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Report of Committee on *Indian* Affairs October 15, 1783 A select committee ... [Journals of the *Continental Congress*, 25: 602.1 [The committee report:] That they ...



This Fourth of July, perhaps we can consider doing some celebrating in a way that is befitting our own Native histories

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BLM's rush to finish Southern Nevada plan could lead to court battle

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke talks with volunteers after cleaning up a shooting range area on public land along Las Vegas Boulevard just south of Sloan on Friday, Jan. 26, 2018. Chase Stevens Las Vegas Review-Journal

@csstevensphoto (wearing a hoodie that says DIE FIRST THEN RESIGN)

By [Henry Brean](#) / Las Vegas Review-Journal June 21, 2018 - 6:15 pm

Local Bureau of Land Management staff members are rushing to finish their updated land-use blueprint for Southern Nevada to meet a new deadline set by the Trump administration.

But at least one Clark County official expects the BLM to get sued over the accelerated planning process, which could stall federal land-use decisions in the region for years to come.

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke issued an order in August aimed at streamlining federal reviews conducted under the National Environmental Policy Act. His directive limits environmental impact statements to no more than 300 pages in length and requires them to be completed within one year.

A follow-up directive from Deputy Interior Secretary David Bernhardt in April gave BLM planners in Las Vegas until April 27, 2019, to complete a revised Southern Nevada District Resource Management Plan that they weren't expecting to finish until 2021.

Deadline propels county action

Clark County Air Quality Director Marci Henson cited the new deadline on Tuesday in urging the County Commission to quickly approve a resolution seeking federal legislation to address a

host of public lands issues in Southern Nevada. The commissioners heeded her urgency and [approved the resolution 6-0](#).

Key provisions of the resolution seek to open more than 44,000 acres of public land for new development south of Las Vegas and set aside more than 300,000 acres of new conservation land in the county.

Approval of the request for congressional action came despite strong opposition from off-roading groups and some conservationists.

Henson, who headed up the drafting of the resolution, said county officials “were anticipating having more time” to help shape the BLM’s management plan revision and suggest legislation to address any lingering land issues.

Now, she said, “time is of the essence.”

If the county fails to act, it could see land-use designations it doesn’t like made permanent in the rushed plan. Or it could see all action on federal land management bogged down in court.

Henson added that she expects someone to challenge the Interior Department’s new rules in court on the grounds that its deadlines and page-length restrictions are “arbitrary and capricious.”

Such a lawsuit could strand federal land-use planning in legal limbo and make it hard for the county to find the land it needs to grow, Henson said.

John Asselin, spokesman for the BLM in Las Vegas, confirmed the accelerated schedule for the management plan revision in an email Wednesday.

‘A positive opportunity’

As recently as January, local bureau officials said they expected to release a draft of the plan in 2019 and the final version in 2020, with implementation to follow in 2021. Asselin said the draft plan will now be published late this summer, and the final version in February.

“The BLM sees this expedited process as a positive opportunity to complete a plan that is in much need of revision,” Asselin said.

The Southern Nevada District Resource Management Plan serves as a sort of blueprint that guides specific land-use decisions for 3.1 million acres of federal land in Clark and Nye counties.

The sweeping document hasn’t been significantly updated since 1998, when the region was home to 1 million fewer residents than it is today.

The BLM started revising the plan in 2008, leading to the publication of a 2,200-page first draft in 2014. The document drew thousands of critical comments and some outright hostility, prompting the bureau’s state director to shelve the process for more than a year.

The effort began again last fall and led to a series of public meetings in January. At the time, BLM officials said they planned to simply revise and expand the 2014 draft rather than start from scratch, but now they will have to find a way to slash 2,200 pages down to 300.

Asselin said he couldn't speculate on whether the bureau will be sued over of the new planning directive.

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More trouble ahead?

There's another aspect of the Bureau of Land Management's ongoing land-use plan revision that could get the agency sued, according to one local conservation advocate.

Jaina Moan, executive director of Friends of Gold Butte, said the bureau may have violated federal environmental regulations early this year when it held a series of public meetings on the plan revision but excluded Gold Butte National Monument from the conversation.

The BLM originally said it would develop a management plan for the 2-year-old monument as part of the larger regionwide plan update. Then, just before the public meetings, bureau officials abruptly put the Gold Butte planning process on hold pending a possible boundary reduction by the Trump administration. They picked the planning process back up several weeks later, after the meetings had been held.

To date, no action has been taken by the White House to reduce the size of the Obama-era land designation.

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How do your kids compare?

Nevada Ranks Among Worst States for Children's Well-Being

June 27, 2018 -
Katherine Davis-
Young, Public News
Service (NV)

Nevada has shown improvement in education measures, but 73 percent of eighth-graders in the state still aren't proficient in math, and 69 percent of fourth-graders aren't proficient in reading. (Steven Depolo/ Flickr)



Las Vegas officials vote against reviving Yucca Mountain By Richard N. Velotta / RJ

“There is a camaraderie that transcends ethnicity when you serve your country overseas in wartime.” — Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell, Northern Cheyenne, Korean War Veteran

100th Anniversary of Crow Fair & Rodeo - Montana <https://www.visitmt.com/things.../2018.../100th-Anniversary-of-Crow-Fair-Rodeo.htm...> The 100th Annual Crow Fair Celebration Powwow & Rodeo will be at Crow Agency on August 15-20, 2018 at Crow Agency, Montana, includes parades,

August Powow Schedule

July 20-22 [Robert Woolery Sr. Memorial Powwow \(2018\)](#) Sedalia, MO

July 28 - 29 [Fort Liberty Pow Wow \(2018\)](#) Zanesfield, OH

August 3 - 5 [Eagle Feather Powwow](#) [Pittsford, VT](#)

[is opening day. family fun day. Sunday is senior/veterans day. Find More Information »](#)

August 3 - 5 Rocky Boy's 54th Annual Celebration (2018) Box Elder, MT
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August 3 - 5 [40th Annual Traditional Sobriety Pow Wow \(2018\)](#) [Sawyer, MN](#)
Sunday Grand Entry 6:30am Sunrise Pipe Ceremonies on Saturday and Sunday Conducted by
Spiritual Advisor-Ricky Defoe Open AA Meetings Friday , Saturday , Sunday Wristband Sign
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August 3 - 5 [2018 Turtle Mountain Little Shell Memorial Pow Wow](#) [Dunseith, ND](#)
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Children under 5 free, Policy: No Drug/No Alcohol/No Politics. Vendors seeking applications or
pricing contact...**[Find More Information »](#)**

August 4 - 5 [Canfield Island Pow Wow \(2018\)](#) [Montoursville, PA](#)
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**August 4 - 5 [Ft Union Indian Arts Showcase & Traditional Pow Wow \(2018\)](#) Williston,
ND**
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August 4 - 5 [48th Annual Indian Fair Days & Pow Wow \(2018\)](#) [O'Neals, CA](#)
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August 4 - 6 [58th Annual Wiikwemkoong Cultural Festival](#) [Manitoulin Island, ON](#)
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[August 9-12, 2018 104th Annual Meskwaki Powwow.](#) [tama, ia](#)

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FREE Grand Entry: 1pm & 7pm Children's Day/ages 6 -12: \$3.00 Grand...

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[Mihsihkinaahkwa Pow Wow](#)

Columbia City, IN

August 10 - 12 [Ponca Tribe of Nebraska 25th Anniversary Pow Wow \(2018\)](#)
Niobrara, NE [Find More Information »](#)

August 10 - 12 [41st Annual IICOT Pow-Wow of Champions \(2018\) Tulsa, OK](#)
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August 10 - 12 [5th Annual Norway House Cree Nation Competition Pow Wow](#)
Winnipeg, MB [Find More Information »](#)

August 11 [Spirit of Nations Powwow \(2018\)](#) Jefferson City, TN
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August 11 - 12 [60th Annual O-Sa-Wan Pow Wow \(2018\)](#) [Big Rock, IL](#)
Sunday – Children’s Area, Marketplace, Tipi Camp, Saturday Evening Auction, Free
Parking [Find More Information »](#)

August 11 [10th Annual Colorado Springs Intertribal Powwow \(2018\)](#) Colorado Springs,
CO [Find More Information »](#)

August 11 - 12 [Attean Family Pow Wow \(2018\)](#) [Gray, ME](#)
Each day an exciting opportunity to learn more about Native American culture
& heritage. (All day, rain or shine). [Find More Information »](#)

August 11 - 12 [18th Annual Robert Canada Friendship Pow Wow \(2018\)](#)
Hawaiian Gardens, CA [Find More Information »](#)

August 17 - 19 [Neyaashiinigmiing Annual Traditional POW WOW](#)
[\(2018\)Neyaashiinigmiing,ON](#) The Cape Croker Park will be host to the Chippewas of
Nawash Unceded First Nation’s Annual Traditional POW WOW. Starting on we will have our
Annual... [Find More Information »](#)

August 17-19 [Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community Wacipi \(2018\)](#) [Shakopee](#)
[3212 Dakota Parkway, MN](#)

Gather for a weekend of tradition, dancing, and unity—among old friends and new—at the
annual Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community (SMSC) Wacipi weekend

August 18 [SSgt David Fanman Jr. USMC : Memorial Dance \(2018\)](#) [Canton, OK](#)
Dinner Dance Specials: Women’s Traditional Men’s Fancy Feathers Honored Veteran: Allen
Redbird Jr. [Find More Information »](#)

August 18 - 19 [18th Annual Nimham Pow Wow \(2018\)](#) [Carmel, NY](#)
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August 18 - 19 [30th Annual Nansemond Indian Pow Wow \(2018\)](#) [Suffolk, VA](#)
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August 18 - 19 [38th Annual Roasting Ears of Corn Festival \(2018\)](#) [Allentown, PA](#)
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August 18 - 19 [7th Annual Pow Wow to Honor our Veterans & 1st Responders \(2018\)](#)
[Sidney, OH](#) [Find More Information »](#)

August 24 - 26 [2nd Annual Redhawk's Gathering of Nations King City Powwow \(2018\)](#)
[King, NC](#) [Find More Information »](#)

August 24 - 26 [11th Annual Pala Gathering & Powwow \(2018\)](#) [Pala, CA](#)
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August 24 - 26 [27th Annual Gathering at the Falls Powwow \(2018\)](#) [Spokane, WA](#)
We are proud to also have a Kid's Powwow and 25 at With a Youth Powwow on Aug. 26, 2017
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August 24 - 26 [Frog Lake First Nations Pow Wow \(2018\)](#) [Elk Point, AB](#)
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August 25 [Pine Lake Celebration of Culture Pow Wow \(2018\)](#) [Red Deer County, AB](#)
Grand Entries: This is a mini traditional Pow Wow co hosted by Indigenous Pathways and The Salvation Army. Everyone is welcome. Dancers and Drum Groups are. [Find More Information »](#)

August 25 - 26 [25th Annual Potawatomi Trails Traditional Social \(2018\)](#) [Zion, IL](#)
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August 25 - 26 [Silver Lake 24th Annual Traditional Pow Wow \(2018\)](#) [Maberly, ON](#)
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August 25 - 26 [Medicine River Pow Wow \(2018\)](#) [Gilbertville, MA](#)
Free camping, \$5 per vehicle donation, most leashed dogs allowed, Sunrise ceremonies both days, Saturday night potluck, Saturday night talking circle, night drumming until 8/25. circle opens at 8/26. circle... [Find More Information »](#)

August 25 - 26 [2018 Suscol Intertribal Council 25th Annual "Unity"](#) [Yountville, CA](#)

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August 25 - 26 Wolf Clan Presents Spirit of the Wolf Broadalbin, NY
AZTEC FIRE DANCERS LORI HAWK, NATIVE FLUTE RICHIE OLIVERA, PERUVIAN FLUTE WHISPERING WILLOW BIRDS OF PREY PONY RIDES AND PETTING ZOO SUNDAY LIVE "FOX AND FISHER SHOW" DRUMMING, STORYTELLERS, NATIVE FOOD,... [Find More Information »](#)

August 25 - 26 32nd Annual Three Fires Homecoming Pow Wow and Traditional Gathering Hagersville, ON

August 25 - 27 Celebrations of Generations Pow Wow "Honoring Education" (2018) Darrington, WA Committee Specials: Chicken dance, potato dance, and family team dance. Session pay for first ten drums. Cliff Little Elk is our Head man Head woman is TBA .. [Find More Information »](#)

August 30 Ranch Ehrlo Society 3rd Annual Powwow (2018) Pilot Butte, SK
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August 31 - September 2 Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community Wacipi (2018) Hagersville, ON

August 31 - September 2, 2018 Prairie Band Potawatomi Pow Wow (2018) Mayetta, KS
Drum Judge – Harvey Dreaver Dance Judge – Tyler Lasley Sound System – HOKAH SOUND Isaac Shuckahosee Jr memorial special Men's traditional 18+ First place: \$3000 +Jacket Second place: \$2000 +Jacket Third... [Find More Information »](#)

August 31 - September 2 48th Annual LIHA Labor Day Pow Wow Sanbornton, NH

August 31 - September 2 48th Annual Barona Pow Wow (2018) Lakeside, CA
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August 31 - September 2 Stockton University of the Pacific 37th Annual Pow Wow Stockton, CA [Find More Information](#)

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The following is included not as a political statement but to re-emphasize some emergent trends. Too many communities have fought to have their history/heritage included in curriculum, local literature, news publications, etc. That long road must be protected if future generations are going to be able to access, enjoy and learn from it. sdc

New Authoritarian GOP Removed "Democracy" from Textbooks As Too "Partisan"

The de-evolution of the GOP into the Cult of Trump is more frightening by the day. In my younger years, the Reagan conservatives touted democracy—usually when they were contrasting us to their number one enemy: Russia.

How times have changed.

GOP candidate for MI governor Pat Colbeck at a Trump rally gushing about the Orange Oaf Right-wing conservatives in Michigan, led by Trump nut state Sen. Patrick Colbeck (R), ([@pjcolbeck](#)), are forcing Michigan schools to adopt “new standards” that do some sick stuff to social studies. The term “core democratic values” has been stricken---replaced with “core values”.

The reason? [It's too “partisan”](#):

“Some believed that even using the word ‘democratic’ implied partisan leanings,” said Rebecca Baker-Bush, a social studies consultant with the Ottawa Area Intermediate School District who served on the standards committee and who is also president of the Michigan Council on the Social Studies. “That was a new one on me.”

One requirement for anyone wanting to be governor should be an understanding of the term “democratic”. Several teachers and professors have [tried to take Colbeck back to school](#) in an op-ed posted by the *Detroit Free Press*:

*Core democratic values are derived from the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution and other specific documents, speeches and writings of the nation. They include the rights to liberty, equality, the common good (general welfare), diversity (pluralism) and property. (**whoops.....left out the Iroquois Confederacy.....again! sdc)*

Developing a reasoned commitment to these values enables students to recognize shared beliefs that bind them together as citizens, even when they disagree on particular public issues. As teacher educators we are deeply concerned about any de-emphasis of the core democratic values in name or in substance.

And because it's just impossible to have any story about the GOP without adding bigotry, Colbeck's got you covered:

*The [old] standard about the expansion of civil rights for minorities in the 20th century included specific references to Native Americans, Latinos, people with disabilities, and gays and lesbians. **They were removed in the proposed new standards, while language was added saying that the expansion of civil rights for some groups can be seen as “an infringement of rights and freedoms” of others.***

Oh go screw yourself.

Only a conservative would argue that letting someone drink from the same water fountain as you is infringing on their “rights”.

The Washington Post has the [old and new standards side-by-side](#) so you can see all the redlining that was done. The Montgomery bus boycott, the March on Washington, and the Voting Rights Act were deleted. The historic role the NAACP played in the Civil Rights movement was downplayed, as well as all references to *Roe v. Wade*. Orwell at its best: you never fight for rights if you never learn you have them. Speaking of which:

Lest you think that only the term “core democratic principles” were redlined—no dice. **Not only do the new standards wipe out the term “democratic”, they delete the term “democracy” as well.**

The justification, according to Colbeck, is that the United States is not a democracy, but a republic—a line that is often repeated by conservatives. It is false: [America is, and always has been, a representative democracy](#). At least, that's what it is supposed to be, and will hopefully remain that after the Trump years.



But that isn't why Colbeck did this at all. That's not what this is really all about. The media won't call this out, even though the GOP has openly declared what they are doing.

As conservative author [David Frum admits, the new GOP hates democracy, because, in his own words:](#)

The Republican party has a platform that can't prevail in democratic competition.

WHEN HIGHLY COMMITTED PARTIES BELIEVE STRONGLY [IN] THINGS THAT THEY CANNOT ACHIEVE DEMOCRATICALLY, THEY DON'T GIVE UP THEIR BELIEFS — THEY GIVE UP ON DEMOCRACY

It's why the GOP fights tooth and nail to make voting as hard as possible, to kick people off voter rolls, to gerrymander, to appoint ideologues to the Courts, to blow up all institutional norms in Congress: the new GOP has a twisted agenda, and they don't care how they get it.

Democracy isn't to be protected, it's to be thwarted.

The GOP is working towards doing that in a number of ways. This story is one small, petty, and yet simultaneously significant blow: **an attempt to remove democracy's reverence from our textbooks.**

Pat Colbeck is running to replace Rick Snyder, the Flint scandal-plagued republican governor of Michigan. The top two Democratic candidates polling are [Shri Thanedar and Gretchen Whitmer](#). Thanedar is a millionaire running on a very progressive platform. Whitmer is the former Senate minority leader who has the endorsement of all major unions, and has made up most of her funding through small donations.

Democratic candidates: Shri Thanedar and Gretchen Whitmer

I don't often make a pitch that a state election can save democracy, but in this case, I mean it to save the very term -- *literally*.

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