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Rudolph C. R yser, Yvonne Sherwood and Janna Lafferty, IC Magazine: Since the US began uranium mining on the Spokane Reservation and bomb making in Yakama ceded territory, it has created the most radioactive region in the world. Human subject experimentation using radioactive materials on native peoples and siting of nuclear waste dumps goes on without consent. [Read the Article](#)

The Panamanian Chasm: Indigenous Rights and the Future of Modernization

By Anne Marie Hagerty, [Speakout](#) | Op-Ed

Panama is nearing a shift that could change the country forever. President Juan Carlos Varela attended a national summit in the Bocas del Toro region of Panama on Tuesday, March 15, to address the severity of this issue. There is a growing chasm between the native population of Panama, its other citizens and the interests of the country moving forward in the modern world. "We are trying to work with the Indigenous people," President Varela said. "They are a part of our history." [Read more...](#)

Program Launches New Jobs, Hope for NV's Long-term Unemployed

March 28, 2016 - Suzanne Potter, Public News Service (NV)

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Getting people ready to work again when they've been unemployed for long time periods is the goal of the Platform to Employment program. (U.S. EPA)

LAS VEGAS - The State of Nevada will pay your salary for two months if you're part of the 1.7 percent of Nevadans who are long-term unemployed, meaning out of work for more than 27 weeks, and you're willing to give job training a try.

The state is pouring almost \$2 million of federal grant money into the Platform to Employment program, which has just opened up online registration in Clark County.

Mae Worthey, public information officer for the Nevada Department of Employment Training <http://nvdreamtag.org> and Rehabilitation, says the program started in fall of 2014, and alternates between the Reno and Las Vegas areas.

"It's really touching when you hear from people who've gone through the program," she says.

"Just having someone believe in them, and having them back in action again, it just really builds confidence."

Platform to Employment requires people to go through an intensive, five-week job readiness program. Afterward, the job-seekers are connected with jobs, and the state pays up to their first two months' wages. Overall, 85,000 Nevadans are unemployed.

Worthey says the program benefits employers as well.

"Yes, the program pays a subsidy to the employer for a period of time," she says. "To allow the employer benefits of trying you out, and giving the employee that assistance they need in getting back into the workplace."

The deadline to apply for the next session is coming up fast, on April 8. People can apply online at platformtoemployment.com.

Nevada Dream Tag

Your name could be listed here this summer! Buy lots NV Dream Tags \$5 chances and win a hunt of a lifetime. Winners will be chosen in early July 2016. Raffle chances are on sale now. Click on BUY TICKETS at top of home page and increase your odds of winning.

<http://nvdreamtag.org/contact/>

You can support conservation and rehabilitation of Nevada's Wildlife Habitat by buying NV Dream Tags or by contributing directly to the NV Dream Tags through nevadafund.org, the Community Foundation of Western Nevada website. **[Donate to NV DREAM TAGS FUND](#)**

Where the money goes

"All money received by the nonprofit organization from the proceeds of the Dream Tag raffle, less the cost of the Dream Tags purchased by the nonprofit organization and any administrative costs charged by the Community Foundation of Western Nevada, must be used for the preservation, protection, management or restoration of game and its habitat, as determined by the Advisory Board on Dream Tags."

If you have a question, you are welcome to call Turner at Community Foundation of Western Nevada at 775-333-5499.

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How it works

- Similar to Super Tags, Super Raffles, and "Hunt of Lifetime" in the other Western States; open to Nevada residents and non-residents eligible.
- First, purchase a \$10 Resource Enhancement Stamp (RES) online or at NDOW offices to "buy-in" to the raffle. Then you can buy an unlimited number of raffle tickets for \$5 each (sold online only).
- 5 Dream Tag species in 2016 – deer, antelope, desert (Nelson) bighorn sheep, California bighorn sheep and elk.
- Designate which species you want on each raffle ticket – you can buy as many as you want for as many species as you want.
- Raffle benefits "the preservation, protection, management, and restoration of game and its habitat, as determined by the Advisory Board on Dream Tags."
- The raffle process is online – winners will be notified and names publicized this website.
- The more raffle tickets you buy, the better your chances of winning.
- Buy a Resource Enhancement Stamp and raffle tickets on behalf of your family members and friends, as gifts, for birthdays, etc.
- Waiting periods do not apply.
- Raffle winners must be eligible for hunting license to be issued a Dream Tag.
- Winners who have not purchased a hunting license already will receive a complimentary hunting license – the non-profit organization buys that and the tag for them.
- Return a drawn tag if you win a Dream tag of same species, and get your bonus points and your tag fee back.
- Dream Tag winners can hunt anywhere in the state, under Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission regulation. Exceptions are for Desert and California Bighorn Sheep. See the requirements below. Winners must follow other rules for weapon class and seasons for that weapon.
- Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Hunt 3500
- Any Ram



- *Any management unit where there is an open season for Nelson (desert) bighorn sheep except for the Unit 253 where the previous year harvest for the Dream Tag Hunt 3500 occurred.
- California Bighorn Sheep Hunt 8500
- Any Ram
- Any management unit where there is an open season for California Bighorn sheep except for Unit 041 and Unit 032 where the previous year harvest for the Dream Tag Hunt 8500 occurred,
- Non-hunters can purchase the \$5.00 chances as a way to contribute to wildlife habitat.
- The fees for the Resource Enhancement Stamp and raffle tickets are nonrefundable.

End of Year Report

[Systems Consultants year-end report 2015-08-19 Dream Tag \(updated 08-17-2015\)](#)

Laws

Read here: [CR 16-04 Dream Tag Final](#) to learn about the species, species class, unit groups, season dates, and quotas.

[Click here](#) to find out how the Dream Tags system works read NRS 502.219

NRS 502.219: Dream Tags: Establishment of program; administration of program by Department;

Award of Dream Tags by certain nonprofit organizations.

NRS 502.222: Dream Tags: Eligibility for Dream Tag raffle; resource enhancement stamps.

NRS 502.225: Dream Tags: Advisory Board on Dream Tags; membership; duties.

NRS 502.500: Applicability of provisions governing lotteries.

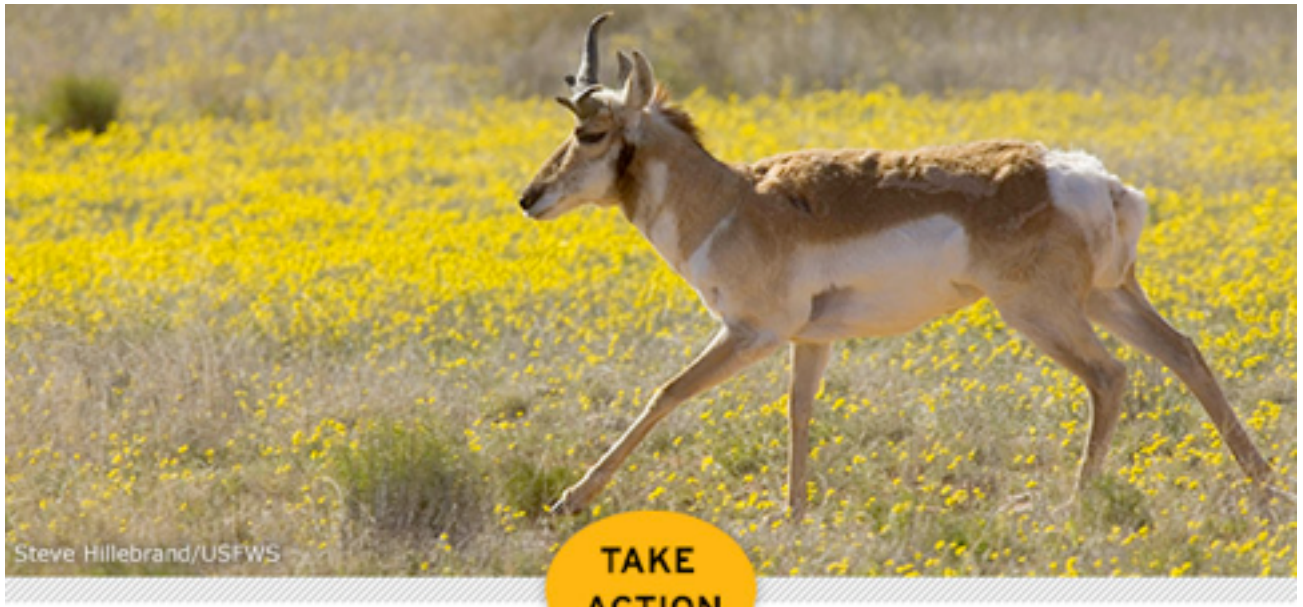
Stop Dangerous Methane Leaks From Harming Wildlife

Oil and gas facilities and their spider web of access roads are encroaching on pronghorn's Western habitat.

Now, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency warns that the volume of dangerous methane gas leaking from these oil and gas operations is much worse than we thought.

[Take a stand for wildlife. Demand stricter limits for methane leaks from oil and gas operations.](#)

In the first 20 years after it's released, methane is 80 times more powerful at warming the planet than carbon dioxide, and unprecedented quantities of it are leaking from oil and gas operations.



Wildlife like pronghorn—already struggling against habitat loss from oil and gas drilling—are doubly affected by climate change. They deserve better protections that rein in harmful methane pollution leaks and limit dangerous climate-change gases.

[TAKE ACTION »](#)

The Environmental Protection Agency is publicly committing to limiting excessive and dangerous methane emissions from existing oil and gas operations across the country, and the Bureau of Land Management has proposed much needed rules for oil and gas wells on federal and tribal lands.

But, special interests are mounting a steep attack against these pollution limits. We need a full-court press to get ALL of these new methane rules finalized BEFORE President Obama leaves office, or else risk inaction for months, or even worse, years!

[Please speak out today. Urge the Environmental Protection Agency and Bureau of Land Management to finalize new rules to stop excessive methane pollution and waste.](#)

Thanks for your support for wildlife today.

Sincerely, Andy Buchsbaum, Interim Executive Director, NWF Action Fund

Water Shorts

“The premiere strategic threat to global security, and our own, is not a particular country, ideology, or weapon. It is human wants and needs — for the unsatisfied necessities for life-basics, including food, energy, water, and even dignity...The growing imbalance in global water supply and demand is evolving into the most toxic threat to world peace and international and U.S. national security.” — Gen. James Jones, a former national security

adviser to President Obama, speaking on March 22 at a [World Water Day summit](#) in Washington, D.C.

\$US 14.3 billion: Cost of the 144 water projects “deauthorized” by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 required the corps to cancel projects that met several conditions: they were approved before November 2007 and construction had either never begun or had not advanced in the last six years. ([U.S. Army Corps](#))

\$US 8.5 million: Grants to 10 universities for water quality and efficiency research. ([U.S. Department of Agriculture](#))

[Saudi land purchases fuel debate over US water rights](#)

[Eliot Spagat and Aya Batrawy Associated Press](#) Saudi Arabia's largest dairy company will soon be unable to farm alfalfa in its own parched country to feed its 170,000 cows. So it's turning to an unlikely place to grow the water-chugging crop - the drought-stricken American Southwest. Almarai Co. bought land in January that roughly doubled its holdings in California's Palo Verde Valley, an area that enjoys first dibs on water from the Colorado River.

[How Unusual was the California Nevada Drought of 2012-2015?](#) CO2 Science Magazine

In this timely study, as they describe it, Hatchett *et al.* (2015) strove to determine whether the hydro-climatic conditions that occurred during the 2012-2015 (hereafter *current*) California-Nevada drought were "within the range of natural variability documented by paleo-proxy indicators," which they hoped could lead to the "disentanglement of the relative roles of natural versus anthropogenic forcing factors as causative agents." So what did they do? And what did they learn?

[The Highwayman: A mighty river from melting snow in Colorado](#) [The Mercury](#)

From Colorado to *California*, the *water* flows through 33 reservoirs, 990 miles of pipes, 230 miles of tunnels, 188 pumping plants, 345 diversion dams, 50 power.

Obama Drought Memo

The White House, hoping to firm up Obama initiatives before he leaves office, also released a [presidential memo on drought response](#). An [action plan](#) discusses the goals in more detail.

The memo formalized the National Drought Resilience Partnership, a forum established in 2013 to coordinate actions between local, state, and federal agencies.

The memo also requires federal agencies to adopt the administration's preferred policy responses for drought resilience: data collection, coordination, planning, efficient water use, and assistance to local and state officials. A number of reports and actions, to be accomplished without additional funding, are due by December 31, 2016.

Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-WA) published her [own water policy memo](#), a proposal that reflects most of the president's key points.

Federal Funding for Water

The Congressional Research Service reports on [programs that Congress uses to fund municipal water treatment systems](#).

Today's selection -- from *Medieval Christianity* by Kevin Madigan. St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226 CE), perhaps the most revered of all the Christian saints outside of the apostles themselves, took the practice of poverty to a new extreme. This was especially striking at a time when generally only the well-born entered these orders of monks, and in a world where the blind were laughed at and the weak scorned. Francis also pioneered a type of classless equality unknown in his era:

"Living according to the pattern provided in the gospels ... meant practicing poverty at its most radical, both for Francis and for the brothers -- 'lesser broth-ers' (*fratres minores*), as they called themselves (thus the Order of Friars Minor), or (to use Francis's word) *fraticelli* -- who began to gather around him. ... Francis went much further [than those before him]. For him and for his young brotherhood, Francis intended corporate destitution. Again, he states this emphatically, not gently, in the beginning of his first *Rule*: 'The broth-ers shall appropriate nothing to themselves, neither a place nor anything; but as pilgrims and strangers in this world, serving God in poverty and humility, they shall with confidence go seeking alms.' For a Benedictine, or even a Cistercian, living in stable residences and worshipping, often, in grand churches, 'poverty' had a different meaning.

"Francis did not intend a spiritual, asomatous poverty for himself or for his breth-ren. Rather, they were to wander into towns by day, where they would preach in the *piazze*, or marketplaces; acquire their food by begging (or mendicancy -- the reason they, along with other orders, like the Dominicans, are sometimes known as the 'mendicant' orders); and find shelter at night in abandoned tents, barns, or caves outside of town. Not satisfied with relinquishing individual property, Francis and his earliest companions held no property in common. (For those supposedly dedicated to the literal imitation of the apostolic life, this principle could be understood as an over-literal, or ultra-ardent form of observance.) All of this made them a rather ragged bunch. Shoeless, sheathed in tattered habits made of coarse material fastened by a rough cord tied around the waist, they would arrive in a town square to beg or, sometimes, to perform menial labor.

"This was not a prospect that could have pleased the bourgeois parents from whom the burgeoning order recruited many of its members (it filled the aris-tocratic parents of Thomas Aquinas [d. 1274], who was determined to become a Dominican, with a combination of anger and dread). For it was not the poor classes that formed the pool from which the Friars Minor drew their recruits. Those classes usually aspired to escape the poverty by which fate had trapped them and left them physically and mentally oppressed. By contrast, the Friars Minor by and large were born into classes that rarely if ever experienced scarcity and even often enjoyed abundance: the merchant and knightly classes and the gentry, along with a smattering of artisans and peasants. Soon, with repercussions -- and, in Francis's mind, costs -- for the shape and future of the order, it would recruit with enormous success among scholars at the universities north of the Alps.

"There is yet another respect in which the disheveled appearance, untidy arrival in town, and social composition of the young order could have displeased wealthy families. At no time in the central Middle Ages could it be said that any part of Europe was organized, socially and economically, along egalitarian lines. Indeed, the distinction of classes was ordinarily assumed

simply to be given, even divinely ordained, and little, if any, thought was given to its abolition; it was the natural order of things. This was true even, or especially, in Benedictine cloisters. Hildegard of Bingen could write that only girls of the noble classes be admitted to cloisters, lest ones of the lower orders be humiliated by their class status. Men, including bishops, were admonished in foundation charters of Benedictine nunneries to ensure that only the well-born be admitted. More broadly, medieval society as such, for almost all times and places in the millennium we are considering, was deeply stratified.

"In this connection, then, Francis's young brotherhood was quite exotic, even radical. No distinction was made, in the order's origins, between layman and cleric, peasant and nobleman (this would change over time). All embraced, and all shared, the same spartan diet, the same frugal disciplinary culture, and the same cramped sleeping quarters. This was a true *fraternitas* -- a word of which Francis and his early brethren were fond -- a real and not just notional brotherhood. C.H. Lawrence suggests that this 'fraternalism [was] based on a pragmatic but deep-seated conviction ... that in the sight of God all human beings are equally worthy of respect.' ...

"Lawrence [asserted] that it constituted a real challenge to 'the conventions of a sharply stratified society.' In this connection, it is well to remember the observation of Robert Fossier: 'The medieval world had little pity for the unlucky and the *disgracés*. ... The blind man's mistakes were laughed at, the sick were excluded and the weak scorned At best, they were feared and people fled from them; at the worst, they were exterminated It was better to give a vineyard to the Church than a kiss to a leper.' The friars challenged convention by deliberately associating themselves with and ministering to social outcasts in medieval society, especially lepers (those categorized as such making up perhaps 2-3 percent of the population in Francis's lifetime), socially segregated and innocently incarcerated for life in their ghastly dwellings."

Medieval Christianity: A New History

Pages 233-235

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Pat Mulroy to Speak at April 6 Event

Pat Mulroy, a leading figure in Western water and the former general manager of the Southern Nevada Water Authority who oversaw the agency during a major period of growth and drought, will be the guest speaker at this year's Anne Schneider Lecture on April 6.

Ms. Mulroy will speak on "Interdependent Resilience: Beyond the Doctrine of Prior Appropriation." The event will be held at the [Crocker Art Museum](#) in Sacramento.

Ms. Mulroy serves as a nonresident senior fellow at the Metropolitan Policy Program at the Brookings Institute. She also serves as the senior fellow for climate adaptation and environmental policy at the Brookings Mountain West at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

She is a founding chair of the Western Urban Water Coalition, and she was a founding member of the Water Utility Climate Alliance.

This lecture and cocktail reception are free but participants can choose to make a tax-deductible donation to the Anne J. Schneider Fund when registering. The Fund underwrites this event and makes donations to these organizations:

- [Yolo Food Bank/Yolo Cnty Food & Ag Alliance](#)
- [California Water Law Symposium](#)
- [Fall River Conservancy](#)
- [Blue Point Conservation Science/STRAW](#)
- [Water for People](#)
- [Water Education Foundation's Water Leaders Program](#)

<http://www.watereducation.org/foundation-event/2016-anne-schneider-lecture>

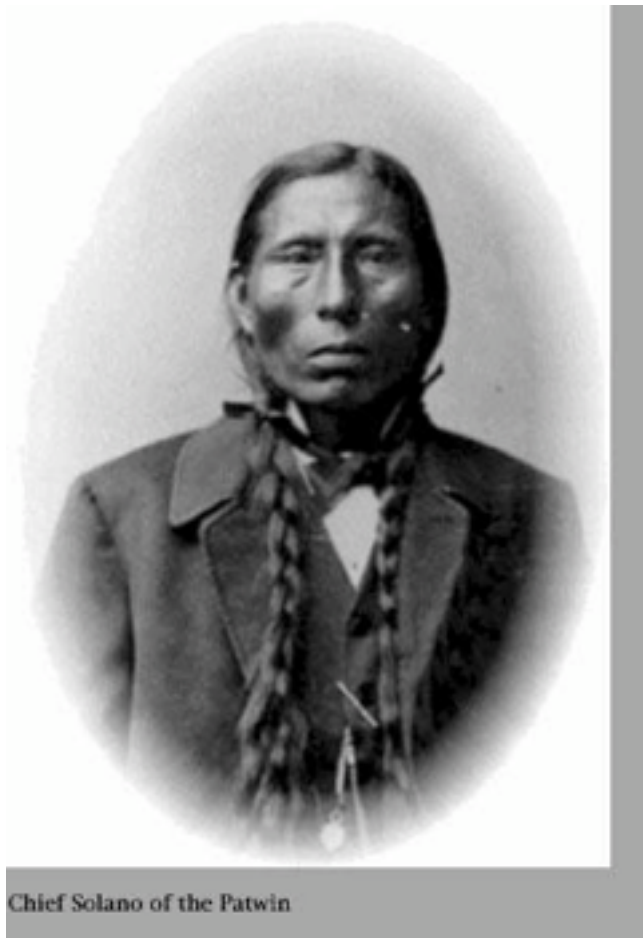
Online Design Tool for Planning Sustainable Housing Developments in Indian Country (developed through a HUD grant). This valuable design tool assists tribes with the planning process for many types of projects. It is designed almost like a Q&A, where the tribe or its planner enters specific project information and can access additional links to information and resources, and pop-ups where reminders and/or warnings appear, suggesting additional information, based on the entered information. This tool also prompts reminders for items that are frequently forgotten in the planning process, such as environmental, needs assessments, and at what stage the important components of planning should be addressed. Once information is entered, a customized document may be printed to share as a report. This design tool covers HUD's Section 184 and Title VI programs, as well as other grants resources. LINK TO WEBINAR: <http://www.enterprisecommunity.com/resources/ResourceDetails?ID=0101018>

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Congratulations to the St Regis Band of Mohawk Indians of New York!

NEA's Citizens' Institute on Rural Design Announces Selected Communities

Today, National Endowment for the Arts announced six communities to host a **Citizens' Institute on Rural Design** workshop. The workshops will bring together local leaders, non-profits, community organizations, and citizens with a team of rural planning and creative placemaking professionals to craft actionable solutions to their communities' development and design challenges. Attached is a press release for distribution, with a link to the same information: <http://rural-design.org/blog/citizens%E2%80%99institute-rural-design%E2%84%A2-announces-2016-2017-awards>

We received 53 applications from rural communities in 30 states, resulting in a

very difficult selection process. **If you have any resources or technical assistance opportunities for rural communities to conduct design or planning workshops**, please let me know as I would like to share those with the 47 communities that were not selected.

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Center for Native American Youth

Youth ages 8-12 years old are invited to create an original recipe that is healthy, affordable, and delicious to submit for the White House 2016 Healthy Lunchti...[See More](#)

White House 2016 Healthy Lunchtime Challenge

Recipe Submission Deadline: April 4, 2016 The 2016 Healthy Lunchtime Challenge invites kids ages 8-12, in collaboration with a parent or guardian, to create... cnayblog.wordpress.com

Win a fully paid internship at Weta Digital.

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[Welcome - San Francisco Bay Area Television Archive](#)

We preserve much of the Bay Area's rich television history on film and broadcast video, from the Twentieth Century. Everything we digitize is made available to view online for free, in DIVA.
diva.sfsu.edu

[Native Oklahoma 2016 Powwow Guide](#)

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If you might be interested, go to this site and apply before April 30. ‘

CERIA Travel Grant 2016 Call for Applications

The George Washington University - Elliott School of International Affairs' Central Asia Program (CAP) is pleased to announce the launching of two travel grants for the year 2016 devoted to the study of religion in contemporary Central Asia (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan). These grants are part of the Central-Eurasia Religion in International Affairs (CERIA) initiative, generously funded by the Henry Luce Foundation.

Four topics have been selected for 2016:

Islamic education
Islamic media

Middle-classes and Islam
Islam and Culture