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U.S. Sen. Dean Heller thinks there will be a new effort to kick-start the Yucca Mountain Project after one of its most powerful and outspoken opponents, Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, leaves office at the end of the year.

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**Healthy Snack Invented on Indian Reservation Now Faces Stiff Corporate  
Competition**

Is there a dark cloud on the horizon for this Indian Country success story?

By [Jay Walljasper](#) / [AlterNet](#)

August 17, 2016

The Pine Ridge Indian reservation is not the first place you'd look for good news about creating a new kind of economy that works for everyone. This corner of South Dakota includes several of the poorest counties in America, according to census figures. Ninety-seven percent of Pine Ridge's Lakota Indian population lives below the federal poverty line, reports the [American Indian Humanitarian Foundation](#). The unemployment rate is well over 50 percent.

Yet these dire conditions—compounded by public health problems like diabetes and addiction—have not snuffed hope. Growing numbers of Pine Ridge residents are embracing their own traditions as a path toward healing and economic self-sufficiency.

The Thunder Valley Community Development Corporation, for instance, is moving forward on an ambitious set of projects, including a worker-owned construction company, a worker-owned IT firm and a farm to combat lack of access to nutritious food.

Even more surprising, Pine Ridge is home to a fast-growing natural foods food company, which created a healthy new product in the booming snack food industry. Native American Natural Foods was inspired by *wasna* (a concoction of cured buffalo meat and berries) to invent the Tanka bar, which is now for sale at Whole Foods, Costco, Amazon, natural food stores and other groceries across the nation. Available as a protein bar, a meat stick and in bite-size bits packaged with Lakota-style trail mix, the all-natural snack features flavors like spicy pepper, apple orange peel, jalapeno and slow-smoked original.

Tanka sales reached \$5 million last year in 8000 stores, according to [Forbes](#), and the company currently buys 25 percent of its buffalo from Native American ranchers, with the goal of 100 percent.

“The for-profit company—which actually is making a profit—recently gave equity to its employees...” the magazine continued, “and they’re persevering despite growing competition from other companies selling buffalo meat with marketing campaigns that evoke a Native American theme, if not their authenticity.”



Tanka is now battling for space on grocery shelves with meat bars produced by food conglomerates, including the Epic buffalo bar, which was recently acquired by General Mills. Epic is an Austin-based company that originally produced the vegan Thunderbird bars, whose packaging claimed each one was "[shaman blessed](#)." (Chocolate maker

Hershey Foods also recently bought Krave, a line of snack meat products.)

That's the dark cloud on the horizon for this Indian Country success story, says Native American Natural Foods co-founder Karlene Hunter, a Lakota who has spent her entire life on Pine Ridge. "We created the [meat bar] category but now we're fighting with a food industry giant on something that is our centuries-old recipe."

Hunter is certain that Tanka can compete based on the quality of their products, but is concerned that Epic's deep pockets could outdistance them in reaching new stores and customers. "We don't have \$20 million to throw at this like a big company."

"We started this company to regenerate our community, not just to make a profit," she explains. "Last year we gave five percent of our company to the seven employees that have worked with us to build the company. We pay our staff good salaries for this area. We buy our wild rice from the Red Lake Reservation in Minnesota. We buy our cranberries from a company that buys from tribes in Wisconsin."

"Tanka can change people's perceptions of Pine Ridge and what's possible here. We came up with a brand right here on the reservation that changed the whole meat snack industry," says Native American Natural Food's other co-founder Mark Tilsen, who has lived on Pine Ridge on and off since he was 16. Although not Lakota, he came to the reservation to join his father, who was a lawyer defending Native American activists involved in the Wounded Knee occupation in 1973. His children and grandchildren are all enrolled tribal members.

Hunter and Tilsen first partnered to create Lakota Express, a Pine Ridge-based communications company that created fundraising campaigns for Oglala Lakota College and other Native American causes, which they still operate. The idea for Tanka bars arose in a meeting with Lakota ranchers, who sought advice on finding more customers for their buffalo.

"We want to do something that no one has done before: create opportunity for people who live here," Tilsen notes. "To offer people the chance to become owners and step into the position of being a manager. When you have a brand like ours, you do things that competitors don't do."

Three years ago, Native American Natural Foods launched the [Tanka Fund](#) to help Native Americans communities nationwide return buffalo to their lands as a way to create community wealth, restore the environment and improve their diets. They introduced a new product to support the project, a turkey-buffalo-cranberry jerky bar, for which 10 percent of all profits will go to the fund.

Tilsen and Hunter believe Tanka's mission builds loyalty among their customers, who can help regenerate Native American culture by enjoying traditional Lakota food. But they worry competitors also want to evoke those positive associations too.

"In their social media, Epic calls customers their '[tribe](#).' I even read they named their dog Lakota," Hunter reports. "That's not cute, it's patronizing—and misleading."

While their competitors can shell out big bucks for marketing campaigns or discount prices to gain market share, Native American Natural Foods has some distinct advantages too.

They've been supported by philanthropic groups like the Northwest Area Foundation and non-profit organizations like the Democracy Collaborative, which fosters worker cooperatives and other forms of community wealth building across the country through initiatives like its [Learning/Action Lab](#), which supports a cohort of [four](#) Native American communities.

And then there are the growing numbers of people who want to know all about the food they eat and products they buy. "A lot of younger customers, especially, want to drill down into where the food comes from," says Tilsen.

"They are searching for the truth, not just a story cooked up by the marketing department. A lot of our customers have those values."

#### "Old Indian Woman"

From time to time I would sit and LEARN from her. On her 107th birthday I visited her and I said.....

\*They took your land?

She said: It wasn't ours to keep.

\*They gave you smallpox blankets?

She said: But we survived the winter.

\*They broke the treaty?

She said: It was merely paper.

\*They stampede buffalo at you when you stood by the cliffs.

She said: Our spirits flew and became eagles, hawks and crows.

\*They killed your leaders?

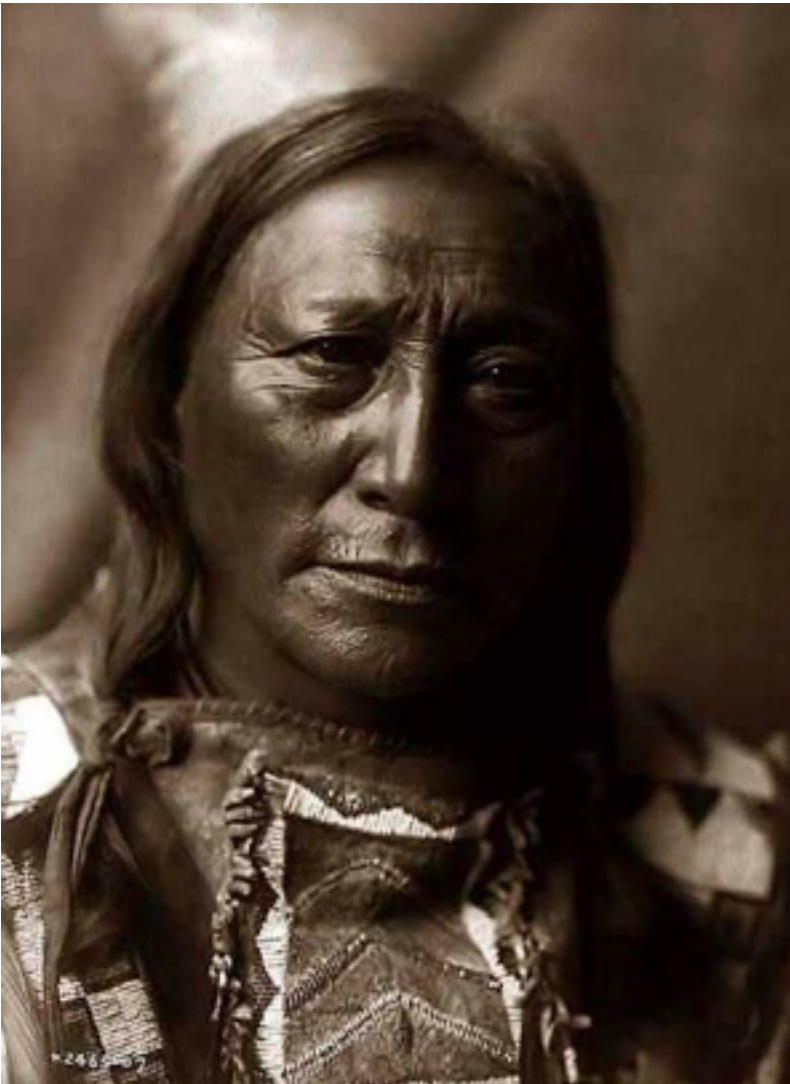
She said: They became our ancestors.

I was visibly frustrated with my old friend and that's when she smiled and said.....

I used to be angry (like you).

Until I woke up and realized my LIFE is their constant failure. You see, despite their efforts I SURVIVED.....and became an OLD INDIAN WOMAN.





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“Someday the earth will weep, she will beg for her life, she will cry with tears of blood. You will make a choice, if you will help her or let her die, and when she dies, you too will die.” Hollow Horn Bear - Lakota 1850 – 1913

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[CherylRoy Hicks](#)

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[Yellowstone Oil Spills Expose Threat to Pipelines](#)

### [Under Rivers Nationwide](#)

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### [Oil pipeline break is under Yellowstone River](#)

The pipeline break that released an estimated 42,000 gallons of crude oil into the Yellowstone River is beneath the riverbed, a federal official said Tuesday. [billingsgazette.com](http://billingsgazette.com) By [Billings Gazette](#)

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### [Reno To Support Federal Public Lands Legislation](#)

Carla O'Day The Reno City Council adopted a resolution Wednesday in support of comprehensive federal public lands legislation to encourage economic development, conservation and recreation in Northern Nevada. Several people showed up to support the resolution, saying Reno should have a seat at the t... [thisisreno.com](http://thisisreno.com) By Carla O'Day

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University shares what attracts AmeriCorps alumni to the Stevenson Center, including a 100% tuition waiver for all courses. [The Applied Community and Economic Development \(ACED\) Fellows Program](#) offers interdisciplinary academic opportunities with master's degrees in anthropology, applied economics, kinesiology and recreation, political science, and sociology. After a full year on campus, Fellows get a chance to apply what they've learned with a second year of paid professional practice. AmeriCorps alum Ramya Kumaran shares: "During my time with AmeriCorps, I realized my passion for serving high-need communities. **The Stevenson Center's heavy emphasis on community and economic development supports my experiences with City Year and has added deeper context to my year of service.**" [Read more](#) about why other alumni chose to jumpstart their community development career at the Stevenson Center.

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### **From Standing Rock:**

*The story is epochal, the images compelling. Most readers have the impetus to head for SD, but are constrained by prior obligations. We need this to last more than three weeks of public attention. These pages will attempt to catch a little of what is being generated so that there will be a lot of information in one place at one time for future generations. It is starting to be reported in national media, so be vigilant and catch/correct any errors in reporting. sdc*

### [Brenda Norrell](#)

Listen to Waniya Locke at Red Warrior Camp as **Standing Rock Resistance Radio** launches. Standing Rock Resistance Radio launched on Saturday, with the broadcast o...[See More](#)

### [Native Americans Successfully Block Oil Pipeline Construction — Media Silent](#)

This is huge. [theantimedia.org](http://theantimedia.org)



### **Pharrell Williams**

We have so much we can learn from the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and other Native American tribes. The children of Standing Rock ran 2,200 miles on foot to Washi... [See More](#)

Whew! Made it to the Standing Rock



site! These warriors are inspiring !  
Stay the course !

**Billy Mills**



### **Celebs line up to oppose a pipeline across rural west Texas landscape**

Almost 100 celebrities, landowners and environmentalists are asking Dallas energy...dallasnews.com

### **Native Americans Banned from Protesting Pipeline on Own Land**

[The Bakken pipeline, as it is known, is almost as long as a previously proposed mammoth pipeline, Keystone XL.](#)  
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### [The Final Indian War in America About to Begin](#)

Notes from Indian Country By Tim Giago (Nanwica Kciji) © Native Sun News (Note: This column will appear before the Senate votes on the Keystone XL ...

[huffingtonpost.com/tim-giago/the-...](http://huffingtonpost.com/tim-giago/the-...)

### **Gathering of Nations at camp. Water protectors**

**from all directions are flowing in to [#StandWithStandingRock](#)!** There are 1,500-2,000 warriors gathered as we

stand

and fight against the [#DakotaAccessPipeline](#). We are here and we are strong, together we are one.

These are the tribes represented and those who support our fight for clean water. This was just from quickly scrolling through FB, feel free to add to the list.

Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe  
Crow Creek Sioux Tribe  
Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe  
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe  
Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate  
Rosebud Sioux Tribe  
Oglala Sioux Tribe  
Yankton Sioux Tribe  
Spirit Lake Nation  
Fort Peck Assiniboine & Sioux Tribe



Lumbee Nation of North Carolina  
Ponca Nation of Oklahoma  
Catawba nation of South Carolina  
Oneida Nation of Wisconsin  
Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians  
Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara Nation  
Prairie Band of Potawatomi  
Northern Cheyenne of Lame Deer, MT  
Fon du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa  
Yakima Nation  
Navajo Nation  
First Nations Cree  
Senecas, Mohawks, Onondagas and Tuscaroras from the Haudenosaunee/Iroquois Confederacy  
White Mountain Apache  
Meskwaki Nation  
Anishinaabe Nation  
Menominee Nation  
Blackfeet Nation of Montana  
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska  
Northern Arapaho Tribe of Wyoming  
Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe of Nevada  
Chippewa Cree Tribe of Rocky Boy, MT  
Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma  
[Nez Perce Tribe](#) of Idaho  
Gwich'in Nation of Alaska  
Hoopa Valley Tribe of California  
Comanche Tribe of Oklahoma  
Jatibonicu Taino People of Puerto Rico  
Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley, Idaho  
Kickapoo Tribe of Kansas  
Swinomish Tribal Community of Washington  
Mauna Kea Ohana of Hawaii  
National Congress of American Indians

Thank you to all those supporting through prayer, given donations to camp, opened your homes to our visiting brothers and sisters, and the many things you do that may go unnoticed, we appreciate your support and cannot thank you enough. Also, please don't forget our ancestors who are also with us, feed them because they are here helping us, although we cannot see them, their presence is definitely felt as we defend our water for our future generations.

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[Standing Rock Sioux Tribe](#)

**Statement from SRST Chairman, Dave Archambault II**

I appreciate the pressure that Governor Dalrymple is working under. We are all feeling the tension created by ... [See More](#)



## Walker River Paiute Tribe

Human Resources Department

### JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

**TITLE:** Conservation Law Enforcement Officer (CLEO) – Training Position  
**LOCATION:** Water Resources Department  
**SALARY:** \$18.00 hour, full-time, non-exempt  
**SUPERVISORY:** Water Resources Coordinator

**OPENING DATE:** August 17, 2016 **CLOSING DATE:** September 02, 2016

#### **DEFINITION:**

The CLEO, after completing the Police Officer Standard Training (POST) training, will be responsible for enforcing conservation, fish, hunting and other laws of the Tribe. Will provide public safety to those hunting, fishing and recreating on the reservation. Will work to manage wildlife, fisheries, water and land resources. Represents the department and Tribe to the public in a positive manner. This position will be under the supervision of the Water Resources Coordinator.

#### **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Shall enforce the Walker River Paiute Tribe's Law and Order Codes and Tribal Ordinances, Fishing, Hunting and Recreation Regulations and ensure that all adhere to the Natural Resources Hunting Permits for Non-Indians and Non-Tribal Member Native Americans.
- Shall become knowledgeable of all laws, codes, ordinances and regulations and work to amend and have approved accordingly, if need be.
- Shall promptly report and investigate vehicle accidents.
- Shall participate in prescribed mandatory supplemental and in-service training courses.
- Shall provide for community relationships that maintain a positive atmosphere of service to the populace, which will be conducted and implemented on a daily basis.
- Shall participate in community activities sponsored or coordinated for police involvement to promote the concept of protecting and serving the community and visitors to our reservation.
- Shall provide assistance to citizens on a non-law enforcement basis for protection of life, property and crime prevention.
- Shall carry forth patrol duties and assure the protection of life, property and crime prevention.
- Shall be available to provide services in various types of emergencies.
- Shall provide for road safety, accident prevention and traffic control.
- Shall keep tract of and provide statistics for required reports to the BIA.
- Shall perform other duties as assigned.

#### **Work Environment:**

Work will extensively be outdoors, during inclement and sometimes hazardous weather conditions, during other possibly dangerous conditions. At times, CLEOs are required to work in highly stressful situations that may be hazardous to their health and safety, which could include working with people who are injured, violent, emotionally upset, under the use of alcohol or drugs or otherwise pose a danger.

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the Walker River and river areas.

#### **ABILITIES TO:**

- Skill in effective verbal and written communication;
- Skill in using appropriate interpersonal skills;
- Skill in making decisions and using discretion appropriately;
- Ability to work independently;
- Ability to conduct affairs with integrity;
- Ability to patrol land and public water for hunting, sport and commercial fishing, boating, water safety, and other natural resource conservation violations;
- Ability to take enforcement action when law violations are observed, reported, or suspected;
- Ability to enforce the laws, ordinances and regulations of the Walker River Paiute Tribe;
- Ability to provide assistance and respond to calls from the public;
- Ability to work with Tribal Law Enforcement, Tribal staff and members, sports groups, and other constituents;
- Ability to read and write proficiently;
- Ability to operate a computer and type;
- Ability to prepare and submit investigative reports, arrest and case reports, citations, dispositions, warrants, and other records related to enforcement activities, programs and operations;
- Ability to testify in court, administrative hearings, and other official proceedings.

#### **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

- An applicant must have reached the age of 21 years on or before the date of entry into POST.
- Must have a High School Diploma or GED.
- Must be a tribal member of a federally recognized tribe.
- Must have a valid Nevada Driver's license and good driving record.

Those applicants who have already attended the Indian Police Academy or POST will be considered. Current proof of successfully completing either of these trainings must be attached to application. All other requirements must also be met.

#### **REQUIRED EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:**

The person selected will be required to attend and successfully complete the Police Officer Safety Training (POST). This training will be extensive and requires a person to be at the training facility in Stewart for 14 weeks.

Once a trainee has completed training, they will be required to enter into an agreement with the Tribe's Water Resources Department committing to work in the capacity of the CLEO for 24 months.

**Background:** Applicants will be subjected to, and must successfully pass, a thorough and comprehensive background investigation prior to appointment to the CLEO position. The applicant must be of good moral character.

**Drug Use:** The applicant may have no current illegal drug use.

*from css:*

<http://www.truth-out.org/opinion/item/37315-corporate-conquistadors-violate-indigenous-lands-and-bodies>

*With apologies to the family; rc'd after Friday's Journal went out. sdc*

**Marjorie Johnson's Obituary on Reno Gazette-Journal**

Read the Obituary and view the Guest Book, leave condolences or send flowers. | Marjorie Johnson Marjorie Johnson of Schurz, Nevada passed away...

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