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All about fracking - Event series to focus on all aspects of hydraulic fracturing
By [Sage Leehey](#) This article was published on [03.20.14](#).

Dawn Harris is organizing events to increase awareness of fracking.

For more information about this event series, visit facebook.com/FrackFreeNevada.

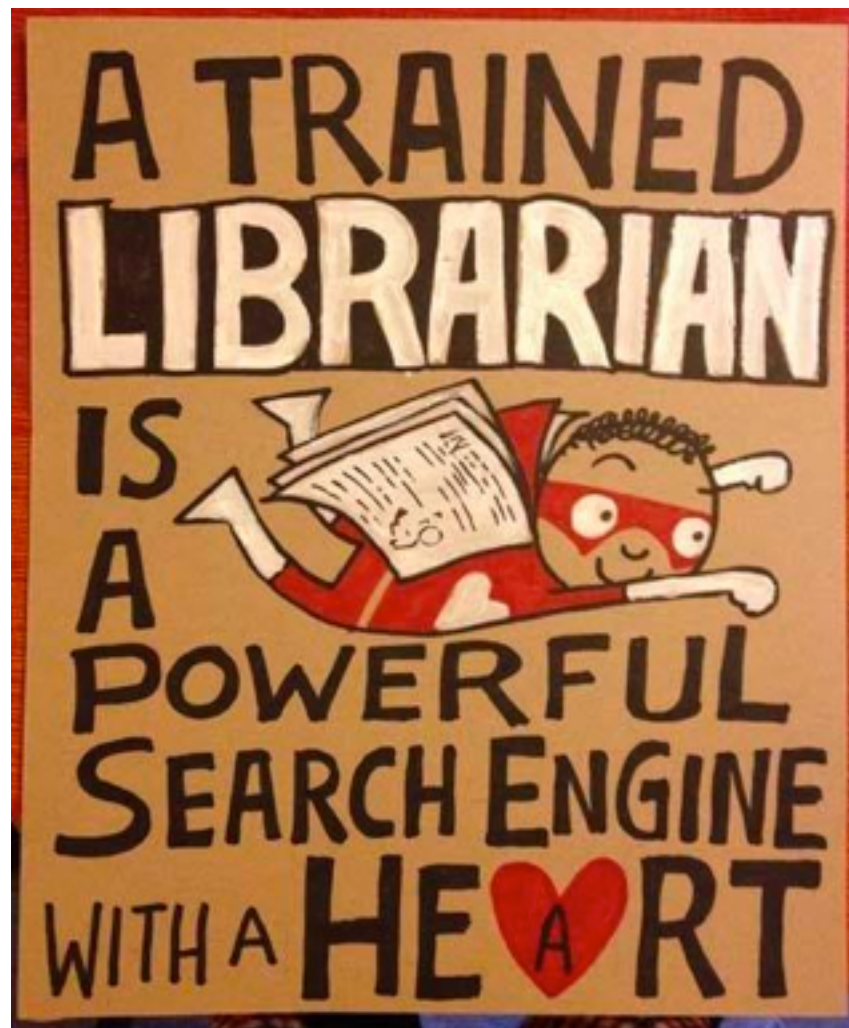
Hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, is one of those things you either love or hate.

Both sides of the argument are passionate, and since it's becoming increasingly common in Nevada, learning more about it can help you decide whether it's good or bad.

Dawn Harris, founder of the Frack Free Nevada website and Facebook page and member of Nevadans Against Fracking, is hosting an event series at the University of Nevada, Reno in order to foster awareness of the issue and get people to come up with their own verdict on fracking.

"I want it on everybody's tongues," Harris said. "I want everybody talking about it. I want them to know what it is. I want them to have an understanding of what the implications are. There's a disconnect between fracking and how it's going to affect people. It's been really, really hard to get people engaged in the issue, and it's a really important issue because we're talking about our air and our water."

The event series takes place over the course of four days — March 26, April 5, April 16 and April 30 — and Harris' goal is to showcase an unbiased presentation of facts on fracking. Her original plan was to have people on both sides of the argument present, but she was unable to get anyone from the fracking industry to participate.



The first day of events runs from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and will be more “artsy” than the other days, according to Harris. She plans to present cultural perspectives on fracking, with a focus on the importance of water, as well as a session she titled “Fracking 101.” This event will talk about the basics of what fracking is for those who aren’t as familiar with the topic.

On April 5, there will be video presentations of a debate on fracking from Cornell University and “A Conversation with Deborah Rogers,” which will focus on the business side of fracking—jobs and Wall Street. The events on April 16 will include presentations by David Von Seggern about fracking and earthquakes and by Glenn C. Miller about the environmental impacts of fracking. The final day will focus on fracking ethics and social justice issues within the industry.

“They’re presenting facts,” Harris said. “I’m trying to stick with science and those who are well known in the industry and have credentials. I don’t want it to be just about opinions.”

Harris is displeased with the way the industry is regulated in Nevada because she believes the Division of Minerals—the entity in charge of fracking regulation in the state—is highly influenced by the oil and gas industry, creating a conflict of interest. She said this fuels her group’s desire for a ban in the state.

“Not only is there bias in the program, but there’s also substandard monitoring and the regulations are not doing the job,” Harris said. “So for those reasons, we want a ban or a moratorium until an unbiased, independent party can come in and review the program.”

Architect of Bush Administration’s No Child Left Behind Law: “I Was Wrong”

Scott Nine, News Report: Ravitch, a former assistant secretary of education, was a leading architect of the George W. Bush administration’s No Child Left Behind law. She is among the few national public figures in education who have shown the courage to acknowledge publicly that the policies she promoted were wrong. Ravitch now has one of the strongest followings and loudest megaphones among teachers and education activists who want an end to high-stakes standardized tests and other tools of the “accountability era”—what she now sees as a “corporate education reform agenda” aimed at breaking public education as we’ve known it.

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UNESCO: International Fund for Cultural Diversity

The International Fund for Cultural Diversity, a program of UNESCO, fosters the emergence of a dynamic cultural sector in developing countries. Click above to learn more about the funding guidelines and application process.

Department of Education: Investing In Innovation (I3) Fund: Development Grants

This program provides support to generate and validate solutions to persistent educational challenges and for the expansion of effective solutions to serve substantially larger numbers of students. Click above to learn more about the funding guidelines and application process.

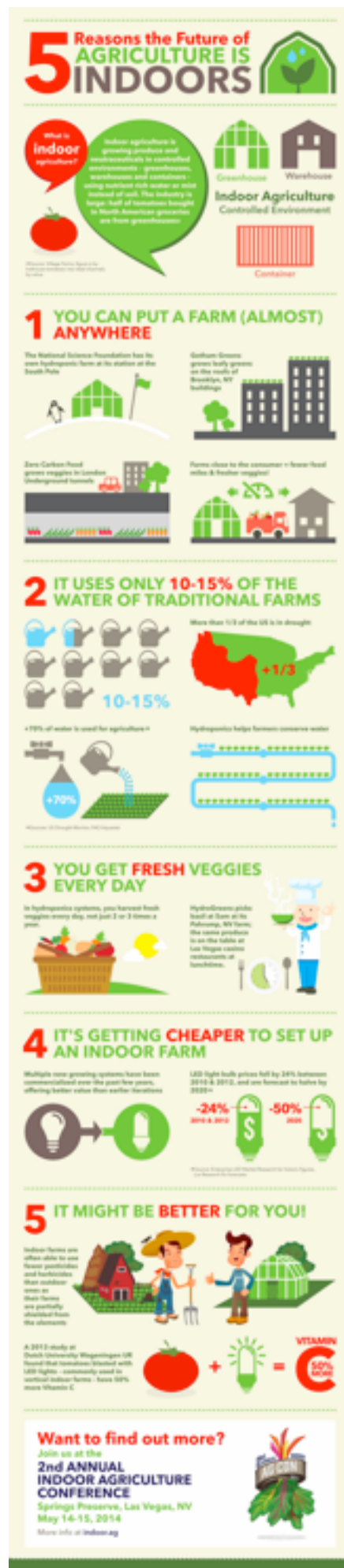
National Funding

Support for Early Childhood Dental Health Programs
ADA Foundation: Samuel D. Harris Fund for Children's Dental Health

The American Dental Association (ADA) Foundation provides grants for sustainable programs in dental research, education, and access to care, and also provides assistance for dentists and their families in need. The Foundation's Samuel D. Harris Fund for Children's Dental Health provides grants of up to \$5,000 to nonprofit organizations nationwide whose oral health promotion initiatives are designed to improve and maintain children's oral health through primary prevention and education. For 2014, grant funding will be considered for community-based nonprofit organizations that offer parent/caregiver education programs to prevent early childhood caries in babies and toddlers by circumventing primary oral bacterial infection before it can take hold in the baby's mouth. Approximately 23 grants will be provided. Applications must be received by April 11, 2014. Visit the ADA Foundation's website to download the application guidelines.

Family Farm Programs Funded **Farm Aid**

The mission of Farm Aid is to keep family farmers throughout the United States on their land. Farm Aid supports organizations that work to maintain a family farm system of agriculture and that promote solutions to the challenges facing rural communities. Grants of \$3,000 to \$10,000 are provided in the following categories: Growing the Good Food Movement supports programs that build local and regional food systems, connecting farmers directly to consumers and creating new value-added markets for family farmers. Helping Farmers Thrive focuses on projects that provide farmers with the resources needed to get started on the land, access new markets, transition to more sustainable farming practices, produce renewable fuels, and stay on the land in the face of financial crisis and natural disasters. Taking Action to Change the System funds organizations that promote fair farm policies and grassroots organizing campaigns to defend family farm agriculture. Letters of inquiry are due by May 1, 2014; full proposals must be submitted by August 1, 2014. Grant application guidelines are available on the Farm Aid website.



Grants Promote Educational Games for Youth

Entertainment Software Association Foundation

The Entertainment Software Association Foundation is dedicated to supporting positive programs and opportunities that make a difference in the lives of America's youth. The Foundation seeks to harness the collective power of interactive entertainment by funding programs that utilize technology or computer and video games to educate America's youth and young adults, ages 7 to 18. Funded programs must be available nationwide, or reach at least two or more states. The application deadline is May 28, 2014. Visit the Foundation's website to download the application instructions.

Pet Housing in Domestic Violence Shelters Supported

RedRover Domestic Violence Safe Housing Grants

RedRover Domestic Violence Safe Housing ;Grants enable organizations throughout the country that shelter domestic violence victims to create space to house the victims' pets on-site where little to no pet housing was previously available. These grants of up to \$3,000 are intended to bridge a critical gap in funding to help the pet housing project get started. RedRover is working toward the goal of having one pet-friendly domestic violence shelter in each state by 2015. Shelters in the following states are especially encouraged to apply: Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, and West Virginia. The application deadlines for 2014 are May 15 and October 15. Visit the RedRover website to download the grant application form.

Regional Funding

Funds for Healthy Aging Programs in Massachusetts and Rhode Island

Tufts Health Plan Foundation

The mission of the Tufts Health Plan Foundation is to promote healthy lifestyles and the delivery of quality healthcare in communities throughout Massachusetts and Rhode Island. The Foundation is committed to funding nonprofit organizations that offer Healthy Aging programs for adults ages 60 or older. Competitive grants are provided in the following categories: Health and Wellness, Purposeful Engagement, and Empowerment. The upcoming deadline for letters of inquiry is May 9, 2014. Visit the company's website to learn more about each grant category and to take the online Eligibility Quiz.

Grants Enhance Wildlife Conservation in Nevada

Dream Tags Charitable Fund

The Dream Tags Charitable Fund, administered by the Community Foundation of Western Nevada, encourages nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and government agencies throughout Nevada to engage state residents in wildlife conservation. The Fund provides grants to support the preservation, protection, management, or restoration of wildlife and its habitat. The focus is on restoring resilience in at-risk Nevada habitats with strategic collaborative projects for sustained impact. Applicants must provide a minimum 25% match for funds requested. Applications may be submitted throughout the year. Visit the Fund's website to download the application form.

Support for Maine Education, Arts, and Medical Organizations

Davis Family Foundation

The Davis Family Foundation is dedicated to supporting nonprofit organizations located in the state of Maine. The Foundation's areas of interest include the following: In the Education category grants are provided to higher education institutions as well as other educational organizations whose purpose is to promote systemic change in education or to provide innovative programs to improve education. The Medical category focuses on hospitals, clinics, and medical research organizations. Grants are also provided to health organizations for programs designed to increase the effectiveness or decrease the cost of medical care. In the Cultural/Arts category the emphasis is on organizations that promote music, theater, drama, history, literature, the arts, or other similar cultural activities. The remaining application deadlines for 2014 are May 10, August 10, and November 10. Visit the Foundation's website to learn more about the application process.

Healthcare Programs in Colorado and Nebraska Funded

COPIC Medical Foundation

The COPIC Medical Foundation supports nonprofit organizations in Colorado and Nebraska that address healthcare issues. Grants are provided to organizations that focus on quality of care, improving patient safety, reducing medical errors, and improving disease management and transitions in care. The Foundation supports activities that are centered on education and training of healthcare professionals; pilot programs that are designed to improve medicine; and development, implementation, or changes in healthcare-related systems, tools, and processes that improve outcomes. Letters of intent may be submitted throughout the year. Full applications are due May 1 and September 1, 2014. Visit the Foundation's website to learn more about the application process.

Federal Funding

Supportive Housing Programs Funded

Department of Health and Human Services

The Grants for the Benefit of Homeless Individuals-Services in Supportive Housing program supports efforts to integrate treatment and services for veterans and other individuals who experience homelessness, including those with substance abuse and mental health issues. The application deadline is April 25, 2014.

Support Available to Increase Women's Participation in Agriculture

Department of Agriculture

The Women and Minorities in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Fields Program supports research and extension projects to increase the participation of women and underrepresented minorities from rural areas in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields that are relevant to USDA priorities. The application deadline is April 28, 2014.

School Counseling Programs Supported

Department of Education

The Elementary and Secondary School Counseling Program supports efforts by local educational

agencies to establish or expand elementary school and secondary school counseling programs. The application deadline is April 28, 2014.

Program Brings Local Food to Schools

Department of Agriculture

The Farm to School Grant Program provides support to improve access to local foods in schools. The application deadline is April 30, 2014.

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Hot off the press! Register now and Spread the word about HUD's Office of Native American Programs FREE 3-day workshop, **NAHASDA Essentials**. Don't miss this popular and informative training covering HUD's Indian Housing Block Grant program - - Rules & Regulations, Eligible entities and uses of funding, Reporting Requirements and much more. Register is FREE, so save your seat and register now at <http://registration.firstpic.org> or via phone at 1-202-393-6400!

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For those interested in repatriation of objects/artifacts:

<http://www.artcellarexchange.com/artlaw5.html>

21st Century Conservation Service Corps (21 CSC)

What is it?

- An initiative to engage young people and returning veterans to protect, restore, and enhance America's Great Outdoors.
- Partnerships that leverage the experience and expertise of existing Federal, State, tribal, local and non-profit conservation and youth corps, and veterans' programs.

What are the 21CSC goals?

- Build America's future—develop natural and cultural resources stewards.
- Put Americans to work—provide training and employment opportunities.
- Preserve, protect and promote America's greatest gifts—increase public access and use to public lands.

What activities do 21CSC member organizations support?

A wide range of activities contribute to the protection, restoration and enhancement of public lands and waterways. Examples of 21CSC activities include:

- Improve recreation access
- Preserve public lands

- Repair & rebuild campsites
- Preserve historic structures
- Eradicate invasive & noxious weeds
- Conduct research & needs assessments
- Protect wildlife habitat
- Protect communities from wildfire
- Support hydrology programs
- Manage volunteer programs
- Remove brush
- Coordinate outreach

What are the benefits of 21CSC membership?

- Nationally recognized contribution to improvements of public lands and waterways.
- Access to a national network of 21CSC member organizations .
- Use of 21CSC branding and marketing materials.
- Access to career pathways in natural and cultural resources, and environmental and other disciplines in the federal and non-profit sectors.

What are the eligibility requirements for 21CSC membership?

- Membership details are available in the [Federal Register Notice](#).
- Letters to join 21CSC are reviewed quarterly. There is a review in March 2014 and the next is July 2014.
- Membership will last throughout the 2014 calendar year.

[House to Vote on Controversial ‘No More National Parks’ Policy](#)

Matt Lee-Ashley, News Investigation: Responding to President Obama’s decision last week to protect a stretch of California’s Coast near Point Arena as a new national monument, the House of Representatives is planning to vote next week to overturn a 108 year-old law that presidents of both parties have used to protect iconic American places, including the Grand Canyon, the Statue of Liberty and Arches National Park.

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[How tiny house communities can work for both the haves and the have nots](#)

BY EVE ANDREWS

Trendy eco-conscious dreamers and the formerly homeless are discovering the same thing: Building a tiny house community isn't easy.

[Renewables dominate new U.S. electrical capacity](#)

BY BEN ADLER

Solar and wind rocked in February, accounting for 81 percent of new electrical power sources installed during the month.

March 18 2014, APTN reporter Kenneth Jackson reports that a group of **warriors from the Mohawk nation** are once again blocking the CN/VIA rail mainline near Tyendinaga to raise support for the 800 plus

missing and murdered inquiry of the indigenous women of Canada. [A] lot say the number is in the thousands [A]

For more details:

<http://westcoastnativenews.com/breaking-mohawk-protesters-blocking-the-cnvia-rail-in-day-of-action/>

Rockstar climber Alex Honnold scales up solar in Navajo Territory

BY SAMANTHA LARSON

The outrageous climbing celeb will help install solar power systems into the homes of 30 Navajo elders.



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Registration opens at 11 a.m. and closes at 7 p.m.
Saturday, May 24, 2014
Tournament will start around 3p.m.
True Double Elimination.
2-3 members per team
Entry Fee \$125.00 per team (cash only)
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Sunday, May 25, 2014
**Three-person Handgame
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at 12:00 noon and close at 2:00 p.m.
Tournament will start around 3p.m.



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Good news for Seattle: These solar panels work best in overcast weather

Next time someone snarks, “Too bad solar panels don’t work in when it’s overcast,” tell them this: SOME solar panels actually work BETTER when it’s cloudy out.

BY HOLLY RICHMOND

Paper or plastic? Turning bags into fuel

Billions of disposable shopping bags are tossed in the trash every year. Now researchers have discovered how to convert used plastic and paper bags into surprisingly good energy sources.

Mayans Win Huge Battle to Ban GMO Soy Crops

Christina Sarich, News

Report: Mayans of the Campeche Region have just won a two-year legal battle to get rid of Monsanto and their GMO soybeans (suicide beans). Following the ban of GM maize in Mexico, this ancient and agriculturally savvy culture has won a major battle against biotech monopolies around the globe. The

Second District Court ruled in favor of three Mayan communities from the Hopelchén township.

This means that Saragapa now must make a concerted effort to be sure that no GM soybeans are planted throughout Pachen and Cancabchen communities in Hopelchén.

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Idaho Passes Bill to Kill Hundreds of Wolves

Center for Biological Diversity, News Report: The Idaho Legislature yesterday passed a bill to create a new lethal “Wolf Depredation Control Board” to administer a fund for widespread killing of wolves in the state. The bill, expected to be signed into law by Gov. Otter (R-ID), sets aside four hundred thousand dollars in state funds to kill roughly five hundred wolves, leaving just one hundred and fifty in the entire state. The bill is the latest in a series of anti-wolf actions in Idaho that could ultimately backfire and force the return Endangered Species Act protections for gray wolves in the northern Rocky Mountains. [READ](#) | [DISCUSS](#) | [SHARE](#)

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Through economic development, the Poarch Band of Creek Indians is able to pursue a goal of self-reliance and responsible governance. Revenue created from Tribal gaming allows the Tribe to provide crucial services such as education, child & elder care, cultural preservation, health care, police & fire protection, and housing.

Tribal gaming also allows the Tribe to invest in our local communities and create jobs. As one of the top employers in our county, the Poarch Creeks provide hundreds of rewarding careers for both Tribal members and others. Ninety percent of enterprise employees are non-Indian. Employment in our home towns allows future generations an opportunity to earn a living close to home, keeping our communities strong.

Tribal Gaming Helps Alabama

*Economic study based on 2005 numbers, current growth not reflected in the following statistics.

Direct Employment:

- 669 people directly employed in the state
- 90% held by non-Indians

Ripple Effect:

- 2,883 jobs in Alabama attributed directly or indirectly to PCI gaming operations
- \$25.3 million generated in Federal income, and payroll taxes.
- \$5.8 million collected by state of Alabama in state income, payroll, sales, excise and other taxes.
- Tribal enterprises and government spent \$48.2 million in goods and services.
- \$12.5 million in gaming wages were paid in 2005. After taxes, employees were left with \$8.2 million in disposable income.

Relieves Taxpayer Burden:

- Revenue generated by Tribal gaming helps fund schools, healthcare and other social services, community development, and land improvements.
- Jobs created by Tribal gaming reduced Federal government unemployment benefits and welfare payments by \$7.2 million.
- Economic activity generated by Poarch Creek tribal gaming reduced the 2005 federal deficit by \$32.5 million.

Good Neighbors:

- Community Services Support: Planned Giving Campaign included support for United Fund, Relay for Life, Birmingham Museum of Art and American Red Cross.
- Community Development: Youth football complex, language and cultural classes.
- Tribal Member Services: Homeland Security, Wellness & Activities Department and Catastrophic Health Plan contributions.
- Land and Improvement: Historic structure site work and Magnolia Branch road improvement.
- Education: Tribal Member scholarships, Even Start, Adult GED.

New Mexico cancels permit to expand leaky nuclear waste site

(Reuters) - New Mexico on Friday withdrew a temporary permit allowing two new disposal vaults at a U.S. government nuclear waste dump grappling with a release of radiation in February, state regulators

Fernley and Hazen residents!!!! The **Fernley Water Users Meeting** is March 27th, 2014 @ 6 PM at the City Council Chambers, 595 Silver Lace Blvd. Fernley, NV

Another Stolen Generation: How Australia Still Wrecks Aboriginal Families

John Pilger, Guardian UK

Pilger writes: "The tape is searing. There is the voice of an infant screaming as he is wrenched from his mother, who pleads, 'There is nothing wrong with my baby. Why are you doing this to us?'" [READ MORE](#)

For some compelling reading: <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/interim/77th2013/Committee/StatCom/Lands/Other/5-February-2014/MeetingPage.cfm?ID=56&d=5-February-2014>

There was an additional meeting in Winnamucca on 3.24; the next is scheduled for 9th of April.