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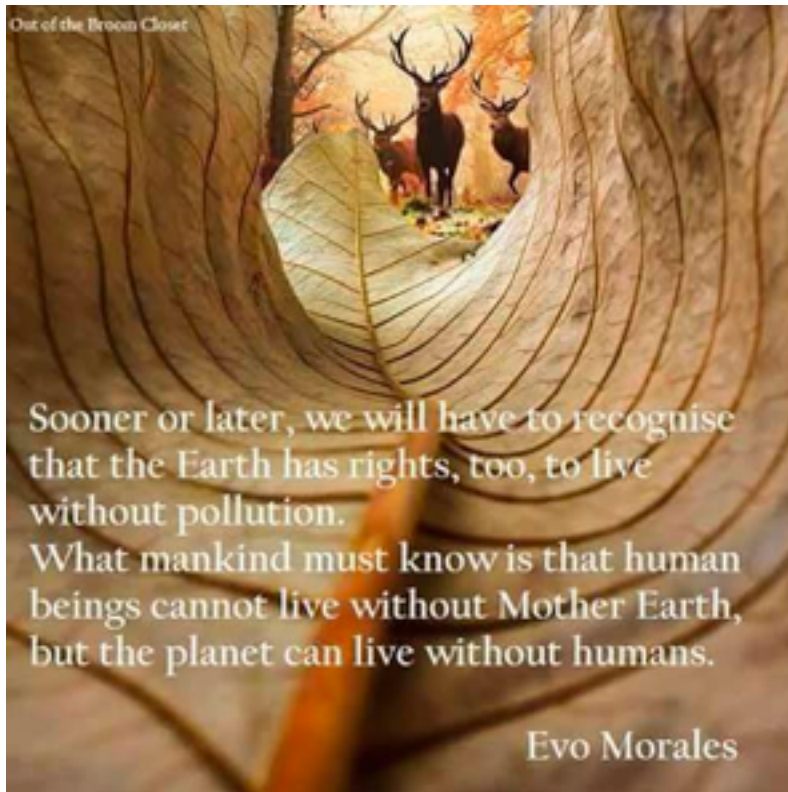
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### **[Beyond "Survival": A Native Reflection on Reclaiming Justice](#)**

**Kelly Hayes, Transformative Spaces:** Native women face some of the most staggering rates of sexual assault and abuse in the nation - often at the hands of non-Natives - and are rarely offered any legal recourse. What does justice for Indigenous women look like, and how can we get there?

[Read the Article](#)

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**[These nomadic people can see like dolphins and hold their breath twice as long as you.](#)**

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## [NASA to 3D map the world's forests using space lasers](#)

KATE YODER

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A round of applause for the three winners of the **Winter 2016 People & Planet Award**, and for [all of the finalists](#) in the "Green DIY" category. Each winner receives a \$5,000 prize to support their business's green mission.

The [Colorado Yurt Company](#) says the award will help the company improve the sustainability footprint of the materials it uses to provide **low impact, leave-no-trace, do-it-yourself structures** to its customers. Already Colorado Yurts are crafted by hand in a facility 100-percent powered by solar and wind, and the company provides recycled denim to its customers as insulation for the yurts.

[Garden Tower Project](#), a company with a mission of expanding urban agriculture and home gardening, will invest the prize money in its research into how to make its product from **bio-resin plastic made from 93-percent sugar cane**. The Garden Tower Project's Joel Grant calculates that even factoring in transportation to the company's manufacturing facility, the use of bio-plastic -- which sequesters carbon from the air in the growing of the sugar cane -- would represent a net carbon benefit to the environment.

And [The Real Milk Paint Company](#) will use the money to develop more DIY videos and public education on less-toxic paints (milk paint is **so safe it can be disposed of in your garden** and will nourish the soil). Dwayne Siever, owner of Real Milk Paint points out that because the paint is water-based, it can be frozen, and stored for future use, reducing waste.

Visit our [online gallery](#) of People & Planet finalists to see how other winners have used their prize money.



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**Utilizing National Service as a 21st Century Workforce Strategy for Opportunity Youth**

<https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/labor/report/2016/03/01/132039/utilizing-national-service-as-a-21st-century-workforce-strategy-for-opportunity-youth/>

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## Sierra Club Shorts

### Sacred Be Dammed

California's multiyear drought has sent it scrambling to cut water usage and find new sources of fresh water. One proposal is to raise the height of Northern California's Shasta Dam by as much as 18.5 feet, thereby increasing the capacity of what is already the state's largest reservoir by 13 percent. At the same time, though, a higher dam would flood at least 40 sites that are sacred to the Winnemem Wintu, a Native American tribe. [Sierra magazine reports on the controversy.](#)

### Keep It in the Ground

Climate champions in Congress have unveiled a bold bill that would keep dirty fuels in the ground where they belong. The bill would end all new leases of coal, oil, and gas on our public lands, ban production of tar sands or oil shale on these lands, and block new drilling in the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic, Pacific, and Arctic Oceans.

[Tell your representatives in Congress to support the Keep It in the Ground Act.](#)

### And Speaking of Bears...

Indigenous Americans have come together in southeastern Utah in an unprecedented attempt to protect millions of acres of a magnificent landscape as the new Bears Ears National Monument. In addition to its spectacular landscapes, Bears Ears is home to more than 100,000 archaeological sites and is held sacred by many Native American tribes. Yet looting, grave robbing, oil drilling, mining, and irresponsible motorized use threaten to irreparably damage this remarkable cultural landscape.

[Tell President Obama to designate Bears Ears as a national monument to protect these lands for generations to come.](#)

Prehistoric granary overlooks Cedar Mesa. Photographer: Josh Ewing

### The Best 5 Invasive Species to Eat

You already know that industrial agriculture is hard on the planet. Still, a person's gotta eat. Coincidentally, many ecosystems are reeling from an onslaught of invaders -- exotic species that come from distant lands and overwhelm their new habitats. A way to tackle both problems: Eat the invasives. [Here are five to try.](#)

### TV Stars Perform Daring Stunts to Save the Grand Canyon

*Modern Family* father-son duo Ty Burrell and Sierra Club Youth Ambassador Nolan Gould are longtime supporters of the Grand Canyon. So when they heard about a proposal to build a mega-development just outside the national park boundary, they teamed up to perform outrageous and hilarious stunts with the help of a kitten. And guess what? The development was canceled soon after their video was released! [Coincidence? Watch the video.](#)

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## **Senate Passed Bill Expediting Fossil Fuel Extraction on Native American Land Two Days Before Paris Agreement By [Steve Horn](#) • Saturday, December 19, 2015 - 04:58**

Indigenous peoples' rights nearly did not make it into the global [deal signed at the United Nations COP21 climate summit](#) in Paris, serving as one of the [more controversial sticking points](#) in the road toward the signing of the Paris Agreement. Eventually, though, the Paris Agreement came to include five mentions of the importance of protecting indigenous rights with regards to climate change.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Senate has decided to grant indigenous people a different set of rights altogether: the right to have oil and coal extracted from their ancestral lands in a streamlined manner. The rights to do so would be granted in a bill that [passed unanimously in the Senate](#) two days before the Paris Agreement.

[Sponsored](#) by U.S. Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY), the [Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act Amendments of 2015's \(S.209\)](#) passage in the Senate received no media coverage besides a press release disseminated [by Barrasso's office](#) and by the [office of co-sponsor](#) U.S. Sen. Jon Tester (D-MT).

In [an opinion piece](#) published in November by Indian Country Today, Barrasso lauded the bill for “empower[ing] tribes to develop their own energy resources” and “streamlin[ing]...approvals of many energy development transactions.”

“This will help to empower—not hinder—tribal self-governance and prosperity,” reads the article. “This legislation will empower tribes to develop their own energy resources on their lands. It will also streamline certain approvals of many energy development transactions, such as business agreements, right-of-ways and leases on Indian lands.”

### **Follow the Money**

The Senate bill's passage came in the aftermath of a years-long lobbying effort by corporate interests, led in the forefront by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber published a [letter praising the bill](#) after it passed in the Senate and also deployed a team of lobbyists to [advocate for the bill in all three quarters of 2015](#) and all [four quarters of 2014 for the bill's predecessor, S. 2132](#).

“S. 209 would be an important step in furthering efforts by Congress to encourage economic development throughout Indian Country,” the letter reads. “The Chamber urges the Senate and House committees of jurisdiction to work together towards a compromise as expeditiously as practicable.”

Environmental advocacy and legal group [Earthjustice lobbied against the bill](#).

Tester has [\\$15,001 to \\$50,000](#) worth of coal utility giant American Electric Power's stock holdings and both [Tester](#) and [Barrasso](#) have received hundreds of thousands of dollars in campaign contributions from the fossil fuel industry throughout their political careers.

After passing on December 11, the Senate [referred](#) S. 209 to House Natural Resources Committee and the House Energy and Commerce Committee for votes. House Natural Resources Committee chairman, U.S. Rep. Rob Bishop (R-UT) — who has taken more [from the oil and gas industry in campaign contributions](#) than any other sector throughout his political career — appears eager to help pass the bill.

“I am pleased the Senate has followed suit and acted on legislation to alleviate barriers that currently prevent Native Americans from harnessing resources on their own land,” [Bishop said in a December 11 press release](#). “I look forward to working with the Senate to get a final package on the President’s desk.”

Congressional session has closed for 2015 and the White House has not yet signaled if it would veto the bill if it arrived at its desk when session begins anew in 2016.

### **Update/Current Status**

#### **S. 209: Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act Amendments of 2015**

Introduced: Jan 21, 2015      Status:      Passed Senate on Dec 10, 2015

This bill passed in the Senate on December 10, 2015 and goes to the House next for consideration.

Sponsor: [John Barrasso](#), Junior Senator from Wyoming, Republican

Text: [Read Text »](#)      Last Updated: Dec 11, 2015      Length: 56 pages

Prognosis: 29% chance of being enacted ([details](#))      [Track this bill](#)      [Call Congress](#)

### **About the bill**

Full Title      A bill to amend the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act of 2005, and for other purposes. The bill’s title was written by its sponsor.

[Read CRS Summary >](#)

### **History**

Sep 13, 2012      Earlier Version — Reported by Committee

This activity took place on a related bill, [S. 1684 \(112th\)](#).

May 21, 2014      Earlier Version — Reported by Committee

This activity took place on a related bill, [S. 2132 \(113th\)](#).

Jan 21, 2015      Introduced      This is the first step in the legislative process.      [Read Text »](#)

Feb 4, 2015      Reported by Committee

A committee has issued a report to the full chamber recommending that the bill be considered further. Only about 1 in 4 bills are reported out of committee.      [Read Text »](#)      [See Changes »](#)

Dec 10, 2015      Passed Senate



The bill was passed in a vote in the Senate. It goes to the House next. The vote was by Unanimous Consent so no record of individual votes was made.

[Read Text »](#) [See Changes »](#)

This is a Senate bill in the United States Congress (indicated by the “S.” in “S. 209”). A bill must be passed by both the House and Senate in identical form and then be signed by the President to become law.

## Details

Cosponsors    **9 cosponsors (7R, 2D)** ([show](#))

Committee Assignments

[House Energy and Commerce](#)

↳ [Energy and Power](#)

[House Natural Resources](#)

↳ [Energy and Mineral Resources](#)

↳ [Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs](#)

[Senate Indian Affairs](#)

The committee chair determines whether a bill will move past the committee stage.

Votes

There have been no roll call votes related to this bill.

## Related Bills

Legislative action may be occurring on one of these bills in lieu of or in parallel to action on this bill.

[S. 2132 \(113th\)](#) was a previous version of this bill. Reported by Committee

Last Action: May 21, 2014                      Search for [similar bills](#).

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From EN: <http://globalmotion.pageflow.io/walkingtheline#37823>

Very interesting film re: **grass roots moving forward to thwart Oil Company agenda.**

This is how it's done. If more Americans were aware of these strategies, possible the game could change...

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The [AASLH Job Board](#) has never had so many exciting positions open for experienced history professionals at one time. Whether you are looking for career opportunities in administration, curation, education, or outreach, the AASLH Job Board has what you need. New positions are posted daily. Bookmark the jobs page or follow us on [Twitter](#) so you don't miss new listings.

- [Program Supervisor/ Site Manager](#), Mission Dolores State Historic Site (TX)
- [Director & CEO](#), Nebraska State Historical Society (NE)
- [Curator of Agriculture and the Environment](#), The Henry Ford (MI)
- [Assistant Curator of Education](#), National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DC)

- [Director of Education](#), HistoryMiami Museum (FL)
- [Director of Advancement](#), HistoryMiami Museum (FL)
- [Coordinator of School Programs](#), Liberty Hall Museum (NJ)
- [Archivist](#), Loretto Heritage Center Archives and Museum (KY)
- [Director](#), Calvert Marine Museum (MD)
- [Head of the Center for African American Heritage & Diversity Programs](#), Delaware Historical Society (DE)
- [Supervisor of Museum Programs and Exhibits](#), Wyoming State Museum (WY)
- [Executive Director](#), The Laurent House Foundation (IL)
- [Curator of Object Collections](#), Hawaiian Mission Houses Historic Site and Archives (HI)
- [Executive Director](#), March Field Air Museum, March Field Air Museum (CA)
- [Director](#),  
Wyandotte  
Historical  
Museums (MI)
- [Collections  
Manager](#), Shelter  
Island Historical  
Society (NY)
- [Associate Director](#),  
East Hampton  
Historical Society  
(NY)[President/  
CEO](#), Hancock  
Shaker Village  
(MA)

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**Campaign to  
encourage Indigenous  
boys to be proud of  
braids goes viral -  
APTN National News**


Shaneen Robinson APTN  
National News The  
hashtag “Boys with  
braids” has gone viral on  
social media. But it’s also  
becoming a movement off  
the web. ...  
aptn.ca

*Learn Shoshoni this Summer at  
Great Basin College!*

ANTH 198: Introduction to Shoshoni Language  
(2 credits)  
6/13-8/4/16  
Time: TBA \*  
Instructor: Samuel Broncho

This is a beginning Shoshoni language course that focuses on the fundamentals of Shoshoni. By fusing linguistic-based knowledge and culturally appropriate themes, this class provides students with a foundation of the language that can translate well into their everyday lives.

Registration opens 3/28/16. For more information,  
contact GBC Continuing Education at 775-753-2231.



## Ahwahneechee - Piute Indian at Bridal Veil Falls, Yosemite



**Drought  
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## **On, Millions Are Counting on Lake Mead**

These  
Times  
Lake Mead is  
one of the  
most  
important  
sources of  
*water* in  
the West. It  
is the

## Dee Numa

This is a real find and  
amazing. Here is another  
Thomas Hill painting, but  
look at the title of the  
painting. It says  
"Ahwahneechee - Piute  
Indian at Bridal Veil Falls,  
Yosemite". The painting  
was done in the late 1800s.

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**In Yosemite, Native  
Americans Ask,  
'Whose Names Are  
They, Anyway?'**

Even as trademark names  
are battled out in court,  
Native Americans ask if  
Yosemite is being  
oversold.

[ww2.kqed.org](http://ww2.kqed.org)

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**As  
Western**

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California,  
rural farmers  
lost 20 to 25  
percent of  
their yield in  
2014. \*\*\*\*\*  
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[Oscar Delgado](#)  
with [Joko Cailles](#)  
and [Josh Marín](#).

Friends,I'm

recruiting community minded, enthusiastic, team oriented youth to sit on the City of Reno's  
Youth City Council. These

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onderful kids can't do it alone! Please let me know. [#GetInvolved](#) [#Involucarse](#) [#NeighborGood](#)  
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### **Coveted Council Internships Available**

The Bay Area Council is seeking candidates for summer internships beginning in  
May. Candidates must be college juniors, seniors or grad students willing to do full-time  
internships for at least a 10 week period. Assignments may range from public policy research  
and analysis, economic analysis, website content development, market research, trade and  
investment promotion, grant writing, event management, and database development. Interns will  
have the opportunity to attend Council events and policy committee meetings to see first-hand  
how the Council and its CEO-level members engage with stakeholder groups in the shaping of  
public policy for the region. For more information and to apply, [please visit Bay Area Council  
career opportunities](#) . No telephone inquiries please.

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**Cliven Bundy Refuses in Court to Recognize US Authority in Nevada**  
[Read the Article at The Associated Press](#)

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### **[The Dirty, Deadly Front End of Nuclear Power -- 15,000 Abandoned Uranium Mines](#)**

**Josh Cummings and Emerson Urry, EnviroNews:** This video report represents the first in a  
15-part mini-series titled, "Nuclear Power in Our World Today," featuring nuclear authority and  
whistleblower Arnie Gundersen. The series encompasses a wide span of topics, ranging from  
Manhattan Project-era folly to the continuously unfolding crisis on the ground at Fukushima.

[Watch the Video and Read the Transcript](#)

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*Start Preparing your May 2016 AFI application today!*

**The Assets for Independence (AFI) Program [Funding Opportunity  
Annoucenment \(FOA\)](#)** has re-opened. The next application deadline is May 13, 2016,

just two months away! We recommend that you begin working on your application now. To  
learn more about the FOA, view the [Introduction to the 2015 AFI FOA](#) webinar. There have  
been some minor modifications to the FOA; click [here](#) to view those modifications.

### **Technical assistance opportunity: Intensive Coaching Cohort**

If you are planning to submit an application this May, consider joining the **Intensive Coaching Cohort** . Participants in this cohort will have an opportunity to plan their AFI projects and develop their applications with the support of the AFI Resource Center and other cohort participants. Participants will learn from each other's questions and ideas while staying on track to submit their applications by May 13.

The cohort will meet for three virtual coaching sessions. These sessions will be interactive discussions guided by participants' questions, not presentations. [Transcripts from prior cohorts](#) are available on the AFI Resource Center website.

The cohort is a good fit if your organization is serious about applying for AFI funding in May 2016 and you are looking for support and guidance as you put together the application. Cohort participants are expected to have a broad grasp of the AFI program requirements in order to explore nuances of program design. Register [here](#) .

### **Interested in AFI but not ready for the cohort?**

A good place to start is by checking out the AFI Resource Center's resources for applicants available at <http://www.IDAresources.acf.hhs.gov/Apply>, including guidance on Documentation of Non-Federal Cash Commitment Required for AFI Applications.

### **Want to talk with someone about your AFI project idea?**

Contact the AFI Resource Center to schedule an appointment for application assistance. Call 1-866-778-6037 or email [info@IDAresources.org](mailto:info@IDAresources.org) .

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### **Remote Utah Enclave Becomes New Battleground Over Reach of U.S. Control**

[http://www.nytimes.com/2016/03/13/us/remote-utah-enclave-new-battleground-over-reach-of-us-control.html?emc=edit\\_th\\_20160313&nl=todaysheadlines&nlid=25905172&r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2016/03/13/us/remote-utah-enclave-new-battleground-over-reach-of-us-control.html?emc=edit_th_20160313&nl=todaysheadlines&nlid=25905172&r=0)

“But Malcolm Lehi, a [Ute Mountain Ute](#) tribal council member, said it was time for tribes to have a more equal footing in caring for the West’s pristine places. On a recent hike past the rock-art carvings and old



dwellings, it was so still that he could hear a bird's wings beating as it whooshed past him.

"It stopped me in my tracks," Mr. Lehi said. "The past has never left us. It is present to this day, and I heard the past come back alive.'"



Ralph Burns,  
Jeanette Allen  
& Reynelda  
James  
Weighs  
namanedu  
award  
recipients

GRAY MATTER - [The Superior Social Skills of Bilinguals](#) By KATHERINE KINZLER

Yet another benefit to speaking multiple languages.

[http://www.nytimes.com/2016/03/13/opinion/sunday/the-superior-social-skills-of-bilinguals.html?emc=edit\\_th\\_20160313&nl=todaysheadlines&nliid=25905172](http://www.nytimes.com/2016/03/13/opinion/sunday/the-superior-social-skills-of-bilinguals.html?emc=edit_th_20160313&nl=todaysheadlines&nliid=25905172)

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## **A Word with Chiitaanibah Johnson**

By *Vincent Medina*

- "Look around you. We're the only two people left in this classroom. I'm the only person who's trying to tell the indigenous side of history. I'm the only person in this classroom who cares and it's because I'm indigenous."  
<http://newsfromnativecalifornia.com/store/issues/volume-29-no-2-winter-201516/>