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[House Moves On Bills That Would Allow States To Seize Millions Of Acres Of Public Lands](#)

The House of Representatives will consider three bills this week that would dispose of vast stretches of national forests and other public lands across the country.

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- [Keep Public Lands in Public Hands](#)
Here in the West, we have a long and proud history of protecting and preserving our public lands and natural resources. We understand that we have an obligation to be responsible stewards of our land, and maintain public access not just for ourselves -- but for our children, grandchildren, and all f...
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- [A New Normal Settles Over Harney County](#)
Even as residents try to return to routines, many see Harney County as permanently changed.
opb.org
- [BLM wrecks archaeological sites, artifacts to create federal recreation area](#)
For years the BLM has been violating their own federal laws and regulations, which in turn has hurt the economy, and the citizens that they are suppose to be serving.
reagangirl.com

[Not Satisfied With His War On Immigrants, Trump Picks A Fight With Native Americans](#)

Considering his record with tribes, it's not surprising that Trump said he'd change...

thinkprogress.org By [Emily Atkin](#)

\$100,000 Grant to Drop Out of College? by [Susan Dutca](#)

There are scholarships, grants, and fellowships that reward students based on academic, athletic, music, and other types of achievements. But now there's one that encourages students who have enrolled to drop out. [The Thiel Fellowship](#) awards \$100,000 to students who want to build and create things instead of sitting in a classroom. Founded by Peter Thiel, one of Forbes' top entrepreneurs, the fellowship encourages a non-traditional alternative to a college education, and some pretty bright students have jumped on board to learn before they get an education.

Naturally, the [Fellowship](#) struck a heated national debate upon its inception. Academics tend to believe that a college education is invaluable, including Stanford's President-to-be Marc Tessier-Lavigne. He was asked about the value of a college degree versus "folks like Peter Thiel telling people not to go to college." He responded, "the complexity of the world is in such a way today that the case for a liberal arts education has never been stronger." Some Ivy League students think differently. Harvard junior Grace Xiao dropped out after receiving the fellowship and her company Kynplex is now funded by the fellowship. Xiao states that, "Federal grants are harder to get which is pushing more researchers to explore early partnerships with industry."

According to The Wall Street Journal, college graduates only recently started earning a higher income than they had over the last decade, and unemployment rates are now declining. Unemployment rates dropped from 7% in 2010 to 4.9% in 2015. The top 25% of students in highly-desirable fields earn at least \$60,000 a year. How successful are the Thiel Fellows? The Foundation's website boasts that since its first class, Thiel Fellows have started more than 60 companies that are together worth over \$1.1 billion, and have created hundreds of jobs in the course of tackling problems ranging from telemedicine and human longevity to solar energy and clean water."

Spread over two years, the \$100,000 grant is reserved for 20-30 young adults under the age of 23 who have strong entrepreneurial ambitions. Applicants do not need to have an incorporated company, a developed product, or even a pitch deck to apply. Fellows don't need to be programmers - others have started up non-profits, launched media companies, and built hardware. The Foundation provides grant recipients with a team of programmers, salespeople, and people with "in-house expertise in engineering, marketing, and design." Fellows are able to meet some of the industry's top leaders and investors for strong networking and business opportunities. The Foundation does not take equity in fellows' companies either. So what is the catch? If you win, you have to drop out of college to accept the fellowship.

In addition to co-founding PayPal in 1998, serving as a director at Facebook, launching Palantir Technologies, funding LinkedIn, Yelp, and other tech startups, Peter Thiel is also a partner at Founders Fund and the #1 New York Times bestselling author of Zero to One: Notes on Startups, or How to Build a Future. His motivation for starting the fellowship? "College discourages students from trying new things and leaves them in horrendous debt." Would you apply for the fellowship? If yes, create a profile today to apply for the fellowship, as well as other scholarship, grant, and fellowship opportunities.

Going to college doesn't have to break the bank or saddle you with tens of thousands of dollars in student loan debt. Check out the [Scholarships.com free college scholarship search](#) where you'll discover you qualify for hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships in just a few minutes, then apply and win! It's that easy!

AINSWORTH SET TO LAUNCH IN INDIAN CASINO MARKETS

Ainsworth Game Technology, fresh off its \$38 million purchase of Nova Technologies, will make its initial push into the Indian gaming when it

displays more than 50 slot machine titles at the Indian Gaming Tradeshow & Convention March 13-16 at the Phoenix Convention Center.

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Shoshone-Bannock Tribes members spotlighted in National Geographic article

FORT HALL — Several Shoshone-Bannock Tribes members are featured in the...

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[Elayne Silversmith](#)

hey there native educators ~ how about a sabbatical from your current job for one of two opportunities to develop online lessons using nmai collections. one is a academic year resident, the other is a summer position. apply soon because the deadline is april 1, 2016... please share far and wide...

Teacher-in-Residence Program | National Museum of the American Indian

The National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) department of education is pleased to announce a new Teacher-in-Residence program. This program serves a vital role in Native Knowledge 360° (NK360°), the museum's national education initiative to inspire and promote the improvement of teaching and learning. nmai.si.edu

[President Obama's video.](#) [President Obama](#)

Today, I'm **nominating Dr. Carla Hayden to be our 14th Librarian of Congress.**

Michelle and I have known Carla since her days working at the Chicago Public Library... [See More](#)

[Elayne Silversmith](#) shared [President Obama's video](#).

dr. hayden is an excellent choice to be the next librarian of congress. it's time we have a bona fide librarian in that position. i like her. she is also very supportive of providing library services to native communities and the american indian library association... good pick, mr. president!

[Winona LaDuke for Tribal Chair](#) [vimeo.com](#)

On Friday, February 12, 2016, official representatives of the **National Council of Native American Churches** met in Laredo, Texas, to discuss among other business matters the proliferation of organizations appropriating the “Native American Church” name, despite the fact that these appropriators have absolutely no ties to the indigenous worship of the holy sacrament Peyote.

The National Council consists of legitimate, indigenous member organizations that include the Native American Church of North America, the Aazee’ Bee Nahaga of Dine’ Nation, the Native American Church of the State of Oklahoma, the Native American Church of the State of South Dakota, and invited leaders of the Consejo Regional Wixarika of Mexico.

On February 13th, the member organizations of the National Council signed [a statement](#) to make it publicly known that they do not condone the activities of these illegitimate organizations.

Some of these organizations, comprised of non-Native people, are now claiming that marijuana, ayahuasca, and other substances are part of Native American Church theology and practice. Nothing could be further from the truth. The only plant that serves as a sacrament is Peyote, and without Peyote, indigenous Native American Church ceremonies cannot take place. We reject and condemn any claim by these illegitimate organizations that marijuana or any other plant serves or has ever served as a sacrament in indigenous Native American Church ceremonies.

For over 30 years, the Native American Rights Fund has represented the Native American Church of North America and in that capacity has worked with the other member organizations



Left to Right: Adrian Primeaux, NAC of South Dakota; Eugene Black Bear, NAC of Oklahoma; Steven Benally, Azzee' Bee Nahaga of Dine' Nation; Andrew Tso, NAC of North America; Salvador Johnson, Texas Peyotero; Sandor Iron Rope, NAC of North America; Wohkage Sna Mani, NAC of South Dakota

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Read the article by Indian Country Today Media Network [here](#).

NEVADA AG LAXALT OPPOSES NEW EPA RULES ON POWER PLANTS

Attorney General Adam Laxalt filed a friend-of-the-court brief Wednesday challenging the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's authority to impose new regulations over power plant emissions. <http://erj.reviewjournal.com/ct/uz3688753Biz28097865>

Community Foundation of Western Nevada

Applications for Streetsmart 4 Youth 2016 will be open March 1 - March 30. Any governmental entity, educational institution, religious institution, or 501(c)(3) nonprofit that

assists youth between the ages 12 years old and 24 years old who have experienced or are experiencing homelessness, or may be aging out or aged out of foster care is encouraged to apply. A link will be emailed to all of you and our other stakeholders when the application is open.



Reminder: Applications for DOE 2016 Student Internship Program due March 4

Established more than a decade ago, the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE's) College Student Internship Program has given more than 30 Native American college students real-world, hands-on experience with tribal renewable energy projects and direct exposure to the issues involved in deploying renewable energy technologies on tribal lands. The Office of Indian Energy is now accepting applications for this summer's 12-week internship at Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Native American graduate students are eligible to apply. Applications are due Friday, March 4, 2016. For additional details and information on how to apply, visit the Office of Indian Energy's [Internship Web page](#) or contact Sandra Begay-Campbell with Sandia National Laboratories at skbegay@sandia.gov.

Watch [a video](#) featuring former interns' stories about how the internship experience positively affected their lives, helped guide and influence their career paths, and enabled them to fulfill their desire to make a positive impact in Indian Country.

Don't Miss DOE's Energy Track at RES Las Vegas March 22–23

The Office of Indian Energy is hosting an Energy Track March 22–24 at the National Reservation Economic Summit (RES) in Las Vegas. The track will feature breakout sessions on

a variety of topics, including workforce development, energy technology, and capacity building, to help tribal energy leaders and professionals make informed decisions about energy projects. Learn more and download the [Energy Track agenda](#).

Be sure to visit the Office of Indian Energy at booth 137 to meet our program managers as well as technical experts from DOE's National Renewable Energy Laboratory and Sandia National Laboratories.

Establishment of an Inter-Tribal Technical Assistance Energy Providers Network; Informational Webinar on March 1

Up to \$7 million is available from the Office of Indian Energy to establish an inter-tribal technical assistance energy providers' network to assist Indian tribes and Alaska Native communities regionally. Under this initial pilot, the Office of Indian Energy is seeking applications from Inter-tribal Organizations and Alaska Native Regional Corporations interested in establishing internal energy experts to provide technical energy assistance and informational resources to their member Indian tribes, including Alaska Native villages.

DOE anticipates making awards that range from \$300,000 to \$1,000,000 for the entire period of performance of 3–5 years. After that time it is expected that the inter-tribal technical assistance energy provider will be financially sufficient and can continue these efforts without further DOE support.

Applications are due April 14, 2016.

[Learn more and apply.](#)

Informational Webinar: March 1

The Office of Indian Energy is hosting an informational webinar about the funding opportunity and the application process on March 1, 2016, at 1 p.m. Mountain Time. [Register now.](#)

Next Tribal Renewable Energy Webinar Scheduled for March 30

The Office of Indian Energy, in partnership with Western Area Power Administration, is pleased to present a webinar on “Transmission and Grid Basics for Tribal Economic and Energy Development” on Wednesday, March 30, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mountain Standard Time. Webinar attendees will gain knowledge on transmission markets, management, and ownership structures; interconnection request processes and timelines; transmission planning and operations; and grid fundamentals.

There is no charge to attend the webinar, but registration is required. [Register now.](#)

Tribal Conservations Projects to Receive USDA Funding

On Feb. 12, 2016, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and partners across the nation announced up to \$720 million in funding for 84 conservation projects that will help communities improve water quality, combat drought, enhance soil health, support wildlife habitat, and protect agricultural viability. These projects make up the second round of the Regional Conservation Partnership Program created by the 2014 Farm Bill. Selected 2016 tribal projects include an “Innovative Tribal Conservation and Greenhouse Gas Management” project led by the Intertribal Agriculture Council and a “Yurok Traditional Landscape Management Plan” led by the Yurok Tribe. Read the [USDA press release](#) and see the list of [2016 Regional Conservation Partnership Program projects](#).

Environmental Scorecard Rates Nevada Leaders

February 25, 2016 - Suzanne Potter, Public News Service (NV)

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Nevada's leadership in Washington, D.C., gets mixed reviews on an annual Environmental Scorecard from the League of Conservation Voters. (Alan O'Neill)

CARSON CITY, Nev. - Nevada's delegation in Washington, D.C., gets mixed results on the [annual Environmental Scorecard](#), just released by the League of Conservation Voters, splitting down party lines.

The scorecard says Senator Dean Heller voted "pro-environment" just eight percent of the time.

Democratic Representative Dina Titus got a 94 percent rating, whereas Republicans Joe Heck, Mark Amodei and Crescent Hardy got percentages of six, three and zero, respectively, for their records on the Clean Power Plan, Clean Water Act, Keystone Pipeline and public-lands initiatives.

Kyle Davis, policy consultant with the Nevada Conservation League, says his group did see one small ray of hope in 2015.

"There was a bill at the end of last year that had extension for tax credits for solar and wind energy, and Senator Heller was certainly instrumental in making that happen," says Davis. "But unfortunately, it was packaged up in a bill that ended the ban on oil exports."

The scorecard also criticizes Representative Hardy for his amendment to the spending bill that would have undercut the President's ability to create new national monuments.

The amendment was approved but then pulled from the final bill. Senator Harry Reid's record was not rated because, as Senate Minority Leader, he often doesn't vote.

The report also faults Representative Mark Amodei for sponsoring a bill to greatly reduce public review of hard-rock mining activities on public lands, which has passed the House but has not yet been considered in the Senate.

Davis hopes voters take note in November.

"Ever since the Republicans took over the House, there have just been multiple attempts to roll back environmental laws," he says. "And we're going to be pretty active in the 2016 elections because, especially on issues like climate change, we can't afford to wait around."

All members of the House of Representatives face reelection every two years, so Amodei, Hardy, Heck and Titus all will be on the November ballot. Senator Reid is retiring, and Senator Heller is up for reelection in 2018.

[from delanceyplace: cherokee women and children](#)

Today's selection -- from *Trail of Tears: The Rise and Fall of the Cherokee Nation* by John Ehle. The structure and customs of families and societies has varied widely through history. An example is Cherokee society in North America in the...



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[The Longest Walk 5 – War on Drugs Conversation](#)

We are currently at 70 walkers/runners and we expect that approximately 30 will return to their homes in California when we reach the boarder...nativenewsonline.net

BUNDYS, OTHER REFUGE PROTESTERS ARRAIGNED OVER ARMED OREGON OCCUPATION

The leaders of a six-week armed occupation at a U.S. wildlife refuge in rural Oregon are to be arraigned on Wednesday on charges of conspiring to impede federal officers policing the compound during a fight over federal control of land in the West.

<http://erj.reviewjournal.com/ct/uz3688753Biz28095450>

25 Plead Not Guilty in Standoff at the Oregon Wildlife Refuge

By KIRK JOHNSON

Bundy supporters have said they hoped to put a focus on government power at the occupation trial, but the judge made clear that she was in charge.

Roundhouse News

The Berkeley Roundhouse has been busy lately! Our Roundhouse director, Terria Smith (Torres Martinez Cahuilla), has been crisscrossing California attending a plethora of events, with a special focus on her Southern California homeland. In recent days she has attended festivals hosted by the Agua Caliente Band of Mission Indians and the Dorothy Ramon Learning Center, spreading Heyday's beauty farther to the south. Vincent Medina (Ohlone), the Roundhouse's outreach coordinator, has attended events in the north representing Heyday--with many Big Times planned for springtime--and has stayed busy keeping *News from Native California's* social media updated; *News from Native California's* Facebook page event hit 5,000 followers.

Speaking of 5K, Terria and Vince are preparing for a American Indian-focused marathon representing *News from Native California* at Lake Merritt in Oakland during March. On April 30 at 5:00 p.m., the Roundhouse will host a spoken-word event in California Indian languages at Heyday's offices. It will surely be a wonderful evening of music, poetry, song, good food, and good friends.

The Roundhouse has been promoting one of our newest books *Dear Miss Karana*. This novel for middle-grade readers is about a young girl named Tishmal who communicates through email with the spirit of the lone woman of San Nicolas Island, popularized through *Island of the Blue Dolphins*, and learns about herself in the process. *Dear Miss Karana* beautifully weaves the Chamtéela language spoken by Luiseño people throughout the novel, and there's even an entirely Chamtéela edition available online! We sure feel proud sharing this beauty with the world.

A digital copy of the Chamtéela edition is available on Heyday's website. >>

Listen to Chamtéela words on Heyday's website. >>

Order your copy today! Don't forget to use the code [FE30](#) to get 30% off the list price.

CHS Book Award: Call for Submissions

Heyday and the California Historical Society are partnering to offer the fourth annual CHS Book Award, and applications are open. We want to use the award to tell the true stories of California. To frame those stories in ways that respect the painful truths of the past, but also to praise the heroism of the people who have withstood. To publish stories that are broad enough to capture Californians' imaginations.

If you're working on a history with this mission, Heyday and California Historical Society invite you to apply. You can find more details about the award and the application process at www.heydaybooks.com/chsbookaward. Applications are due by May 1. We're looking forward to hearing from you.