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Columbus Day is always celebrated on the second Monday in October. Here is our proposition! Abolish Columbus day and make it a "Native American Remembrance Day" to Honor native people. (share and make this viral :))



[Shell to cease Alaska offshore Arctic drilling](#)
ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Royal Dutch Shell will stop drilling for oil and gas in Arctic waters off Alaska's coast following disappointing results from an exploratory well backed by billions in investment and years of work....
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From: [Kelly Thomas <kthomas@usgbc.org>](mailto:kthomas@usgbc.org) [[Add to Address Book](#)]

We will be conducting a Study Group/Test Prep session for the entry level, LEED GA Exam within the next six months in the Reno/Sparks area. Determining a time structure which works best for the majority is the goal of this survey.

If you plan to take the LEED GA Exam please use this link to take the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PHZMYMX> and let us know what timing structure works best for you. **The survey will close on Sunday, Oct. 4th at 8pm** and we will launch the session within the next six months based on your responses.

Thank you - Kelly Thomas, LEED AP BD + C. Director, Community - Nevada
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FY2015 ICDBG NOFA Modification:

The grant opportunity for US Department of Housing and Urban Development with FR-5900-N-23 has been modified. It now has the following:

Opportunity Number: FR-5900-N-23

Opportunity Title: Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) Program for Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages

CFDA Number: 14.862

CFDA Title: Indian Community Development Block Grant Program

Competition ID : FR-5900-N-23 Opening Date: 08/28/20 Closing Date: 10/22/2015

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National Funding

Support for the Integration of Arts into Urban Revitalization

The Kresge Foundation: Arts and Culture Program

The Kresge Foundation's Arts and Culture Program is offering a grant opportunity for organizations integrating arts and culture into urban community revitalization work. Through the program's Harvesting Leading Practices focus area, the Foundation supports nonprofit organizations that employ strategic, integrated approaches to infuse arts and culture in urban revitalization, advance opportunity and improve the conditions of underserved and marginalized populations, and strengthen the fabric within neighborhoods. The focus is on initiatives that embed arts and culture in cross-sector and cross-disciplinary efforts designed to foster the well-being of low-income residents, enhance the built environment, and address social, cultural, and economic barriers to opportunity. Examples include projects related to transit-oriented development, affordable housing projects, and open, green public spaces. Proposals will be accepted on an ongoing basis through 2015. Visit the Foundation's website to learn more about the application process.

National STEM Programs Funded

Toyota U.S.A. Foundation

The Toyota U.S.A. Foundation supports nonprofit organizations throughout the country that are dedicated to improving the teaching and learning of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Grants of \$50,000 or more are available to support the development and implementation of programs in the STEM fields. Funded organizations must be classified as 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, be located within the United States, and have a national scope. Requests may be submitted at any time and are reviewed two times per year. Online application guidelines are available on the Foundation's website.

Grants Promote Native American Land Rights

Indian Land Tenure Foundation

The Indian Land Tenure Foundation is a national, community-based organization serving American Indian nations and people in the recovery and control of their rightful homelands. The Foundation provides grants to Indian nations and nonprofit organizations that are working to promote education about Indian land issues, increase cultural awareness, create economic opportunity, and reform the legal and administrative systems that prevent Indian people from owning and controlling reservation lands. Letters of inquiry are accepted throughout the year. The final 2015 deadline for invited proposals is December 17; the first 2016 deadline is March 31. Visit the Foundation's website to learn more about the funding guidelines for each program area.

Fellowships for Social Entrepreneurs Worldwide

Echoing Green Fellowship Program

Echoing Green invests in outstanding emerging social entrepreneurs to help them launch new organizations that deliver bold, high-impact solutions to society's most difficult problems. Echoing Green offers the following three distinct fellowship programs. The Global Fellowship supports young leaders worldwide who are deeply connected to the needs and potential solutions that may work best for their communities. The Black Male Achievement Fellowship invests in emerging leaders dedicated to improving the life outcomes of black men and boys in the United States. The Climate Fellowship supports the best next-generation social entrepreneurs committed to working on innovations in mitigation and adaptation to climate change. Fellowships are provided to individuals (at least 18 years of age) or partnerships (organizations led by two people). Fellows receive stipends ranging up to \$90,000 and technical support to turn their innovative ideas into sustainable social change organizations. Applications may be submitted from October 5 to November 17, 2015. Online application information is available on the Echoing Green website.

Regional Funding

New York State Parks Friends Groups Supported

Parks & Trails New York: Park and Trail Partnership Program

Parks & Trails New York (PTNY) is dedicated to improving health, the economy, and quality of life through the use and enjoyment of green space across New York State. PTNY's new Park and Trail Partnership Program provides matching grants to nonprofit Friends organizations that support New York State parks, trails, and state historic sites. This capacity-building matching grants program is open to Friends organizations whose primary mission is the preservation, stewardship, interpretation, maintenance, or promotion of a specific New York State park or historic site (or multiple such sites). The following four types of grants are available: Capacity and Organizational Effectiveness Grants of up to \$35,000; Step-up Grants of up to \$7,500; Professional Development Grants of up to \$7,500; and Stewardship and Public Access Capacity Grants of up to \$50,000. The application deadline is December 4, 2015. (Professional Development Grants require the submission of a letter of inquiry by October 14, 2015.) Visit the PTNY website to learn more about the grant categories and download the Request for Applications.

Funds for Educational Programs Serving African Americans in Oregon

Black United Fund of Oregon

The mission of the Black United Fund of Oregon (BUFOR) is to assist in the social and economic development of Oregon's low-income communities, and to contribute to a broader understanding of ethnic and culturally diverse groups. BUFOR awards grants of up to \$5,000 to small, local nonprofit organizations with proven track records of success in increasing opportunities and improving the social determinants of health within traditionally underserved communities. Funding priorities focus on projects that support the education pipeline, specifically high school completion; higher education access and completion; youth engagement with science, technology, engineering, arts, math, and the medical field; closing achievement gaps; etc. Preference will be given to grant proposals serving African American and other ethnically diverse as well as low-income, at-risk, and underserved communities. The application deadline is November 1, 2015. Visit the Fund's website to review the grant guidelines.

Grants Enhance Programs for Children and Youth in the Southeast

The Malone Family Foundation

The mission of the Malone Family Foundation is to promote positive changes in the lives of people, who in turn can build and enhance the communities in which they live. The Foundation primarily supports nonprofit organizations in the state of Alabama, with limited funding in Florida and Georgia. The Foundation focuses its grantmaking on programs that expand the horizons of and opportunities for children and young adults. Initiatives whose direct objectives are providing better education, promoting self-esteem, and instilling in its beneficiaries a desire to improve oneself are of special interest. Preference is given to creative programs in the area of education from pre-kindergarten through higher education. Letters of inquiry are due November 15, 2015; the deadline for invited proposals is December 15, 2015. Visit the Foundation's website to learn more about the application process.

California Coastal Health Initiatives Supported

Whale Tail Grants Program

The goal of the Whale Tail Grants Program, an initiative of the California Coastal Commission, is to support projects that teach California's children and the general public to value and take action to improve the health of the state's marine and coastal resources. Funded projects should fall into one of the following categories: Adopt-A-Beach programs, youth programs, or programs for the general public, including projects addressing climate change or ocean acidification. Priority is given to projects that reach communities that are currently poorly served in terms of marine and coastal education. Nonprofit organizations, schools, and government entities may apply. Grants will range up to \$50,000; one-quarter to one-half of the funding will be allocated in small grants under \$10,000. Applications must be postmarked by November 2, 2015. Application guidelines and forms are available on the California Coastal Commission's website.

Federal Funding

Funds Available for Food Efforts Abroad

Department of Agriculture

The McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program supports the donation of agricultural commodities and the provision of financial and technical assistance to improve the education, food security, and health of school-age children, especially girls, in developing countries. The application deadline is October 14, 2015.

Program Supports Opportunities for Justice-Involved Youth

Department of Education

The Juvenile Justice Reentry Education Program: Opening Doors to College and Careers Through Career and Technical Education program provides support to improve outcomes for justice-involved youth through the provision of career and technical education programs, reentry services, and post-release education and employment training opportunities. The application deadline is October 30, 2015.

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## **Federal Report on Climate Change and Food Security**

A warming planet with more erratic rainfall and deeper droughts is “likely to diminish continued progress on global food security,” according to [a draft federal report on agriculture and climate change](#).

The report notes that water availability will limit the capacity of both wet and dry regions to adapt to changes in precipitation and temperature. It also notes that the United States is likely to see increased demand for agricultural exports from countries that struggle to adapt.

The report — titled Climate Change, Global Food Security, and the U.S. Food System — is the consensus work of 21 federal agencies, universities, private groups, and nongovernmental organizations.

Public comments are due by October 8 and can be submitted at <https://review.globalchange.gov/>.

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## **Iroquois Nationals Win Silver Medal at World Indoor Lacrosse Championship**

Published September 27, 2015  
Final Game Score: Canada 12 – Iroquois 8  
HAUDENOSAUNEE NATION – The Iroquois Nationals fell short in their pursuit of...  
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•[World Indoor Lacrosse Championship Returns Home To Its Indigenous Roots](#)  
[With a flick of the wrist, the Iroquois Nationals lacrosse team passed the ball up, down and across the box, displaying](#)

[deft stickhandling and a lethal scoring touch, on the way to a commanding 13-9 win over the visiting team USA in front of a sellout crowd Friday night at the War Memorial Arena in downtown Syracuse, New York.](#)

The Huffington Post

- [Iroquois Nationals Make History in Victory Over England](#)  
[Published September 24, 2015 HAUDENOSAUNEE NATION – Playing in a sold out Onondaga Arena, the Iroquois Nationals played its first-ever international game on Haudenosaunee soil, beating Englan...](#)  
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**Native American Indian - Old Photos with Cynthia P Moore and Ken Sue Wilburn Collins**  
**Catawba**  
**group - 1913**

\*Back row L-

R: Robert  
Harris, Taylor  
George,  
David A.  
Harris,  
unknown  
Canty,  
unknown

\*Middle row

L-R: John  
Brown  
holding one  
of his  
children,  
unknown  
Harris,  
unknown  
Harris

\*Front row L-

R: Rachel George-Brown, unknown Wheelock, Rosie Harris-Wheelock holding Edna Wheelock,  
Richard Harris, unknown Brown, unknown Brown



{Note: These are some of the 22 Catawba folks who took part in the Corn Exposition in  
Columbia, South Carolina in January 1913}

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**New Book Shows The 'Pre-Apocalyptic' Drought That Could Be ...** Think Progress

Watkins was born in Bishop, *California*, near Owens Lake. Once a massive body of *water*,  
Owens Lake was drained by the Los Angeles Aqueduct in the early ...

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## **Native Americans' Terrifying Tsunami Stories Show What the Pacific Northwest Has to Fear**

This article is from Hakai magazine, an online publication about science and society in coastal ecosystems. In the year 1700, on Jan. 26 at 9 at night, in what is now... [www.slate.com](http://www.slate.com)

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### **Kahara Hodges- Vocalist**

Here I am singing at the ASU Women's Basketball game today. It was Native Heritage Day, this was the 1st time I've sang the anthem in Navajo in public . The crowd loved it! A nice lady had tears in her eyes when she hugged and thanked me. It was a very special event.

*(Ed note: unfortunately the video would not upload.....might be on UTube by now. sdc)*



**Western Shoshone: US Genocide HLNW/WMDs Sep 28, 2015**

**Attachments:** [NRC DOE YM SFEIS 9-2015 Comments.pdf](#)

**Western Shoshone Comments are attached.**

**By Keith Rogers, Las Vegas Review**

The feds call it "environmental justice."

Western Shoshones say it's really "environmental racism."

Whatever words apply, a challenge by American Indian tribes on that subject in the latest Nuclear Regulatory Commission report for disposing nuclear waste in Yucca Mountain could slam the brakes on the project.

This month, because of a 2013 federal appeals court decision, the commission rejuvenated proceedings on the Department of Energy's license application to build and operate a repository for the nation's highly radioactive waste at the mountain, 100 miles northwest of Las Vegas.



The project was mothballed in 2010 when the Obama administration decided not to fund it and instead pursue another path that favors a willing state or tribe to host a repository. Neither Nevada nor the Shoshones want it.

The NRC's draft, 173-page supplemental environmental impact report released in August shows radioactive particles from the planned repository would contaminate groundwater. That means it also would affect purity of traditional American Indian springs in Death Valley, Calif.

While that translates to only a "small fraction" increase in the dose people receive from normal background radiation, according to the NRC staff's report, project opponents say it could be enough to disqualify the site for licensing on grounds of environmental injustice.

That's because burying 77,000 tons of highly radioactive defense wastes and spent fuel from power reactors there coupled with past episodes of fallout from nuclear weapons tests amounts to "environmental racism," according to the Western Shoshone and Timbisha Shoshone tribes and a Reno lawyer.

Western Shoshone Ian Zabarte, a board member of the Native Community Action Council, a party with standing in the NRC's licensing proceedings, was blunt in his public comments at an NRC panel meeting this month in Las Vegas.

"From our perspective the processes employed by the DOE is environmental racism designed to systematically dismantle the living 'lifeways' of the Western Shoshone people in relation to our land," he said.

Timbisha Shoshone tribe member, Joe Kennedy of Fish Lake Valley, backed up Zabarte's claim that the heritage of low-income Native Americans will be compromised if nuclear waste is entombed in Yucca Mountain — a more likely prospect under a Republican-controlled Congress that could try to reverse the Obama administration's mothballing of the project. DOE has spent roughly 25 years and \$15 billion trying to determine whether the site and design are safe for long-term nuclear waste storage.

At the Sept. 15 meeting, Kennedy told a story about how his father taught him that all the springs that his tribe relies on for traditional and subsistence purposes are connected.

Contaminating the purity of one downstream of the planned Yucca Mountain repository site could pollute all of them, he said.

"The Earth can live without us. But I don't think we can live without the Earth," he told the NRC panel.

Timbisha Shoshone Tribe Chairman George Gholson said the tribe will submit comments on the NRC's report. "The tribe vehemently opposes the storage of radioactive waste in our backyard," he said Thursday.

Radioactive particles that will cause that "small fraction" dose increase to humans many years in the future is not background radiation that exists worldwide from natural sources such as cosmic rays and granite formations.

In the future, among the most hazardous radioactive particles to human health that will eventually escape Yucca Mountain is neptunium-237 — a mobile, artificially produced alpha particle emitter with a half-life of 2.14 million years, the time it takes for half its atoms to decay.

The NRC report, which addresses a required "environmental justice" analysis mandated by a 1994 executive order, says the Shoshones will be no worse off than anybody else.

"No disproportionately high and adverse health or environmental impacts would occur to minority or low-income segments of the population" in Death Valley or Amargosa Valley, the commission's draft report reads.

Reno attorney Robert Hager said the federal government made similar claims in a lawsuit he argued for tribes and downwinders when the Defense Threat Reduction Agency announced plans in 2006 to conduct the Divine Strake bunker-buster bomb test with a 700-ton slurry of ammonium nitrate and fuel at the Department of Energy's Nevada Test Site.

Public criticism erupted about the planned, non-nuclear test after the agency's director, James Tegnolia, said it would send a "mushroom cloud over Las Vegas."

After Hager argued that Divine Strake would inject fallout-tainted dust into the air, the agency canceled detonation in 2007.

"They lied about the health effects of atmospheric testing. They lied about radiation on the ground when they were going to set off that 700-ton bunker-buster bomb. Now they're lying about the type of radiation that is going to be dispersed from nuclear waste at Yucca Mountain," Hager said Wednesday.

Richard Miller, an expert witness in the Divine Strake case, said the NRC report's conclusion on "environmental justice" misses the mark.

"It's a very clever statement that obscures the facts," said Miller, an industrial hygienist who has written six books on nuclear testing and co-authored three peer-reviewed papers.

"The first thing they're doing is trying to tie particulate exposure with background radiation. They're apples and oranges, actually apples and toxic oranges. These can wind up inside you, and that's a (cancer) risk increase," he said Thursday.

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[The Navajo Independent](#)

## **Navajo Police find booby traps to keep away piñon pickers**

Navajo Mountain, AZ - It's fall on the Navajo reservation, which means it's time to harvest piñon pine nuts. Piñon pine nuts can be found throughout the southwestern United States, these nuts are the fanciest of all the nuts. They're smaller, cuter and have a sweet, subtle flavor. They also happen to cost a small fortune. But we buy them anyways because pine nuts make it worth it when snacking on your uncle's broken Toyota that hasn't moved since the summer 1989.

Residents do not need a permit to harvest for personal use, but if they are collecting pine nuts to resell for large commercial use of a picking permit is required. Angle Williams of Red Mesa harvest piñons near the Navajo Nation Monument.

“I saw people parked on the side of the road, some of them were running and jumping over the barbwire fence or squeezing in between the wires, I thought it was funny because the guys were



wearing tight cowboy jeans. I tried to talk to them,” she said. “One woman started yelling at me and throwing sand rocks. When she ran out of the rocks, she looked through her bag and started throwing her lunch at me, she even threw her kid’s Jell-o pudding snacks at me. I finally understood why she and her family was there and why she wanted this area to be her secret picking spot. Anyways, I started harvesting on my own, and found it was a lot of fun.”

In a remote pocket of northern Arizona near Navajo Mountain, neighbors were given threatening warnings both online and flyers posted at the local trading post to seasonal piñons pickers.

The online warning was posted on the Page, AZ “Online Yard Sale” group by James Thompson which was quickly taken down, it reads: Pinon pickers please stay along fence when picking near the Thompson residence (from powerline to mile post 3) in Ts’abikin ( inscription house). Otherwise you risk being shot at for trespassing. Also don’t beat the trees and please pick up your trash.

The flyer posted at the trading post reads: Pinon picking near the Thompson residence is forbidden to all relations except to the Thompson family. Do not pick beyond the fence, only between the power lines to mile post 3. Trespassers will be punished. Be warned! There are booby traps!

According to the Navajo Police, a group of officer went beyond the fence near the Thompson residence to search for booby traps. Office Jimell Chee, 34, confronted members of the Thompson family hiding the pine trees with homemade binoculars made out of beer bottles. The police discovered a surprising scene when arriving to the property, with paint cans swing from trees, a trash bag of tools hidden on the top of the tree in case someone wants to shake it, and there was also an arc welder connected to a number of trees, fake plastic skeletons and snakes, rubber Halloween-style masks and coyote skins made out to look like a skinwalker. “You name it and it was there,” Chee said, adding police officers believe the family watch Home Alone one too many times on VHS.