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**[Onondaga Nation representatives embark on epic Two-Row Wampum trip](#)**  
[www.9wsyr.com](http://www.9wsyr.com)  
[Several paddlers are on their way to New York City to raise awareness about a very important piece of history.](#)

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**Noam Chomsky: Who Owns the Earth?**  
**Friday, 05 July 2013 11:41 By [Noam Chomsky](#), [Truthout](#) | Op-Ed**

*extract (for full: <http://www.truth-out.org/opinion/item/17402-who-owns-the-earth>)*

The blurring of borders and these challenges to the legitimacy of states bring to the fore serious questions about who owns the Earth. Who owns the global atmosphere being polluted by the heat-trapping gases that have just passed an especially perilous threshold, as we learned in May?

Or to adopt the phrase used by indigenous people throughout much of the world, Who will defend the Earth? Who will uphold the rights of nature? Who will adopt the role of steward of the commons, our collective possession?

That the Earth now desperately needs defense from impending environmental catastrophe is surely obvious to any rational and literate person. The different reactions to the crisis are a most remarkable feature of current history.

At the forefront of the defense of nature are those often called “primitive”: members of indigenous and tribal groups, like the First Nations in Canada or the Aborigines in Australia - the remnants of peoples who have survived the imperial onslaught. At the forefront of the assault on nature are those who call themselves the most advanced and civilized: the richest and most powerful nations.

The struggle to defend the commons takes many forms. In microcosm, it is taking place right now in Turkey’s Taksim Square, where brave men and women are protecting one of the last remnants of the commons of Istanbul from the wrecking ball of commercialization and gentrification and autocratic rule that is destroying this ancient treasure.

The defenders of Taksim Square are at the forefront of a worldwide struggle to preserve the global commons from the ravages of that same wrecking ball - a struggle in which we must all take part, with



**Onion Lake Cree Nation Hosting National Treaty Gathering  
July 14 to 18, 2013 at Heritage Park, Treaty No. 6 Territory**

**For Immediate Release:**

June 26, 2013, Treaty No. 6 Territory, Onion Lake Cree Nation – The Onion Lake Cree Nation is hosting a National Treaty Gathering at Onion Lake Heritage Park from July 14 to 18, 2013. Letters of invitation have been sent out to all Treaty Peoples, their Chiefs and Headmen and to all Grassroots indigenous peoples of Turtle Island.

“As Treaty Peoples, we invite all who are interested in attending to come and share, to have their opportunities to speak, to be heard and to work together to develop a unified approach to many issues we face today as Treaty Nations and peoples,” said Okimaw Wallace Fox, Onion Lake Cree Nation Chief.

The Onion Lake Cree Nation with other Nations have met over the last several months to develop an agenda and to organize this event to be inclusive and to hear from the people and to provide for a venue to move forward on various topics such as Treaty Unity, Inherent Rights, Sovereignty and Self-Determination, a Treaty Agenda, and Moving Forward.

Grand Chief Derek Nepinak of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs will be the Media Relations Spokesperson for the National Gathering. We invite the media to attend on July 25, 2013 where Grand Chief Nepinak can answer questions specific to the National Gathering.

We are asking that the people view <http://www.onionlake.ca> National Treaty Gathering link for ongoing updates. The Onion Lake Cree Nation looks forward to welcoming all to its Nation and hosting this National Event.

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dedication and resolve, if there is to be any hope for decent human survival in a world that has no borders. It is our common possession, to defend or to destroy.

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***Somehow missed posting this earlier:***

*Today, I'm excited to announce the launch of [Connected Nation Exchange \(CNX\)](#). CNX is a new spin-off venture of Connected Nation that is creating new opportunities for communities and companies to collaborate in support of broadband growth. Please read on to learn more about this new organization from CNX Co-Founder and CEO Brian Mefford.*

*Stay Connected, Tom Ferree, Connected Nation, President and COO*

I am thrilled to be writing today to announce [the official launch of Connected Nation Exchange \(CNX\)](#). **CNX is aggregating the nation's assets to create an exchange, or marketplace, to bring together asset owners with those companies that need access to towers, rooftops, utility poles, and other real estate to expand broadband networks. CNX is streamlining site identification, acquisition, and transactions critical to the expansion of fiber, fixed wireless, and mobile broadband services.**

Similar to the Multiple Listing Service (MLS) in the real estate market, the CNX exchange allows public and private owners of assets (rooftops, steeples, real estate, towers, utility poles, dark fiber, Rights of Way) to represent those assets on an interactive and searchable national map.

**[Connected Nation Exchange will play a vital role in building the next generation of broadband availability, and I hope you'll check out our new website to learn more about asset registration and our digital mapping system.](#)**

CNX is a spin-off venture of Connected Nation, the national non-profit leader in broadband mapping, market research and local engagement. Connected Nation serves as the single largest data supplier for the National Broadband Map overseen by the FCC under the State Broadband Initiative administered by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA).

There is unprecedented demand for broadband that is forcing changes in how services are provided. Mobile broadband expansion is increasingly enabled through "small cell" network architecture, encompassing micro cells, pico cells, metro cells and Distributed Antenna Systems (DAS). These small base stations can boost broadband coverage and data speeds of mobile broadband networks.

The CNX broadband asset exchange creates true value. With newly aggregated asset portfolios, communities are able to generate revenue while providing lower-cost assets to communications companies that have the certainty and confidence of higher return on their investment in the local market.

[I hope you'll take a moment to check out our website](#) and sign-up to stay informed about our latest work. You can also [Like us on Facebook](#) and [Follow us on Twitter](#) to get the latest news from our team.

I look forward to connecting with you soon!  
Brian Mefford, Co-Founder and CEO, Connected Nation Exchange

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**Is fracking good for our health? Dr. Jason Eberhart-Phillips, Marin Independent Journal**

THOSE ON EACH SIDE of the bitter debate over the human health effects of hydraulic fracturing have one thing in common: They are both certain they are right.

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**How Earthquakes Heal Themselves — and Why That’s Important**

A new study shows how fractures in rock can reknit just like fractures in bones

Michael D. Lemonick, TIME

· On May 12, 2008, a [powerful 7.9-magnitude earthquake](#) struck the Wenchuan county of Sichuan province in south-central [China](#). It was the most powerful quake to hit China in at least 50 years, killing more than 69,000 people, creating thousands of orphans and leaving millions of people temporarily homeless.

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**Study Of Tree Rings Reveals Climate Change’s Role In El Niño** David Wagner, KPBS

Wildfires may be wreaking havoc in the Southwest right now, but it’s only a [matter of time until El Niño returns](#). And Jinbao Li of the University of Hong Kong thinks the flooding it often causes in Southern California will only get worse.

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**Will saving frogs destroy Sierra fishing?**

Manteca Bulletin

I got a notice the other day about a pending decision by the U.S. Fish & Willife Service. It seems that the USFS is considering declaring the Sierra Nevada Red Legged Frog as a threatened species. In addition the Fish & Wildlife Service is seeking to designate as Critical Habitat over a million acres in a host of mountain counties stretching almost the entire length of the Sierra Nevada. According to the USFWS website, the proposed critical habitat area would run from Lake Tahoe in the north to Mount Whitney in the south. To the casual reader, saving the Yellow Legged Frog might sound like a no brainer. After all, who wouldn’t want to save the cute little critters? Like most things in life however, there are at least two sides to the issue. Some 100 years ago Yellow Legged Frogs were common all over the Sierra and then man came along and complicated things. It seems that wherever lakes or streams had no fish populations, we humans decided to plant trout there. Within a few decades trout were being transplanted almost everywhere. The trout prospered and were a great hit with California fishermen.

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**MOSQUITOES CARRYING WEST NILE VIRUS FOUND IN HENDERSON**

The Southern Nevada Health District is reporting the first West Nile positive mosquitoes of 2013, collected in the 89014 zip code, which covers parts of Henderson.

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<http://www.upworthy.com/your-yogurt-has-more-sugar-than-a-coke-and-some-other-sneaky-food-stuff-you-didntknow-2?c=upw1>

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**REAKING NEWS:** earlier today Senators Reid and Heller introduced the Douglas County Conservation Act of 2013 (S. 1263) which would protect Burbank Canyons as Wilderness! Bells are going off across the office, please join us in sending a thank you (and please help move the bill forward!) to the Senators.

**Burbank Canyons Petition - Friends of Nevada Wilderness**

[www.nevadawilderness.org](http://www.nevadawilderness.org)

[Keeping Nevada wild.](#)

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**NYT on the Lone Ranger**

[http://movies.nytimes.com/2013/07/03/movies/in-the-lone-ranger-tonto-takes-center-stage.html?nl=todaysheadlines&emc=edit\\_th\\_20130703&r=0](http://movies.nytimes.com/2013/07/03/movies/in-the-lone-ranger-tonto-takes-center-stage.html?nl=todaysheadlines&emc=edit_th_20130703&r=0)



Michael Horse, who played Tonto in the 1981 remake of the Lone Ranger, responds to having just seen the new one with Johnny Depp: —

**Mylan Hawkins**

So I have been doing a little research on the meaning of the names Tonto and Ke-mo sah-bee. In Spanish Tonto in means stupid or dumb and quien no sabe means he who doesn't know or clueless one. Leaving us to ask the question are Tonto and the Lone Ranger the equivalent of

Dumb and Dumber?

However both names are not of Spanish origin but come from the Potawatomi language. In the original version Tonto was a chief's son in the Potawatomi nation. The choice to make Tonto a Potawatomi seems to come from station owner (The Lone Range was first a radio show) George Trendle's youth in Mullett Lake, Michigan. Ke-mo sah-bee means trusted friend or trusted scout. Other sources indicate that Camp Kee Mo Sah Bee belonged to the father-in-law of the show's director, James Jewell. According to author David Rothe, who interviewed Jewell a few months before his death Kee Mo Sah Bee and Tonto were the only two words that Jewell remembered from those days. How a Potawatomi got to Texas territory was never explained. Wild one and Trusted Scout is a lot better then Dumb and Dumber don't you think?

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**Lil Mike and Funny Bone - Perform Original Song "Do the Rain Dance" - America's Got Talent 2013** [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

[Lil Mike and Funny Bone want to get their original song stuck in your head! "Do the Rain Dance" will have ya makin' it rain in no time! Subscribe Now for Mor...](#)

**America's Got Talent Season 8 (2013) Episode 5 Lil Mike & Funny Bone Native American Midget Rappers** [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

[America's Got Talent Season 8 Episode 5 Lil Mike & Funny Bone Native American Midget Rappers or whatever is politically correct nowadays. Brothers names Jesu...](#)

**GrantStation**

*National Funding Opportunities*

Support for Pre-K-12 Educators

**Kids in Need Foundation**

The Kids in Need Foundation is dedicated to engaging students in the learning process by providing grants towards the purchase of supplies for students to participate in special classroom



learning experiences. Kids in Need Teacher Grants, sponsored by retailers and education credit unions, help Pre-K-12 educators develop innovative learning opportunities for their students. The purpose of the grants is to provide support for classroom teachers who have innovative, meritorious ideas but lack the budget to bring them to life. Projects qualify for funding if they make creative use of common teaching aids, approach the curriculum from an imaginative angle, or tie nontraditional concepts together for the purpose of illustrating commonalities. Approximately 300 to 600 grants from \$100 to \$500 are awarded each year. The application deadline for 2013 is September 30. Visit the Foundation's website after July 15 to submit an [online application](#).

#### Environmental Conservation Programs Funded

##### **Wallace Genetic Foundation**

The Wallace Genetic Foundation provides grants to nonprofit organizations nationwide that believe in the long-term conservation of the soil and of the environment, rather than exploitation of natural resources for temporary profits. Specific areas of interest include the following: sustainable agriculture, protection of farmland, conservation of natural resources, biodiversity protection, reduction of environmental toxins, and global climate issues. Grants generally range from \$25,000 to \$40,000. Requests may be submitted throughout the year. Application guidelines and forms are available on the Foundation's website.

#### Grants Enhance Child and Family Welfare in the U.S. and Canada

##### **Build-A-Bear Workshop Foundation**

The Build-A-Bear Workshop Foundation is committed to improving communities and impacting the lives of children and families by supporting nonprofit organizations in the U.S. and Canada. The Foundation's areas of interest include children's health and wellness, literacy and education, animal welfare, and the environment. Grants range from \$1,000 to \$5,000, with an average grant amount of \$1,500. Priority is given to organizations located near Build-A-Bear Workshop stores. Grant requests for 2013 will be accepted through October 31. Visit the Foundation's website to review the grant guidelines and submit an online application.

#### Public Dog Park Enhancements Supported

##### **The Nutro Company: ROOM TO RUN Dog Park Appreciation Project**

The Nutro Company's ROOM TO RUN Dog Park Appreciation Project is designed to enhance public dog parks and off-leash areas across the United States. In 2013, 30 grants of \$2,000 each will be awarded to existing public nonprofit dog parks (run by townships, governments, or nonprofit organizations) to help fund enhancement efforts. Community members are encouraged to fill out a grant application to request support for their local dog parks by August 31, 2013; [grant money](#) will be provided directly to selected parks through September 2013. Visit the project's website to review the application guidelines and instructions.

### ***Regional Funding Opportunities***

#### Funds for Healthy Food and Activity Initiatives in Selected Communities

##### **Aetna Foundation Regional Grants Program**

The Aetna Foundation is dedicated to promoting wellness, health, and access to high-quality healthcare for everyone. The Foundation's Regional Grants Program supports nonprofit organizations in selected communities and states that serve people who are most at risk for poor

health – low-income, underserved, or minority populations. The 2013 focus is on the following categories: Healthy Food Choices grants support programs that provide nutrition education and help increase the availability of affordable fresh fruits and vegetables in underserved communities. Healthy Activity grants support programs that provide opportunities for physical activity in underserved communities. Applications that focus on healthy food choices and physical activity through a racial and ethnic health equity lens will receive priority consideration. The application deadline is September 15, 2013. Visit the Foundation’s website to submit an online application.

Grants Address LGBTQ Issues in the Pacific Northwest

**Pride Foundation**

The Pride Foundation supports nonprofit organizations that benefit the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer (LGBTQ) community; people affected by HIV/AIDS; and/or their friends and families in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington. The Foundation’s grant categories include the following: Arts and Recreation; Education, Advocacy, and Outreach; Health and Community Service; HIV/AIDS Service Delivery and Prevention; Lesbian Health; and Youth and Family Services. The deadline for letters of inquiry is July 25, 2013; invited applications must be submitted by September 13, 2013. Visit the Foundation’s website to review the grant guidelines and submit an online application.

Support for Natural Resource Conservation in South Florida and Alabama

**Curtis and Edith Munson Foundation**

The Curtis and Edith Munson Foundation primarily provides support for the conservation of natural resources in North America and the Caribbean Basin, with emphasis on the United States. The Foundation's major program areas that are open for application include the following: marine resource conservation and management with a particular interest in fisheries; South Florida ecosystems (Everglades, Biscayne Bay, Florida Bay, and Florida Keys); and Alabama environmental issues. Site specific grants are limited to South Florida and Alabama. The Foundation’s grants, averaging \$15,000 to \$25,000, require a one-to-one match. The upcoming deadline for letters of inquiry is September 9, 2013. Visit the Foundation’s website to learn more about each program area.

Oral Health Programs in Oklahoma Funded

**Delta Dental of Oklahoma Oral Health Foundation**

The mission of the Delta Dental of Oklahoma Oral Health Foundation is to facilitate dental health and education in the state of Oklahoma by funding programs and services that promote oral health. Grants are awarded to nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and government agencies that make dental care accessible or advance dental education or research. Priority is given to programs that provide free dental care services/education to indigent or underserved populations and that utilize volunteer dental professionals. The application deadline is September 3, 2013. Visit the Foundation’s website to review the funding guidelines and submit an online application.

***Federal Grant and Loan Programs***

Program Supports Sustainable Communities **Department of Housing and Urban Development**  
The Capacity Building for Sustainable Communities program supports capacity building for

communities engaged in planning efforts to improve community involvement and integrate economic and workforce development, housing, land use, land cleanup and preparation for reuse, transportation, and infrastructure investments. The application deadline is August 7, 2013.

Senior Volunteer Efforts Supported [Corporation for National and Community Service](#)

The RSVP Competition program provides support to increase the impact of the efforts of volunteers 55 years and older. Focus areas include education, healthy futures, veterans and military families, environmental stewardship, economic opportunity, and disaster services. Optional letters of intent are due August 9, 2013. The application deadline is September 10, 2013.

Distance Learning and Telemedicine Efforts Funded [Department of Agriculture](#)

The Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program supports projects that place distance learning or telemedical equipment in rural facilities capable of linking local service providers of education or healthcare directly to educators and medical professionals and specialists located in distant areas. The application deadline is August 12, 2013.

Funds Available to Help Homeless and Runaway LGBTQ Youth

[Administration for Children and Families](#)

The Runaway and Homeless Youth Capacity Building for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and/or Questioning Youth Populations program provides support to build the capacity of transitional living programs to serve youth who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or questioning and who are experiencing homelessness. The application deadline is August 13, 2013.

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[Agencies to move forward with trout restoration](#)

**Dylan Silver, Tahoe Daily Tribune**

Poisoning a creek to restore a fish population may sound like a bit of a contradiction, but that's the plan on a remote section of Silver King Creek in Alpine County

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**Green Bucks gives back in Truckee Tahoe** [Tahoe Daily Tribune](#)

Businesses around the region are seizing a new opportunity to make a difference for our environment through Green Bucks, a program recently launched by the Tahoe Fund and the Truckee River Watershed Council



## [Visit Mesa Verde National Park](#)



Hundred-Mile Views of an Inspiring Civilization One visit and you'll know why an early...

Learn more about visiting Mesa Verde National Park and the Far View Lodge at <http://www.visitmesaverde.com/> - Photo by Ken Lund

Are you taking great Mesa Verde National Park photos or videos on your trip or do you have some fantastic travel tips to share? The National Park Foundation is having a great summer promotion with some excellent prizes! Check it out at <http://bit.ly/14vuEDr>

[Summer Scrapbook | National Park Foundation](#) [www.nationalparks.org](http://www.nationalparks.org)  
[June 24](#)

Announcing our "Ask a Guide" Facebook post series! Did you know that some of our guides have worked at Mesa Verde for over 30 years? They've built some fascinating knowledge of the park over their tenure and we'd like to give you the opportunity to enjoy it! Have any questions that they can answer for you? Please include them in the comments and we'll do our best to get an answer for you!

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### **Sioux Tribes Plan Large-Scale Wind Energy Project**

*Kristi Eaton, Associated Press*

Eaton reports: "A group of Sioux tribes in South Dakota are hoping to pump some much-needed revenue into their economies with an ambitious wind project." [READ MORE](#)

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### **AAS LHA 2013 Leadership in History Awards Winners** (extract)

#### **Alaska**

Name: Sitka Historical Society

Nomination: for the exhibit Alaska Native Brotherhood/Alaska Native Sisterhood 100-Year Panels

#### **California**

Name: Louis P. Doody, Betty Kikumi Meltzer, and Malki Museum's Malki-Ballena Press

Nomination: for the publication Losing Ground: The Displacement of San Geronio Pass Cahuilla People in the 19th Century

## **Colorado**

Name: Aspen Historical Society

Nomination: for the exhibit Seasons of the Nuche: Transitions of the Ute People

## **Minnesota**

Name: Minnesota Historical Society

Nomination: for the project The U.S. Dakota War of 1862

This nomination is also the recipient of a HIP (History in Progress) Award.

Name: Nicollet County Historical Society and Gustavus Adolphus College

Nomination: for the exhibit Commemorating Controversy: The Dakota-U.S. War of 1862

Name: Gwen Westerman and Bruce White

Nomination: for the publication Mni Sota Makoce: The Land of the Dakota

## **North Dakota**

Name: State Historical Society of North Dakota

Nomination: for the documentary The People of the Upper Missouri: The Mandans

### ***American Association for State and Local History Announces 2013 Award Winners***

***Eighty-eight recipients from thirty-seven states***

***receive highest honor from AASLH***

NASHVILLE, TN—July 2013—The American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) proudly announces the winners of the 68th annual Leadership in History Awards, the most prestigious recognition for achievement in the preservation and interpretation of state and local history. This year, AASLH is proud to confer eighty-eight national awards honoring people, projects, exhibits, books, and organizations.

“The Leadership in History Awards is AASLH’s highest distinction and the winners represent the best in the field,” said Terry Davis, AASLH President & CEO. “This year, we are pleased to distinguish each recipient’s commitment and innovation to the interpretation of history, as well as their leadership for the future of state and local history.”

The Leadership in History Awards Program was initiated in 1945 to establish and encourage standards of excellence in the collection, preservation, and interpretation of state and local history throughout America. Each nomination is peer-reviewed by AASLH’s state captains. Final awards are decided by the Awards Committee, comprised of AASLH’s fourteen regional representatives and the National Awards Chair.

The awards include:

- **The Award of Merit** which is presented for excellence in history programs, projects, and people when compared with similar activities nationwide;

- **The Albert B. Corey Award**, named in honor of a founder and former president of AASLH, which recognizes primarily volunteer-operated historical organizations that best display the qualities of vigor, scholarship, and imagination in their work.
- **The HIP (History in Progress) Award** is an award given at the discretion of the awards committee to 5% or less of the total winners of the Award of Merit for a project that is highly inspirational, exhibits exceptional scholarship, and/or is exceedingly entrepreneurial in terms of funding, partnerships, or collaborations, creative problem solving, or unusual project design and inclusiveness.

To see the plethora of other interesting exhibit winners [Click here to see a list of all winners by state.](#)

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[Wesley Dick](#)

RED NATIONS THROUGHOUT AND ACROSS THESE LANDS...STATES HAVE NO JURISDICTIONS OVER INDIANS. WE ARE FEDERAL AND INTERNATIONAL....WE SHALL NOT BE FORCED TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH STATE TO HUNT, FISH ,PRAY,LIVE OUR SACRED LIFEWAYS,AS LICENSE ARE CONTRACTS UNDER FOREIGN RULES AND NOT UNDER OUR OWN PEOPLES SOVEREIGN STATUS ...OUR RIGHTS ARE NOT A PRIVILEGE BUT A WAY OF LIFE —

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### [Native News Network](#)

BREAKING NEWS: From Office of President of Oglala Sioux Tribe:

**Traditional Chief Oliver Red Cloud walked on** today, July 4, 2013 at 4:20 MDT. He was 93 years old.

He was the fourth-generation direct descendant of Chief Red Cloud. Oliver is a chief of the Oglala Lakota Sioux people and Speaker of the traditional Lakota Sioux Nation. He is the Chairman of the "Black Hills Sioux Nation Treaty Council."