pipestone National Monument in Minnesota. More than 50 Native Americans travel to Pipestone to quarry catlinite _ sheets of stone _ that will then be carved into pipes used in traditional ceremonies. For visitors, the site offers a museum and trail that includes the waterfall. (AP Photos/Kristi Eaton)

PIPESTONE NATIONAL MONUMENT, Minn. (AP) — Like his uncles and grandfather before him, Travis Erickson takes great pride in the handmade pipes he creates using red stone he digs from the ground and carves into intricate designs. Used both for works of art and in ceremonies, the pipes are an integral part of the history and culture of Native American tribes in the Plains.

It's at Pipestone National Monument where Erickson, a member of the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate tribe, and other Native Americans quarry for the stone used to make the pipes. "It's more a spiritual journey for me," said Erickson, a fourth-generation pipe maker who demonstrates to visitors how he uses a variety of tools to carve the pipes. Visitors to Pipestone can also watch a short film and tour a museum that details the history of the pipestone quarries and the historical significance the pipes have. A three-quarter-mile (1.2-kilometer) long trail takes them past several quarries as well as to the Winnewissa Falls. A gift shop sells the pipes starting at around \$40. Erickson says a regular pipe takes about three hours to create. Of course, that's after he's dug the stone out of his quarry, which he has been using since the 1970s. There are currently 56 active quarries, and only enrolled members of federally recognized tribes are allowed to obtain a permit to quarry the stone. First, soil is shoveled away. Once that is done, quarriers break up the top layer of hard quartzite with a sledge hammer and wedge. Underneath the quartzite, there are one- to three-inch (2.5- to 7.6-centimeter) sheets of pipestone, called catlinite. The catlinite

sheets are lifted from the pits and cut into smaller pieces which are then be shaped into pipes. The process can be arduous. "It's not just like a caveman beating on a rock," Erickson, 50, said.

"You do have to read fractures. You have to be able to figure out where is your weakest point." The quarriers often leave offerings of food and tobacco as a sign of appreciation for the opportunity to quarry the land for the stone. In the past, Erickson said, tribal members from as far away as California and Florida have traveled to Pipestone National Monument for the opportunity. Now most come from within the Plains region. There are about 150 people on a waitlist for their own quarry. A quote from Lame Deer, a Lakota leader in the 1800s, hangs on one wall of the visitor center and succinctly describes the pipes' significance to Plains' tribes:

"The stone is our blood, red as our skin. The opening of the bowl is our mouth and the smoke rising from it is our breath, the visible breath of our people. The pipe is our most sacred possession...it is the heart of all our ceremonies." Today, though, tribal members don't seem to have the same reverence for the pipe because of the growing focus on technology, said Erickson, who recalled gathering to carve pipes when he was a child with extended family members. "We are dying," he said. "In the last six years, we've had five pipe makers go." But for those who continue to put in the time and effort to quarry the stone and carve the pipes, it's worth it.

"They're not dedicated to the quarry. They're dedicated to the spiritual side," Erickson said. ____ If You Go... PIPESTONE NATIONAL MONUMENT: <http://www.nps.gov/pipe/index.htm> . Located in southwestern Minnesota, just north of the city of Pipestone, about 200 miles (about 320 kilometers) or four hours from Minneapolis. From Sioux Falls, S.D., about 50 miles (about 80 kilometers) or a one-hour drive. Follow signs from U.S. 75, Minn. 23 or Minn. 30. Open daily, except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's day. Hours are 8 p.m. to 5 p.m., with longer hours in the summer. Admission, \$3. Pipes can be bought at the gift shop at the monument or ordered online at <http://www.authenticpipestone.com> , with prices starting around \$40.

KRISTI EATON Associated Press

Read more at <http://www.philly.com/philly/travel/>

[Native American pipe focus of national monument.html#DDewYZcOyjRgSKfp.99](http://www.philly.com/philly/travel/Native_American_pipe_focus_of_national_monument.html#DDewYZcOyjRgSKfp.99)

Please let us honor this man's legacy by restoring our commitment to educating each generation. The children are the future.

☆YOU'RE INVITED!☆

Day of Action to Stop Student Loan Rates from Doubling in Reno

Host: Dawn H.

Where: Senator Heller's office (in Reno)

When: Thursday, Jun. 27, at 9:00 AM



NEW INTERIOR SECRETARY TO VISIT SOUTHERN NEVADA NEXT WEEK

Sally Jewell will make her first trip to Southern Nevada as Interior secretary next week, officials confirmed Wednesday.

<http://erj.reviewjournal.com/ct/uz3688753Biz17497962>

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[Midnight confiscation of drilling equipment at New Brunswick anti-fracking protest | rabble.ca](#)

[Updated 8pm EST. Elsipogtog First Nation, New Brunswick -- "We've taken it to the next level," said Grand Elder Ray Robinson of last night's events. "The bubble is about to burst, if it hasn't already been burst."](#)

[Supreme Court strikes down part of Voting Rights Act](#)

[maddowblog.msnbc.com](#)

[In a 5-4 ruling, the Supreme Court this morning ruled that Section 4 of the Voting Rights Act is unconstitutional. The ruling was written by Chief Justice John Roberts, a long-time VRA critic, with Justices Ginsburg, Breyer Sotomayor, and Kagan dissenting. More soon.](#)



from a reader:

whoa, good to know... Self-Disciplined People Are Happier
(And Not as Deprived as You Think) -- I've loved the definition of discipline as "the ability to focus on what you truly want" -- YAY!!

Key finding here is that self-disciplined (happy) people are able to see ahead where some situation is going and intervene upstream enough to be doable. [Native American saying, "If you want to change the course of a mighty river, go upstream FAR ENOUGH, and move One rock."]

I do hear Mr. Science voice in the back of my head saying, "Correlation does not equal causation" but a lot of this make sense to me. Take with your own grain of salt.

I know a lot of people who follow the small gain now big pain later, approach to life and are surprised that the "later" part of that always comes... vs. those seemingly more happy people who reverse that, who live with the "delayed gratification" and do the small pain now, bigger gain later, "investment" approach, and are always seeming to live in a great space. For them, "later" almost always comes, it's where they live.

Add your grain of salt, seems like there are some gems here.

<http://healthland.time.com/2013/06/24/self-disciplined-people-are-happier-and-not-as-deprived-as-you-think/>

[Self-Disciplined People Are Happier \(And Not as Deprived as You Think\) | TIME.com](http://healthland.time.com/2013/06/24/self-disciplined-people-are-happier-and-not-as-deprived-as-you-think/)
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[It's easy to think of the highly self-disciplined as being miserable misers or uptight Puritans, but it turns out that exerting self-control can make you happier not only in the long run, but also in the moment.](http://healthland.time.com/2013/06/24/self-disciplined-people-are-happier-and-not-as-deprived-as-you-think/)

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[If you or your kids enjoy pre-packaged convenience foods commonly found in grocery stores across the U.S. such as Froot Loops, Swanson dinners, Mountain Dew, and frozen potato and bread products, you may think twice before purchasing them after hearing what they contain: dangerous chemicals that oth...](http://shine.yahoo.com/2013/06/24/80-percent-of-pre-packaged-foods-in-america-are-banned-in-other-countries/)

[VIDEO: Test Tube Tomato](http://retroreport.com/2013/06/24/video-test-tube-tomato/)

Retro Report: In the 1990s, entrepreneurs and scientists brought the first genetically engineered food to market. The business crashed but biotechnology has flourished far beyond the produce aisle.

[Time to rethink fish plantings in the Klamath](http://rebeccamquiones.com/2013/06/24/time-to-rethink-fish-plantings-in-the-klamath/)

Rebecca M. Quiñones, California Water Blog

The Klamath River basin presents one of the best opportunities for the reform of hatchery practices and the recovery of wild salmon and trout populations in California.

Opinion: CTC out of step with its original mission

Lake tahoe News

Publisher's note: The following was read into the record June 20 at the California Tahoe Conservancy meeting by Ann Nichols, president of the North Tahoe Preservation Alliance. She asked for it to be reprinted here.

When you search for the CTC website, Google states, "Founded to protect, preserve & restore the water quality, wildlife, public access, recreation, and natural beauty of the Lake Tahoe Basin."

TC crosses the line with taking of property

Lake Tahoe News

Note: The following letter was read into the record at the June 20 California Tahoe Conservancy meeting by Lake Tahoe News Publisher Kathryn Reed.

Thank you for allowing me to speak today

Electric Auto Association of Northern Nevada (EAANN) shared an event.

Begin your Independence Day celebrations--EARLY, on July 3rd--with the music of American composers, American scenic byways, American built cars, powered by American generated electricity--and much more! Your multimedia Artown extravaganza, The Green Dot Journey: Fiddling Along America's Byways, begins at 6:00 p.m. at the [National Automobile Museum](#) in Reno. There's limited seating--so get your tickets now!

[Green Dot Journey: Fiddling Along America's Byways \(Official Artown event!\)](#) July 3 at 6:00pm [National Automobile Museum](#) in [Reno, Nevada](#)

Greenroofs.com Project of the Week: 6/24/13

City of Minneapolis - Target Center Arena

The 20,500-seat Target Center is home of the NBA's Timberwolves, concerts and other events, and when the Target Center Arena needed a new roof, the City of Minneapolis chose to model a sustainable building and stormwater management approach by re-roofing with a green roof, the first installed on an arena in North America. Approximately 1 million gallons of stormwater are captured annually by the 2.5 acre green roof, preventing drainage into the Mississippi River.

Designed by Leo A. Daly and [Kestrel Design Group](#), the pattern of the pavers that divide the growing zones reveal a design based on veins of a leaf from afar. The Target Center green roof consists of a state-of-the-art waterproofing membrane from [Sika Sarnafil](#), [Bonar](#) (formerly Colbond) Enkadrain, a 2.75 inch deep growing zone in the center of the main arena roof structure and a deeper 3.5-inch growing zone around the perimeter where the structural capacity is greater to maximize the [rooflite®](#) Extensive MCL growing medium. A pre-grown [Sempergreen](#) sedum mat was supplemented with native plugs and seed to enhance plant diversity and ecological resilience and to reflect the mix of flora found in the dolomite bluffs overlooking the Mississippi and Minnesota rivers [A] while a few have failed, about 30 species flourish on the roof.

<http://webmail.earthlink.net/wam/msg.jsp?msgid=104271&folder=INBOX&isSeen=false&x=-508165765>

It is my honor to have been selected as the new President/CEO of the **American Indian College Fund**. In my 30-year career as a tribal educator, the inspiration for my work is the vision of the founders of the tribal college movement. Our founders, many who have gone on their journey to the Spirit World, wanted place-based, culturally rooted higher education institutions to lift up tribal people's into abundant, prosperous lives. They knew that the cultural knowledge of our tribal people, combined with an understanding of and proficiency with western skills, would rebuild tribal nations.

As Rick Williams, outgoing President and CEO of the Fund has shared, "Tribal colleges have rewritten the history of Indian Education." For many Native people, education did not represent opportunity or hope; it represented a loss of identity and important knowledge based in our languages and relationships. Tribal colleges and universities restore that knowledge and rebuild relationships.

Students at tribal colleges are among the most resilient, talented individuals in higher education today. They eagerly study, research, serve, and learn together. They overcome tremendous economic and personal obstacles in order to achieve their dreams of a higher education that provides them with both employment and the security of their rich tribal identity. Today this is even more important because economic policies and political approaches to social change are having a challenging impact on already impoverished tribal communities. Tribal college students with their talents and education can change the future of tribal nations.

I am inspired by the achievements of our students to seek even greater resources for tribal colleges and their students. Our students hold the promise of opportunity and prosperity in their hearts and hands. I have witnessed how the resources of the friends and supporters of the American Indian College Fund made higher education possible for tribal college students. I have seen the many incredible improvements in human capital and physical capacity at the TCUs as a result of the investment of contributors in the Fund.

As the incoming President of the American Indian College Fund, I look forward to creating more opportunities for investment in our tribal colleges and universities and most importantly in our students. I believe that the generosity of our contributors will continue to support the diversity of cultures represented by American Indian tribes that are such an important part of American democracy.

It will be a privilege to meet and work with our many friends and supporters and to continue to help tribal college students achieve their dreams.

Pilamaya he, thank you, for your friendship,
Wacinyanpi Win (They Depend on Her)

Cheryl Crazy Bull, President, American Indian College Fund

Think Indian Blog: <http://www.collegefund.org/blog/>

Biozoom (BIZM) | The Ground Floor

www.gfiz.com

[Biozoom \(BIZM\) Biofeedback Scanner](#) is the only handheld healthcare diagnostic device of its kind worldwide and an intellectual property breakthrough.

Justices Say Law Doesn't Require Child to Be Returned to Her Indian Father

By DAN FROSCH and TIMOTHY WILLIAMS

The 5-to-4 decision found that the case represented an exception to the Indian Child Welfare Act, a federal law designed to make it difficult for Indian children to be removed from their families.

Lakota Flag Song/Veterans' Song

www.youtube.com

[Lakota Flag Song](#) by Porcupine Singers

California Cities to Reduce Water Imports From the Colorado River and Bay-Delta

Sandra Postel, National Geographic

The history of water, especially in the western United States, is largely one of reaching further out to distant water sources as population grows and local supplies get tight.

Climate: How will the Colorado River flow?

Bob Berwyn, Summit County Citizens Voice

Projections of future flows in the Colorado River have been all over the map, ranging from a 6 percent reduction in flows all the way up to a 45 percent drop.

Al Gore writes: "As President Obama said today, history will judge the present generation by our success or failure in meeting and surmounting this existential challenge. So I urge the nation to follow President Obama's lead and take the positive steps he announced today, but to keep fighting. We've got a lot more work to do."

Study links fracking to drinking water pollution

John Upton, Grist

While the EPA has been [dumping](#) and [delaying](#) studies of fracking's effects on drinking water, new academic research reveals that people who live near natural gas wells in Pennsylvania are drinking the same gases that the frackers are pumping out from the shale beneath their feet.

Climate change: Obama announces new curbs on existing power plants

A feisty Obama – 'We don't have time for a meeting of the flat earth society' – cited a list of projects to address climate change, but the centerpiece is crimping smokestack emissions from coal-fired power plants.

Mark Clayton, Christian Science Monitor

Seeking to propel the US faster into the fray on curbing climate change, [President Obama](#) laid out an aggressive plan Tuesday to sharply curb smokestack emissions of existing coal-fired power plants and to double wind, solar, and other renewable energy production from today's levels

Obama sets strict test for Keystone XL Pipeline

Neela Banerjee, Los Angeles Times

President [Obama](#) set a high bar for approval of the controversial [Keystone XL](#) pipeline, declaring for the first time that he would let the project go forward only if it does not "significantly increase" emissions of greenhouse gases.



Keystone XL poses no greater risk of a spill: U.S. report **Bloomberg News**

Heavy crude oil to be carried by the proposed Keystone XL pipeline poses no greater risk of a spill than other types of oil, the U.S. National Research Council said in a report.

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Document Number: 52
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ANSWER to [26] Amended Complaint with Jury Demand by Linda
Blackwell. (Attachments: # (1) Answer of All Other Defendants in
Addition to Linda Blackwell)(Oliver, Keith)

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A reminder:

On June 26, 1975 at the Jumping Bull Ranch near Oglala, gunfire erupted between FBI agents and the AIM camp. Four of the warriors immediately led the elders, women and children away from the camp and into hiding. The rest stayed behind to cover their retreat. At the end of the firefight, two FBI agents and one Indian were dead.

**[Oglala Sioux Tribe Declares Today Leonard Peltier Day - Native News Network
www.native-news-network.com](http://www.native-news-network.com)**

**[PINE RIDGE INDIAN RESERVATION Today has a historic significance on the Pine Ridge
Indian Reservation because on this date, June 25, 1975, 38 years ago two FBI](#)**