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Monty Axe Williams:

Beautiful picture of Goshute flag barriers and Eagle staff carrier. With our beautiful mountain range in the back ground.

Great Find by Heidi Barlese:

The Dawn of the world; myths and weird tales told by the Mewan Indians of California, collected and edited by C. Hat Merriam: Merriam, C. Hart (Clinton Hart), 1855-1942

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[American Indian storytelling project unearths past to educate, heal](#)

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SPONSOR: From July 2017 thru June 2018, [Truckee Meadows Water Authority's hydroelectric power plants](#) generated a record-setting 52k KWh, preventing about 15,000 metric tons of CO2 from going into the air. [Watch the video.](#)

[See the Scars That Oil Exploration Cut Across Alaska's Wilderness](#)

A huge grid covers the landscape just outside the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, from seismic testing for oil and gas. Parts of the refuge itself could soon look the same way.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hdu4LzKUNdU>

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**FOREST SERVICE PLAN WOULD OPEN RUBY MOUNTAINS TO OIL, GAS DRILLING**

The U.S. Forest Service is prepared to open almost 54,000 acres in the Ruby Mountains to new oil and gas exploration, according to a document obtained by an environmental group fighting the plan. <http://erj.reviewjournal.com/ct/uz3688753Biz37830303>

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**He Spent 40 Years Alone in the Woods, and Now Scientists Love Him | Short Film Showcase** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L72G8TLtTck>

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**Equal Opportunity: [Environmental Activist Arrested and Placed in Solitary Confinement for Monitoring Pipeline Construction on Her Own Property](#)**

*Sharon Kelly, DeSmogBlog*

Kelly writes: "On Tuesday, July 26, Sunoco Pipeline L.P. filed paperwork with a Pennsylvania court claiming that retired special education teacher Ellen Gerhart, 63, had violated an injunction. Three days later, Gerhart was arrested and jailed. She's currently held in the Centre County Correctional Facility awaiting a hearing on \$25,000 bail. She's been kept in solitary confinement for much or all of that time, according to her supporters, who add that she is unable to afford bail." [READ MORE](#)



Last year we launched a new website and would love to know what you think. Help us out by taking this **one question survey** and share your thoughts.

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**[FOCUS: Naomi Klein | Capitalism Killed Our Climate Momentum, Not "Human Nature"](#)** *Naomi Klein, The Intercept*

Klein writes: "We aren't losing earth - but the earth is getting so hot so fast that it is on a trajectory to lose a great many of us." [READ MORE](#)

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**[Newly Elected President of Mexico to Ban Fracking](#)**

Mexico's president-elect Andrés Manuel López Obrador said he will end the use of hydraulic fracturing, or [fracking](#), once he enters office on Dec. 1.

"We will no longer use that method to extract petroleum," the populist politician said Tuesday at a press conference, as quoted by the [Associated Press](#).

This is a setback for the energy industry that has eyed Mexico's shale-rich Burgos Basin in the north, [DeSmog](#) reported. It was only less than a year ago when Mexico's national energy ministry [opened](#) the onshore portion of the Burgos Basin for natural gas exploration and development by private companies.

The horizontal drilling technique is used to unlock oil and natural gas deposits from shale beds. Fracking has significantly ramped up natural gas extraction and has aided local economies, but opponents say that fracking pollutes the air and groundwater, among other environmental and public health concerns. The technique has been banned in many U.S. [municipalities](#) and [countries around the world](#).

The "plan to ban fracking in Mexico represents the latest common-sense decision by a world leader to prohibit this inherently toxic, polluting practice," [Food & Water Watch](#) executive director Wenonah Hauter told DeSmog.

"President-elect Obrador is moving in the right direction on many issues, including energy and the environment," Hauter added. "He can move even farther by pledging to transition Mexico to a fully clean, renewable energy future, thereby setting a remarkable example for its neighbors to the north."

According to the AP, Lopez Obrador also spoke against private electricity generation contracts that have displaced the state-owned Federal Electricity Commission, or CFE.

"The neoliberal governments deliberately closed the CFE plants in order to buy electricity from foreign companies at very high prices," Lopez Obrador said. "All of that will be corrected."

[Thomas Tunstall](#), Research Director for the University of Texas at San Antonio's Institute of Economic Development, pointed out to DeSmog that Mexico's potential fracking ban is mostly symbolic.

"Near-term, a ban on hydraulic fracturing in Mexico would have no impact, economically or environmentally. Unlike the United States, Mexico has substantial untapped conventional oil and gas reserves: shallow water, deep water and even onshore conventional," Tunstall said. "In addition, most of the unconventional/shale opportunities lie in Northern Mexico, which lacks significant infrastructure (housing, roads, rail, skilled workforce). Best estimates are that any unconventional oil and gas production activity in Mexico is at least 5-10 years away, no matter what government policy is."

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### **America's First Large Offshore Wind Farm to Offer \$1.4B in Savings**

Extract:

[Renewable energy](#) is truly getting cheaper every day. The 800-megawatt wind farm [Vineyard Wind](#) project, the first large-scale [offshore wind](#) farm in the U.S., has offered a total levelized price of \$65 per megawatt-hour (MWh)—a record low.

The planned wind farm, located 15 miles south of Martha's Vineyard, will be jointly developed by Avangrid Inc. and Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners. Their contract was filed Wednesday with the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities.

In all, Massachusetts electricity users will save about \$1.4 billion over the 20-year duration of the contract, [Bloomberg](#) reported.

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### **[Trump's Stock in Dakota Access Pipeline Raises Concerns](#)**

*Al Jazeera*

Excerpt: "President-elect Donald Trump holds stock in the company building the disputed Dakota Access oil pipeline, and opponents of the project warn those investments could affect any decision he makes on the \$3.8bn project as president." [READ MORE](#)

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**Study Finds New Reason to Ban Plastic: It Emits Methane in the Sun**

[https://www.ecowatch.com/plastic-waste-could-contribute-to-climate-change-2592101036.html?utm\\_source=EcoWatch+List&utm\\_campaign=00e5733376-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_COPY\\_01&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_49c7d43dc9-00e5733376-85895669](https://www.ecowatch.com/plastic-waste-could-contribute-to-climate-change-2592101036.html?utm_source=EcoWatch+List&utm_campaign=00e5733376-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_49c7d43dc9-00e5733376-85895669)

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**Donna Cossette:  
Gathering cattails**



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**Broadband access for rural areas part of proposed agency's mission**

WASHINGTON -- Two Western states' lawmakers have filed legislation that would establish a specific Internet agency to streamline management of federal broadband services to help rural customers and small businesses.

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**Attorney General Hunter Supports Chickasaw, Choctaw Lawsuits ...**

[www.oag.ok.gov/attorney-general-hunter-supports-chickasaw-choctaw-lawsuits-again...](http://www.oag.ok.gov/attorney-general-hunter-supports-chickasaw-choctaw-lawsuits-again...)

Bill Anoatubby (left) and Choctaw Nation Chief Gary Batton to announce the tribes' lawsuit against *opioid* manufacturers. OKLAHOMA CITY ...

**Oklahoma lawsuit against opioid makers back in state court | The Sun ...**

<https://www.sunherald.com/news/nation-world/article216054820.html>

A lawsuit by the state of Oklahoma against the makers of *opioids* is going back ... Oklahoma attorney general, Gary Batton, chief of the *Choctaw* Nation and Gov. ... It is seeking unspecified damages from Purdue *Pharma*, Allergan, ...

**Tribal AG says opioid case is not going away | Local News ...**

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Aug 10, 2017 - "Does the Mississippi Band of *Choctaw* Indians case where, although it was a ... Even if the federal court decides the *pharmaceutical* companies are not ... of people raising eyebrows at us, wondering what we're going to do," he said. ...



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**[Extreme Weather Just Caused a Fire Tornado and the World's Hottest Rainfall](#)**

*Kyla Mandel, ThinkProgress*

Mandel writes: "Unrelenting extreme weather is leading to some unprecedented and shocking events, including the hottest rainfall on earth and what many are calling a fire tornado."

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**[Losing Earth: The Decade We Almost Stopped Climate Change ...](#)**

*pulitzercenter.org/reporting/losing-earth-decade-we-almost-stopped-climate-change*

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**At the end of July, Donald Trump nominated former Dow pesticide executive Scott Hutchins to be the chief scientist at the U.S. Department of Agriculture.** For the last 30 years, Hutchins has worked with Dow Chemical’s pesticide division, rising to become its global director. This division developed and promoted the massive overuse of toxic weed-killing cocktails like 2,4-D and glyphosate (marketed as Enlist Duo), and neonicotinoid insecticides linked to the death of honeybees and other pollinators.

Hutchins is the third Dow Chemical pesticide executive chosen by Donald Trump for a major leadership role at USDA. After meeting with the Dow CEO last year, former EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt reversed an EPA ban on the brain-damaging pesticide chlorpyrifos, which Dow manufactures.

**As chief scientist, Hutchins would be responsible for setting the agenda for billions of dollars of agricultural research supported by our tax dollars.** Under Hutchins, we'll see more pesticides in our soil, our water, and our food.

Karen Spangler, Director of Policy and Program Operations, Food Policy Action

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**[Trump Administration Reverses Rule That Banned Pesticide Use in Wildlife](#)**

**[Refuges](#)** *Miranda Green, The Hill*

Green writes: "The Interior Department announced plans Friday to reverse a rule that banned the use of pesticides in national wildlife refuges." [READ MORE](#)

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**[In Gabbs, Nev., a throwback to the days of one-room schoolhouse](#)**

Las Vegas Review-Journal-22 hours ago

*In Gabbs, Nev., a throwback to the days of one-room schoolhouse ...* Gabbs schools students from left, and Jorge Martinez, 17, Devin Gaither, ...

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## **Water engineer talks to Moapa Valley residents about supply strain – Las Vegas R...**

Nevada's prime water regulator hosted a public assembly in Moapa on Tuesday to debate the way forward for a number of rural Clark County groundwater basins he believes are critically over-appropriated.

Roughly 75 native residents turned out to hear State Engineer Jason King spell out his considerations concerning the Lower White River Movement System, a set of five linked aquifers stretching from Apex north into Lincoln County.

In Might, King blocked improvement of the long-stalled Coyote Springs grasp-planned group because he stated groundwater pumping there might hurt federally protected fish or senior water rights holders in neighboring valleys.

As part of that call, he warned that "only a small portion" of the water rights already on the books within the 5 interconnected basins may ever be allowed to be put to use.

The house owners of Coyote Springs have filed go well with over King's determination, which they stated would successfully kill their large improvement.

But Joseph Davis, common manager of the Moapa Valley Water District, stated different stakeholders near the headwaters of the Muddy River welcome the state engineer's efforts to protect groundwater in the valleys alongside Interstate 15 and U.S. Freeway ninety three north of Las Vegas.

Davis referred to as Tuesday's assembly a "very productive" and proactive first step towards creating a management plan for responsible water improvement in the space.

He stated state officers plan to hold further conferences with water users over the subsequent two months.

King couldn't be reached for remark after the meeting.

The Moapa Valley Water District serves virtually 9,000 clients on the Moapa River Indian Reservation and within the rural communities of Heat Springs, Moapa, Glendale, Logandale and Overton. Davis stated the utility presently delivers about 2,seven hundred acre-ft of water a yr, which is roughly one-third of its complete groundwater holdings.

It's unclear whether the district is perhaps pressured to give up any of its present rights as a part of the state's effort to handle all the Lower White River Movement System as a single unit.

"We might hope not," Davis stated.

He stated proposed developments not but built should bear the brunt of any curtailments earlier than present water customers and communities are requested to take "a haircut."

One acre-foot is enough water to help two common Las Vegas Valley houses for a bit over a yr.

King has already denied all pending purposes for as much as 300,000 acre-ft of latest water rights within the five linked basins.

That ruling came after a two-yr pumping check the Southern Nevada Water Authority launched in 2010 to see if it might safely withdraw water from the Coyote Springs Valley without impacting the upper Muddy River or its remoted inhabitants of endangered Moapa dace fish.

The check decreased spring circulate into the Muddy and drew down the groundwater desk elsewhere. The state engineer referred to as the impacts “unprecedented” and stated the regional stream system has but to recuperate greater than 5 years...

**Carol Sanders processing**



### **[Chevron Must Pay for Environmental Damage in Ecuador, Court Rules](#)**

*Isabela Ponce, Mongabay*

Excerpt: "The Constitutional Court of Ecuador has issued a long-awaited ruling in favor of those affected by the transnational oil company Chevron, which operated through its subsidiary Texaco in Ecuador between 1964 and 1990." [READ MORE](#)



## Nebraska retiree uses earth's heat to grow oranges in snow

Kirsten Dirksen

Published on May 27, 2018

Winter temperatures in Alliance, Nebraska can drop to -20°F (the record low is -40°F/C), but retired mailman Russ Finch grows oranges in his backyard greenhouse without paying for heat. Instead, he draws on the earth's stable temperature (around 52 degrees in his region) to grow warm weather produced citrus,

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An hour's worth of ideas:

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[Backyard aquaponics: DIY system to farm fish with vegetables](#)

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[Idaho modern oldtimer builds underground & solar \\$50 houses](#)

Kirsten Dirksen



Gathering cattails and tule

These are some of the pre-existing conditions that may not be covered under the new health care bill

Acne	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	Myasthenia Gravis
Acromegaly	Cirrhosis of the Liver	Obesity
AIDS or ARC	Coagulation Defects	Organ transplants
Alzheimer's Disease	Congestive Heart Failure	Paraplegia
Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis	Cystic Fibrosis	Parkinson's Disease
Anemia (Aplastic, Cooley's, Hemolytic, Mediterranean or Sickle Cell)	Demyelinating Disease	Polycythemia Vera
Anxiety	Depression	Pregnancy
Aortic or Mitral Valve Stenosis	Dermatomyositis	Psoriatic Arthritis
Arteriosclerosis	Diabetes	Pulmonary Fibrosis
Arteritis	Dialysis	Renal Failure
Asbestosis	Esophageal Varicosities	Sarcoidosis
Asthma	Friedreich's Ataxia	Scleroderma
Bipolar disease	Hepatitis (Type B, C or Chronic)	Sex reassignment
Cancer	Menstrual irregularities	Sjogren's Syndrome
Cardiomyopathy	Multiple Sclerosis	Sleep apnea
Cerebral Palsy (infantile)	Muscular Dystrophy	Transsexualism
		Tuberculosis

Here's a (partial) list of all the pre-existing conditions the GOP bill may not cover cnn.com

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3rd weekend in September, 2018 ANNUAL PINENUT FESTIVAL
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From DennisM:

Aug 4 in 1883 the *Nevada Appeal* proposed that King Kalakaua of Hawaii, who was visiting San Francisco, be invited to Carson City to see the prehistoric cave footprints on the grounds of the state prison; in **1989** the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service put the Desert Tortoise, now Nevada's official state reptile, on the endangered species list, provoking legal action by Nevada real estate developers and brokers (killing a Desert Tortoise has been illegal in Nevada under state law since 1950) also (offtopic) in **1952** **Cardiac specialists everywhere celebrated as the first Kentucky Fried Chicken stand opened in Utah** (the historic building was demolished on April 20 2004 to make way for a KFC museum, a case of destroying the past in order to save it);