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[Sacred Spirit Of Water \(2013\)](#)

Sacred Spirit of Water speaks to how we will be impacted by the Canadian government's omnibus bills that eliminate protection for 99% of Canada's lakes and rivers and the Alberta government's potential plan to set up a provincial water market. The documentary shows the...

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Dokri and her Kondh community live in the remote hill range of Niyamgiri in the state of Odisha. India's indigenous people know as Adivasi, or first people, have lived in these forested areas for hundreds of years. The kondh community are seen as the gate keepers to these...

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Indigenous communities around the world resist threats to their sacred places—the original protected lands—in a growing movement to defend human rights and restore the environment. In this four-part documentary series, native people share ecological wisdom and spiritual...

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[A Journalist Went Near Mount Rushmore To Take Some Photos. What He Found Changed His Life Forever.](#)

A few years ago, Aaron Huey journeyed to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota to photograph members of the Oglala Lakota Nation. The disarming stories of deceit, heartbreak, and violence he heard there changed his life forever. I know this is a long one, folks, but I...

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[United Natures \(2013\)](#)

United Natures - a United Nations of all species. A feature length documentary on the rights of mother earth, ecocide, permaculture, community, peak oil, climate change, carbon tax, skeptics, hypocrites, wisdom, jubilee and environmental philosophy and spirituality with an...

[Documentary](#) · 103 min · 4,693 views · 3.5 stars · added by [Peter Charles Downey](#)

[ENOUGHNESS: Restoring Balance to the Economy in the Most Awesome Way Ever](#)

How we see the world determines how we act. Western thought sees us at war with each other over resources. In Indigenous philosophy, we are all related as individuals in balance with nature. Enoughness juxtaposes these two world views and delivers some startling facts. It...

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[Fractured Land \(trailer\)](#)

A modern Indigenous warrior. A Goliath industry. A new way forward. -- Filmmakers Fiona Rayher and Damien Gillis document the journey of Caleb Behn to protect the health of his land and people from the ravages of Big Oil and Gas. Deep in the exquisite wilderness of...

[Trailer](#) · 3 min · 3,097 views · 4.5 stars · added by [Films For Action](#)

[Idle No More: Urban Racism](#)

Wellesley Institute's Michael Shapcott: Toronto used to have racist laws that forbid aboriginals from congregating together, therefore atomizing the native population in the urban area.

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[Coconut Revolution: "The world's first successful eco-revolution."](#)

This is the modern-day story of a native peoples' remarkable victory over Western Colonial power. A Pacific island rose up in arms against giant mining corporation Rio Tinto Zinc (RTZ) - and won despite a military occupation and blockade. When RTZ decided to step up...

[Documentary](#) · 53 min · 5,161 views · 4.2 stars · added by [Dean Puckett](#)

[The Great Canadian Land Grab](#)

Corporations are buying hundreds of millions of acres of land worldwide. Canada is no different, with their farmers, First Nations and rural residents being affected most adversely.

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[Blockadia Rising: Voices of the Tar Sands Blockade \(2013\)](#)

Blockadia Rising: Voices of the Tar Sands Blockade is an hour-long documentary film written and directed by Garrett Graham in collaboration with the Tar Sands Blockade and features exclusive video footage shot by the blockaders themselves during the course of over six...

[Documentary](#) · 53 min · 6,368 views · 4.6 stars · added by [Yazan Alex H?æzy](#)

[Watershed \(trailer\)](#)

A film about saving the Colorado River & exploring a new water ethic for the New West.

Currently, the Colorado River does not reach the Gulf of California due to excess water use higher up in the river's path through the Western United States - we can change that but need...

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[A Place Called Chiapas \(1998\)](#)

On January 1 1994, the Zapatista National Liberation Army (EZLN), made up of impoverished Mayan Indians from the state of Chiapas, took over five towns and 500 ranches in southern Mexico. The Government deployed its troops, and at least 145 people died in the ensuing...

[Documentary](#) · 93 min · 5,297 views · 3.7 stars · added by [Andrew Butler](#)

[Climate Change: Lord Monckton Rap-Battles Al Gore](#)

Rap News EP3: Al Gore finally accepts Lord Monckton's challenge to a highly uncivilized debate over the issue of anthropogenic climate change, as the Copenhagen Climate Conference - aka COP15 - approached and faded. 'Mother Earth in climate crisis' say indigenous...

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[Fractured Land \(trailer\)](#)

Caleb Behn is a young, Indigenous warrior fighting to save his people's land and culture. Deep in the exquisite wilderness of northeastern British Columbia, the ancestral home of Caleb's Dene people, the multi-billion-dollar oil and gas industry emits chemicals linked to...

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[Belo Monte, An Announcement of War \(2012\)](#)

A film funded by the audience, from the Xingu River to the World." Threatened by the construction of a huge hydroelectric dam in the Amazon rainforest, Indigenous Peoples of the Xingu River Basin fight together to prevent by any means what they consider to the makings of a...

[Documentary](#) · 105 min · 5,247 views · 3.5 stars · added by [Films For Action](#)

[The US Drug War on Colombia \(2005\)](#)

Plan Colombia" was a US policy to supposedly combat drugs coming out of Colombia but ended up being more about combating leftist resistance with disastrous result for many.

[Documentary](#) · 56 min · 4,346 views · 4 stars · added by [Jason Bosch](#)

[They Don't Care About Us](#)

First Nation poverty in Canada. Idle No More!

[Video](#) · 5 min · 1,824 views · 3.7 stars · added by [ReadyfrTruth](#)

[Occupied Cascadia \(2012\)](#)

Occupied Cascadia is a documentary film both journalistic and expressionistic. Exploring the emerging understanding of bioregionalism within the lands and waters of the Northeast Pacific Rim, the filmmakers interweave intimate landscape portraits with human voices both...

[Documentary](#) · 116 min · 11,441 views · 4.5 stars · added by [Devin Hess](#)

[Rape on the Reservation](#)

According to national statistics, one in three Native American women will be raped in their lifetimes. Vanguard correspondent Mariana Van Zeller travels to Rosebud reservation in South Dakota to investigate the alarmingly high incidence of rape and sexual assaults. She...

[Short Film](#) · 45 min · 8,317 views · 3.5 stars · added by [ReadyfrTruth](#)

[Forgotten Bird of Paradise - undercover West Papua documentary](#)

Forgotten Bird of Paradise provides a rare and moving insight into the ongoing struggle for freedom being waged by the indigenous people of West Papua against Indonesian colonial rule. The documentary includes never before seen footage of West Papuan independence fighters at...

[Short Film](#) · 27 min · 3,617 views · 4 stars · added by [zevion](#)

[Cari Hutan - In Search of Forest \(2011\)](#)

According to several NGO's "Cari Hutan - In Search of Forest" is one of the most informative, educative, yet entertaining documentaries ever made about the subject of deforestation in Indonesia. "Cari Hutan" is, above all, a road movie that takes the audience on a journey...

[Documentary](#) · 75 min · 3,932 views · 3.5 stars · added by [Florian Augustin](#)

[The Dreamtime \(2007\)](#)

Indigenous tourism helps to reconcile the two different Australian peoples: the Europeans want to be forgiven for the tragic colonial period, and the Aborigines try to preserve their ancient roots from the present and the future. But the geographical isolation of the...

[Documentary](#) · 53 min · 4,598 views · 4 stars · added by [Mark Biddulph](#)

[The Invisible Nation \(2007\)](#)

The Algonquin once lived in harmony with the vast territory they occupied. This balance was upset when the Europeans arrived in the 16th century. Gradually, their Aboriginal traditions were undermined and their natural resources plundered. Today, barely 9,000 Algonquin are...

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Ancient arachnid 'walks again'

By Jonathan Amos Science correspondent, BBC News

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Animation courtesy of Manchester University and Natural History Museum, Berlin

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The dead walk again: an arachnid that lived 410 million years ago has crawled back into the virtual world.

The creature's remains were so well preserved in fossil form that scientists could see all its leg joints, allowing them to recreate its likely gait using computer graphics.

Known as a trigonotarbid, the animal was one of the first predators on land.

Its prey were probably early flightless insects and other invertebrates, which it would run down and jump on.

"We know quite a bit about how it lived," said [Russell Garwood](#), a palaeontologist with the University of Manchester, UK.

"We can see from its mouth parts that it pre-orally digested its prey - something that most arachnids do - because it has a special filtering plate in its mouth. So, that makes us fairly sure it vomited digestive enzymes on to its prey and then sucked up liquid food," he told BBC News.

The trigonotarbid specimens studied by Dr Garwood and colleagues are just a few millimetres in length.

They were unearthed in Scotland, near the Aberdeenshire town of Rhynie. Its translucent Early Devonian chert sediments are renowned for their exquisite fossils.

The 3D model is built from extremely thin slices that were cut through the Scottish chert. The team used a collection held at the Natural History Museum in London that have actually been prepared since the 1920s. The rock had been cut into extremely fine slices just a few tens of microns thick, making it possible to construct 3D models of the arachnids, much like a doctor might do with the X-ray slices obtained in a CAT scan.

"We could see the articulation points in the legs," explained Dr Garwood.

"Between each part of the leg, there are darker pieces where they join, and that allowed us to work out the range of movement.

"We then compared that with the gaits of modern spiders, which are probably a good analogy because they have similar leg proportions. The software enabled us to see the centre of mass and find a gait that worked. If it's too far back compared to the legs, the posterior drags on the

ground. The trigonotarbid is an alternating tetrapod, meaning there are four feet on the ground at any one time."

The trigonotarbids were extremely successful, appearing in the fossil record until about 290 million years ago, by which time larger animals would have been making a meal of them.

Jason Dunlop, from the Natural History Museum in Berlin, was a co-author on the research. He said: "These [trigonotarbid] fossils are unusually well preserved. During my PhD, I could build up a pretty good idea of their appearance in life.

"This new study has gone further and shows us how they probably walked. For me, what's really exciting here is that scientists themselves can make these animations now, without needing the technical wizardry (and immense costs) of a Jurassic-Park style film. When I started working on fossil arachnids, we were happy if we could manage a sketch of what they used to look like. Now, they run across our computer screens."

The work is part of a special collection of papers on 3D visualisations of fossils published in the [Journal of Paleontology](#).

Hello everyone, I hope this email finds you well!

I am writing to provide a few details regarding the rally on July 17, 7:45am-9:15am at the Reno BLM Office. Details below.

- 1) If you are unable to join in person, you can help by sharing the flyer below.
- 2) Please call me at 775-443-7180 or send an email to dawnharris.22@gmail.com to let me know you plan to join the rally. I would like a general idea of number of people.
- 3) I will have some signs, but feel free to bring your own. Our focus is water: quality, quantity, and sacredness, but any statement regarding fracking in Nevada is welcomed! We are calling on the powers that be (even if it is symbolically) to stop fracking Nevada.
- 4) It is very important to me our image and reputation is a good one. This is a peaceful demonstration. We will state our truth without anger or aggression.
- 5) We must be mindful of not blocking traffic or the entrance and exit of the building.

I hope many, many people join in! I will send out a press release to the media on Friday.

Let me know if you have any input, questions, etc or if you are willing to be interviewed.

Blessings, Dawn Harris

[Nevada panel advances \\$1.4 million to fight Yucca Mountain](#)

A state panel on Tuesday approved nearly \$1.4 million to continue Nevada's fight against Yucca Mountain, despite the nuclear waste repository project being described by one official as "the walking dead."

Army Engineers Surveyed the Route for “The Loneliest Road in America”

The 265-mile stretch of U.S. Highway 50 in central Nevada between Ely and Fernley dubbed “The Loneliest Road in America,” by Life magazine in 1986, is part of a wagon road through the Great Basin laid out by Capt. James Hervey Simpson of the U.S. Army Corps of Topographical Engineers. Simpson, a West Point graduate (1832), became the Army’s chief topographical engineer in Utah in 1858. He came to the assignment with experience in surveying and constructing roads in the West. Simpson was certain that a shorter route through the Great Basin to California was possible. Up to then, the principal pathway for overland migration through this desert region ran alongside the Humboldt River, in western Utah Territory (now the state of Nevada).

In 1859 the secretary of war approved Simpson’s proposal to establish a new route. In the U.S. Army’s great tradition of scientific exploration—a tradition begun by Lewis and Clark and perpetuated by the Topographical Engineers—the captain launched his expedition.

Simpson’s route was 288 miles shorter than the Humboldt River road And unlike many travelers of that day and since, he found beauty in the desert and expressed respect and sympathy for the Indian inhabitants of the region.

Almost immediately, California-bound emigrants began using the new pathway in large numbers as did the Pony Express and the transcontinental telegraph which ran close to the Simpson road.

In the early 20th century, the Lincoln Highway (America’s first coast-to-coast thoroughfare) followed or approximated the path of the old wagon road through Utah and Nevada. In the 1920s it became part of U.S. 50 in the nation’s new federal highway system. For the modern motorist there’s no better way of experiencing the unique attractions of the Great Basin than to travel this road.



— Army Corps of Engineers Website under Civil Engineering <http://tinyurl.com/mnhq7kv>

Senator McCaskill's Dislike for Indian Country

[Kevin J. A.](#) Executive Director: Native American Contractors Association: Tribal Member of the Forest County Potawatomi Community

Native Organizations Stand Unified Against Senator McCaskill and Support the Native 8(a) Program... -- WASHINGTON, July 3, 2014 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ --
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WASHINGTON, July 3, 2014 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- "In a show of unity, organizations across the country reject Senator Claire McCaskill's (D-MO) continued unwarranted attacks on Native American federal contractors," said Kevin Allis, Executive Director of the Native American Contractors Association (NACA), and tribal member of the Forest County Potawatomi Community.

"Indian Country is unfairly facing a number of cumulative efforts to hamper economic development in our Native communities across the country," stated Jackie Johnson-Pata, Executive Director of the National Congress of American Indians. "Ridiculous attacks on the Native 8(a) Program from Senator McCaskill, restrictions on placing land into trust, and continued assaults on taxation issues targeting Indian Gaming and tobacco sales, have all been extremely damaging to the achievement of self-determination that this nation has promised Indian Country," stated Johnson-Pata.

On Monday, June 30, 2014, Senator Claire McCaskill (D-MO) sent a letter to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) calling for records on all joint venture Alaska Native Corporation (ANC) contracts and all benefits reports filed by ANCs since the implementation of the March 14, 2011 SBA 8(a) Business Development Program revised rules.

In a follow up to the letter Senator McCaskill's office published a press release on Wednesday, July 2, 2014, stating that the Senator "demanded" answers from the SBA and has introduced legislation to "crack down on waste and abuse in contracting by eliminating the unique government contracting preferences and loopholes for ANCs." Senator McCaskill claims that, "ANCs are circumvent[ing] the federal contracting process, and that the benefits were not reaching disadvantaged Alaskan Natives."

"This statement is simply not true," stated Allis. "Native participation in the SBA 8(a) Business Development Program has been extremely successful in fostering economic development in Indian Country, while providing enormous value to the federal government. We are tired of being repeatedly struck down in our mission towards self-sufficiency by biased and uninformed leaders of our country that have flatly refused to take the time to objectively learn about Indian Country, its history, and its needs. Senator McCaskill knows nothing about us, and refused invitations to glean a better understanding of Indian Country," continued Allis.

Reports and statistics have proven false the allegation that benefits are not flowing to disadvantaged Native Americans. "Based on the 2012 NACA Economic Impact Report, NACA members invested more than \$111 million in profits back into their communities, including, but not limited to, reinvestment of net profits to grow their community-owned businesses, investment in health care for members and shareholders, language and culture preservation, and educational scholarships for their young people," stated Allis.

In an immediate response statement on Wednesday, Alaska Senator Mark Begich stated, "I'm afraid my colleague, Senator McCaskill – through her narrow lens as a 'government oversight

and efficiencies guru' – has trouble understanding Alaska history, even with my repeated attempts to reason with her. This includes why our Native American tribes, ANCs and Native Hawaiian Organizations (NHO) share a unique government-to-government relationship with the United States."

Senator Begich went on to say that, "The work performed by these entities through the Small Business Administration's Native 8(a) Program is critical. The benefits they provide through the 8(a) program, including scholarships, services, jobs and dividends, support some of the most economically challenged areas of the country and improves the lives of thousands. Just because ANCs have seen economic growth and success, as they were intended to do, doesn't mean they deserve this type of targeted attack from a sitting senator who simply refuses to try and understand the history and culture of a great state like Alaska."

"The continual attack by Senator McCaskill is unfounded and contradictory to the actual facts concerning our Native communities, particularly the Alaska Native community which is one of the most underserved populations in the country," said Jason Metrokin, Board Chairman of the ANSCA Regional Association. "The bottom line is that Native federal contracting creates jobs, which creates self-sufficiency, which then alleviates potential increased costs on taxpayers through the decreased need for federal programs to support those that may not otherwise qualify without the jobs or income generated from these Native businesses," said Metrokin.

"The Native 8(a) Program is a win-win for Indian Country and the federal government, but Senator McCaskill is trying her hardest to turn this success story to a lose-lose, at the expense of valuable taxpayer recourses," stated Allis. "We ask her colleagues in the Senate to reject this nonsensical and disingenuous effort that singles out Native Americans.

Native American Contractors Association

Formed in 2003, NACA is a 501(c)6 trade association located in Washington, D.C. that advocates on behalf of NACA Members – Tribes, Alaska Native Corporations (ANC), and Native Hawaiian Organizations (NHO) on issues relevant to economic development and federal contracting.

ANCSA Regional Association

The ANCSA Regional Association exists to promote and foster the continued growth and economic strength of the Alaska Native Regional Corporations on behalf of their shareholders. It's mission is to collaborate to create a sustainable socioeconomic future for Alaska Native People.

National Congress of American Indians

NCAI was established in 1944 in response to the termination and assimilation policies the US government forced upon tribal governments in contradiction of their treaty rights and status as sovereign nations. To this day, protecting these inherent and legal rights remains the primary focus of NCAI.

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Nevada Correctional Center and Composting Business Form Unlikely Relationship

At the Northern Nevada Correctional Center in Carson City, NV, inmates care for a herd of 1,500 Mustangs that have been removed from overpopulated public lands by the Bureau of Land Management. To deal with the large quantity of waste manure produced by these horses, the NNCC teamed with a local composting business called Full Circle Compost. Manure is rich in nitrogen and phosphorus, which can act as pollutants if they reach waterways as surface runoff or by leaching into groundwater.

Together, the NNCC and Full Circle Compost process 3.700 cubic yard of horse and cow manure per year into high quality garden soil, preventing pollution and providing a community model for effective collaboration in sharing resources.

[Read full story](#)

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### **Bently Creates Eco-Friendly Fuel From Used Cooking Oil**

Bently Biofuels Company in Minden, Nevada collects used cooking oil from restaurants and turns it into biodiesel - a renewable, domestically produced, environmentally friendly alternative to petroleum diesel fuel. Carbon emissions released from biodiesel are 78% to 85% lower than emissions from petroleum fuels. If used in place of petroleum diesel, Bently's 2012 production of biodiesel would offset 9.6 million pounds of CO2 emissions - the equivalent of taking 820 cars off the road for one year. In addition to preventing waste and lowering CO2 emissions, Bently is able to compost almost all of the waste products from the biodiesel plant, and use the composted leftovers to fertilize farm fields.

[Read full story.](#)

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### **Medical examiner looking for person who donated 3 skulls to Seattle-area Goodwill store**

SEATTLE — Officials in Washington state are searching for the person who donated three human skulls to a thrift store in a Seattle suburb.

The King County medical examiner said in a statement on Wednesday that two of the skulls were from adults and appeared to have been used in a medical clinic or for instruction.

The third is very old and appears to have belonged to a Native American child.

State

law requires the Native American skull be returned to its tribe. The medical examiner is asking whoever donated the skulls to provide some details, without penalty, so that can happen.

Spokesman Keith Seinfeld said Thursday there had been only one call so far and it wasn't helpful.

The skulls were donated last month to the Goodwill store in Bellevue.

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