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Within the vast dramatic vistas of the land now known as Nevada, there are stunning formations, quiet corners, and environments juxtapositioned that are worlds apart.



While the totality engenders love of the land, there are special places that have nurtured and made healthy generations of Newe who, in return, respected and protected the living earth, the homeland.

Pressing many centuries into one day, there came a day of cultural limbo, a time where foreign meaning and values created an anthropological gap; a day in which the Mother was torn apart and her healing ways became limited and almost extinguished.

A day in the cavalcade of mankind; a decade within the experience of the Shoshone people.



On Thursday, August 17, 2017, documents were executed giving 3,269 acres of sacred sites within an area known as Tosawihi, currently held by Klondex Mining Company of Canada, to the Shoshone people. The celebration of this event at the Battle Mountain Colony was one of thanks and thanksgiving amongst those that committed a decade of their lives to precipitate this unique event, making believers out of those that never thought it could happen.

Mounted tribesman, dancers in regalia, and a performing drum created a small parade through the community to start the event on August 18.

Calling the assemblage to order was Lucy Hill, Klondex's director of environmental services and community relations; Lydia Johnson, current Chairperson, completed the welcome.

Joe Holley, councilman and former chairman of the Battle Mountain Band which will serve as conservator for the land, officiated as the MC for introductions, prayers, food, dancing and drumming.

Paul Huet, CEO of Klondex Mines of Canada, reviewed how education by Shoshone elders, particularly Naomi Mason, started his journey of the last decade, which was not a straight line



has proven to be cherished as one of the most important journeys of his life. Included in the tangled web were several other mining companies, a trip to South Africa, a bankrupt mining company, inordinate legal issues/research, and his ultimate employment by Klondex, and as CEO, in a position to effect change.

His word for the day: **listen**. Listen to the elders.





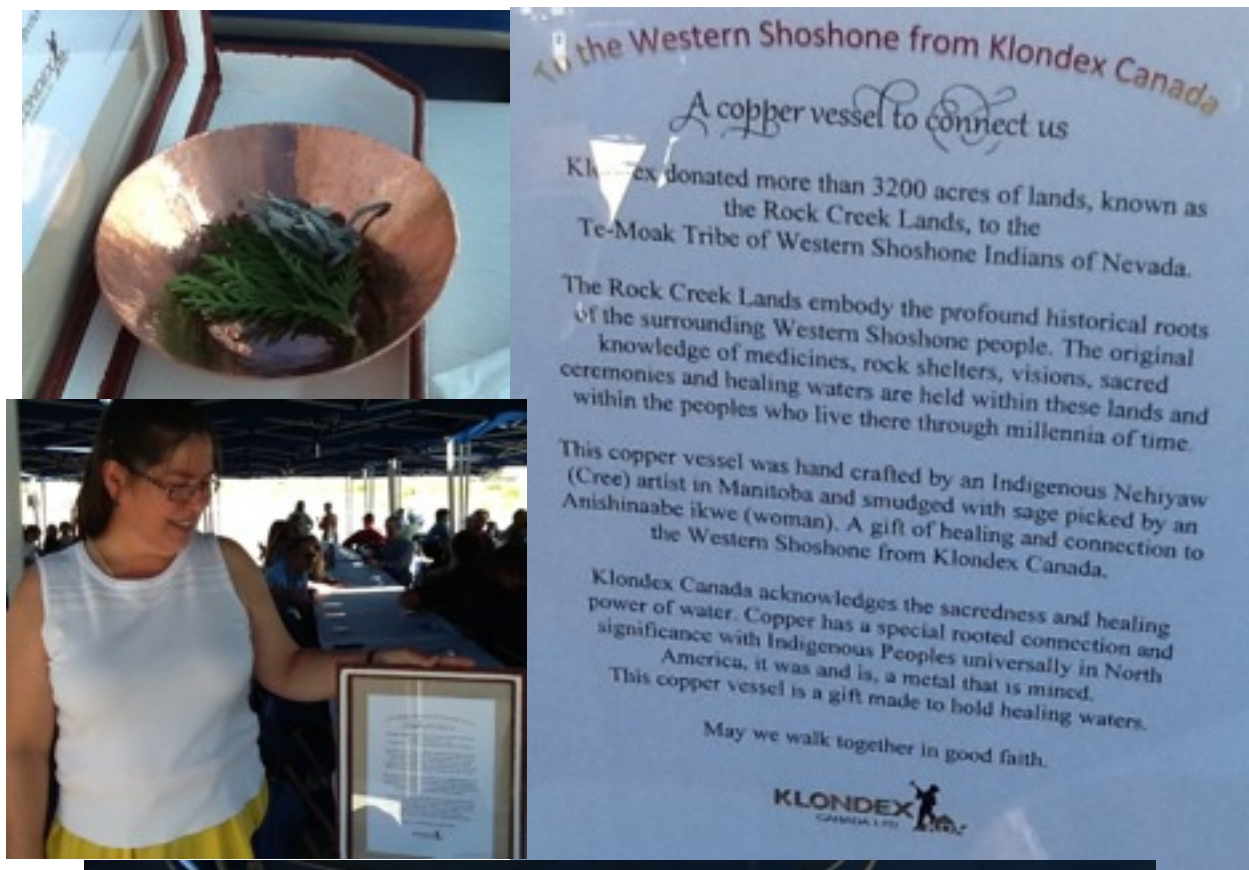
Huet's actions include having Klondex employees, of which there were a good many present, approach their work in respect and consultation with tribal cultural experts to ensure creation or protection of medicine-plant gathering areas, vision-quest sites, healing springs, ancient rock shelters, rock hunting blinds where hunters would hide and wait for prey, prehistoric campsites, etc.

The Klondex presentation included delivery of a vessel crafted by a Cree artisan from copper to hold sacred water. It was proffered by Linda Murphy, Anishinaabe, a geologist who serves as Klondex's community liason manager.

Cheyenne River Sioux Steve, who had previously smudged the riders and dancers, greeted "his relatives". Citing the impact of DAPL across Indian Country, he reminded the assemblage that Mother Earth cannot be disrespected; that things are now coming full circle. Three hundred nations had come from around the world to support the People in how they take care of her so that next generations can become healthy.

"We are still here" he declared, "to help, to ally, to become stronger. All we did (at DAPL) was prayer; this nation is now afraid."

"Speak your language; when language goes, so does the culture."



“Stand strong. Little ones behind us need this.”

Ted Howard, Chairman from Duck Valley also orated many thoughts on behalf of other Shoshone communities:  
Thanks. Welcome our People here. We share concerns as mining continues.....  
We are a living culture; we still go there (Tosawih) to pray, to think, and to leave it better than we found it.  
No amount of money can replace destruction (trail dozed for power line).  
Some say the site is "for history" - we have one continuous history - we are still here.

For a moment - in the day - a fusion of worlds, values, aspirations and plans. For Tosawih, a change in the course of history and a chance for perpetual protection.

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<http://blog.nmai.si.edu/> **American Indian beliefs about the eclipse**

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**Locals and Tribes March Together to Oppose Construction of Natural Gas Plant in Washington State** *Brandon Jordan, YES! Magazine*

Jordan writes: "Around 250 people, mostly women, carried banners and sang with drummers while marching through the streets of Tacoma, Washington, on Tuesday." [READ MORE](#)

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Report: **Enbridge Line 3 options all would have negative effect on American Indians**  
<http://strib.mn/2wTY0yO>

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**Karuk Tribe seeks to list Klamath River salmon as endangered** Eureka Times

A once bountiful run of Klamath River salmon now teetering near the edge of extinction could gain protections under the federal Endangered Species Act based on the findings of a study published this week, according to Karuk Tribe officials.

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**Libraries obsolete? No way, say Millennials.**

Young people like the library for its meeting spaces and programming, but bookies from all generations are taking advantage of changes in the public institution first envisioned by Ben Franklin. [csmonitor.com](http://csmonitor.com)

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[Carolyn Harry](#)

**The Governor's Office is now recruiting for two Nevada tribal members to serve on the Board of Museums and History and the Commission for Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation.** These respective memberships were added to the law in legislation proposed by the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony in this past legislative session.

The process for appointment requires the Nevada Indian Commission to consult with the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada on nominations, and then the Indian Commission will forward names to the Governor for consideration. The Governor will ultimately make the appointments to the respective groups.



The only qualifications to serve are to be a member of a Nevada Tribe. The purpose is to represent Native American interests as it relates to Native issues.

My hope is that each Nevada tribe would submit names of people who want to serve. I presume notifications to tribes will go through the Tribal Chairmen and the Councils. If you're interested or know someone who might be, I'm happy to work with you to help facilitate submittals of names.

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[Loika Kane](#) added [7 new photos](#).

Visited the **basket vault at the NV state museum** today. If you've never been there you have to take a road trip and go check it out. Datsolalee baskets, Rebecca Eagles beaded baskets, Shorty's basket, Dewey Sampson's cradleboard and I got to see the duck decoys made by my cousins Davin and Martin and another made by Uncle Ivan. It was a great trip. Pesa mu to the RSIC Language Program and Senior Center. Had a great time! [+3](#)

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President Trump and his Interior Secretary, Ryan Zinke, are turning our **western public lands into fracking sacrifice zones**.

The latest is a proposal for 3,500 fracking wells in the Upper Green River Valley of western Wyoming, a key wildlife corridor and gateway to Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks.

We can't let these horrible plans go unopposed. [Weigh in today and help us resist the oil and gas industry's attempts to trash the American West](#).

The Upper Green River Valley is breathtaking. Lying at the foot of the Wind River Range, the region is a fount of clean water and air, abundant wildlife, and infinite outdoor recreation opportunities.

Sadly, the oil and gas industry has despoiled much of this area, punching thousands of wells into the ground. Wildlife have been decimated, clean water fouled, and air pollution has soared to levels typical of big cities.

Now, industry wants to double the amount of wells in the area. They're effectively declaring total war on clean air and water, wildlife, and our American public lands heritage.

We need you to speak out. [Send a letter today and defend the Upper Green River Valley](#).

While this is about protecting our public lands in the American West, it's also about pushing back on Trump's anti-clean energy agenda. Our climate and our future just can't afford to be fracked.



We can't win if we don't resist. [Join us and thousands more as we rally to safeguard the Upper Green River Valley and push back against the oil and gas industry.](#)

For the wild, Jeremy Nichols, Climate & Energy Program Director, WildEarth Guardians  
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P.S. The "Normally Pressured Lance Project" as it's called would open the door for 3,500 new oil and gas wells in the fragile Upper Green River Valley. [You can get more dirty details from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management's website.](#)

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## **Trump Eliminates Plastic Water Bottle Ban in National Parks, Removes White House Bikeshare Station**

[https://www.ecowatch.com/trump-bikeshare-2474011772.html?utm\\_source=EcoWatch+List&utm\\_campaign=751f51b760-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_49c7d43dc9-751f51b760-85895669](https://www.ecowatch.com/trump-bikeshare-2474011772.html?utm_source=EcoWatch+List&utm_campaign=751f51b760-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_49c7d43dc9-751f51b760-85895669)

## **Trump Green Lights Arctic Drilling Project in Polar Bear Habitat**

*Center for Biological Diversity*

Excerpt: "The Trump administration released an environmental review Thursday of Hilcorp Alaska's Arctic offshore drilling development." [READ MORE](#)

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## **Greenpeace Activists Interrupt Operations at Arctic Oil Drilling Site**

[https://www.ecowatch.com/greenpeace-arctic-drilling-2474065802.html?utm\\_source=EcoWatch+List&utm\\_campaign=751f51b760-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_49c7d43dc9-751f51b760-85895669](https://www.ecowatch.com/greenpeace-arctic-drilling-2474065802.html?utm_source=EcoWatch+List&utm_campaign=751f51b760-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_49c7d43dc9-751f51b760-85895669)

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## **The world's largest volcanic region was just discovered in Antarctica.**

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## **Court says pipelines — not Exxon — are to blame for a major oil spill.**

**KATE YODER**

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## **Energy Transfer Partners' Rover Pipeline Sets Record for Environmental Violations**

*Lorraine Chow, EcoWatch*

Chow writes: "Energy Transfer Partners' controversial \$4.3 billion Rover pipeline has more negative inspection reports than any other major interstate natural gas pipeline built in the last two years, according to a new Bloomberg analysis."

[READ MORE](#)



## **Fukushima Plant Is Releasing 770,000 Tons of Radioactive Water Into the Pacific Ocean**

**Dahr Jamail, Truthout:** Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO) is releasing thousands of tons of radioactive water straight into the Pacific Ocean, as the nuclear crisis continues with no end in sight. TEPCO claims tritium is harmless, but a leading environmental toxicologist tells Truthout that tritium can cause "tumors, cancer, genetic defects, developmental abnormalities and adverse reproductive effects." [Read the Article](#)

## **The 10 Most Terrifying Native American Legends - YES WE NATIVE**

In nearly all cultures, myths and legends can serve as cautionary tales, keeping one foot in practical reality and the other in the realm of the supernatural... and it's no surprise that the most effective cautionary tales are also the scariest. The ancient lore of the indigenous peoples of North Amer...  
[yeswenative.com](http://yeswenative.com)

[Alex Purbrick to The Nature Way](#) July 30, 2015 ·

**Scientists have recently announced that we are now experiencing a mass extinction of plants and animal species throughout the world.**

Corbin often said that the plants and animals have said to us humans that "if you don't appreciate me living here with you on this Earth, we can disappear."

His message was always, "we have to sing to the animal life, the plant life, pray that their life will continue. Tell them why we're taking their lives, what we are using them for so that we can appreciate their life and they can feel appreciated."



We have to overcome our differences and join together to pray and ask all the animals and plants to continue their life. We are the caretakers of all Nature. Our songs, our prayers keep all of Nature happy and alive. We are all One.

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*Aug 19, 1970 in a statement to the Environmental Quality Council, the Atomic Energy Commission said that as a result of its weapons testing at the Nevada Test Site, 250 square miles were contaminated for 24,000 years (Nevada Governor Paul Laxalt, taken by surprise by the statement, immediately declared his confidence in the public's safety, though a news report said he had yet to be briefed on the statement by the AEC) (from DennisM)*

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### **Troubled Waters: Tennessee Families Stand Up for a Clean Environment**

**Keith Griffith, Equal Voice News:** The Cooper Ridge mine in Claiborne County, Tennessee, has received all but one of the permits it needs to move forward, and appears set to open soon. But many residents are concerned about long-lasting impacts on health -- especially children's health -- and are mobilizing against the mine.

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

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### **The Economy of an Ecological Society Will Be at the Service of Humanity**

**Mark Karlin, Truthout:** Capitalism places people at the service of the economy, whereas the economy of an ecological society orients production and consumption toward the health and well-being of both humans and the broader environment, says plant and soil science professor Fred Magdoff, co-author of *Creating an Ecological Society: Toward a Revolutionary Transformation*. **[Read the Interview](#)**

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Trump may rip up the Paris Agreement and lie about climate change, but he can't control the acceleration of clean energy. And, although he may try to double down on highly polluting coal, **you can combat this** by signing up to **support wind energy**.

Our partner, Arcadia Power, has a program to support clean energy that's available to anyone who pays an electric bill. Whether you live in an apartment or a house, you can join the clean energy movement.

All you have to do is **[go to their website](#)** and enroll your local utility account. It takes two minutes from start to finish, and they will match your electricity usage with Green-e certified renewable energy certificates (RECs) from wind farms.

There is nothing to install, there are no contracts, and your local utility still delivers reliable electricity. Starting with your next power bill, every time you turn on the lights, your electricity usage will be matched by RECs supporting clean, renewable energy sources.

There is a movement happening. From mayors and governors rebelling against the Trump administration's anti-environment efforts to you at home. Together, we'll make the move from fossil fuels to renewable energy.

**[Plus, as a benefit for being a Sierra Club supporter, if you sign up this month Arcadia will send you 4 free energy-saving LED light bulbs.](#)** **[Thank you. The Sierra Club](#)**

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## **Tribal Justice airs on PBS!**

Four years in the making, [Tribal Justice](#) will at last reach a national television audience  
**TONIGHT!**

**Monday, August 21st      Check Local Listings**

Watch it on PBS, or stream it free for a limited time during and after the broadcast by going to:  
visit: [pbs.org/pov/tribaljustice](http://pbs.org/pov/tribaljustice)

<http://www.makepeaceproductions.com/tribaljustice/>



*The tribal courts both incorporate traditional values and hold up an example to the nation about the possibilities of alternative dispute resolution. [They] have much to offer to the tribal communities, and much to teach the other court systems operating in the United States.*

**— The Honorable Sandra Day O'Connor, former Supreme Court Justice**

### **Two judges, two tribes, one goal: restoring justice.**

Two Native American judges reach back to traditional concepts of justice in order to reduce incarceration rates, foster greater safety for their communities, and create a more positive future for their youth. By addressing the root causes of crime, they are providing models of restorative justice that are working. Mainstream courts across the country are taking notice.