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[Applauds Interior Department's Decision to Reopen Nevada's Public Lands - Press Releases - News - United States Senator Dean Heller](#)

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Senator Dean Heller (R-NV) today applauded the U.S. Department of the Interior for its decision to reopen 10 million acres of federal lands in six Western states, including Nevada, for mineral development after finding that these activities have no effect on sage-grouse popul... heller.senate.gov

The Stream, October 12: Dakota Access Pipeline Can Continue Operating, Federal Judge Rules

A U.S. federal judge rules that the **Dakota Access Pipeline** can continue operating while a study of its effects on the Standing Rock Sioux tribe is completed.

“Today’s decision is a disappointing continuation of a historic pattern: Other people get all the profits, and the tribes get all the risk and harm.” –Jan Hasselman, an Earthjustice attorney, in reference to U.S. federal judge James Boasberg’s decision to allow the Dakota Access oil pipeline to continue operating amid an ongoing study of its impact on the Standing Rock Sioux tribe. The Standing Rock tribe claim that an oil spill from the pipeline could devastate their main water source, Lake Oahe. Boasberg’s ruling, which was praised by energy industry officials, is not appealable. [U.S. News & World Report](http://www.usnews.com/story/world/energy/2016/10/12/dakota-access-pipeline-judge-rules)

Why One Native Family Is Donating Their Fracking Proceeds to Benefit Indian Country

Terri Hansen and Paul Koberstein, YES! Magazine: The issue of weighing the environmental damage versus the income-producing benefits of locating fossil fuel projects in Indian Country has divided some resource-rich Native American nations -- and one North Dakota Hidatsu tribal family in particular. [Read the Article](#)

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Strange things people do in libraries : Libraries - Reddit
https://www.reddit.com/r/Libraries/comments/.../strange_things_people_do_in_librari...

Feb 23, 2013 - 32 posts - 25 authors

AskReddit; -*funny*; -worldnews; -pics; -news; -aww; -todayilearned; -gaming; -videos; -gifs; -movies; -mildlyinteresting ... this post was submitted on 23 Feb 2013 The *surprising* number of people who want to use a fax machine. I think one of the *most bizarre things* I've *seen* was a couple years ago.

Things Librarians Say - Awful Library BooksAwful Library Books
awfullibrarybooks.net/things-librarians-say/

Dec 22, 2014 - “What do you mean someone *found* a butcher knife in the toilet?” who climbed up on our windows, and many *more strange* circumstances. ... Between the BO and the smokers smell, it's *amazing* I don't throw up ... Diane Schule on December 23, 2014 at 1:34 am You people are freaking *hilarious*!

Approval Given to Thirty Meter Telescope on Sacred Mountain

By Gabriella Rutherford



In what its chairperson deemed "one of the most difficult decisions the board has ever made," the Hawai'i Board of Land and Natural Resources last week [approved construction](#) of the controversial [Thirty Meter Telescope](#) (TMT) on top of Mauna a Wakea (Mauna Kea).

The decision has been met with fierce criticism.

The digital library at UNR:

Mackay Theses Project Complete

University Libraries recently announced the completion of the Mackay Theses project. More than 700 research theses are now available for free to the public, researchers, students, industry professionals and government entities.

The Mackay Theses Collection offers geologic, hydrological, geothermal, mining and metallurgical information. The dissertations and theses include narrative, figures, data, plates, maps and hand-drawn and colored cross sections, photographs, images, micrographs, seismic sections, and other figures. The theses and dissertations digitized for this project consist of print text, microfiche and microfilm and are dated from 1908-1993. They are currently housed in the DeLaMare Science and Engineering Library and University of Nevada, Reno Special Collections. [All materials can be found online here.](#)

A study of the eutrophication of the surface waters of Lake Pyramid

DeGuire, Marcel Francois (University of Nevada, Reno, 1974)

Studies have been conducted using Pyramid Lake, Nevada, water as a medium, to investigate the effects of various parameters on the growth of the blue-green algae *Nodularia spumigena*, the main contributor to the annual algal ...

The geology of the Black Mountain area, Mineral County, Nevada

Hoffman, Frederic (University of Nevada, Reno, 1969)

A geologic map of the Black Mountain area has been created. The area is underlain by for intrusive rock bodies. Roof pendants of Triassic(?) metavolcanics, recrystallized limestone, and metamorphosed shallow intrusives are ...

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Uncharted: The Berkeley Festival of Ideas

[Two days of unscripted conversations from our friends at Berkeleyside](#)

When: October 27-28. **Where:** Downtown Berkeley

The vision of the Hearst Museum is to "promote the tools of humanists and social scientists, encouraging people to reflect on alternative perspectives, connect with others, and take action for positive change."

So we're pleased to be a sponsor of this year's festival, brought to you by [Berkeleyside](#), which is ALL about alternative and mind-expanding perspectives!

[Uncharted: The Berkeley Festival of Ideas](#) brings together thinkers, creatives, and community members for a unique gathering that converges ideas and critical dialogue that you could only encounter here in Berkeley. This year's exciting lineup includes discussions by screenwriters, activists, bestselling authors, and other thought leaders. It's a festival, so there's also music and dance, workshops, great food and drink and an opening-night party.

[View the full program.](#)

Get your tickets before midnight on Oct. 17 when last-chance discounts expire!

Questions: info@berkeleyideas.com

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Calender

October 14 - Native American Connections 35th Annual Native American Recognition Days (NARD) Parade. 3rd Street and Oak to Steele Indian School Park. 9:00 a.m. "The Colors of Natures Beauty." For information check the [website](#) or email [Davina](#).

October 14 - Chandler American Indian Art Market. Free. 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Chandler High School, 350 N. Arizona Avenue, Chandler. For information call (480) 782-4358.

October 14 - Miss Indian Arizona Scholarship Program. Chandler Center for the Arts, Chandler. 6:30-10:00 p.m. For information call (480) 782-2680.

October 14 - Phoenix Indian School Visitors Center Grand Opening. Steele Indian School Park. Noon-4:00 p.m. Free. For information call (602) 254-3247.

Oct. 23-24 Native Languages Summit: Preserving the Heart of Our Cultures Albuquerque, NM

Hosted by Administration for Native Americans. This language summit supports Native American communities seeking to retain and revitalize indigenous languages. Through a mix of plenary talks and workshops, we will discuss everything from data and evaluation, to creating fluent teachers, to family and community engagement and more. Language programs with similar approaches (e.g., language immersion, master-apprentice, or online learning) can work

together to share solutions and strategies. This conference will be interactive as well as educational. For more info.: HYPERLINK "<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ana/events/native-language-summit-2017>" <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ana/events/native-language-summit-2017>. Registration: HYPERLINK "<http://www.regonline.com/nativelanguagesummit>" <http://www.regonline.com/nativelanguagesummit>

November 1 - 2nd Annual Native American Women's Conference, "Women with Purpose!" Prescott Resort and Conference Center in Prescott. For more information call (623) 561-6838.

November 1-3 - 14th Annual "Fatherhood is Leadership" National Conference. Native American Fatherhood and Families Association. Ft. McDowell, Arizona. For information check the [website](#) or call (480) 833-5007.

November 2-4 - 1st Annual Mayo Clinic Advances and Innovations in Complex Neuroscience Patient Care: Brain & Spine. Hilton Sedona Resort at Bell Rock, Sedona. For information or to register click [here](#).

November 4 - NATIVE HEALTH's 3rd Annual Bike Rodeo. NATIVE HEALTH. 9:00-11:00 a.m. Free bike helmets and bike rodeo. For children under 18. Bring a bike, skateboard, scooter, tricycle, etc. For more information contact [Lanasha](#).

November 4 - Pueblo Grande's 12th Annual Navajo Art & Rug Auction. Free. For information click [here](#).

November 4-5 - 31st Annual Red Mountain Eagle Pow Wow. Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, SR Baseball Field, 1839 N. Longmore Road, Scottsdale (NE corner of McDowell and Longmore Roads). For information call David at (602) 882-5553 or email [him](#).

November 6-10 - Native Fitness Week. Training. Native American Fitness Council. Flagstaff, Arizona. Scholarships available. For information check the [website](#).

November 11 - Pueblo Grande's 18th Veterans Day Gourd Dance. 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Free event and museum admission. For information click [here](#).

November 11 - ASU Veteran's Day Pow Wow. 11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. ASU West Campus, 4701 W. Thunderbird, Glendale. For information call (602) 543-5300.

November 14 - Phoenix Indian Center's Arizona American Indian Excellence in Leadership Awards Dinner. Scottsdale Resort at McCormick Ranch. 5:30 p.m. For information click [here](#).

November 17 - 2nd Annual Developmental Disabilities Family Resources Conference. 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Black Canyon Conference Center, 9440 N. 25th Avenue, Phoenix. Fee. For information call (602) 234-2721 or check the [website](#).

November 17-19 - Ft. McDowell's Orme Dam Victory Days Pow Wow and more. For information click [here](#).

November 24 - American Indian Children's Benefit Toy Concert. Arizona Science Center, Phoenix. 6:00-10:00 p.m. Free with donation of new toy. For information email Susan.
Native Youth Community Adaptation & Leadership Congress

Does your tribal library participate in such a program?

Free, Low Cost Admission to Family Attractions

Library cardholders get online access to museums, science centers, zoos, theatres

Reno, Nev. – Washoe County Library System is pleased to announce Discover & Go, a new service for Washoe County Library cardholders.

Discover & Go is a nationally recognized partnership between libraries and cultural attractions offering library cardholders free and low-cost tickets to world-class museums, theatres, aquariums, zoos and science centers.

“We are thrilled that our card-holders will be able to take advantage of increased access to Northern California and Nevada museums, and look forward to expanding the number of local attractions available to our users,” said Washoe County Library System Library Director Jeff Scott.

For the Northern Nevada launch of Discover & Go, Washoe County Library System has partnered with the Nevada Museum of Art, the Terry Lee Wells Nevada Discovery Museum, and the Fleischmann Planetarium.

For users of participating libraries, Discover & Go provides instant online access to free and low-cost tickets to museums, science centers, zoos, theatres and other fun cultural attractions.

When logging into the Discover & Go site, you will need your full Washoe County Library card number and PIN.

You can browse and reserve tickets by date or by attraction.

Launched by Contra Costa County Library in 2011 to provide greater access to culture both inside and outside of the library, Discover & Go now includes over 45 library partners and 90 cultural partners.

Discover & Go was awarded the 2012 National Medal for Museum and Library Service, the nation's highest honor recognizing exceptional contributions of museums and libraries.

To get started with Discover & Go, please visit: www.washoecountylibrary.us/ museums or for more information contact Andrea Tavener atavener@washoecounty.us 775-327-8360 *(Or check with a library in your nearby jurisdiction; this program is national.)*

Whistleblower Quits With Scathing Letter Over Trump Interior Department Leadership

[Read the Article at InsideClimate News](#)

Inspector General Reports, In One Place

Bookmark oversight.gov, a holding pen for reports from all agency inspector generals. Speaking of, the EPA inspector general [will audit the agency's WIFIA program](#), a water infrastructure loan program that recently selected a dozen projects to finance.

from Powwows.com

Two Spirit Royalty 2017

This past week three of our Native LGBT ambassadors attended Tucson Pride in Tucson, Arizona!

(Pictured L-R) Miss Montana Two Spirit 2017 – Vanessa Kristina (Salt River Pima), Miss International Two Spirit 2017 – Timothy Ward (San Carlos Apache), Miss Apache Diva 2017 – Vicki Quintero (White Mountain Apache).

Lets get to know these fantastic ladies and why they decided to rep our communities!

First up is [Vanessa Kristina](#) (Salt River Pima), a former Miss Indian Transgender Arizona Elite: [READ MORE](#)

5 Native Women to Know

Happy Native Heritage Day/Month/Year/Life !!! Here at Powwows.com, Native Heritage Day is everyday so we've decided to celebrate notable Native women thru a photo series campaign called, "5 Native Women to Know" ! These ladies have made significant strides in their respective disciplines and represent many of our at-large leaders in Indian Country. We know we can't possibly give props to everyone so we ask all of you to take a moment to go on Facebook and personally recognize all the awesome Indigenous women who've made a positive impact in your lives!

In case some of you missed our, "5 Native Women to Know" , photo campaign on our social media platforms, heres a quick recap!

[Bethany Yellowtail](#) (Northern Cheyenne & Crow) CEO/Designer, is the next big break out fashion designer coming out of Indian Country, picked by Anna Wintour, "to attend a panel discussion on diversity within the fashion industry". [READ MORE](#)

For Native Americans, a River Is Sacred

[https://www.ecowatch.com/native-americans-rivers-2494801355.html?](https://www.ecowatch.com/native-americans-rivers-2494801355.html?utm_source=EcoWatch+List&utm_campaign=6f3f919ab1-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_49c7d43dc9-6f3f919ab1-85895669)

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Texas

Alabama-Coushatta Tribe

Records from BIA Area Offices:

1926-1956 [Anadarko Area Office](#) (National Archives at Fort Worth)

Utah

Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation [Shoshone-Goship]

Records from BIA Agencies, Field Offices, and Superintendencies:

1869-1951 Western Shoshone Agency ([National Archives at San Francisco](#))

1908-1925 Reno Agency ([National Archives at San Francisco](#))

1913-1923 Special Agent-at-Large, Reno ([National Archives at San Francisco](#))

1925-1955 Carson Agency ([National Archives at San Francisco](#))

1952-1975 Nevada Agency ([National Archives at San Francisco](#))

1849-1870 Utah Superintendency ([National Archives at Washington, D.C.](#))

1861-1870 Nevada Superintendency ([National Archives at Washington, D.C.](#))

Records from BIA Area Offices:

1942-1974 [Phoenix Area Office](#) (National Archives at Riverside)

Ute; Grand River, Uinta, Yampa, Tabaguache, Uncompahgre

Records from BIA Agencies, Field Offices, and Superintendencies:

1861-1870 Colorado Superintendency ([National Archives at Washington, D.C.](#))

1897-1953 Uintah and Ouray Agency ([National Archives at Denver](#))

Records from BIA Area Offices:

1929-1971 Phoenix Area Office ([National Archives at Denver](#))

Paiute, Southern Paiute

Records from BIA Agencies, Field Offices, and Superintendencies:

1969-1969 Southern Paiute Field Station ([National Archives at Denver](#))

Navajo Nation [Diné]

Records from BIA Agencies, Field Offices, and Superintendencies:

1849-1880 New Mexico Superintendency (National Archives at Washington, D.C.)

1880-1935 [Navajo Agency](#) (National Archives at Riverside)

1902-1975 [Western Navajo Agency](#) (National Archives at Riverside)

1904-1944 Eastern Navajo Agency (National Archives at Riverside)

1924-1954 Window Rock Subagency (National Archives at Riverside)

1933-1945 Navajo Service ([National Archives at Denver](#))

1933-1945 Northern Navajo Agency ([National Archives at Denver](#))

1938-1989 [Chinle Subagency](#) (National Archives at Riverside)

1940-1977 [Fort Defiance Subagency](#) (National Archives at Riverside)

1940-1980 Shiprock Subagency ([National Archives at Denver](#))

1944-1958 Tuba City Subagency ([National Archives at Denver](#))

1949-1955 [Northern Navajo Agency](#) (National Archives at Riverside)

1952-1961 Eastern Navajo Subagency ([National Archives at Denver](#))

1953-1980 [Tuba City Subagency](#) (National Archives at Riverside)

1961-1970 Navajo Agency ([National Archives at Denver](#))

1961-1977 Holbrook Sub-Office (National Archives at Riverside)

1968-1980 Page Sub-Office (National Archives at Riverside)

1971-1975 [Kayenta Sub-Office](#) (National Archives at Riverside)

1972-1975 [Leupp Sub-Office](#) (National Archives at Riverside)

Records from BIA Area Offices:

1927-1957 [Phoenix Area Office](#) (National Archives at Riverside)

1929-1971 Phoenix Area Office ([National Archives at Denver](#))

1952-1961 Window Rock Area Office ([National Archives at Denver](#))

1880-1935 Navajo Area Office (National Archives at Riverside)

Native Talk Arizona (NTA) listen in on Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m. MST. Native Talk Arizona on www.radiophoenix.org is supported by NATIVE HEALTH and produced and hosted by agency staff. The show airs on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. MST.

A regular feature includes "Spotlight on the Nations" which highlights the history, culture and music of a tribal community in the US and Canada. It is always preceded by a quiz question related to the Spotlight segment. Tune in each week and see if you can guess the answer. Short music interludes are supported by CD's of American Indian artists donated to Radio Phoenix from Canyon Records.

To listen to the show click [here](#).

Many new shows are uploaded to [SoundCloud](#) after their initial airing for on-demand listening and sharing.

NATIVE HEALTH's Native Talk Arizona is now streaming on Radio Free America. To learn more click [here](#).

If you would like to be a guest on Native Talk Arizona or know of a rising musician, community organizer, politician, or everyday person of interest doing good things in the community, please contact the [Sheryle](#).

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### **[New website helps teach Inupiaq](#)**

A new website helps students around the world learn Inupiaq, a language struggling to survive. [news.uaf.edu](#)



The Palo Verde nuclear power plant near Phoenix is the largest power plant in the United States serving about four million people. It is the only large nuclear plant in the world not near a large body of water — instead, it uses treated wastewater from nearby cities for cooling. Photo

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[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bald\\_Hills\\_War](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bald_Hills_War)

## Indian Wars in the Department of the Pacific

The campaign classification established by the [United States National Park Service](#) lists only one campaign and one battle in this theater, the [Battle of Bear River](#).<sup>[20]</sup> However, this is not correct; there were several campaigns against various Indian tribes besides the eastern [Shoshone](#), as described below.

In [Northern California](#) there was the ongoing [Bald Hills War](#) (1858–1864) against the [Chilula](#), [Lassik](#), [Hupa](#), [Mattole](#), [Nongatl](#), [Sinkiyone](#), [Tsnungwe](#), [Wailaki](#), and [Whilkut](#). From 12 December 1861, this theater was incorporated into the [District of Humboldt](#) with its headquarters at [Fort Humboldt](#). The Bald Hills War was essentially a protracted irregular war requiring garrisons protecting settlements and escorting pack trains and also long patrols sometimes resulting in skirmishes.

California units remained in New Mexico Territory and west Texas as garrisons defending the area from a return of the Confederacy and fighting the [Navajo](#) and the [Apache Wars](#) until after the Civil War when they were relieved by Federal Troops in 1866.

In 1862-1863, California Cavalry units from the Southern California District fought the [Owens Valley Indian War](#) against the [Owens Valley Paiutes](#), or *Numa*, and against their allies among the [Kawaiisu](#) in the Sierra Mountains to the west.<sup>[21]</sup>

Throughout the Civil War, Oregon and California Volunteer patrols had several clashes with the [Ute](#), [Goshute](#), Paiute, [Bannock](#), and Shoshone bands in Oregon and the Territories of Washington (later Idaho), Utah, and Nevada (from 1863, the [state of Nevada](#)). However, the invasion of the territory of the [Snake Indians](#) by gold miners in 1863 brought on the [Snake War](#). The Volunteers of California, Oregon, and Washington Territory fought the Snake Indians until relieved by Federal troops in late 1865; the war continued until 1868.

Other operations east of the [Rocky Mountains](#) and west of the [Mississippi River](#) are included in the [Trans-Mississippi Theater](#).

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pacific\\_Coast\\_Theater\\_of\\_the\\_American\\_Civil\\_War](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pacific_Coast_Theater_of_the_American_Civil_War)

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## Federal Water Tap:

**25:** Species deemed not threatened enough to merit Endangered Species Act protection. The rejected include 14 species of snail that live in springs in Nevada's Great Basin and could be harmed by increased groundwater pumping, something for which Las Vegas is now seeking a state permit. The Center for Biological Diversity filed petitions requesting review of the species. ([U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service](#))

**4:** Water disposal wells permitted for a natural gas development in the Bull Mountain Unit of western Colorado. The record of decision allows for 146 natural gas wells. Water use for the gas

wells varies according to the type of well and geology, and will be assessed in drilling plans, yet to be published. ([Bureau of Land Management](#))

**\$18.4 billion:** Spending, in 2016, in communities within 60 miles of a national park unit, a nine percent increase over the previous year. The number of visits — meaning the number of times a person passed through the entrance gate — was estimated at 331 million. ([National Park Service](#))

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### **[After 6,000 Years of Human Habitation, One Family and Lots of Mice](#)**

By ROD NORDLAND

The Erbil citadel, in the capital of Iraq's Kurdish region, is one of the oldest continuously occupied human settlements on earth.

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### **[Despite Small Victories, Indigenous Communities Around the World Face an Uphill Battle](#)**

*E.A. Crunden, ThinkProgress*

Crunden writes: "Despite a grim global outlook, indigenous activists have succeeded in making gains."

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#### **[Josephine Melendez](#)**

We would like to welcome family and friends to join us as we lay our loving father, Carlos Melendez Sr, to rest on Saturday October 14th, 2017 at 11:00am in Nixon, NV. Please join us for a luncheon at the Nixon gym following the burial.