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*Native Waters on Arid Lands*

*Tribal Climate Planning Information Needs Assessment*

*After a year of construction, Albuquerque Rapid Transit buses finally hit the road*

[R.I.P. Bears Ears National Monument 12/28/2016 - 12/04/2017](#)

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Patagonia nails it. <http://www.patagonia.com>



[Bob Tregilus](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kESZx1Q6kmE) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kESZx1Q6kmE>  
[Bears Ears Welcome Video](#)    [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

[Bill Huggins](#) [Earthjustice](#) filed a brief almost the moment the Orange Menace walked away from the microphone. The hypocrisy of this move shows the absolute lack of regard for due process of this administration. I know people who worked on this monument. The public p...[See More](#)

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**Comments invited:**

**Wells Fargo commits \$50 million to American Indian/Alaska Native communities**

Wells Fargo's five-year financial commitment will primarily focus on environmental sustainability, economic empowerment, and diversity and social inclusion.

November 29, 2017

[Jessica Pacek](#)

Wells Fargo has committed \$50 million over the next five years to help address the economic, social, and environmental needs of American Indian/Alaska Native communities. The company will expand philanthropy programs, work to improve products and services that meet the financial and banking needs of American Indian/Alaska Native communities, award grants to national nonprofits serving these communities, and help create a greater awareness of their culture, history, and contributions.

"We are only as successful as the communities in which we work," CEO Tim Sloan said. "Our longstanding relationships with tribal governments and American Indian/Alaska Native customers are a point of tremendous pride at Wells Fargo. I am pleased to be able to make this announcement on behalf of our 268,000 team members as part of Native American Heritage Month."

Wells Fargo leadership consulted American Indian/Alaska Native businesses, nonprofits, and tribal governments to develop and vet the financial commitment.

"In the past few years, through dialogue with various tribal leaders and tribal members, we have learned a great deal about the specific needs and challenges faced by many of our stakeholders," said Jon Campbell, head of Corporate Responsibility and Community Relations for Wells Fargo. "And, with the commitment we announced today, we intend to help address some of those challenges in partnership with AI/AN leaders, governments, and tribal nonprofit organizations in ways that are intentional, relevant, and inclusive."

The bulk of the financial commitment will be devoted to philanthropy aligned with the concerns raised by consulted tribal stakeholders during the development of the commitment and

[Wells Fargo's 2020 Corporate Social Responsibility](#) focus areas. It will focus primarily on:

- **Environmental sustainability:** [renewable energy projects](#) and clean water programs.
- **Economic empowerment:** down payment assistance, affordable housing development, and other programs to advance homeownership; capacity building for American Indian/Alaska Native Community Development Financial Institutions to [support small businesses](#) and create jobs and asset-building programs to help individual tribal members create wealth through matched savings and other mechanisms; a customized financial capability curriculum; and postsecondary education programs and scholarships.
- **Diversity and social inclusion:** leadership and career development training; [cultural awareness](#) and language preservation programs.

Wells Fargo will announce recipients of national grants who serve these communities on a rolling basis beginning in the first quarter of 2018. Beginning in January 2018, local nonprofits serving American Indian/Alaska Native communities may apply for grants through Wells Fargo's [online tool](#).

The \$50 million commitment will also allow Wells Fargo to expand its dedicated resources for tribal advocacy and community outreach. This will include hiring a business-relationship manager to focus entirely on the American Indian/Alaska Native market segment and work closely with Wells Fargo's national tribal advocate, Cora Gaane. The company will also assemble a cross-functional advisory council comprised of Wells Fargo's lines of businesses and stakeholder and community engagement, policy, and philanthropy teams to identify and address challenges within American Indian/Alaska Native communities.

### **More than 50 years of support**

Wells Fargo has been serving American Indian/Alaska Native governments and communities for more than 50 years and currently provides capital and financial services to more than 200 tribal entities in 27 states, including tribal community development projects. "Wells Fargo appreciates the engagement we have had with our tribal customers over more than 50 years, and we respect the sovereignty of their nations," Campbell said.

In 2016, the company developed and published an [Indigenous Peoples Statement](#) in consultation with tribal leaders, indigenous stakeholders, and their representatives, to help guide decision-making on projects where proceeds of Wells Fargo financing may potentially impact American Indian, Alaska Native, or other indigenous communities.

"Wells Fargo is taking meaningful steps to ensure the bank is more responsive to the Native communities they serve," said Cristina Danforth, president of the Native American Financial Officers Association. "Aligning staff to better understand our needs and making a significant financial commitment to nonprofits serving Indian Country builds on Wells Fargo's policy approach and its adoption of the Indigenous Peoples Statement to consider and honor indigenous communities' cultural and environmental concerns. This comprehensive approach is a model we would like to see adopted by more financial institutions in Indian Country."



Wells Fargo's [Native Peoples Team Member Network](#) is another way the company provides support for American Indian/Alaska Native communities. Established in 2003, Wells Fargo's Native Peoples Team Member Network encourages team members to engage with and build understanding and support for the American Indian/Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian

communities that Wells Fargo serves, and provides insight into American Indian/Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian cultures. It also offers its members professional and career development, mentoring and leadership engagement, and opportunities to plan and participate in American Indian/Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian community outreach and events.

“As a Native American, I am so proud to be part of Wells Fargo, and I am very pleased with the progress we have been making for more than 50 years in serving financial needs in American Indian and Alaska Native communities through our business and our philanthropy,” said Mark Jiron, operations manager at Wells Fargo Advisors and enterprise president of Wells Fargo’s Native Peoples Team Member Network. “I see this generous commitment as a testament to where the company’s heart and business intent truly is, and a signal to all stakeholders that the bank is serious about restoring trust with team members and in Indian Country.”

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[Equator Principles](#)

[www.equator-principles.com/](http://www.equator-principles.com/)

The *Equator Principles* is a risk management framework, adopted by financial institutions, for determining, assessing and managing environmental and social risk in projects. It is primarily intended to provide a minimum standard for due diligence to support responsible risk decision-making.

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## **IMLS News**

### **Digitizing 30 Years of Alaskan Tribal Heritage**

For 30 years, the Celebration event of Southeast Alaska encapsulated the pride of three tribal communities. Sealaska Heritage Institute digitized over 250 videotapes, ensuring that a record of these events would be accessible for future generations. [Read more](#)

### **Call for Applications: National Leadership and Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Grants**

IMLS is accepting applications for the second cycle of the FY 2018 National Leadership Grants for Libraries and Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program. [Read more](#)

### **Collections Assessment for Preservation (CAP) Program Accepting Applications Through Feb. 1**

Applications for the 2018 Collections Assessment for Preservation program are now being accepted through February 1, 2018. [Read more](#)

### **Emergency Conservation Assessment Support for Museums in Disaster Areas**

Announcing the availability of emergency support for museums in recent federally declared disaster areas. [Read more](#)

### **IMLS Releases FY 2017 Annual Performance and Accountability Report**

The Performance and Accountability Report, an annual agency requirement from the Office of Management and Budget, presents the agency's program and financial management results, key accomplishments, and new initiatives during FY 2017. [Read More](#)

### **Color Me Healthy: Museums Tackle Childhood Obesity, One Step at a Time**

Museums can play an essential role in supporting the health of their communities. See how three museums are using IMLS funds for projects to educate children and their caretakers about nutrition and exercise.

[Read more](#)

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Truckee Meadows Tomorrow Presents:

## Historic Preservation and Revitalization of the Truckee Meadows

**What:** As the community is experiencing rapid growth, economic diversification, and a surge in new investment and development, many of our historic neighborhoods are undergoing transformations. Writer and historian **Dr. Alicia Barber** will discuss how the region's historic structures can play a pivotal role in this revitalization and help to promote a strong sense of continuity and character in a time of change.

**When:** Thursday, December 7th, 2017

**Time:** 11:30 -1:00 p.m. (lunch and networking from 11:30-12 p.m.and presentation from 12-1 p.m.)

**Where:** RTC Conference Room (1105 Terminal Way, Reno - 1st Floor Conference Room)

\*Lunch will be sponsored Jacobs Entertainment, Inc.

Please RSVP to Angela Fuss at [afuss@lumosinc.com](mailto:afuss@lumosinc.com)

**\$10 donation to TMT (free for TMT members)**

To become a TMT member or donate before the meeting, please visit:

<https://www.truckeemeadowstomorrow.org/membership/>

*For two decades, Truckee Meadows Tomorrow (TMT) has collaborated with business owners, community leaders, educators, policy-makers and active citizens across Washoe County, Nevada, and the surrounding region to set a value system of measurable and actionable indicators that help us monitor how we are doing as a community at preserving and enhancing our quality of life. TMT is the source for this comprehensive, unbiased data, and the catalyst for positive community change. TMT is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, EIN:88-0290211, and does not support or oppose candidates for public office. Contribution to Truckee Meadows Tomorrow may be tax-deductible under federal law.*

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*Long time readers know I seldom opine or editorialize, but “these are the worst of times; these are the best of time” and the question/challenge of tribal sustainability is one that, while always on my mind becomes a prominent focus.*

*During the campaign, I commented a few times about rhetoric and thoughts being taken straight out of a 50's playbook. The assault on public institutions and budget as well as court packing, makes what started with the Bush recession a quick slide backwards on so many things that many have spent years trying to build up.*

*It is a time where both community individuals and tribal councils will have even more need to exercise true leadership (see wolves below) and plan for integral survival. What is being done to protect food and energy security?*

*This is true of the non-Indian world but Tribes have more going for them than the millions of the general vulnerable population.*

*First there is history and traditional knowledge. Second is a land base, water rights and in some cases, additional mineral and other resource rights. Thirdly, the human resource factor which in five hundred years of contact with the “civilized” world has managed to persist.*

*Once can say “these are the times that try men’s souls” but it can also be a wonderful time in which to design a sustainable future. There is nothing like operating in a vacuum.*

*It brings me to wonder how prepared each community is. Do your planning documents take into consideration the absence of “outside” funding? Does each division have a clear vision of a sustainable future? What alliances are in place? Have you considered every aspect of tribal life that can be positively impacted by technology as well as each aspect of traditional knowledge/practice that you will institute?*

*Are all your legislated “rights” properly inventoried, documented and in order?*

*Two weeks ago (this rant is certainly late) I had the privilege of attending the conference, “Native Waters on Arid Lands”. I was more than gratified to hear that about which I have been thinking to be articulated in several ways during the two days.*

*The number one carry-away, was that rather than using the term “climate change” many of those assembled were using the term “climate adaptation”. (It brings to mind how certain historians would say the Anazazi had disappeared, when, in looking deeper, those descendants that live in the Valley of the Sun can relate how the forbears actually “retreated” and adapted to the environmental conditions until they became conducive to flourishing again.)*

*Just a simple word change makes a major impact.*

*So in the next weeks, several of the resources, thoughts, and trends will be shared here. Thanks to conference organizers for including me.*

*The first document that was shared included a Tribal Climate Planning Needs Assessment. While the information to be gathered was/is for project purposes, it also provides a tool to support climate adaptation on tribal lands for any community. Please share the questions far and wide:*

**Responses were to be ranked 1-5, with 1 as very low priority to 5 as very high priority.**

- 1. How to conduct a climate resiliency assessment.**
- 2. Climate change impacts on tribal lands, water and economies.**
- 3. Enhancing tribal food security and sovereignty?**
- 4. Adaptation strategies unique to tribal lands.**



5. Incorporating Traditional Knowledge in climate adaptation planning for tribal lands.
6. How to protect Traditional Knowledge that tribes incorporate into their adaptation plans.
7. Examples of toehr tribes' climate adaptation plans.
8. How to finance implementation of climate adaptation plans.
9. Meaning of future climate projections for individual reservations
10. Selecting equipment to monitor/collect data to inform tribal climate.
11. How to finance monitoring/data collection on tribal lands.
12. Training tribal employees to ensure consistent data monitoring and collection on tribal lands.
13. Precipitation data (hourly, daily, monthly) Check priority for each.
14. Temperature data.                      “                      “
15. Streamflow data.                      “                      “
16. Soil moisture data.
17. Snowpack data.
18. Water quality data.
19. Raw data collected from monitoring instruments
20. Generalized reports or summaries on water resources and climate information. “

*That is half the list (a pretty heady one at that). Plenty to think about here. Will print the rest in another edition.*

*In the interim, here is more information on the project as well as a beginning of introduction to some of the people/resources in attendance.*

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## **[Native Waters on Arid Lands: Enhancing Climate Resilience on Tribal ...](#)**

*[nativewaters-aridlands.com/](http://nativewaters-aridlands.com/)*

*Native Waters on Arid Lands* is a five-year (2015-2020) project that partners researchers and extension experts with tribal communities in the Great Basin and American Southwest to

collaboratively understand the impacts of climate change and to evaluate adaptation options for sustaining *water* resources and agriculture ...

## **Resources**

A selection of resources with relevance to Native Waters on ...

## **Our Work: Project Overview**

Our Work: Project Overview. Native Waters on Arid Lands is a five ...

## **Our team**

Our Team. The Native Waters on Arid Lands project team is made ...

## **Events**

We also host occasional workshops related to climate ...

## **Podcast**

Listen to our podcast to learn more about Native Waters on Arid ...

## **Videos**

Food, Water & Traditional Knowledge in Arid Lands. From ...

[More results from nativewaters-aridlands.com »](#)

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE April 11,2016... - Ute Tribal Enterprises ...**

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11,2016. Contact:  
Valentina Sireech,  
Marketing Director and  
Acting CEO *Ute* Tribal  
Enterprises, L.L.C..  
**What happens when a  
Tribal community  
decides to take its  
natural resources, it's  
economic, cultural, and  
ecological future into  
its own hands to  
develop and manage its  
own business?**



*“It's being here now that's important. There's no past and there's no future. Time is a very misleading thing. All there is ever, is the now. We can gain experience from the past, but we can't relive it; and we can hope for the future, but we don't know if there is one.”*

— George Harrison

[Ivan Ginsberg](#)

A little food for thought... A group of wolves: The three in front are old & sick, they walk in front to set the pace of the running group lest they get left behind. The next five are the strongest & best, they are tasked to protect the front side if there is an attack. The pack in the middle are always protected from any attack. The five behind them are also among the strongest & best; they are t... [See More](#)



[Joan L Nieto https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y7xAGapixNs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y7xAGapixNs)

[Mayor Richard J. Berry, City of Albuquerque News Conference 8-8-17](#)

ART Unveils Brand New Electric Bus ABQ now the first in the nation to have an all-electric bus rapid transit system ALBUQUERQUE, NM – Mayor Richard J. Berry ...  
youtube.com

[ART buses are now ready to ride](#)

**After a year of construction, Albuquerque Rapid Transit buses finally hit the road**  
today for their first run in service, but it's not all of the buses just y...  
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