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We are a coalition of grassroots Native groups living and working in the Dakota Access resistance camps along the Cannon Ball River in Oceti Sakowin treaty... honorearth.org

Becky Wolf <http://www.wday.com/.../4176094-arrest-made-connection...>

Arrest made in connection to videotaped threats to Dakota Access...

wday.com | By April Baumgarten

After Visiting Standing Rock, Swedish Bank Puts Companies Behind DAPL on Watch

<http://www.ecowatch.com/nordea-dakota-access-pipeline-2145479833.html>



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[Greg Grey Cloud](#) with [Talon Voice](#)
and [3 others](#).

[Lower Brule, SD](#) ·

The Dakota 38+2 wokiksuye zuya has begun! It's currently -9 degrees with a 15mph windchill. Our riders are vigilant. Our horses are great. Our family is second to none. Our relatives at camp are also in

our prayers! [#Dakota38](#) [#NoDAPL](#)
[#SpiritRiders](#)

Dakota 38 riders made it to the concentration camp they call Fort Thompson, where the Crow Creek Dakota currently live! It was a cold cold journey but our courage comes from our ancestors strength! Remembering our grandfathers today as we ride! While we ride, we carry the [#NoDAPL](#) message! [#Dakota38](#) [#SpiritRiders](#)



Trump's Pick for Energy Secretary Sits on Board of Dakota Access Pipeline Company

http://www.ecowatch.com/perry-trump-energy-secretary-2145190293.html?utm_source=EcoWatch+List&utm_campaign=94aabb0b18-MailChimp+Email+Blast&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_49c7d43dc9-94aabb0b18-85895669

[Native Waters, Native Warriors: From Standing Rock to Honduras](#)

Beverly Bell, Truthout: Two fierce Indigenous battles against corporate state power are being fought in the Americas. With shared strategies of mobilization and direct action, the Standing Rock Sioux in North Dakota and the Lenca in Honduras are

challenging an oil pipeline on Native lands and the damming of the Gualcarque river, respectively. [Read the Article](#)

Institutions Representing \$5 Trillion Pledge to Divest From Fossil Fuels

http://www.ecowatch.com/divest-fossil-fuels-2143158612.html?utm_source=EcoWatch+List&utm_campaign=16705b2d96-MailChimp+Email+Blast&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_49c7d43dc9-16705b2d96-85895669

City of Seattle Dumps Wells Fargo Over Dakota Access Pipeline Financing

The City of Seattle is considering cutting ties with Wells Fargo because the bank finances the Dakota Access Pipeline in North Dakota. indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com

How Northwest Tribes Joined Forces to Beat Fossil Fuel

Initiatives

Terri Hansen, YES! Magazine: In response to Houston-based Westway Terminals' threat to the Quinault's ancestral lands and resources, the tribe has joined a growing coalition of other governments and allies to form a resistance to fossil fuel expansion along the West Coast, at the heart of which lie hundreds of years of treaty rights and case law. [Read the Article](#)

Forty bison are trapped in bureaucratic limbo on the border of Yellowstone National Park. [Your action right now](#) could prevent them from being *slaughtered*.

Yellowstone is home to the largest herd of wild bison left in the world, and they are of invaluable genetic importance for additional bison restoration efforts. Sadly, in an effort to reduce their population, thousands have been needlessly sent to slaughterhouses over the last two decades!

URGENT: Tell Yellowstone's Superintendent Dan Wenk, to relocate bison to tribal and public lands, not slaughter them.

Last year, a proposal to relocate some bison from Yellowstone National Park to the Fort Peck Indian Reservation in northeast Montana for disease testing and restoration rather than send them to a slaughterhouse – received more than **300,000 supportive comments from the public**.

Despite overwhelming public support, the Yellowstone Superintendent and the National Park Service are dragging their feet in approving the quarantine and relocation plan. The forty bison have tested negative for brucellosis disease at least 7 times. And every day we wait, the lives of these bison hang in the balance.

Unless Superintendent Wenk takes action soon, these bison will be shipped to slaughter.

[SIGN THE PETITION NOW >>](#)

You and I must not let that happen. We must not let bison die because of bureaucrats who are dragging their heels.

Our collective voices are needed to pressure Yellowstone authorities to step up and approve the bison quarantine and relocation plan. Because the alternative is slaughter.

For these 40 bison and thousands more in future years, please act today. [Sign our petition to stop the slaughter of Yellowstone bison right now.](#)

With sincere thanks, **Steve Forrest**, Senior Representative Rockies & Plains, Defenders of Wildlife

It's Time for President Obama to Grant Clemency to Leonard Peltier

[Read the Article at The Nation](#)

[Google Effect Rubs Off on Schools in One Rural Oklahoma Town](#)

By QUENTIN HARDY

A \$2.5 billion data center transforms the learning experiences of a rural community's students in a state where schools are struggling.

[Stephanie Elliott Prieto's post.](#)

'It's a little scary': On Lennox Island, no one debates whether climate change is real

Lennox Island, a small Mi'kmaq First Nation community in Prince Edward Island, is a kind of canary in the coal mine when it comes to climate change. It's one of the... cbc.ca

[Hoopa Valley Tribe Testifies Against Westlands in Federal Court](#)

Two Rivers Tribune

In August when the weather's hot and the rivers' *water* is dangerously low and ... imported *water* from the Trinity River and other North

[Final EPA Study Confirms Fracking Contaminates Drinking Water](#)

SHARE if you agree with Mark Ruffalo: "At last the EPA confirms what independent ecowatch.com|By Lorraine Chow

Are you interested in building a Culture of Health in your community?

WEBINAR: What you need to know to apply for the Culture of Health Leaders Program!

Thursday, December 8 from 2:00-3:00PM EST

[Click here to register!](#)

On January 4, 2017, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) will be opening the call for applications for the next cohort. The RWJ Foundation wants to help you and leaders you know get ready to apply. Please join the Foundation for an introductory webinar to hear more about the Culture of Health Leaders Program and other programs, find out what the application reviewers are looking for in a

successful applicant, and learn what you will need to hit the ground running when the application process opens on **January 4, 2017**.

Learn more about the Culture of Health Leaders Program here: <http://cultureofhealth-leaders.org/>

Funding and Technical Assistance Opportunities

- 1. Conservation Innovation Grants, USDA**
- 2. Small-Scale Manufacturing and Place-Based Economic Development Technical Assistance, Smart Growth America**
- 3. Indian Environmental General Assistance Program Funding, EPA Region 10**
- 4. Groundwork USA Program Funding and Technical Assistance, National Park Service**
- 5. Cliff Bar Foundation Small Grants**
- 6. People, Prosperity and the Planet Award Program, EPA**
- 7. Deployment of Energy Efficiency and Clean Energy on Indian Lands – 2017, DOE**

1. Conservation Innovation Grants, USDA

Details at <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/cig/>

Application closes January 9, 2017.

Funding Opportunity Number: USDA-NRCS-NHQ-CIG-17-01

Conservation Innovation Grants are competitive grants that stimulate the development and adoption of innovative approaches and technologies for conservation on agricultural lands. USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service will invest \$25 million for new national Conservation Innovation Grants projects in fiscal year 2017. Up to \$2 million of this year's Conservation Innovation Grants funding has been set aside for projects that benefit historically underserved and military veteran farmers and ranchers, beginning farmers and ranchers and those with limited resources and organizations that include or support them. American Indian tribes, state and local units of government, non-governmental organizations and individuals are eligible to submit applications.

2. Small-Scale Manufacturing and Place-Based Economic Development Technical Assistance, Smart Growth America

Details at <https://smartgrowthamerica.org/work-with-us/apply-for-our-free-technical-assistance/small-scale-manufacturing/>

Application closes January 6, 2017.

"With funding from the U.S. Economic Development Administration, Smart Growth America will provide technical assistance to help local community leaders integrate

small-scale manufacturing into their place-based economic development efforts. Any units or subdivisions of regional, local, or tribal government, as well as non-profits and non-governmental organizations such as community development corporations and community foundations, are eligible to apply. Selected communities will receive a professionally facilitated two- to three-day workshop, followed by a customized action plan that identifies next steps and resources available for implementation. Workshops will be designed to help communities identify their existing assets and how they can be harnessed to develop small-scale manufacturing locally."

3. Indian Environmental General Assistance Program Funding, [EPA Region 10](#)

Details at <https://www.epa.gov/tribal/region-10-tribal-environmental-gap-funding>

Draft budgets and workplans are due January 17, 2017.

Funding amount: \$75,000 to \$128,000

EPA Region 10 is accepting proposals from federally recognized tribal governments and intertribal consortia for Indian Environmental General Assistance Program (GAP) funding for work to be completed in fiscal year 2018. The goal of GAP is to assist tribes in building capacity to administer tribal environmental programs consistent with the federal laws the EPA is charged with implementing, according to their individual needs. Based on Region 10's GAP budget allocation, EPA will prioritize applicant funding in the following order:

- Individual Tribes. The primary purpose of GAP grants is to build tribal capacity for developing and administering environmental protection programs. Therefore, providing GAP grants to individual tribal governments is our highest priority.
- Intertribal Consortia. EPA will consider funding for intertribal consortia after it has funded individual tribes' proposals. Consortia work plans must meet the capacity-building needs of member tribes without duplicating individual tribal efforts.

4. Groundwork USA Program Funding and Technical Assistance

Details at <http://groundworkusa.org/groundwork-network/start-a-new-groundwork-trust/>

Letters of Interest due by February 1, 2017.

"The Groundwork Program of the National Park Service builds community capacity to improve the environmental, economic and social conditions in communities impacted by brownfields and derelict lands. It supports the establishment and early success of locally organized and led nonprofit organizations, called Groundwork Trusts, dedicated to carrying out the mission of the Groundwork network. Funding is now in place to select up to two new communities for exploration of the Groundwork Program. Selected communities will be eligible for up to \$200,000 in funding and technical assistance from the National Park Service, US Environmental Protection Agency, and Groundwork USA. Funding will support the planning, establishment, and building capacity of a new Groundwork Trust organization in each community."

5. Cliff Bar Foundation Small Grants

Details at <http://clifbarfamilyfoundation.org/Grants-Programs/Small-Grants>

Application closes February 1, 2017.

"These grants are awarded for general organizational support as well as funding for specific projects. Small grants average approximately \$7,000 each. Priority is given to applicants that:

- Address our funding priorities from a holistic perspective
- Protect Earth's beauty and bounty.
- Create a robust, healthy food system.
- Increase opportunities for outdoor activity.
- Reduce environmental health hazards.
- Build stronger communities.
- Operate with clearly defined objectives and viable plans to achieve them.
- Demonstrate strong community ties and operate at the community level.
- Promote positive change through both the projects and their implementation process."

6. People, Prosperity and the Planet Award Program, EPA

Details at <https://www.epa.gov/research-grants/14th-annual-p3-awards-national-student-design-competition-sustainability-focusing>

Application closes February 3, 2017.

Funding amount: Up to \$15,000 per Phase I grant and up to \$75,000 per Phase II grant

The United States Environmental Protection Agency invites submissions to the 14th Annual P3 Awards: A National Student Design Competition for Sustainability Focusing on People, Prosperity and the Planet. P3 focuses on scientific projects and engineering designs that address the three components of sustainability: people, prosperity and the planet.

The P3 Program is intended to support science-based projects and designs developed by interdisciplinary student teams that benefit people by improving their quality of life, promoting prosperity by developing local economies, and protecting the planet by conserving resources and minimizing pollution. Public nonprofit institutions/organizations (limited to degree-granting public institutions of higher education) and private nonprofit institutions/organizations (limited to degree-granting private institutions of higher education) located in the U.S. (includes eligible institutions of higher education located in U.S. territories and possessions) are eligible to apply to be the recipient of a grant to support teams of undergraduate and/or graduate students.

7. Deployment of Energy Efficiency and Clean Energy on Indian Lands – 2017, DOE

Details at <https://eere-Exchange.energy.gov>

Application closes February 7, 2017.

Funding Opportunity Number: DE-FOA-0001660
Funding amount: \$50,000 to \$1,000,000

DOE's Office of Indian Energy is soliciting applications from Indian Tribes (including Alaska Native Regional Corporations and Village Corporations) and Tribal Energy Resource Development Organizations to (1) Install energy efficiency measures and clean energy systems on tribal buildings and/or, (2) Deploy clean energy systems on a community-scale.

For purposes of this Funding Opportunity Announcement, an eligible "Indian Tribe" (including Alaska Native villages, but not Alaska Native Regional Corporations or Village Corporations), must be federally recognized as listed in Indian Entities Recognized and Eligible to Receive Services from the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs. Applications may also be submitted on behalf of an Indian Tribe(s) by an authorized Tribal Organization or Inter-Tribal Organization, provided evidence of that authority is provided as part of the application.

City of Las Vegas Issues Call For Artist Submissions

Two Artist Opportunities Are Available

The city of Las Vegas requests submissions from artists who are interested in applying for one or more of the following opportunities.

- Submit written proposals for up to two designs for artistic bike racks also are being accepted through ngemnv.com. The deadline to apply is 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 27.
- Submit written interest in painting up to four utility boxes to beautify the urban environment in Ward 3 along Maryland Parkway between Charleston Boulevard and Stewart Avenue as part of the AMP project. The deadline to apply is Friday, Jan. 6, 2017. Artists must be at least 18 years old to participate. For more information and to apply, visit [online](#).

Go [online](#) for more information; call Laura Aguiar Machado at 702-229-4631 with questions.

There are **fantastic peace building programs offered by SIT** Graduate Institute taking place in both the South Asia region and the US in 2017!

SIT Graduate Institute is offering the **Spring 2017 CONTACT Peacebuilding Training and Education program in Nepal January 23 – February 3**. The program is intended for working professionals in countries in South Asia as well as in Myanmar who want to further their skills and knowledge in peacebuilding and community development. It explores ways to create a shared vision for a secure and sustainable future for the South Asia region through a combination of South Asia–focused readings, discussions, and experiential activities with faculty, participants develop a full range of peacebuilding skills and techniques. Additional details can be found by visiting our [website](#). **Scholarships are available. The deadline for application is fast approaching on Monday, December 19.** Any questions may be directed to joslin.roderick@sit.edu

The Summer CONTACT Peacebuilding program at the SIT Graduate Institute campus in Brattleboro, Vermont takes place June 5 – 23, where students learn about core ideas and practices in conflict transformation. The final week of the program takes place in Washington, DC, and includes visits to key governmental and nongovernmental organizations involved in

peacebuilding work around the world. Trainings are led by a diverse group of internationally recognized faculty with years of experience including peacebuilders from over twenty-five countries. CONTACT has also partnered with [Musicians without Borders \(MWB\)](#), which runs a two-week professional training program in community music leadership and conflict transformation in conjunction with the CONTACT program. Additional details can be found by visiting our [website](#).

Both CONTACT programs combine skills-based academic instruction with personal interaction between peacebuilders across ethnic, national, religious, and cultural divides. Some financial support is available. Please share these exceptional opportunities with your colleagues.

Now more than ever, programs such as these are critical to building a better future for all the world's citizens.

Sincerely,

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Application Open: 2017 Native Youth in Food/Ag Summer Leadership Summit, University of Arkansas

Attachments: [image001.png](#) [Application for First-Time Students 2017.pdf](#) [Application for Student Fellows 2017.pdf](#) [Application for Student Leaders 2017 Final.pdf](#)

This national summer (**July 16-25 2017**) opportunity brings Native high school-aged youth interested/engaged in Food and Agriculture together from Tribal Nations across the country to participate in a 9-day life changing experience. All travel expenses have been paid for successful applicants in the past, and I believe this year will be the same. The application materials for youth to fill out are attached. Please insure they only fill out one application and that it is the right one (there are 3 applications and we have had several students fill out the wrong one in the past).

The First-Time Student application is self-explanatory, the Student Fellow application is for high school students who have attended this Arkansas summit before, and the Student Leader application is for college-aged students who have had at least some interface with IAC/IFAI in recent years.

The deadline for 1st Time/Fellow Applications is April 11, 2017; the Student Leader Application is due March 11. It is highly recommended to submit applications early. This event continues to grow each year and is becoming quite competitive. Early applications have received priority points in past years.

Information on last year's summit for context can be found here:

<https://law.uark.edu/service-outreach/youth-summit.php>

[Summer Leadership Summit: Native Youth in Agriculture ...](#) law.uark.edu

Only a few weeks left to apply for the 2016 Native Youth in Agriculture Summer Leadership Summit! We are currently accepting applications for ...

National Point of Contact for Questions:

Emerald Hames, Recruitment Officer, 1045 West Maple Ave, Fayetteville, AR 72701
Office: 479.575.5128 Cell: 479.422.1446 Fax: 479.575.3320

Follow IFAL on Social Media: [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#)

Sincerely, Keir K. Johnson-Reyes (Tzi-Zho Hun-kah)
Intertribal Agriculture Council, CA/NV Regional Technical Assistance Specialist
Sacramento, CA phone: 916) 995-3209 email: keir@indianaglink.com
web: www.indianaglink.com

"suu-paay'ace-wehice-ah" Spreading Seeds Far in the Way of the Ancestors

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S-9 Archaeologist on the Lincoln NF

Please distribute this as far and wide as possible. We have a GS-9 position open on the Lincoln NF working out of the Supervisor's Office in Alamogordo.

<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/458579300/>

The region is filling positions on an open and continuous list, but certifications will be pulled in just a few weeks in order to avoid any potential hiring freeze. Start date is anticipated to be January 20, 2017.

If you are interested, please apply as soon as possible.

The staff at the Lincoln is great and the archaeology, both historic and prehistoric, is quite interesting. We need a competent archaeologist who can support undertakings on a busy ranger district.

William Sapp, Ph.D., Forest Archaeologist/Tribal Liaison, Forest Service, Lincoln National Forest p: 575-434-7272 c: 575-551-1301 billsapp@fs.fed.us
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Caring for the land and serving people

President Obama Signs Executive Order to Protect the Northern Bering Sea

Today (12.9) President Barack Obama signed a historic Executive Order creating the Northern Bering Sea Climate Resilience Area. This is an incredible victory for our clients, the Bering Sea Elders Group (BSEG), and the 39 tribes in Western Alaska that BSEG represents. Yup'ik and Inupiaq tribal communities in the region have a deeply personal and cultural connection to the Northern Bering Sea and its rich marine resources. Their lives have been linked with the Northern Bering Sea for thousands of years. It is their highway, their grocery store, their way of life, and their children's inheritance.

Today's Executive Order establishes an important set of policies aimed at promoting resilient tribal communities and protecting the Alaska Native subsistence way of life in the face of increasing effects of climate change. It also, for the first time, creates a formal role for the region's tribes in federal decision-making, so as to ensure that Native voices continue to be heard as they deal with the increasing pressure on their resources. The Executive Order elevates the voice of Alaska Native tribes and the role of indigenous knowledge in decision-making within

the region by establishing a Federal Task Force on the Northern Bering Sea Climate Resilience Area (Bering Task Force) and mandating that the Task Force establish and engage in regular consultation with a Bering Intergovernmental Tribal Advisory Council, which will consist primarily of tribal government representatives with participation from Federal, state, and local officials for coordination purposes. As the White House noted, “[t]ogether, these two groups will guide the incorporation of valuable traditional knowledge and science into Federal resource management in the northern Bering Sea region, thus preserving this unique ecosystem and the indigenous peoples who rely upon it.”

NARF Staff Attorney Natalie Landreth applauds the decision, noting that “it is essential to remember that this action came from the tribes, the coastal communities, themselves. The delegates from the 39 member tribes of BSEG asked the President to take action to protect their communities and way of life. The Administration opened its doors, listened, and followed through in a way I have never seen before. This level of responsiveness to tribes is unprecedented. It’s not often that you find a President or Administration that values its federal relationship with tribes, but President Obama does. We are extremely thankful, and anyone who supports more local input in federal decision-making should applaud this decision.”

NARF has represented BSEG since 2010 and we are incredibly proud of its work to protect subsistence resources and promote tribal sovereignty and traditional knowledge in the face of tremendous challenges. Quyanatooq to BSEG as well as to their partners in this effort, [Kawerak, Inc.](#) and the [Association of Village Council Presidents](#).

For more information, please contact:

Harry Lincoln – Chair, Bering Sea Elders Group, (907) 652-2122.

Fred Phillip – Executive Director, Bering Sea Elders Group, (907) 717-5299.

[Natalie Landreth](#) – Staff Attorney, Native American Rights Fund, (907) 360-3423.

The Executive Order and accompanying [map](#) are available online. Additional media resources, including statements from other organizations, maps, facts about the region, and photos are [available here](#).

[See this announcement in its entirety here.](#)

Ross "Hot Rod" O'Neil

Aug 18, 1937 - Dec 6, 2016

Ross was born in Nixon, Nevada on Aug. 18, 1937 and passed away at Hearthstone on Dec 6, 2016.