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Areas cut out of Bears Ears National Monument (above) by President Trump are now open for companies to stake mining claims. wilderness.org

[Opinion Former Patagonia CEO: Quit talking about ‘sustainability’](#)

From the Council of State Archivists

Wisconsin State Archives Preservation Facility Opens

The Wisconsin Historical Society opened the doors of a new \$46.7 million dollar, 188,000sf state archive and preservation facility. The facility has 11 linear miles of compact shelving to house rare books, photographs, and records. It will offer state-of-the-art environmental and physical security for Wisconsin's most important artifacts.

State Archivist and Administrator of the Division of Library-Archives Matt Blessing says, "Honestly, I am most jazzed in that it serves so many cultural heritage organizations: Wisconsin Historical Society (library, archives, and museum artifacts), Wisconsin Veterans Museum, Wisconsin Center for Film and Theater Research, State Capitol/ Executive Residence, and Wisconsin's 11 sovereign American Indian nations."

Government and public-sector employees are increasingly using text messaging to communicate about official business. And those communications, even if conducted on privately owned devices, are public records.

Despite the indisputable growth of this communication channel for work, a surprising number of public-sector agencies have not considered text messages to be an electronic public record. Several recent court cases, however, should disabuse anyone of such an outdated notion. **Read More >**

Coming Up

AES Conference Highlights Audio Archiving, Preservation, and Restoration

The Audio Engineering Society's (AES) 2018 conference is June 28–30 at the Library of Congress Packard Campus in Culpeper, Virginia, and will focus on Audio Archiving, Preservation, and Restoration. For guidelines on submitting a paper, visit the [AES website](#). ***Register by May 1 to receive the early-bird discount.***

Preservation Assistance Grants for Smaller Institutions

The National Endowment for the Humanities' Division of Preservation and Access has offered Preservation Assistance Grants for Smaller Institutions since 2000. These grants help smaller and mid-sized cultural heritage institutions such as libraries, museums, historical societies, archival repositories, town and county records offices, and colleges and universities improve their ability to preserve and care for their humanities collections.

Awards of up to \$6,000 support preservation-related collection assessments, consultations, purchase of preservation supplies and equipment, training and workshops, and institutional and collaborative disaster and emergency planning. (Applicants may request up to \$7,000 if the project would support emerging professionals, as discussed below.) Preservation Assistance Grants also support assessments of digital collections, education and training in standards and best practices for digital preservation, and the care and handling of collections during digitization. NEH does not fund digitization or the development of digital programs in this grant category.

All applications to NEH must be submitted through Grants.gov; see the application guidelines for details. The 2018 guidelines for Preservation Assistance Grants for Smaller Institutions are available at www.neh.gov/files/grants/pres-assist-grants-may-1-2018.pdf. You will also find sample project descriptions, sample narratives, and a list of frequently asked questions. **The deadline for applications is May 1, 2018.**

Alert from SAM.gov: If you are registering a new entity in SAM.gov—registration is required to apply for all federal grants—you must provide an original, signed [notarized letter](#) stating that you are the authorized Entity Administrator before your registration will be activated. Read the [FAQs from General Services Administration](#) to learn more about this process change.

See our Web series, 50 States of Preservation, about PAG awardees across the country, on our Web site: www.neh.gov/divisions/preservation/featured-project.

Smaller and mid-sized institutions that have never received an NEH grant are encouraged to apply. We also have a special encouragement for applications from Hispanic-serving institutions, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and Tribal Colleges and Universities, and from Native American tribes and Native Hawaiian and Native Alaskan organizations with significant humanities collections.

NEH is also offering encouragements to address issues facing smaller institutions and the preservation field. To provide practical experience to emerging preservation professionals, we encourage consultants to work as mentors with advanced students or recent graduates from preservation programs who may assist in conducting preservation assessments, addressing specific preservation issues, and/or training staff at the applicant institution. Applicants may request up to an additional \$1,000 if the consultant is working with emerging professionals. To address the risk to cultural heritage materials from natural disasters, theft, and other types of destruction, NEH encourages all applicants to develop disaster plans and to work collaboratively with local institutions for training in disaster preparedness and emergency response.

Mindful of the importance of preserving cultural heritage in regions affected by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria, as well as wildfires and mudslides in California, the program is offering special assistance of up to \$10,000 to applicants in federally declared disaster areas. In addition to the regular activities supported by Preservation Assistance Grants, applicants in these areas are encouraged to seek additional support for disaster planning, response, recovery, and mitigation; preservation assessments; conservation treatments; the temporary relocation and storage of collections; the purchase of supplies; education and training related to disaster planning and response; and the reformatting of collections as a preservation methodology.

NEH also invites projects related to its [Standing Together](#) initiative, which encourages projects related to war and military service. All applications will be given equal consideration in accordance with the program's evaluation criteria, whether or not they respond to the Standing Together initiative or are requests from applicants in federally declared disaster areas.

For more information, contact the staff of NEH's Division of Preservation and Access at 202-606-8570 or preservation@neh.gov.

Urge Your Representative to Join the Congressional History Caucus

What actions can we take to support federal funding of the humanities, even as we keep an eye on Congress's appropriations discussions? As we fight to ensure that drastic cuts don't become law, our most important assets are our allies in Congress. That's why this is the perfect time to make a push for the Congressional History Caucus! The History Caucus is the brainchild of the National Coalition for History (NCH), of which SAA is a policy board member. It provides a forum for members of Congress to share their interest in history and to promote awareness of the subject on Capitol Hill. Find resources for contacting your representatives.

IMLS ACCESS Grant Update

Project personnel have met with NGA, NASCIO, and NASS representatives to plan programmatic collaborations around electronic records management and preservation. Among the projects underway are revision of management briefs for NGA, a best practice topics needs assessment survey with NASS, and writing an issue brief on electronic records with NASCIO.

A new spotlight article on the Tennessee State Library and Archives' legislative recording program is now available on the [CoSA website](#).

SERI sub-committees are building a library of tweets and identifying members to write spotlight articles and blog posts. Several webinars are being planned for spring focusing on tools, techniques, best practices, workflows, and other insights that help the electronic records manager. Content development for ACCESS documents is underway. If you are interested in being a part of this important work, please contact CoSA Executive Director, [Barbara Teague](#).

The CoSA Resource Center is expanding its resources to become the 'go-to' information center on CoSA's website. We are in need of all types of sample forms, tools, policies and guidance documents that would be useful to colleagues. It's easy to [upload your documents](#) and, once you do, we'll take it from there.

For more about the ACCESS Grant, see SERI Coordinator Michelle Gallinger's recent [blog post](#).



Eco-shorts

[Desalination in Las Vegas? Faraway Ocean Could Aid Future Water Needs](#)

By Matt Weiser, Water Deeply, 4/17/18

The Southern Nevada Water Authority expects growth to outpace current water supplies by 2037. Investing in seawater desalination is one option the agency is considering to meet demand in the desert metropolis.

['Toilet to Tap' Water Surprisingly Good, Study Finds](#)

By Ann Thompson, WVXU, 4/16/18

Scientists have long known treated wastewater is safe to drink, but how does it taste when compared to "conventional" groundwater and bottled water?

['Poop Train' carrying waste from New York stinking up Alabama town](#)

PARRISH, Ala. -- A stinking trainload of human waste from New York City is stranded in a tiny Alabama town, spreading a stench like a giant backed-up toilet -- and the "poop train" is just the latest example of the South being used as a dumping ground for other states' waste. *Better than nuclear waste?!*

[This 1983 article about the EPA hitting rock bottom is way too relevant.](#)

GRETA JOCHEM

[8 kids from Florida are suing their state over climate change.](#)

ZOYA TEIRSTEIN

[Florida Kids Sue Gov. Scott Over Climate Change: You Have 'Moral Obligation' to](#)

[Protect Us](#) *Georgina Gustin, Inside Climate News*

Gustin writes: "Eight young Floridians, ages 10 to 19, sued their state and its climate-policy-averse governor on Monday for failing to protect residents from the impacts of a warming climate."

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[– Americans waste 150,000 tons of food each day – equal to a pound per person](#) (The Guardian)

Pipeline shorts

[Boulder, Colorado, is the latest city to sue Big Oil over climate change.](#)

ZOYA TEIRSTEIN

[Tensions rise in battle over Canadian pipeline.](#)

JUSTINE CALMA

Trudeau Pledges Taxpayer Money, New Laws to Salvage Controversial Pipeline

<https://www.ecowatch.com/trudeau-pledges-taxpayer-money-pipeline-2560615532.html>

Pipeline Spills 76,000 Gallons of Crude Oil Emulsion in Northern Alberta

<https://www.ecowatch.com/oil-spill-alberta-paramount-resources-2561155379.html>

Tribes Build a Traditional Watch House to Stop Kinder Morgan Pipeline Expansion

<https://readersupportednews.org/news-section2/318-66/48975-tribes-build-a-traditional-watch-house-to-stop-kinder-morgan-pipeline-expansion>

There's been a quiet protest happening in the trees of Appalachia .

<http://worldnewsxl.com/index.php/2018/04/19/theres-been-a-quiet-protest-happening-in-the-trees-of-appalachia-now-its-catching-on/>

Perched on a Platform High in a Tree, a 61-Year-Old Woman Fights a Gas Pipeline

Gregory S. Schneider, *The Washington Post*

Schneider writes: "When the trees started coming down, Theresa 'Red' Terry went up. Now, the 61-year-old mother of three is perched on a platform 32 feet in the air between two oak trees, trying to stop a natural gas pipeline from coming through land granted to her husband's family by the king of England in Colonial times." [READ MORE](#)



Here's a neat contest that we thought we would pass along.

If you know of a Foster that submits an entry - SAFF wants to know!

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Scientists at the University of Stockholm have discovered a moss with the ability to remove arsenic from drinking water.

According to researchers, the aquatic moss can purify arsenic-contaminated water in just one hour. [Science Daily](#)

A Moss Can Naturally Clean Harmful Arsenic From Water Futurism

If you happen to be thirsty in the woods, there are a lot of things you can stick in your canteen to help clean up your drinking water. There are chlorine pills and filters (not crystals — never crystals). And now scientists have identified a certain kind of moss that could do it, too. The...

[Read the full story](#)

The U.S. Senate voted against a Coast Guard bill that environmentalists feared would remove important water protections. Through an updated version of the Vessel Incidental Discharge Act (VIDA), the bill proposed an exemption of ship ballast water from the Clean Water Act. If approved, the exemption could have fueled the spread of invasive species in the Great Lakes and beyond. [The Hill](#)

This incredible shot from @boywithadrone of Devils Tower is an angle I've never seen. Truly an impressive Natural Formation! Great Photo!

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Mining shorts:

Colorado's Boulder and San Miguel counties are seeking environmental damages from ExxonMobil and Suncor Energy, alleging that fossil fuel releases by the two companies have led to significant changes in Colorado's temperature and climate. The plaintiffs claim that the environmental changes harmed their property and impacted the health, safety, and welfare of state residents. In recent years, rising temperatures have also decreased snowpack, which is essential for Colorado's agriculture and domestic water supply. [U.S. News & World Report](#)

[Nevada's Anaconda Mine removed from EPA Superfund list](#)

By Gary Martin / RJ Washington Bureau

[The Trump Administration's Awful New Migratory Bird Policy Undermines a Century of Conservation](#)

Amanda Rodewald, The Revelator

Rodewald writes: "The Trump administration has announced a position on protecting migratory birds that is a drastic pullback from policies in force for the past 100 years." [READ MORE](#)

SCOTUS could give Native American tribes new legal traction to fight for environmental protections



As **Project Coyote** representatives and independent scientists testify today before the California Fish and Game Commission in support of a [progressive predator management policy](#) and deliver more than 2,500 signatures and letters in support of this proposal (*thanks to all who signed our petition and submitted letters!*), I want to share some positive media coverage that we helped generate about coyotes and other predators.

The April issue of [Common Ground Magazine](#) features articles by historian, author and [Project Coyote Ambassador Dan Flores](#) and me on coyote consciousness and coexistence. Dan's article, much in the vein of his bestselling book, *Coyote America: A Natural and Supernatural History*, weaves a narrative of the coyote's mystique and perseverance in the face of unceasing animosity. My article focuses on how the remarkably intelligent and adaptable coyote benefits our ecosystems, particularly in California. I dispel common myths that cause fear and misunderstanding of coyotes in communities across the country, and emphasize that we can coexist with them safely and peacefully.

The feature article in the April issue of [Parks and Recreation Magazine](#), a publication of the National Recreation and Parks Association, focuses on how we can better coexist in harmony with coyotes in our parks and urban landscapes. This publication reaches 60,000 outlets — including 1,400 agencies!

California Fish and Game Commission Adopts Progressive Predator Policy Model Policy Sets Precedent for the Nation

VENTURA, Calif.— Wildlife conservationists and scientists praised California Fish and Game Commissioners for their vote on Thursday in support of a progressive predator policy that provides the framework for how the state approaches predator conservation, stewardship, and management into the future.

The policy is a result of an 18-month process carried out by Commission staff and a Commission-appointed Predator Policy Working Group ("PPWG"), which was initially established to help modernize predator management in California by drafting a policy "intended to reflect the intrinsic and public value of terrestrial predators while recognizing the need to minimize and address conflicts when they may arise between predators and other values, such as public health and safety and economic stability."

The final policy adopted by the Commission "*acknowledges that native terrestrial predators are an integral part of California's natural wildlife and possess intrinsic, biological, historical, and cultural value, which benefit society and ecosystems,*" while "*recognizing that sustainable conservation and management strategies are necessary to encourage the coexistence of humans and wildlife.*"

The policy will provide direction as to how predators are managed going forward, and will ensure that "*the department shall protect and conserve predator populations.*"

"This policy represents sound science and acknowledges the important ecological role that predators play in maintaining ecosystem health, integrity, and diversity," said Dr. Rick Hopkins, a San Jose-based wildlife ecologist who served on the PPWG (representing Project Coyote).

"I am proud of how the disparate groups in the Predator Policy Work Group came together and developed a forward-thinking predator policy which recognizes both the role that predators play in the environment, but also provides a sensible approach to management," said Commission Vice President Anthony Williams.

Project Coyote submitted more than 2500 petition signatures and letters to the Commission urging adoption of a policy that acknowledges the importance of native terrestrial carnivores



and their intrinsic and biological value, and that includes the term “humane” in how human-predator conflicts would be addressed —elements that are incorporated in the policy the Commission adopted Thursday .

“We commend the Commission for this vote,” said Camilla Fox, Founder and Executive Director of Project Coyote. “We believe this policy sets a precedent and serves as a model for the nation in how a state wildlife agency should approach predator conservation and stewardship — recognizing that wildlife is held in the public trust for current and future generations and that predators should be valued for their ecological, aesthetic, and intrinsic value.”

To view the policy as adopted by the Commission on April 19, 2018, click [here](#).

[Supervisors Meld Holidays For Italian-Americans, Indigenous People](#)

[BY NATHAN FALSTREAU IN:](#)

Ed note: 4.19 additionally, the supervisors reversed their decision to remove the statue showing missionary and pioneer subjugating natives from the Plaza. While the statue is offensive to some of us, I don't believe that all statues need to be removed. I personally believe that these uncomfortable situations or one-sided commemorations should be retained with new/additional signage.....signage that states alternative points of view/encourages viewers to delve further into a subject. Taking these pieces out of public view reduces the opportunity to educate future generations. Out of sight is not necessarily out of mind. sdc

Barclays Equity Gilt Study: How technology has changed the world

http://www.businessinsider.com/barclays-how-technology-has-changed-the-world-2018-4?utm_source=pocket&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pockethits

MGM RESORTS WILL USE SOLAR ARRAY TO POWER LAS VEGAS CASINOS

MGM Resorts International <<http://erj.reviewjournal.com/ct/uz3688753Biz36763311>> plans to power its sizable share of the Strip with a dedicated solar array capable of supplying up to 90 percent of daytime demand at the company's 13 Las Vegas casinos. <http://erj.reviewjournal.com/ct/uz3688753Biz36763310>

Business smarts, beauty and a love for her culture? Why wouldn't she win the Miss Alaska USA title!

Alyssa London, a Tlingit woman and Stanford University graduate, will represent Alaska on the national stage when ladies from all over the country compete for the Miss USA title this summer.

In an interview with [KCAW News](#), she talks about Tlingit background.

London identifies as Tlingit, but she says that hasn't always be easy. Her background is mixed, with European descent on her mother's side and a father who is only part Tlingit. Growing up, London says she often questioned her grandfather about her Native heritage.

“So I'm like, ‘Grandpa, why don't I look like you?’ And he says, ‘You're my little freckled Indian,’ and then he'll take me to the Pioneer Cafe in Ketchikan and point out the Irish Aleuts or the Norwegian Yup'iks and he's like, ‘See, we're all mixed!’” London said.



London's grandfather is Tlingit elder and Ketchikan native Ernie Boyd.

Also in the KCAW interview, she talks about her experience working with Microsoft and how a particular moment inspired her to start her own business.

After college London landed a job at Microsoft. The company sends out gifts to its corporate partners across the world and one gift in particular got London thinking.

“I was noticing that the purchase orders were for these ‘Made in Washington’ baskets called ‘the Northwest Native gift baskets,’ and so I looked it up online and saw what was in it. There was a little bit of salmon and popcorn, but I felt conflicted that it had that name and I knew the reason they were purchasing it, but there was a disconnect,” said London.

So, London set out to make her own baskets, and in the process moved to Alaska and built a business.

She calls it “Culture Story.” Right now she's sells her own products like the Southeast Alaska Native Giftboxes she makes out of cedar and overlays with Tlingit designs cut from copper.

Here London talks more about Culture Story [Try watching this video on www.youtube.com](#), or enable JavaScript if it is disabled in your browser.

Wow, such a busy and inspiring woman! We wish her all the luck this summer! I know you will represent Alaska and your culture very well.

**RIP
Flora
Greene**



Kuyuidokado in dance regalia at the Pyramid Lake Guest Ranch, ca. 1955. *Left to right, back row:* Levi Frazier, Paul Wright, Harrison Frazier, Mark Jones, Gordon Frazier, Harry Winnemucca, Roland John, and Harry Drackert. *Front row:* Nina Winnemucca, Lena Wright, Rosabelle Tobey, Grace Frazier and son Douglas, Flora Greene, and Herma Winnemucca. Courtesy Special Collections, University of Nevada, Reno, Libraries.



*"Between the
Earth and
Sky above,
Nothing can match
a Grandmother's love."*