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***** [This week, leaders from the 566 federally recognized tribes attend the sixth White House Tribal Nations Conference in Washington, D.C., and Secretary](#)

[Jewell announces \\$13.4 billion in energy-revenue disbursements to the U.S. Treasury, state, local and tribal governments. Plus, President Obama and the First Family light the National Christmas Tree in President's Park, and more](#) **[This Week at Interior.](#)** **[Click here to watch this week's episode.](#)**

And in case you missed the opening ceremonies.....video starts 10 minutes in.....

<http://new.livestream.com/usinterior/events/3615580/videos/70210871>

Congress gives Native American lands to foreign mining company with new NDAA

Congress is poised to give a foreign mining company 2,400 acres of national forest in Arizona that is cherished ancestral homeland to Apache natives.... rt.com

How a trip to North Dakota spurred Obama to act on Native American issues

Obama met with young people who spoke of lives affected by suicide, poverty and homelessness. washingtonpost.com

Vice President Biden Speaks at the 2014 Tribal Nations Conference

On December 3, 2014, Vice President Joe Biden addressed the 2014 White House Tribal Nation Conference, addressing issues that affect our Native American... whitehouse.gov

PowWows.com with Kimber Acosta and Joan Johns

Watch the video of these 2 young men singing at the White House today!

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HUGE NEWS! In a resounding victory that will ripple across the nation, **New York's highest court has just upheld the right of towns to ban fracking** within their ... [See More](#)

[Loika Kane](#) shared [Youth Speaks's](#) [video](#).

Powerful message on language.....we need to take a stand to reclaim our Paiute, Shoshone, and Washo language with the same fever as these young people. Powerful message from our indigenous youth! Watae! (Don't let this just be words. Take action today!)

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Youth Speaks with [Travis Kaululaau Thompson](#) and [6 others](#)

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We are celebrating the season by giving away the Gift of Education!

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Webinar: The Top 10 Most Common Mistakes During a Crisis

What are the most common mistakes business owners make when facing a crisis? What's the best way to ensure a quick recovery after a disaster? Get tips on building a foolproof business continuity plan at a free webinar on **Tuesday, Dec. 9**, hosted by SBA and Agility Recovery.

[> Read more and register](#)

Webinar: The Five Pillars of Business Security

Join SBA and ADT Business to learn about actionable strategies to protect your small business from top to bottom and keep it secure, even under changing circumstances. Learn the critical elements of fostering a secure organization. Tune in **Thursday, December 11 at 1 PM ET.** >

[Read more and register](#)

California Becomes First State To Ban Wildlife-Killing Contests

For the love of animals. Pass it on. thedodo.com

HOST SITES NEEDED FOR SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM - Submit your application by January 20, 2015.

The **Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals** – Environmental Education Outreach Program at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona is seeking air quality focused offices and programs to host a college student for a 9-week summer internship. Tribal environmental offices, EPA offices, and other tribal environmental organizations are encouraged to apply. For more info., visit

http://www4.nau.edu/eeop/internships/ssi_host.asp or contact Mansel A Nelson at 928-523-1275 or Mansel.Nelson@nau.edu

RESOURCES FOR TRIBAL UTILITIES: (courtesy of www.smallwatersupply.org, RCAC and ITCA) The tribal utility landscape can sound overwhelming, but while there's no denying that tribal utilities can face obstacles, the good news is that there are a growing number of resources addressing these topics, both for small systems in general and for the specific challenges facing tribes.

Tribal Utility Management Resources - For utility management advice and support from a tribal perspective, check out the Tribal Utility Governance Program manual, developed by RCAC as part of the Tribal Utility Governance trainings offered last year. Though the trainings have been completed, you can check out recordings of the sessions here. From a more general small systems perspective, the Rural Community Assistance Partnership (RCAP) also has a number of downloadable handbooks and guides for board members. Tribal utility managers who are already familiar with management topics might want to check out the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona's Tribal Utility Management Certification.

Training for Tribal Operators - For tribal operators, Native American Water Masters Association (NAWMA) meetings offer training and support on a variety of utility topics, as well as a chance to connect with other tribal operators. The Inter Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA) also has a federally-recognized tribal operator certification program that offers regular trainings as well as certification exams.

The United South and Eastern Tribes (USET) also offer federally-recognized tribal operator certification and an increasing number of trainings through NAWMA and their annual conference. And Navajo operators are often offered free training through the Navajo

Nation EPA's Public Water Systems Supervision Program (their operator certification program is currently still in development).

Additional searches in our calendar for the Tribal category tag or under State for the National Tribal Operator Program will bring up even more trainings for both tribal operators and tribal utility managers, covering topics from grant-writing and GIS to general O&M and drinking water treatment standards.



Circle of Blue Opportunities

Circle of Blue, the international journalism and science project reporting on the global freshwater crisis hosts great internships. Circle of Blue is the leading news organization at the front lines of the global freshwater crisis, reporting with first rate journalism and probing science the extreme challenges and complex solutions. We accept applications for interns throughout the year.

Our interns go places. Some have traveled to Australia, China and Europe as field producers and reporters.

Others have gone on to work with Emmy-winning film producers. Our AIGA design interns have produced stunning info-graphics that have been recognized by leaders in design and journalism. Our interns have hailed from all corners, including Bulgaria and China.

Circle of Blue generates the fresh, objective reportage necessary for reasoned decision-making in the 21st century, while avoiding the "advocacy" label and [adhering to SPJ and Poynter standards of journalism](#). Circle of Blue has presented at the Aspen Ideas Festival, World Economic Forum, Clinton Global Initiative and Aspen Environment Form. Circle of Blue is an independent nonprofit affiliate of the nonpartisan [Pacific Institute](#), the leading think tank for water research and policy.

Circle of Blue is also co-founder of "Designing Water's Future," the groundbreaking international design competition created in partnership with [AIGA](#), [INDEX](#) and Collins.

The positions involve original reporting and packaging of multimedia news for an international audience.

As a non-profit, Circle of Blue has limited internship positions that offer stipends; most positions are unpaid. The intern is responsible for housing, expenses and travel to and from Traverse City, MI.

Circle of Blue is also an official site for [Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism Residency Program](#).

About Traverse City: Circle of Blue's offices are located in the historic [Village at Grand Traverse Commons](#) where one of the largest historic preservation and adaptive reuse redevelopments in the country is underway.

Learn more about Traverse City from the [Traverse City Visitors & Convention Bureau](#) and be sure to note the burgeoning [Traverse City Film Festival](#).

Criteria

- Exceptional writing and communications skills.
- Fluency in online media production, including video, audio and multimedia editing and packaging.
- Ability to be productive under tight deadlines.
- Strong research and analytical abilities, embracing all tools of enterprise reporting.
- Ability to work independently and as a member of a team.
- Fluent English required; fluent French, Spanish and/or Chinese a plus.
- Savvy with advanced communications technology.
- Keen attention to detail and accuracy.
- Passion for journalism; intense curiosity and creative approach to challenging assignments.

Preferred

- Ready capacity to explore complex international issues and connections.
- Previous success working across cultures, geography and time zones.
- Experience navigating United Nations, governmental and NGO reports, studies and contacts.
- International travel; first-hand experience with global water issues.
- Apple Mac OSX savvy.

Cover letter, writing and/or multimedia samples, and two references required.

Email application to: intern@circleofblue.org.

Where 2 Rivers Meet, Visions for Grand Canyon Clash *By ADAM NAGOURNEY*

A \$1 billion plan for hotels, shops and a gondola on the East Rim of the Grand Canyon is the latest in a line of contentious efforts to develop the national landmark.

GrantStation

Ezra Jack Keats Foundation: Mini-Grants Program

The Ezra Jack Keats Foundation offers Mini-Grants to public schools, public libraries, and public preschool programs in the United States and its territories to support creative programs that can be enacted by students with their teachers or librarians. Click above to learn more about the funding guidelines and application process.

Covidien Cares

The Covidien Cares community grant program provides support to local nonprofit organizations working in the area of health in company communities around the world. Click above to learn more about the funding guidelines and application process.

National Funding

Support for Partnerships to Promote Healthy Living

The BUILD Health Challenge

The BUILD Health Challenge is a national program designed to support community collaborations that are working to give everyone a fair chance to be healthy. Specifically, the Challenge provides awards to strengthen partnerships among hospitals, nonprofit organizations, local health departments, and other community organizations to improve the health of low-income neighborhoods within cities with populations greater than 150,000. Awards will support up to 14 community-driven efforts addressing health-shaping factors that individuals can't control. Of special concern are people whose circumstances have made them vulnerable to poor health, whether that's because of limited access to healthy, affordable food, safe places to walk and play, job prospects, or safe, affordable housing. One-year planning grants of up to \$75,000 and two-year implementation grants of up to \$250,000 are available. The Round 1 application deadline is January 16, 2015; Round 2 applications are due April 10, 2015. Visit the BUILD Health Challenge website to download the call for applications.

Youth Environmental Programs in the U.S. and Canada Funded

Nature's Path EnviroKidz Giving Back Program

The mission of the Nature's Path EnviroKidz Giving Back Program is to empower the children of today to change their present and future world and to protect endangered species and environments. The program provides grants of up to \$20,000 to nonprofit organizations in the U.S. and Canada that address one of the following project action areas: wildlife and endangered species conservation, habitat restoration and conservation, education of children and youth about environment issues, and helping at-risk kids through environmental and/or conservation-based programming. Funded projects must be run through or in partnership with a K-12 school/classroom, or the project must work directly with school-aged youth in the community. The application deadline is December 31, 2014. Visit the Nature's Path website to review the application guidelines.

Grants Encourage Technology-Based Solutions to Assist the Underserved

Cisco Global Impact Cash Grants

Cisco Global Impact Cash Grants support nonprofit organizations in the U.S. and worldwide that provide assistance to underserved populations and leverage technology solutions to improve the reach, efficiency, and impact of services. In the Education category, Cisco supports technology-

based solutions and education delivery models that enable children to master knowledge in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). The Economic Empowerment category focuses on programs that encourage employment success, entrepreneurship, and long-term self-sufficiency by providing access to skills, knowledge, and financial products and services via technology-based solutions. Through the Critical Human Needs category, Cisco grants help overcome the cycle of poverty and dependence by supporting organizations that address the basic needs of underserved communities, with a focus on clean water, food, and shelter. Organizations can begin the application process at any time. Visit the Cisco website to learn more about the grantmaking criteria and to take the [Eligibility Quiz](#).

Activities Highlighting Information on Urban Birds Supported

Celebrate Urban Birds Mini-Grant Program

The Celebrate Urban Birds Mini-Grant Program, an initiative of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, supports community organizations, educators, and youth throughout the United States that host neighborhood events that introduce the public and youth to birds found in urban areas. Funded events should feature activities involving birds, community service, the arts, and greening. Examples of eligible events include bird-activity days at local museums, libraries, or community centers, as well as art and gardening activities at clubs, schools, or senior centers. Mini-grants ranging from \$100 to \$750 are provided. Organizations working with underserved communities are strongly encouraged to apply. The application deadline is January 15, 2015. Visit the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's website to review the application materials.

Regional Funding

Funds for Affordable Housing Organizations in Oregon

Meyer Memorial Trust: Affordable Housing Initiative

The Meyer Memorial Trust's Affordable Housing Initiative is dedicated to preserving and increasing Oregon's supply of quality affordable housing while helping low-income renters to achieve stability and success. The current request for proposals (RFP) offers grants and technical assistance to nonprofit and governmental affordable housing organizations in Oregon for the development and implementation of property-specific portfolio preservation plans. Funding is targeted to under-resourced communities, including communities of color, culturally-specific organizations, and underserved rural communities. Grants of \$75,000 per year will be provided for two years, with the potential of a third year. In the initial year, grantees will participate in a standardized assessment of their portfolios, develop an individualized portfolio plan, and begin implementation of the plan. Over the next one to two years, grantees will be expected to demonstrate significant progress in implementing their portfolio plan and also complete annual outcome measures. The application deadline is January 6, 2015. Visit the Foundation's website to download the RFP.

Grants Address Health Issues in Company Communities

The Humana Foundation

The Humana Foundation supports nonprofit organizations and social institutions that focus on supportive relationships and their potential to generate healthy behaviors and prevent chronic disease. The Foundation primarily funds organizations in communities where Humana has a significant presence. (A list of geographic priority areas is available on the [FAQ](#) page.)

Characteristics of strong funding proposals include engaging multiple generations in ways to improve their health, using evidence-based practices to promote health, supporting the prevention of chronic disease, and encouraging healthy behaviors through supportive relationships. The minimum grant request is \$10,000. Applications must be submitted by January 15, 2015. Visit the Foundation's website to learn more about the Foundation's grantmaking priorities and the online application process.

Support for Environmental Work in Chesapeake-Appalachia and the Gulf Coast

[blue moon fund](#)

The blue moon fund works to build human and natural resilience to a changing and warming world. Within the U.S., support is provided to nonprofit organizations in the following two regions of biodiversity threatened by climate change and industrial activity. In Chesapeake-Appalachia, the fund supports work to preserve the ecosystems that support rural mountain populations and feed the Chesapeake Bay, and sustainable ways to produce energy and manage natural resources. In Louisiana, from New Orleans to the Gulf Coast, the fund supports work to restore the natural balance of the environment and development in hopes of preventing future catastrophes. (The fund also supports organizations working in tropical Latin America and selected regions in Asia.) Letters of inquiry may be submitted throughout the year; proposals are reviewed by invitation only. Visit the blue moon fund website to take the required online eligibility test and submit a letter of inquiry.

Texas Programs Providing Elderly Services Funded

[Isla Carroll Turner Friendship Trust](#)

The Isla Carroll Turner Friendship Trust supports nonprofit organizations throughout the state of Texas that provide services to the elderly. Types of programs considered for funding include health centers, recreation programs, retirement services, Alzheimer's initiatives, meal delivery programs, nursing facilities, etc. Support is also provided for primary caregiver education programs focusing on the elderly and nursing scholarships for students specializing in gerontology. Grants generally range from \$5,000 to \$50,000. Grant funds must be used within the state of Texas for the benefit of those 60 years of age and above or those born with Down's syndrome age 47 years and above. All application forms and supporting documents must be received by the office by no later than noon on February 2, 2015, to be considered. Application guidelines and forms are available on the Trust's website, including a list of required supporting documents.

Federal Funding

Funding Available for Humanities Programs

[National Endowment for the Humanities](#)

The Museums, Libraries, and Cultural Organizations Implementation Grants program provides support for museums, libraries, historic places, and other public programs in the humanities. The grants support exhibitions at public venues, interpretations of historic places, book/film discussion programs, living history presentations, and other face-to-face programs at public venues. Funded activities can include interpretive websites and other digital formats, final scholarly research and consultation, and design development, production, and installation of a project for presentation to the public. The application deadline is January 14, 2015.

Support Given for Native Cultural History Documentation

Department of the Interior

The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Program provides funding to museums, Indian tribes, and Native Hawaiian organizations for the purposes of assisting in consultation, documentation, and repatriation of Native American cultural items, including human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony. Project-based grants support eligible organizations to consult and document NAGPRA-related human remains and cultural items in non-federal collections. The application deadline is March 11, 2015

We're Hiring! - The Nevada Cancer Coalition

We're excited to announce a new position at the Nevada Cancer Coalition: Project Coordinator. There are so many opportunities to help increase cancer screening throughout Nevada and contribute to cancer prevention efforts and collaboration... nevadacancercoalition.org

Equality, Fairness and Opportunity

This week, the U.S. Department of Labor issued a rule to implement [Executive Order 13672](#), which ensures that federal contractors and subcontractors do not discriminate against employees or applicants based on their sexual orientation or gender identity. [> Read more](#)

Historical note:

On December 6 in 1950 six tribes comprising the Northern Paiute Nation filed a petition with the U.S. Indian Claims Commission for lands in Nevada, Oregon, Idaho, and California taken from the Nation between 1865 and 1882 (the claims commission was formed by Congress; **in 1946** to retroactively purchase appropriated Native American lands after embarrassing postwar comparisons were made between the U.S. treatment of tribes and Nazi treatment of the Jews and others); **in 1997** with rumors flying that the Reno Sparks Indian Colony clinic was closed because of a gas leak or a budget shortfall, colony officials declined to confirm or deny anything.

Abraham Lincoln/state of the union report/ December 6 1864 : The organization and admission of the State of Nevada has been completed in conformity with law, and thus our excellent system is firmly established in the mountains, which once seemed a barren and uninhabitable waste between the Atlantic States and those which have grown up on the coast of the Pacific Ocean. The Territories of the Union are generally in a condition of prosperity and rapid growth. Idaho and Montana, by reason of their great distance and the interruption of communication with them by Indian hostilities, have been only partially organized; but it is understood that these difficulties are about to disappear, which will permit their governments, like those of the others, to go into speedy and full operation. As intimately connected with and promotive of this material growth of the nation, I ask the attention of Congress to the valuable information and important recommendations relating to the public lands, Indian affairs, the Pacific Railroad, and mineral discoveries contained in the report of the Secretary of the Interior which is herewith transmitted, and which report also embraces the subjects of patents, pensions, and other topics of public interest pertaining to his Department. ...

The great enterprise of connecting the Atlantic with the Pacific States by railways and telegraph lines has been entered upon with a vigor that gives assurance of success, notwithstanding the embarrassments arising from the prevailing high prices of materials and labor. The route of the main line of the road has been definitely located for 100 miles westward from the initial point at Omaha City, Nebr., and a preliminary location of the Pacific Railroad of California has been made from Sacramento eastward to the great bend of the Truckee River in Nevada. Numerous discoveries of gold, silver, and cinnabar mines have been added to the many heretofore known, and the country occupied by the Sierra Nevada and Rocky mountains and the subordinate ranges now teems with enterprising labor, which is richly remunerative. It is believed that the product of the mines of precious metals in that region has during the year reached, if not exceeded, one hundred millions in value. ...

The election has exhibited another tact not less valuable to be known--the fact that we do not approach exhaustion in the most important branch of national resources, that of living men. While it is melancholy to reflect that the war has filled so many graves and carried mourning to so many hearts, it is some relief to know that, compared with the surviving, the fallen have been so few. While corps and divisions and brigades and regiments have formed and fought and dwindled and gone out of existence, a great majority of the men who composed them are still living. The same is true of the naval service. The election returns prove this. So many voters could not else be found. The States regularly holding elections, both now and four years ago, to wit, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wisconsin, east

3,982,011 votes now, against 3,870,222 cast then, showing an aggregate now of 3,982,011. To this is to be added 33,762 cast now in the new States of Kansas and Nevada, which States did not vote in 1860, thus swelling the aggregate to 4,015,773 and the net increase during the three years and a half of war to 145,551. A table is appended showing particulars. To this again should be added the number of all soldiers in the field from Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Delaware, Indiana, Illinois, and California, who by the laws of those States could not vote away from their homes, and which number can not be less than 90,000. Nor yet is this all. The number in organized Territories is triple now what it was four years ago, while thousands, white and black, join us as the national

Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, Inc.
49TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
Making a Difference for Nevada Tribes
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ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

Monday, December 8
Monday Night Football 5 to 10 pm
 Wear your favorite team jersey and watch the Atlanta Falcons vs. the Green Bay Packers
 Football Pool with cash prizes per quarter!

Tuesday, December 9
Opening Reception 6 to 10 pm
 Join us for some networking, hors d'oeuvres, and music by the band "Twice As Good"
 Volunteer to play "Minute to Win-it" and win a \$25 Visa Gift Card

Wednesday, December 10
1st Annual Bull Riding Competition 6 to 10 pm
 Meet us at Gilley's for your chance to ride the mechanical bull and win a \$50 Visa Gift Card

Thursday, December 11
Closing Banquet 6 to 10 pm
 With entertainment by renowned hypnotist Chris Cady
 Convention attendees can meet up at Gilley's afterwards in a special VIP section

arms press back the insurgent lines. So much is shown, affirmatively and negatively, by the election. It is not material to inquire how the increase has been produced or to show that it would have been greater but for the war, which is probably true. The important fact remains demonstrated that we have more men now than we had when the war began; that we are not exhausted nor in process of exhaustion; that we are gaining strength and may if need be maintain the contest indefinitely. This as to men. Material resources are now more complete and abundant than ever. The national resources, then, are unexhausted, and, as we believe, inexhaustible. The public purpose to reestablish and maintain the national authority is unchanged, and, as we believe, unchangeable.



The Tragedy of Wounded Knee (The Ghost Dance) The American Indians #TAIRP