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Standing Rock.

**12/19/16 Press Release:
Water Protectors in IL
arrested while conducting
water ceremony near
active DAPL construction
site**

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Amid all the dreadful post-election news, **Standing Rock** and support for Native American-led opposition to the Dakota Access Pipeline have been a harbinger of the people's movement for peace and justice we must build to challenge the turn to the right we are seeing in the U.S. and across much of Europe. UFPJ's Communications and Organizing Coordinator,

Matt DeVlieger (our only paid staff), and many of our member organizations have been present near the Oceti Sakowin Camp. They have been inspired by the peaceful and prayerful gathering, and by living with awareness that “Water is Life!” Hundreds of people signed up for [UFPJ's recent briefing call about Standing Rock and how to support those on the frontlines](#). We are cautiously optimistic about the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' decision not to grant an easement allowing the pipeline to cross under Lake Oahe – but we must and will work to sustain this victory.

UFPJ will stand in solidarity with the protests at Standing Rock and elsewhere as the struggles for indigenous peoples, water, and the future of our planet continue. There are other pipelines and other communities under militarized occupation at home and around the globe. We will build upon the momentum generated by Standing Rock and let it unite us in seeking dignity, health, life, and justice for communities everywhere.

From the Eagle Watch

December 17, 2016

Do you ever get the feeling you've been had?? Having lived thru some completely phoney police led anti uranium mining protests near Sharbot Lake Ontario in 2007, we view all such events and crises with crow's eyes.

If the Standing Rock standoff was not totally fabricated, it certainly serves the purposes of the Elite helping to identify individuals and indoctrinate them at the same time. This series of articles at wrong kind of green tells all and connects the dots.

Be ready for a shocker!!! Kittoh

FYI

The pacification of civil society and Indigenous resistance is ongoing, intensifying and glaring. It is a taboo subject framed as such by those who protect the current power structures, thereby ensuring the rules of engagement are dictated by the captors. Captivity of mind and thought can be far more powerful than physical captivity. This cannot be understated. When one observes the identical rhetoric coming from the oppressors and the oppressed, it is past time for self reflection and deep critical analysis.

<http://www.wrongkindofgreen.org/author/wkog-admin/>

Standing Rock: Profusion, Collusion & Big Money Profits [Part 6 | Conclusion]

Wrong Kind of Green

December 14, 2016

by Cory Morningstar with Forrest Palmer

[Investigating Law Enforcement's Possible Use of Surveillance Technology at Standing Rock](#)

Stephanie Lacambra, Electronic Frontier Foundation: Water Protectors have reported suspicious cell phone behavior and social media anomalies. Others saw suspicious login attempts to their Google accounts from IP addresses originating from North Dakota's Information & Technology Department. [Read the Article](#)

[Jose Medina to Oceti Sakowin Support and Information group](#)

Darren Cross stacks Firewood as he prepares for another cold night. The Oglala boys named themselves "No Surrender Camp". They will continue their fight against DAPL until the end, "Just as our ancestors did," [Julian Bear Runner](#) said.



[OYATE Media Network](#)
[Yesterday at 12:00pm](#) ·

Our Elder Unci, grandmother at Oglala Camp and supervisor of the Wounded Knee Oglala Kitchen located at Oceti Oyate All Nations Camp, she has been here since the tribe was called to action back on August 13th and has made a vow to stay through the winter and until DAPL packs up their drill pad and leaves our sacred river. She is from Wounded Knee SD, Cankpe Opi Wapala, Fire Lightning Family and granddaughter of Chief Crazy Horse. We are very proud of her and we love her, she is a very strong Unci and has many knowledge of the history of our people.

Her quote "America Is Built On Stolen Land With Stolen Hands".

Photo Courtesy of David H.

[Ray Cook: Water protectors treated like terrorists in own territory](#)

Ray Cook (St. Regis Mohawk), the opinions editor at Indian Country Today, offers an update from the #NoDAPL encampment in North Dakota.
[indianz.com](#)

Want to Know How to Build a Progressive Movement Under Trump? Look to Standing Rock

[Read the Article at The Nation](#)



[Decades of water rights litigation put to rest](#)

The San Diego Union-Tribune

A North County water rights dispute that had been stuck in federal court for ... bring water from the Colorado River to parts of Southern C

["This Is the Right Thing to Do": Energy CEO on Ending Leases to Drill Near Blackfeet Nation](#)

Michael J. Dax, YES! Magazine: After 35 years of fighting for the cancellation of nearly 50 oil and gas leases, Montana's Blackfeet tribe scored an unexpected victory when Devon Energy voluntarily backed out of their claims. But even with their recent good news, the Blackfeet will have to stay vigilant. [Read the Article](#)

[Indigenous Rights: Justin Trudeau's Elephant in the Room](#)

Jasmine Andersson, New Internationalist Magazine: Clinching the election thanks to a rise in Indigenous Canadian voters, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau promised the Native community reform, equality and respect. Yet Trudeau is proving to have as dire a track record on Indigenous policy as his conservative predecessor, Stephen Harper. [Read the Article](#)

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RURAL DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST – ENVIRONMENTAL (Applicants located in Redding or Yreka are preferred.) *Technical, managerial and financial assistance, build capacity.* Are you a problem solver? Is teamwork second nature to you? Do you have water or wastewater expertise? Join us as a rural development specialist – environmental. You'll help small systems deliver quality services. [Here's more information and the application >>](#)

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RURAL DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST – TRIBAL – *Technical, managerial and financial assistance, build capacity.* If you have experience working with public water or wastewater utilities, and want to work with Tribal communities, our Tribal circuit rider program could be a great fit! You'll build relationships and work one-on-one with Tribal utility operators and staff. [Here's more information and the application instructions >>](#)

AMERICAN GAMING ASSOCIATION ADDRESSES NEVADA'S YUCCA MOUNTAIN IN MEMO TO TRUMP

Nevada will have an advocate in the American Gaming Association against any effort to revive the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste repository northwest of Las Vegas.

<http://erj.reviewjournal.com/ct/uz3688753Biz31165208>

[Collapse of West Antarctic Ice Sheet Reveals Inadequacy of Current Climate Strategies](#)

Bruce Melton, Truthout: New science suggests that the physics of the West Antarctic Ice Sheet's collapse have reached the point of no return. Though nascent, this work predicts a sea level rise 40 to 50 times more extreme than previously predicted. Even before Trump, our climate policy was out of step with reality. [Read the Article](#)

Great news -- In a joint announcement with Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, President Obama permanently protected nearly the entire Arctic Ocean and a part of the Atlantic Ocean!

Over 118 million acres of America's Arctic and Atlantic Oceans will now be off limits to fossil fuel exploration and drilling. This is unprecedented. Together, we are celebrating a historic moment for our nation and our climate.

From forging the Paris climate agreement, to the Clean Power Plan, to protecting the Arctic and Atlantic oceans, President Obama has built a climate legacy without equal. Now, he has protected 115 million acres of the Arctic Ocean, excluding only 2.9 million acres which have previously been leased near Prudhoe Bay, Alaska. In the Atlantic Ocean, Obama has protected 3.8 million acres, stretching from Massachusetts to Maryland.

Let's take a moment to celebrate! The fight to protect the Arctic and Atlantic Ocean from drilling has been decades in the making. Activists like you have sent letters, made calls, and attended rallies to show your support. And now Big Oil won't be able to set up shop in most of America's Arctic or in the waters near the New England Coral Canyons and Seamounts National Monument.

Dan Ritzmn, Director, Arctic Program, Sierra Club

2017 BAAITS 6th Annual Two Spirit Powwow Vendor Application

Thank you for your interest in being a vendor at the 6th Annual BAAITS Two Spirit Powwow. Vendors who have submitted an application will be informed about whether their application has been accepted by January 6th, 2017, and will receive additional information at that time.

Questions can be directed to Jim Eagle (our vendor coordinator volunteer)

baaits.vendors@gmail.com (preferred) or (415) 722-8487.

We hope to see you all at the Powwow on February 4th!

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HUD's Southwest Office of Native American Programs is pleased to share the attached letter from HUD Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Native American Programs regarding the establishment of a Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee. This Committee will facilitate communication between HUD and tribal leaders on housing priorities and strengthen capacity building opportunities. The Committee will enhance regular, meaningful consultation and collaboration between federal and tribal officials. Also attached is the *Federal Register* notice which announces the establishment of HUD's Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee and calls for nominations to that Committee. Instructions for nominating a tribal official to the Committee are outlined in the *Federal Register* notice. Nominations are due by February 21, 2017.

*We hope you find this information helpful. Your feedback is always appreciated. If you know of any news, trainings, funding opportunities, or would like to share some success stories, please email me at Deborah.S.Broermann@hud.gov . If you have questions or need additional information from our office, please feel free to contact us at (602) 379-7200 or visit our **website** at www.hud.gov/codetalk .*



[This Beautiful Demonstration Of Mongolian Throat Singing Is Like Nothing You've Ever Heard.](#)
[So amazing and peaceful.](#)

IMLS News

DECEMBER PROJECT PROFILE

Using Digitization to Tell a 40-year Story of Art

For its 40th anniversary, the Mattress Factory re-imagined the way they honored their rich history of site-specific installations. Their new digital archive and mobile app, set to launch next month, will connect visitors with the process of making art. [Read more](#)

THE LATEST NEWS

Effort Underway To Improve Digital Inclusion and Literacy for Tribal and Rural Residents

IMLS and the PAST Foundation are collaborating on a project to deploy local digital literacy trainers to tribal and rural communities. [Read more](#)

National Museum and Library Services Board Gains Five New and One Returning Member

Six museum and library experts, who were appointed by President Barack Obama in late November, were sworn in as members of the National Museum and Library Services Board. [Read more](#)

Library Card Challenge Open to New Communities for Round Two

IMLS and the Urban Libraries Council are implementing round two of the Library Card Challenge. A new report highlights efforts by the first round of challenge communities and outlines strategies for successful partnerships. To find out how your library can get involved, [Read more](#)

Learn How to Apply to the National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award with Webinar on January 10

Does your museum or library have an outstanding afterschool or out-of-school program that is transforming the lives of young people? The [President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities](#) is now [accepting applications for 2017 National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award](#). The Award honors 12 out-of-school programs each year with \$10,000 and a ceremony at the White House. To find out more, participate in a webinar on January 10, at 3:00 p.m. (EST). Email Reagan Moore at rmoores@imls.gov for webinar details.

Presentation on USCIS Genealogy Resources Now Available

Last week IMLS and USCIS presented a webinar describing the records available through the USCIS Genealogy program. If you missed the presentation, but would like to learn more about this fee-for-service program, [download and review the presentation slides \(PDF, 13.2 KB\)](#). IMLS partners with USCIS to help libraries and museums provide accurate and useful information about immigration and citizenship benefits.

UPNEXT BLOG POSTS

Building Supportive Communities for Young Children and Families

Early childhood programs and services are critical to the development of young children, and community organizations, like museums and libraries, are key players. [Read more](#)

Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens Celebrates *Let's Move! Museums and Gardens* at the White House's Final Garden Harvest

This past October, Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens was invited to participate in the First Lady Michelle Obama's Final Garden Harvest at the White House. There were several tracks represented by students and chaperones, and I was proud that Phipps had the opportunity to represent the *Let's Move! Museums and Gardens* track in recognition of its work on the Let's Move Pittsburgh Program. [Read more](#)

When School is Out, Museums and Libraries Are In

The National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award, formerly known as "Coming Up Taller," is the nation's highest honor for out-of-school arts and humanities programs that celebrate the creativity of America's young people, particularly those from underserved communities.

[Read more](#)

It's Official: Solar Is Becoming World's Cheapest Form of New Electricity

http://www.ecowatch.com/solar-cheapest-electricity-2156232780.html?utm_source=EcoWatch+List&utm_campaign=a130ddcba9-MailChimp+Email+Blast&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_49c7d43dc9-a130ddcba9-85895669

Obama Enacts Offshore Drilling Ban Designed to Be Trump-Proof Rolling Stone

In a historic move taken a month to the day before he hands over the White House to one of the most fossil-fueled administrations in U.S. history, President Obama answered the call of Native Alaskans, coastal residents and climate activists demanding offshore drilling bans, and stuck it to Donald Trump. Obama This article originally appeared on www.rollingstone.com: Obama Enacts Offshore Drilling Ban Designed to Be Trump-Proof [Read the full story](#)

Big Oil is quietly building another pipeline on sacred land (signature needed)

Energy Transfer Partners, one of the companies behind the Dakota Access pipeline, is nearly finished constructing the Trans-Pecos fracked gas pipeline in West Texas. **If completed, this massive pipeline will destroy historical Native sites and environmentally sensitive areas, deplete drinking water supplies and release massive quantities of greenhouse gas emissions into the atmosphere.**

The media has been largely silent about this potentially destructive pipeline, so we must lend our voices now to the activists who are on the ground fighting to stop this dangerous pipeline in its tracks.

[Sign the petition from CREDO and Daily Kos: Tell President Obama to stop the Trans-Pecos pipeline.](#)

The Trans-Pecos pipeline will transport 1.4 billion cubic feet of natural gas per day to Mexico over 148 miles of [pristine land](#) in the Big Bend region of Texas, one of the last regions of Texas left untouched by the state's massive fossil fuel industry. Pipeline construction is already disrupting fragile ecosystems in the Chihuahuan Desert on both sides of the border, [destroying plant and animal life](#) in what is considered one of the three most biologically diverse arid areas on Earth.

While Mexico has touted this project as part of its clean energy reform initiative, Pemex, Mexico's national oil and gas company, [reportedly](#) plans to liquefy much of it once it crosses the border and ship it to more lucrative markets overseas.

In late September, Energy Transfer Partners [destroyed](#) the Trap Spring archeological site, a culturally important Native American site containing 5,000 years of antiquities. The company's own archaeologist [recommended rerouting](#) the pipeline to avoid Trap Spring, but the company moved forward with construction anyway, adjusting the route by mere yards.

[Tell President Obama: Stop the Trans-Pecos pipeline.](#)

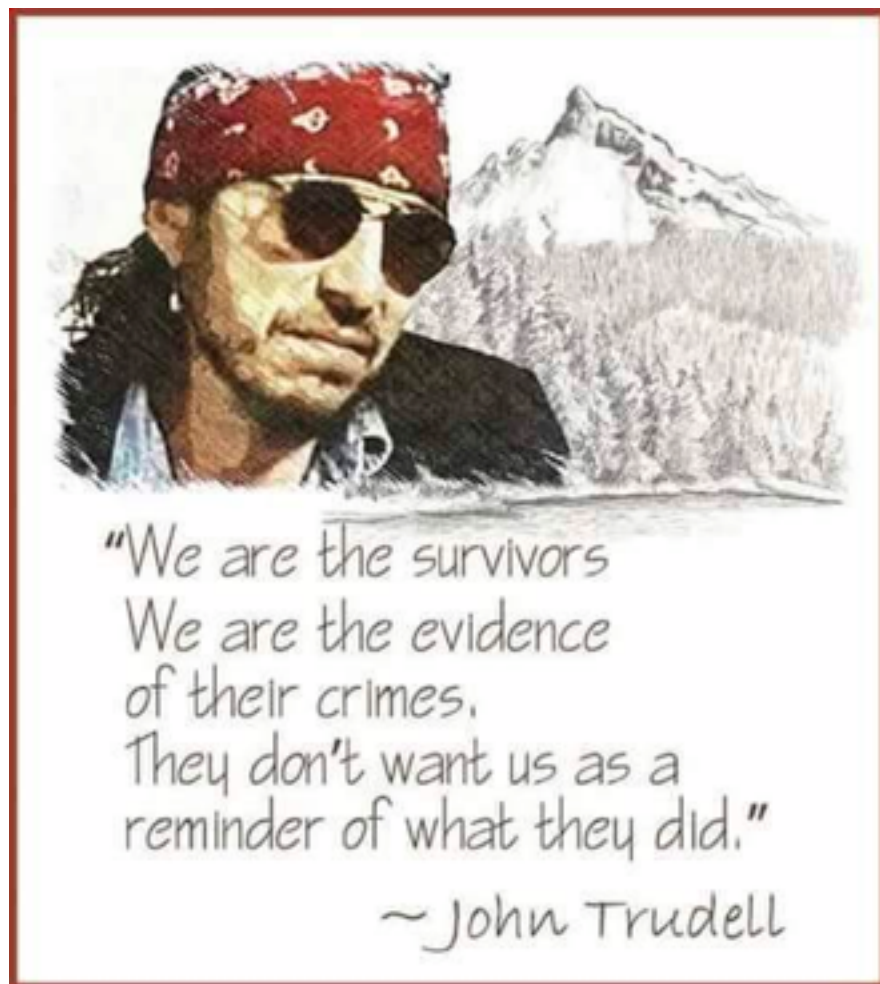
In 2010, President Obama and Mexican President Felipe Calderón entered into a binational agreement that affirmed, among other things, their [commitment](#) to promoting clean energy programs between the two countries, slowing climate change, and most importantly, protecting and preserving fragile ecosystems in Big Bend and other protected areas on both sides of the border.

President Obama must honor this commitment to protect this region from any further pipeline construction that would harm indigenous sites, destroy the environment, or cause any destruction from a potential pipeline catastrophe.

Hundreds of thousands of us helped our indigenous and environmental allies on the ground to halt the dangerous Dakota Access pipeline. Now we can do it again.

[Tell President Obama: Stop the Trans-Pecos pipeline.](#)

Thanks for all you do,
Josh Nelson, Deputy Political Director
[CREDO Action from Working Assets](#)



Major think Piece:

[The Greatest Epidemic Sickness Known to Humanity - Reality Sandwich](#)

For thousands of years a psychological disease has been informing human self-destructive behavior. A psychosis in the true sense of the word as a "sickness of the soul," this illness is at the root of humanity's inhumanity to itself. realitysandwich.com

2 Republican Governors Pass Major Clean Energy Bills, Eyes Now on Ohio

<http://www.ecowatch.com/renewable-energy-ohio-2158946712.html>

American Youth Make Fossil Fuel Industry Confront Climate Science in Federal Court

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Today's selection -- from *The Long, Long, Life of Trees* by Fiona Stafford. For many, the oak is considered to be the king of trees, living for hundreds of years and housing a seeming universe of insects, birds, lichens, fungi, and mammals within a single tree:

"If anyone in England were asked to name the national tree, the answer would undoubtedly be the oak, though, oddly enough, this would also be true for people in Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Estonia, France, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Serbia and the United States of America. Poland's founding myth is rooted in the giant oak on a hill, where a great eagle nested, inspiring Prince Lech to build his own nest -- or rather kingdom -- there, while his brothers, Czech and Rus, set off to establish their realms in the south and east. The most famous trees in modern Poland are the three veteran oaks named after these legendary brothers, which grow in the park at Rogalin, near Poznan, though Czech is now beginning to show his age. In Germany, oak trees were also a symbol of national strength, planted in war cemeteries to form the groves of heroes and commandeered by Bismarck as an emblem of unity. The oak appeals to separatists, too: the flag of the Basque Country depicts a shield ringed with a wreath of acorns and oak leaves. Everyone, it seems, wants to claim this tree as their own.

"Sturdy, stalwart and stubborn, the oak has always been admired for its staying power. As early as the first century BC, the Roman poet Virgil singled out the oak for its enduring strength, praising the depth of its roots and its consequent ability to withstand even the severest onslaughts from the weather: 'Hence no winter storms, no blasts or rains uproot it; unmoved it abides, and many generations, many ages of men it outlives, letting them roll by while it endures.' Virgil's patron, Augustus Caesar, chose to wear the Civic Crown, the oak-leaf wreath that signified Rome's highest honour, when being immortalised in marble. In Ancient Greece, too, the oak was the tree of Zeus, most powerful of all the gods, whose commands were interpreted through the rustle of the oracular oak leaves at Dodona; and in Norse mythology, the oak was known as the tree of Thor, the thunder god.

"The strength of the oak is immediately evident. Whether you come across a single tree standing straight by the gate of an ordinary field or a whole company of oaks, dotted across a vast expanse

of grassy parkland, the sheer physical power of the tree is unmistakable. No other tree is so self-possessed, so evidently at one with the world. Unlike the beech, horse chestnut or sycamore, whose branches reach up towards the sky, the solid, craggy trunk of a mature oak spreads out, as if with open arms, to create a vast hemi-sphere of thick, clotted leaves. The tip of a single twiglet might sprout four or five of these lovely, irregularly rounded leaves, and as each twig sends out any number of twiglets, a whole tree might be covered in as many as 250,000 leaves. As the temperatures rise in August, oaks put on an extra layer of foliage to make up for the mayhem caused by early summer moth larvae.

"The copious canopy of the oak attracts colonies of insects, birds and small animals. Tree creepers, nightingales, thrushes and wrens all move with relative safety, camouflaged against the rich brown trunk, but the oak also gives shelter to colourful redstarts, robins, nut hatches and wood warblers. In the older hollows, woodpeckers, little owls and barn owls will build their nests, though they might have to fend off the magpies that also frequent this densely populated tree. While blue tits and robins gobble up the caterpillars of oak moths, jays are so addicted to acorns that they will carry off as many as ten at a time, though this does give them a rather bulky fuselage. Since the oak is a favourite habitat of more insects, lichens, butterflies, beetles and fungi than any other kind of tree, it is the ideal home for birds, squirrels, dormice, bats and snakes. And that is before you begin to explore the life nurtured in the thick layers of dead leaves or the rotting heartwood of fallen branches. The oak carries an entire world within itself, but its sinewy, Atlas-like limbs show no sign of strain. This is the King of Trees, the head, heart and habitat of an entire civilisation."

The Long, Long Life of Trees

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