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STAND FIRM FOR  
JUSTICE IN  
EFFORTS TO  
HALT THE  
CONSTRUCTION  
OF THE DAKOTA  
ACCESS  
PIPELINE**

**November 3, 2016**

NARF continues to stand firm for justice for the Standing Rock Sioux and Cheyenne River Sioux Tribes in their efforts to halt the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL).

Immediately following the issuance of the October 9, 2016, order by the federal

court of appeals denying the tribes' emergency motion for a stay, NARF facilitated a conference call with Earthjustice and over forty tribal leaders and attorneys representing a broad cross-section of Indian country. The call continued the efforts to develop a broad-based effective litigation strategy in support of the tribe's appeal of the federal district court's denial of the preliminary injunction. One of the primary issues on appeal is the district court's acceptance of the Army Corps of Engineers' argument that section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act does not require it to consult with the tribes regarding the severe, adverse impacts to tribal burial grounds and other sacred places throughout the DAPL construction corridor unless such

impacts fall within their narrow definition of “jurisdictional waters.”

At this time, NARF, along with the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), is moving forward with Earthjustice on a litigation strategy that includes multiple “friend of the court” briefs to provide a fuller perspective of the wide-ranging harms caused by a failure of federal agencies to consult with tribes on these massive infrastructure projects, the benefits gained when meaningful consultation occurs with tribal governments, and the utter disregard of the law in this case by the Army Corps of Engineers. NARF is also active in monitoring the progress of the consultation sessions being hosted by the Department of the Interior, Department of Justice, Department of the Army, and other federal agencies on “how the Federal Government can better account for, and integrate tribal views, on future infrastructure decisions throughout the country.” In the recent four-hour session during the NCAI Annual Conference in Phoenix, a multitude of tribal leaders waited patiently to provide the high level federal officials in attendance with their own—often heart-wrenching—stories of struggle and frustration with the inaction of the Army Corps of Engineers, other federal agencies, and members of Congress to protect the rights of Indian tribes guaranteed under their treaties with the United States.

**Related to these actions, we invite you to download the following resources:**

**[Take Action:](#)** Suggested Actions to Help Water Protectors (NCAI)

**[Learn More:](#)** Background Information on Police Escalation at Dakota Access Pipeline (EARTHJUSTICE)

**[Get Help:](#)** Request Legal Assistance Related to the Current Protests (American Indian Law Program, University of Colorado)

**[President Obama says the Dakota Access pipeline could get rerouted.](#)**

***AURA BOGADO   malheuristic device***

### **Actor Chris Hemsworth Stands with Standing Rock – Makes Apolog**

Another celebrity has added their support to the #NoDAPL cause. Actor Chris Hemsworth, better known as Thor to all the superhero fans, took to Instagram on Thursday to send his support to Standing Rock who are taking a stand against the Dakota Access Pipeline. He also wanted to make sure he took the time to offer an apology for something that happened last year.



Thank you for using your celebrity to elevate the #NoDAPL message and also to bring awareness to cultural appropriation and costumes. Especially at Halloween time! [READ MORE](#)

## See Which 5 City Mayors Stand with Standing Rock!

More support for Standing Rock and #NoDAPL keeps pouring in. In a recent letter dated October 21st, 5 mayors in major cities across the United States have written a letter to President Barack Obama asking him to complete a full environmental review of the matter.

Seattle Mayor Ed Murray had this to say:

"I've joined fellow mayors in calling on The White House to halt the Dakota Access Pipeline to complete a full environmental and cultural review. This is a matter of local importance because Seattle itself is located in the treaty territory of several tribes. We understand the need to protect tribal lands from damage, our air and water from fossil fuels, and our responsibility to respect indigenous peoples' sacred places. And so we stand with the Standing Rock Sioux as a matter of principle and policy in opposing a project that threatens their home. #NoDAPL"

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## ["It's Happening: More Cops Leave Standing Rock And Refuse To Return"](#)

North Dakota — Widespread outrage over both the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline and violent police crackdowns rages on. That outrage is spreading even to police agencies now returning from deployment to the reservation. Two departments have already refused to return, citing personal and p... countercurrentnews.com

## [What Happened When #NoDAPL Activists Interrupted an Inslee Clean Energy Rally Last Week](#)

America's "greenest" governor dropped by Western Washington University last week for a standard get-out-the-vote appeal to campus environmentalists, but student activists were determined to make the stop anything but routine. A separate rally of Native students and their non-Native allies flooded In... thestranger.com



This is my friend Bev(R) who lives in Napa. She was feeling poorly about the election so she went for a walk along the river, encountering a young woman (l) , a food server, who was holding a #NoDAPL sign. She told Bev that she, too, had woken feeling badly and told her mother she HAD TO DO SOMETHING so this is what she was doing. She had two signs so Bev joined her and they both felt better. It is these little actions from all over the world that demonstrate that some are beginning to "get it". hang tough, Protectors.

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**The Bundy bros are back at it.**

REUTERS/Jim Urquhart

Just six days after their acquittal, the Oregon ranchers who occupied a federal wildlife refuge last winter say there may well be another standoff soon.

"Absolutely! That's the best thing in the world for [people] to do," Ryan Bundy told the

[Washington Post](#) from inside a jail, referring to a reprise of his 41-day armed occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge to protest federal control of, well, federal land.

The younger Bundy — son of Cliven — remains jailed due to a [separate](#) armed standoff in 2014, also related to public land. Old habits die hard?

This fresh hint of menace from the Bundys pertains to the Obama administration's plan to create a [national monument at Gold Butte](#). It would include 350,000 acres of desert that's home to rare sandstone, ancient petroglyphs, and vulnerable tortoises — that happens to lie just south of the Bundy ranch.

The ranchers' complaint? An overreach of presidential power, as usual, and valuing tortoises over people. To be fair, tortoises have never laid siege to federal property.

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### **Montana revising drought management plan**      TOM KUGLIN, Billings Gazette

The state of Montana is revising its drought management plan and taking public comment on several draft proposals.

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Access & Awareness Webinar Series from the Federal Interagency Working Group on Environmental Justice (EJ IWG)

"Working Together: Lessons Learned from Collaboration for Community Revitalization"

Thursday November 10, 2016 at 1:00pm – 2:30pm Eastern

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### **Webinar No. 4 - Working Together: Lessons Learned from Collaboration for Community Revitalization**

This webinar will focus on sharing strategies to address the challenges of interagency collaboration for community revitalization. Viewers will gain a better understanding of collaboration mechanisms that bring together various stakeholders including community-based organizations, federal, state, and local agencies. Presenters will discuss the EJ IWG's Framework for Collaboration, the strategy that guides environmental justice collaboration between the 17 federal agencies, and the work of the North Birmingham Interagency Working Group in facilitating place-based collaboration and strategies for revitalization through regulation, community engagement, and brownfield end-use planning.

Lastly, representatives from the City of Birmingham, Alabama and the Community Coalition of North Birmingham will share their experiences, including challenges, opportunities and lessons learned, and how the audience can utilize interagency collaboration for community revitalization. They will discuss how interagency efforts have supported revitalization in their city and supported the establishment of the North Birmingham Community Coalition (NBCC) revitalization plan, a brownfields inventory and task force, brownfields community training, and a winning EPA Brownfields assessment grant proposal.

- **Date:** 11/10/2016
- **Time:** 1:00pm – 2:30pm Eastern

## Webinar Series Background

Established by Executive Order 12898, the Federal Interagency Working Group on Environmental Justice comprises 17 federal agencies and White House Offices that work together to guide, support and enhance environmental justice and community-based activities. Check out the EJ IWG Webpage (<https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/federal-interagency-working-group-environmental-justice-ej-iwg>) for more information.

The EJ IWG is launching the Access & Awareness Series, a monthly event, to provide public access to the working group and to increase community awareness of federal agency environmental justice strategies and holistic community-based solutions to address environmental justice issues. This series will help the public gain a deeper understanding of how federal agencies are collaborating and what resources are available to anyone interested in improving the health, quality-of-life, and economic opportunities in overburdened communities.

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## Washoe County Lands Bill

About 100 people came to the "forum" (or circus) last week at the Convention Center on the not-yet-released public lands disposal bill in Washoe County. The testimony kept going until 7:30PM. Interestingly, there appeared to be no recording of people's comments. The opposition and support for the wilderness designation part of the bill was loud and argumentative, but seemed limited to a small group of pro and con folks. Those complaining about losing our local public lands were passionate, too, with more reasoned concerns, questions, and suggestions. Comments from Commissioner Lucey changed radically from the beginning to the end of the meeting after the heated comments - from "the bill will be introduced in a couple of weeks in the lame-duck session of Congress" to "we want consensus support in Washoe County for this bill" and "it won't be introduced until 2017." 3 maps (including acreages) and a handout were available at the meeting, but information on acres in the Washoe County Federal Lands Bill Constrained Areas map does not appear available on the Washoe County website. Let me know if you want to see the maps I got at the forum.

It's important to send written comments ASAP to the Washoe County Commission to get our support for local public lands "into the record." This is what Commission Chair Kitty Jung told me she would do with all comments she received. Here are email addresses for Commissioner Jung and Planning staffer, Bill Whitney:

WC Commission Chair: Kitty Jung: [KJung@washoecounty.us](mailto:KJung@washoecounty.us)  
copy to WC Planner, Bill Whitney: [BWhitney@washoecounty.us](mailto:BWhitney@washoecounty.us)

Here are some talking points from discussions at the Nov. 2 forum:

1. legislative proposal appears to be a land grab - to sell off 148,983 acres of our local public lands inside the growth boundary for future development from the North Valleys all the way to the Pyramid Lake reservation - do we want the Truckee Meadows to become a mini-Las Vegas and the Truckee River corridor be turned into an industrial area?
2. proposed Congressional giveaways of 15,405 acres of public lands to local government agencies are unnecessary - appropriate requests can be made for lands through Rec. & Public Purposes Act.



3. while promised by Washoe County, provisions for keeping lands for parks, open space and recreational activities have not been seen by the public. Nor is there any funding in the county budget available for operating these promised lands, other than by selling off former public lands.

What we need:

1. stop the rush for a lands bill which no one has seen except for whoever is writing it.
2. provide more transparency and information, with full disclosure of the actual legislative proposal language as well as maps showing acres in the disposal areas.
3. better yet, create a new public process with a goal of building consensus in the Truckee Meadows on which of our local public lands must be retained in federal management and which public lands are actually needed or appropriate for future development and for setting aside for future infrastructure.

Thanks for taking the time to let Washoe County know your concerns about this mysterious legislative proposal. Contact me if you have any questions.

Rose Strickland

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## **GrantStation**

### **[The Mission Continues Fellowship Program](#)**

The Mission Continues empowers veterans who are adjusting to life at home to find purpose through community impact. Through the Mission Continues Fellowship Program, post-9/11 veterans have the opportunity to continue service to their nation by leading in their communities. Click above to learn more about the application process.

**The Tanzania Forest Fund** aims to provide long term, reliable, and sustainable funding support to conservation and management of forest resources in Tanzania. The Fund has recently issued a call for proposals. Click above to learn more about the funding guidelines and application process.

## ***National Funding***

Support for Oral Healthcare Initiatives for Children

### **[Foundation of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry: Healthy Smiles, Healthy Children](#)**

Healthy Smiles, Healthy Children, an initiative of the Foundation of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, is committed to improving the quality of pediatric oral health in the United States. Healthy Smiles, Healthy Children Grants support dentist-led, community-based initiatives throughout the country that provide dental care and ultimately serve as a Dental Home to underserved children. Special consideration will be given to initiatives that support the age-one dental visit, provide care to special needs patients, and address the needs of specific underserved demographic groups. Single-year grants of up to \$20,000 are provided. Online proposals must be submitted by December 15, 2016. Visit the Foundation's website to review the grant guidelines.

Education Equality Initiatives for Women and Girls Funded

### **[American Association of University Women: Community Action Grants](#)**

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) works to advance educational and professional opportunities for women in the United States. The AAUW Community Action Grants program provides funds to individuals, AAUW organizations, and local community-based nonprofit organizations (including universities) throughout the country for innovative programs or non-degree research projects that promote education and equality for women and girls. Special consideration is given to projects focused on K-12 and community college girls' and women's achievements in science, technology, engineering, or math. One-year grants of \$2,000 to \$7,000 provide funds for community-based projects. Two-year grants of \$5,000 to \$10,000 provide start-up funds for new projects that address the particular needs of the community and develop girls' sense of efficacy through leadership or advocacy opportunities. The application deadline for both types of grants is January 15, 2017. Visit the AAUW website to submit an online application.

Grants Promote a Healthy Planet and a Just Society

**[The Nathan Cummings Foundation](#)**

The Nathan Cummings Foundation is rooted in the Jewish tradition and committed to democratic values and social justice, including fairness, diversity, and community. The Foundation invests in the following four focus areas that together advance the vision of a healthy planet and a healthy democracy: Inclusive Clean Economy; Racial and Economic Justice; Corporate and Political Accountability; and Voices, Creativity, and Culture. Letters of inquiry may be submitted at any time. Visit the Foundation's website to learn more about the funding strategy for each objective.

Grants Promote Youth Running Programs

**[Saucony Run for Good Foundation](#)**

The Saucony Run for Good Foundation is committed to improving the lives of children by helping to prevent and reduce childhood obesity. Grants of up to \$10,000 are provided to nonprofit community organizations that initiate and support running programs for youth. Program participants must be 18 years of age or younger. Priority will be given to programs that serve youth populations not traditionally exposed to running programs. Grant requests are reviewed two times per year; the next application deadline is December 15, 2016. Visit the Saucony website to download the application guidelines.

***Regional Funding***

Funds for the Purchase of CT Scanners in Seven States

**[Helmsley Charitable Trust Rural Healthcare Program: CT Scanner Initiative](#)**

The Helmsley Charitable Trust's Rural Healthcare Program has launched the CT Scanner Initiative, a funding opportunity for hospitals in Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming. This Initiative will provide up to 20 two-year grants of up to \$400,000 to assist hospitals to acquire or replace their CT scanners. Hospitals that currently have either no CT scanner or a CT scanner that is 16 slices or lower may apply. Funding will be provided for the purchase of a CT scanner and essential peripheral equipment such as UPS and contrast delivery systems. Eligible applicants must be a 501(c)(3) or other tax-exempt (e.g. city or county owned) hospital. Letters of inquiry are due December 9, 2016; full proposals must be submitted by January 27, 2017. Visit the Trust's website to download the Request for Proposals.

Grants Enhance Land Conservation in New England

**[Fields Pond Foundation](#)**

The Fields Pond Foundation provides grants to community-based nature and land conservation organizations that serve to increase environmental awareness by involving local residents in conservation issues. The Foundation supports nonprofit organizations and local government agencies in the six New England states and upper New York State. The Foundation's grantmaking priorities include land acquisition for conservation as well as project grants for trailmaking and other enhancement of public access to lands, rivers, and coastlines. Most grants range between \$2,000 and \$10,000. Grant requests may be submitted throughout the year. Details on the application process are available on the Foundation's website.

Support for Organizations Addressing the Well-Being of Coloradans

**El Pomar Foundation**

El Pomar Foundation promotes the current and future well-being of the people of Colorado through grantmaking and community stewardship. Grants are provided to nonprofit organizations in all 64 counties of Colorado. The Foundation's areas of interest include health, human services, education, arts and culture, and civic and community initiatives. Requests may be submitted at any time. Online grant application guidelines are available on the Foundation's website.

Youth Mental Health Training Initiatives Funded in Idaho

**Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health: Youth Behavioral Health Training Grants**

The Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health is dedicated to positively impacting the health of all Idahoans through wellness and prevention programs. Through the Youth Behavioral Health Training Grants initiative, the Foundation supports nonprofit organizations, government agencies, and colleges and universities in Idaho that offer training in developing the skills to identify and assist with youth mental health issues. The target audience for trainings and workforce development projects should include individuals who interact with and serve youth, for example parents, teachers, and behavioral health professionals. The application deadline is December 1, 2016. Visit the Foundation's website to download the application template.

***Federal Funding***

Funds Available to Restore the Great Lakes

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

The Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act program supports cooperative conservation, restoration, and management of fish and wildlife resources and their habitats in the Great Lakes Basin. The application deadline is December 12, 2016.

Program Encourages Nutritious Purchases

**Department of Agriculture**

The Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentive (FINI) Grant Program provides support to increase the purchase of fruits and vegetables among low-income consumers participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The application deadline is December 12, 2016.

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**The Environmental Justice Small Grants Request for Proposals (RFP) is open from November 1, 2016 to January 31, 2017.**



Information related to the RFP and the Environmental Justice Small Grants Program can be found on the EPA Environmental Justice website [here](#).

All proposals must be submitted through [www.Grants.gov](http://www.Grants.gov). You can find a direct link to the Opportunity Notice on Grants.gov [here!](#)

**Opportunity Description:** EPA's Environmental Justice Small Grants program provides financial assistance to community-based organizations, and local and tribal governments working on projects to address environmental and public health concerns. EPA will award grants that support activities designed to empower and educate affected communities and to identify ways to address environmental and public health concerns at the local level. Approximately 40 one-year projects will be awarded at up to \$30,000 each nationwide.

An eligible applicant MUST BE one of the following entities: 1. Incorporated, non-profit, community-based organizations. This includes environmental justice networks, faith based organizations and those affiliated with religious institutions; 2. federally recognized tribal governments; OR 3. tribal organizations.

In an effort to increase outreach to affected communities in more States and US Territories, this year's opportunity will place special emphasis on proposals in two areas:

- 1. Underrepresented States** - defined as States and US Territories where three or fewer EPA EJ grants have been awarded over the last five years. A list of all Underrepresented States is included in the RFP.
- 2. New Potential Grantees** - defined as projects proposed by eligible organizations that have not received an EPA Environmental Justice grant award over the last five years.

All eligible organizations are encouraged to apply regardless of a project's location in an underrepresented state and/or the applicant's grant history with the EPA Environmental Justice grant program. The special emphasis described above only applies as an "other" selection factor the program will consider.

See our [Frequently Asked Questions page](#) for answers to many questions about the opportunity. This page will be updated with new questions and answers throughout the open period.

If you can't find the answer to your question on the FAQ page, please contact [Jacob Burney](#) or 202-564-2907.

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from Carolyn O'Neil, Administrator, and HUD's Southwest Office of Native American Programs Attached is information on the **HUD Proposed Rule on Elevation Standards** – **Comments due December 27, 2016**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is seeking your input on a proposed rule on new elevation standards for all new HUD-supported properties. The proposed rule would revise 24 CFR Part 55 (Part 55), Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands, to require that newly constructed or substantially improved (as defined in 24 CFR 55.2(b)(10)) structures be elevated two or three feet above the site's base flood elevation (also called '100-year floodplain'). In addition, the proposed rule would enlarge the horizontal floodplain area to reflect the vertical increase for projects processed under Part 55. This proposed rule would not change the scope of projects or activities that would require completing the 8-Step Decision-making Process under Part 55 to evaluate the practicability of the project, nor would it change the requirements and guidance specifying which actions subject to Part 55 require elevation or floodproofing. Rather, this rule would only expand the areas in which these requirements would apply. More information and frequently asked questions on the proposed rule are available [on HUD's Environmental Review website](#).

**The public comment period ends on December 27, 2016. HUD is hosting a webinar/conference to discuss the proposed rule on Monday, December 12,** and will send information on how to access the webinar/conference in the next few weeks.

More detailed information will follow after the public comment period.

If you have questions or need additional information, contact Hilary Atkin, *Environmental Clearance Officer*, HUD's Office of Native American Programs at (202) 402-3427 or visit [CodeTalk](#) [HUD Environmental Review website](#)

Respectfully, Debbie Broermann. Southwest Office of Native American Programs,  
US Department of Housing and Urban Development  
(602) 379-7198 <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/ih/codetalk/onap/swonap/>

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### **Pompey Factor: Seminole Scout for the U.S. Army During the Indian Wars**

Posted by [Jae Jones](#) - November 3, 2016 -

[BLACKS IN THE MILITARY](#), [LATEST POSTS](#)

Pompey Factor was a Seminole scout for the U.S. Army during the Indian Wars. He was involved in a conflict on April 25, 1875, during the Red River War between the United States and the Comanche and Kiowa.

Factor was born on January 1, 1849, in Arkansas to Hardy Factor, a black Seminole chief and Indian scout, and an unknown Biloxi Indian woman. He was the descendant of runaway slaves and Seminole Indians.

The fear of being enslaved drove many Black Seminoles to migrate to Mexico in the 1850s. Factor's family was among those who moved.

Factor and other Black Seminoles remained in Mexico until 1870, when the U.S. Army recruited them to serve as Indian scouts. He was one of the first men to accept the U.S. offer. In return, the United States promised land for their families and relocated them to a reservation at Fort Clark, near Brackettville, Texas.

Factor enlisted in the Army. He was assigned to the rank of private with the Detachment of Seminole Negro Indian Scouts and the Twenty-fourth Infantry.

On April 25, 1875, Factor was involved in a conflict, during the Red River War between the United States and the Comanche and Kiowa.


*“Factor, Sergeant John Ward, and Trumpeter Isaac Payne, along with their commander, Lieutenant John L. Bullis, came upon the trail of a herd of seventy-five horses they suspected had been taken from white settlers. They followed the tracks to the Eagle’s Nest Crossing, just east of present-day Langtry, Texas, where they spotted the horses and twenty-five to thirty Comanche. Factor and his companions took cover within seventy-five yards of the Comanche and opened fire. They killed three warriors and wounded another. Twice they took the horse herd but both times had to retreat and take cover. The scouts then realized they were about to be encircled by the Comanche, which would make them unable to get to their own horses. They retreated to their horses and started to ride away. Sergeant Ward then noticed that Lieutenant Bullis was not able to mount his frightened horse and was nearly surrounded by the Comanche. He alerted Factor and Payne, and they turned around to rescue their commander. Under heavy fire, Ward pulled Bullis onto his horse while he and Payne provided cover. The scouts then rode to safety.”*

Factor, along with his fellow scouts, received the Congressional Medal of Honor on May 28, 1875, for the bravery they exhibited at Eagle’s Nest Crossing.

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**The Reno-Tahoe International Airport is proud to host the nation's first-ever Native American Honor Flight.**

Sunday, Nov. 13th at 1 pm, airport and Reno-Sparks Indian Colony representatives will welcome home a very special Honor Flight for 45 Native American veterans from northern Nevada and California, representing the entire Great Basin.

In addition, Pow Wow dancers, drummers and singers from the Native American Indian community will be at the airport to support this unique event, along with regional supporters from the Nevada Guard, Civil Air Patrol, Blue Star Mothers, Comstock Lode Quilters, and more. Hope to see you there!



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