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What I see  
from today,  
from the



Womens Marches all over Turtle Island today, are many of our Water Protectors out there standing strong, I was feeling home sick to be back at Oceti Sakowin and be close to the fire, that fire, that compassion, that strength, that energy has

spread like wild fire, that new administration is going to have to take us all out if they want to take out anyone in particular. That has shown today it is "WE" who are going to continue to make this country GREAT! Thank you women!!!!

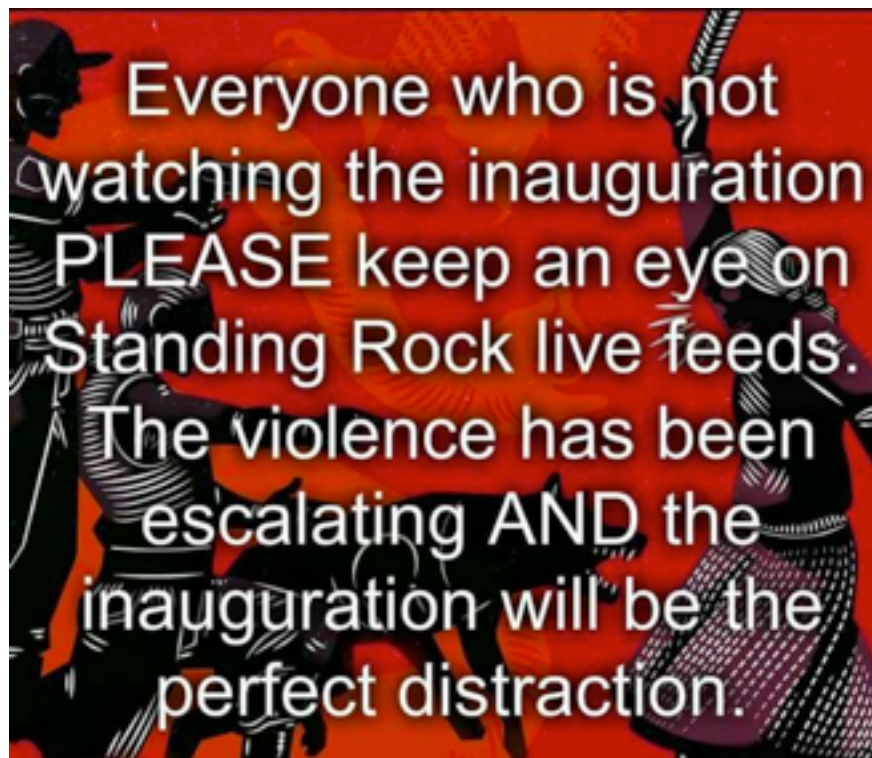
**Bucky Harjo** added 37 new photos to the album: **Reno Womens March 1 21 2017** — with **Valda CrowDog**.

Today, Reno was heard! Our Native Women were at the front of the line, there was a change since the beginning of Standing Rock, great to hear more and more people shouting Water is Life! **#biggestlittlemarch** *If you use his material, please give credit.*

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**Mylan Hawkins** **to Reno Women's March on Washington**

What an incredible day.at the #biggestlittlemarch , Amazing energy. Thank you to our indigenous sisters and brothers who led our march. Janice Gardipe who led us in a beautiful moving blessing and reminded us of the importance to care for Mother Earth, WATER IS LIFE and who honored us by her mighty spirit.



**Five Disturbing  
DAPL Developments  
You Need to Know**

**[Read the Article at  
EcoWatch](#)**

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**[As Everyone Watches  
the Inauguration,  
Violence Returns to  
Standing Rock – The  
Indigenous Peoples](#)**

As Everyone Watches the Inauguration, Violence Returns to Standing Rock Early Friday afternoon, all eyes and ears from around the world seemed to focus on...

[theindigenouspeoples.com](http://theindigenouspeoples.com)

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**[readersupportednews.org/news-section2/318-66/41529-standing-rock-council-approves-order-to-evacuate-demonstrators](http://readersupportednews.org/news-section2/318-66/41529-standing-rock-council-approves-order-to-evacuate-demonstrators)**

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## **Navajo Nation Republican Party ·**

**#BREAKINGNEWS:** Former Arizona State Senator Carlyle Begay is President Trump's new White House Advisor on Indian Affairs. Please share since the media made no mention of this! A'yehéé! [#CarlyleBegay](#) [#TrumpAdministration](#) [#Share](#) [#NavajoRepublicanProud](#)

## **Congress moves to give away national lands, discounting billions in revenue and millions of jobs**

theguardian.com | By Heather Hansman

Though recreation on federal lands creates \$646bn in economic stimulus and 6.1m...

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<http://erj.reviewjournal.com/ct/uz3688753Biz31397258>

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## **Circle of Blue:**

*"Water today is a commodity and will be a more important commodity tomorrow." — Rep. Ryan Zinke, the nominee to head the Interior Department, [speaking about water in the American West at his confirmation hearing.](#)*

## **Interior Confirmation Hearing**

Rep. Ryan Zinke, the Montana congressman nominated to run the Interior Department, admires Teddy Roosevelt. He mentioned the conservative icon repeatedly during his [confirmation hearing](#).

"Teddy Roosevelt had the courage to look 100 years forward," Zinke said in an exchange with Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-WA) about a review of federal coal leasing and mining practices. "I think we need to have the courage today to look 100 years forward and look back and say we did it right."

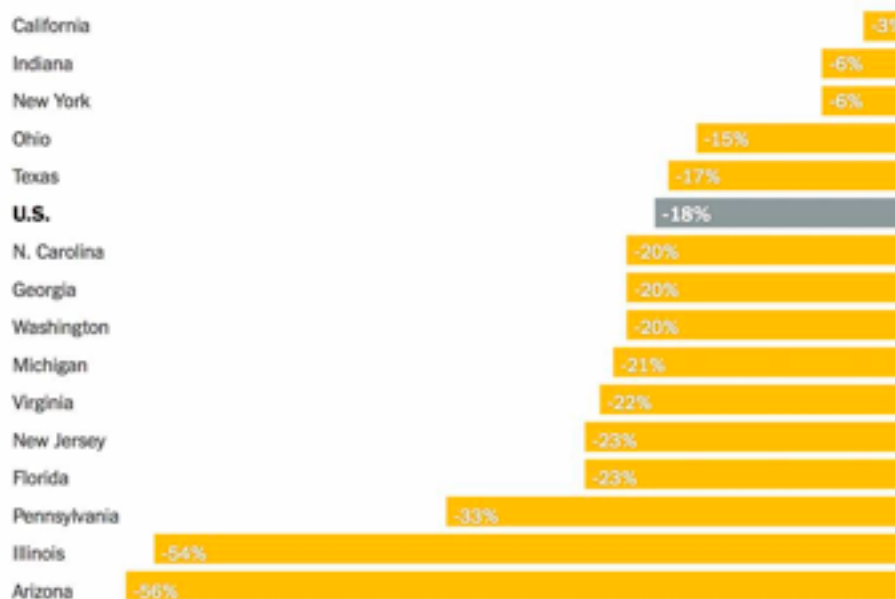
Like many Republicans, balance between state and federal oversight seems to be Zinke's interpretation of his Interior Department role. Balance, of course, is often in the eye of the beholder. The four-hour Q-and-A with the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee gave Zinke the opportunity to discuss how he would apply the concept to the central duties of the department: public lands access, federal-local relationships ("centralized direction, decentralized execution," as he described it), and using public lands for conservation as well as energy development (he's an "all-of-the-above" energy guy). Time constraints, however, often prevented deeper examination of particular policies or issues that affect the department's diverse agencies: Bureau of Reclamation, National Park Service, Office of Surface Mining, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Geological Survey.

That was the case with water, an interest of several panel members.

Senators from Arizona and Nevada wondered whether Zinke would support drought planning on the lower Colorado River, where the Interior Department controls water contracts. Zinke gave a muddled non-answer, saying that there is a lot of water waste and that there must be more water storage and efficiency. He did not go into detail, but he did commit to working with the states on

## Declining Support

Change in per-student funding of higher education in the 15 largest states, 2008–2016



Source: Michael Mitchell, Michael Leachman and Kathleen Masterson, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

drought plans.

The need for more storage was a response to another water question. Sen. Cory Gardner (R-CO) asked if Zinke would protect state and private water rights and prevent “federal

overreach.” (Gardner has criticized past attempts by the U.S. Forest Service to exert tighter control over groundwater and surface water rights on federal public lands.)

Zinke’s answer, again, lacked clarity. He said that water today is a “commodity” that will be a more important commodity in the future. He also committed to look at more storage and infrastructure investment and mentioned that aquifers are at risk, with no further explanation.

Sen. Bernie Sanders (D-VT) pressed Zinke about his views on climate change. Sanders asked if Zinke believed, as President-elect Donald Trump has stated, that climate change is a hoax.

Zinke rejected that low-bar assertion. “I do not believe it a hoax,” he said. Zinke said he believes three things about climate change: that the climate is changing, that man has had an influence, and that there is a debate about what the influence is and what society can do about it. (He also trotted out the familiar “I’m not a scientist” line.)

His third tenet, that there is a debate about the extent of man’s influence and its effects, has become the new party line for Republicans who want to appear reasonable. Rex Tillerson, the Exxon CEO who is Trump’s nominee to lead the State Department, used a similar line during his confirmation hearing, as did Scott Pruitt, the EPA nominee, during his hearing. Such thinking is misleading and an indirect way of casting doubt that addressing climate change requires immediate action. The assertion also does not reflect the growing sophistication of climate models. If anything, [scientists note](#), current modeling underestimates the danger of inaction.

## EPA Confirmation Hearing

Much like Zinke, Scott Pruitt, the Oklahoma attorney general, [spoke about balance and partnership](#). Balance between what Congress authorizes and what the EPA does, and partnership



with state regulators. The thrust of the six-hour hearing: what is the role of the federal government in environmental regulation? Pruitt indicated that he believes the federal government has stepped beyond its authority.

Pruitt, like Zinke during his Interior hearing, was asked about water, most frequently about the regulatory scope of the Clean Water Act. Pruitt responded that he wants more “certainty” for those that are regulated. Pruitt was sometimes wrong about details of federal water infrastructure programs. He referred to the state revolving funds and WIFIA as “grantmaking” entities. In fact, they are loan programs.



Pruitt, in response to Sen Ben Cardin (D-MD), said that he would support federal enforcement of the program to clean up the Chesapeake Bay. Pruitt praised the state-driven approach, even though he had joined a lawsuit against it. He also failed to mention that it was EPA pressure, drawn from a citizen lawsuit, that pushed the six states to an agreement.

Pruitt also said, in defense of this “cooperative federalism” between federal and state regulators, that state agencies have the “resources and expertise” for air and water. In many cases, this is not true. Because of budget cuts, state regulators often have fewer dollars and staff for environmental testing and enforcement. [Massachusetts](#) is one example. Policy observers also note that state regulators may hesitate to take action against a key industry, such as cattle farms in the Midwest or oil and gas operations in Oklahoma.

On climate change, Pruitt followed the party line described above, saying that mankind has indeed influenced the climate but the exact effects and outcomes are still up for debate.

On lead in drinking water, Pruitt said that he is “very concerned about any level of lead” but “has not looked at scientific research on that.” He added that the EPA should have acted much sooner in Flint.

Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ) hammered on Pruitt’s involvement in a lawsuit against poultry producers in neighboring Arkansas. The lawsuit was initiated by Pruitt’s predecessor but Pruitt dragged his feet on implementation after industry campaign donations, according to reports verified by [StateImpact Oklahoma](#), a news agency.

“I worry about whose side you’re on,” Booker said.

### **Interior Seeks to Keep Colorado River Basin Negotiations On Track**

To push multi-year negotiations on drought and water supply in the lower basin across the finish line, Secretary Sally Jewell issued a [final agency order](#) before the change in administration. The

order directs Interior agencies to continue to work with lower basin states and Mexico to finalize several big agreements in the first half of 2017: a drought plan that will keep more water in Lake Mead and address the shrinking Salton Sea, a plan for the upper basin regarding Lake Powell, and an agreement with Mexico to coordinate drought and water conservation planning and provide water for the Colorado River delta.

### **Ag Secretary Nominee**

Given the tenor of the confirmation hearings and the news that Sonny Perdue, the former Georgia governor, is the [Agriculture secretary nominee](#), I will recirculate this [Circle of Blue piece on opportunities for the U.S. Department of Agriculture for clean water and drinking water infrastructure](#).

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### **U.S. Governors Discuss Water in 2017 State of the State Speeches**

The State of the State speech is an opportunity for U.S. governors to set budget priorities for the upcoming year and champion public policy success. For many state leaders, water has enough urgency to merit discussion.

[This post will be updated throughout speech season, which concludes on April 10 with Gov. John Bel Edwards of Louisiana.](#)

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### **PRAY FOR GRANDMA**

Founder of Grandmas Kitchen at Standing Rock

Cannon Ball, North Dakota

We ask you to please pray for Diane Hart (known as Grandma by everyone at Standing Rock). She has been admitted to the hospital for observation after suffering a fall. Grandma established Grandma's Kitchen at Standing Rock and has been feeding Water Protectors for several months. Grandma has committed to keep Grandmas Kitchen open for Water

Protectors for as long as they are at the camp.

Bernie Sanders Brigade is planning a relief effort to bring needed supplies to Grandmas Kitchen at the end of the month.

Send your get well wishes by adding your comment here. A link has been shared to her.

DONATE TO GRANDMAS KITCHEN <https://www.gofundme.com/h3jrm8>

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*The editor in me needs to point out what a bizzarre headline this is. sdc*  
**State pledges \$400,000 to shrink number of Indian children in foster care**

Jan 20, 2017 From the Star Tribune:

State pledges \$400,000 to shrink number of Indian children in foster care.

<http://strib.mn/2jgj8YW>

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*"Take care of your body. Remember it's your soul's address; be a good landlord" -AstroTwins*

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**Virginia City HS Coach Issues Apology for Text Sent to Player - KTVN ...**

[www.ktvn.com/story/.../virginia-city-hs-coach-issues-apology-for-text-sent-...](http://www.ktvn.com/story/.../virginia-city-hs-coach-issues-apology-for-text-sent-...)

According to Storey County School District, a text was sent from Ken Fujii, the Virginia City High School Women's Basketball Coach to one of the players on his ...



Karen Shytachka Swearingen *to* [Alaskan Harvesters](#)

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**Native American Eagle Feather Tail Dance Prayer Fan Regalia Beaded Handle Case – eBay find of the week**

Native American Eagle Feather Tail Dance/Prayer Fan Regalia Beaded Handle Case

This is a contemporary Native American Dance/Prayer fan. Simulated hand painted eagle tail feathers were used along with turkey, grouse, red top pheasant and dyed red fluffs. I made a wooden handle, wrapped in buck skin. #13 Czech Cut or Charlotte beads were used in a 3 drop (peyote) beading method. The tabs at the base of the handle are edge beaded. 12 hand rolled fringe complete the fan.

The bead work for this fan was begun in April during the formation of the Oceti Sakowin camp at Standing Rock N.D. and completed the day before Election day. Many Prayers.

[Click Here to Buy](#)

## **Calling All Readers! Help Bead Something Special for Super Bowl LII 2018**

While the final teams are battling it out to see who plays in this year's Super Bowl game, there are already volunteers and organizers gearing up for next year's game! Super Bowl LII is scheduled to be held on February 4, 2018 at U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis, Minnesota and The Minnesota Super Bowl Host Committee is hoping you'll make it an event to remember. As a part of their warm welcome to the NFL, Team Owners, Players and other guests, they would like to gift beaded lanyards that celebrate the Native American culture of the area.

Now I am sure you all have questions on how does this all work? Here's just a few of the Frequently Asked Questions for you:

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### **February Powwos**

#### **BAY AREA AMERICAN INDIAN TWO SPIRITS POW WOW**

February 04 – February 04  
2 Marina Boulevard,  
San Francisco, CA – 94115

#### **THUNDERBIRD AMERICAN INDIAN DANCERS CONCERT AND POWWOW**

February 04 – February 18  
155 First Avenue  
, New York, NY – 10003

#### **THE BOIS FORTE MIDWINTER POWWOW 2017**

February 17 – February 19  
5344 Lakeshore Drive , Nett Lake, MN – 55772

#### **Flagler County Native American Festival**

February 25 – February 26  
2500 Princess Place Road, Palm Coast, FL – 32137

#### **2017 Seminole Tribal Fair and Pow Wow**

February 10 – February 12  
1 Seminole Way, Hollywood, FL – 33021

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#### **The White House Website Removes Climate Change and LGBT Pages**

nymag.com|By Adam K. Raymond

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#### **Interesting video lecture on Indian Claims Commission from CNN**

<https://www.c-span.org/video/?325045-1/lecture-indian-claims-commission>



***Pika*** - lives in talus (rocky) slopes. Sensitive to heat. A non-game species.  
Learn more about these and many other lesser-known species and the expert work underway to protect them and their habitats.

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**Wildlife Diversity in Nevada - many lesser-known, fascinating species, their habitats and how to protect them -Presentation Thursday, Jan. 26 at the Nevada Museum of Art 5:30 PM**

Hope to see you there!!



**Nevada WAP Advocates**  
Welcomes you to an evening all about  
**Nevada's Wildlife Action Plan**  
&  
How the Nevada Department of Wildlife helps to  
protect our most vulnerable species and lands  
Presented by Jennifer Newmark, Wildlife Diversity  
Administrator  
**Nevada Museum of Art**  
**160 W. Liberty St. Reno 89501**  
**Thursday, January 26, 2017**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
Refreshments & snacks will be served



# 12<sup>the only</sup><sup>1/2</sup> writing rules

you'll ever need

1. If you write every day, you get better at writing every day. ☺
2. If it's boring to you, it's boring to your reader. —
3. Get a writing routine, and stick with it. ↻
4. Poetry does **NOT** have to rhyme. Poetry does not **NOT** have to rhyme. ☺
5. Resist stereotypes, in real life and in your writing. —
6. Writers read. Writers read a lot. Writers read all the time. ↻
7. Make lists of your favorite words and books and places and things. ☺
8. There doesn't always have to be a moral to the story. —
9. Always bring your notebook. Always bring a spare pen. ↻
10. Go for walks. Dance. Pull weeds. Do the dishes. Write about it. ☺
11. Don't settle on just one style. Try something new! —
12. Learn to tell both sides of the story. ↻
- 12½. Stop looking at this poster. **Write something!**