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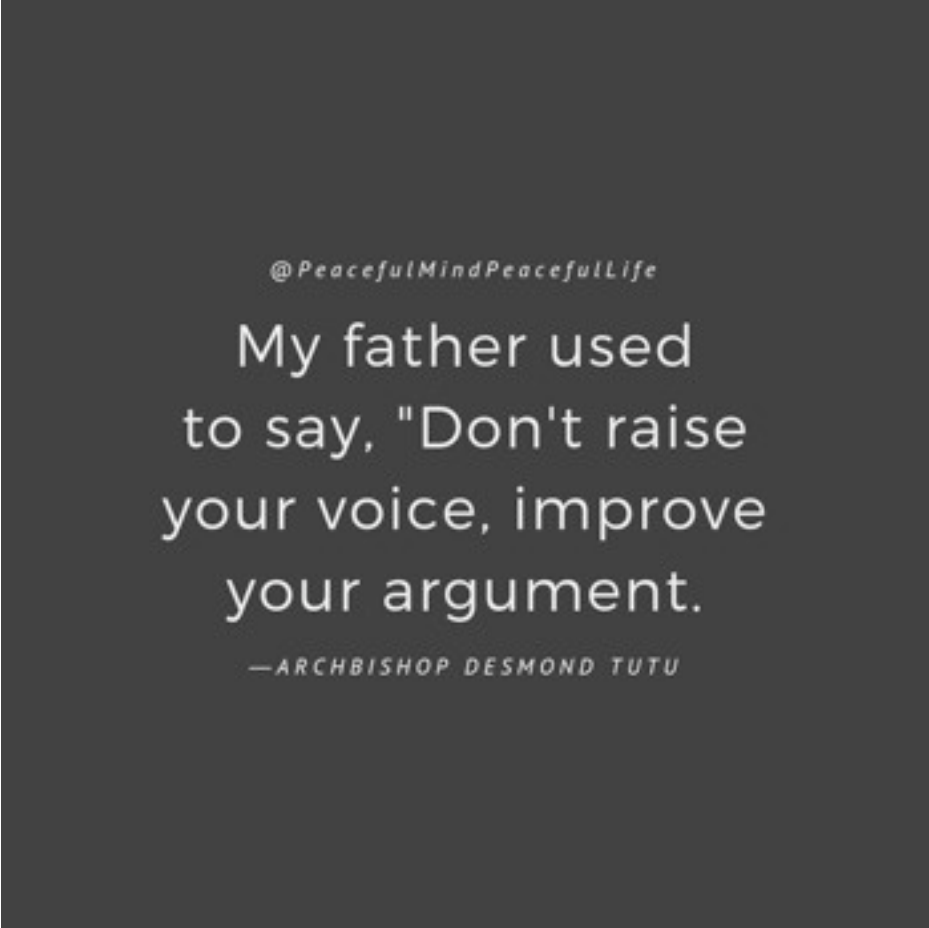


Pyramid Lake Fisheries The biggest fish so far this season.

[Last Stand in the Swamp: Activists Fight Final Stretch of Dakota Pipeline](#)

Lauren Zanolli, Guardian UK

Zanolli writes: "As the flat-bottom fishing boat speeds through waterways deep inside Louisiana's Atchafalaya basin, the largest river swamp in the US, the landscape suddenly shifts from high banks of sediment and oil pipeline markers on either side to an open grove of cypress trees towering above the water." [READ MORE](#)



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“The rainfall we have received helps, but the drought is at a level unseen for many years and will not be solved with a small series of storms. In some areas, the drought is at, or near, historic levels.” – Gary Herbert, Governor of Utah, in reference to the state’s ongoing dry spell. On Monday, Herbert issued an emergency drought declaration for the entire state. [The Salt Lake Tribune](#)

**If you are turned away at the
polls because your name is not
on the register, don't walk away.**

**Say this: I REQUEST A
PROVISIONAL BALLOT AS
REQUIRED BY LAW.**

Don't let them steal your vote...

Yvette Williams: With the current political climate, it's important that you know your voting status. If you haven't received your sample ballot yet, you may want to verify that you are still in the voter file. If you've moved or changed party affiliation you'll need to re-register. If you'll turn 18 by November 6th you can register right NOW and vote on election day. **To register ONLINE, check your voter registration status, locate a convenient early voting site by simply indicating your address, or check your Voter Bill of Rights go to www.CCBlackCaucus.com by Thursday, October 18th.**

Also, as we prepare for a presidential election in 2020, this would be a good time to restore your voting rights if you've ever been incarcerated. New Nevada revised statutes (laws) have made it easier to restore those voting rights. You'll find valuable information on our website. In addition, if you're 17 years old you can pre-register now and be ready to vote in the next election when you turn 18 years old.

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**And from RSIC:**

In addition to early voting, this year on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 6, all Washoe County registered voters are welcome to cast their ballot at the Hungry Valley Gym polling station, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. This option is new this year. Please consider being part of our Tribe's history and vote in Hungry Valley.

Also for your information, Voters can now go to any polling location on election day to cast a ballot. You do not have to go to an assigned polling location, this gives voters more accessibility to voting.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tonz47jXxlo&feature=youtu.be>

[from Dee Numa](#)



## **Water/Climate shorts**

### **"Somebody's going to have to use less:" River managers grapple with drought plans**

By Luke Runyon, Grand Canyon News, 10/16/18

Years into a record-breaking drought across the Southwest, officials of the seven states along the Colorado River finally forged an agreement in 2007 on how to deal with future water shortages. Then they quietly hoped that wet weather would return.

### **If you didn't have water**

By Allison Gatlin, Antelope Valley Press, 10/15/18

No showers. No food. No clothing. No toilets. These are just some of the things the seventh- and eighth-graders at the Palmdale Preparatory Academy thought of when they imagined not having water.

### **Study: Climate Change Endangers Dozens of World Heritage Sites**

*Sandee LaMotte, CNN*

LaMotte writes: "Pull out your passport and pack your bags for the sunny Mediterranean. But hurry. You've got a lot of traveling to do if you're going to see some of the historical wonders of the world before climate change further damages them." [READ MORE](#)

## **Latest: Tribe cancels salmon season on Klamath River**

By Jodi Peterson, High Country News, 10/16/18

In 2002, 34,000 salmon died in the Klamath River in Oregon and Northern California. Earlier that year, farmers and ranchers had pushed the feds to divert Klamath water for irrigation, and the low flows encouraged deadly fish diseases. It was the largest fish kill in the nation's history. Since then, the Yurok Tribe, which relies on the fish, has been working to prevent water allocations from favoring agriculture over salmon.

## **A Baby Orca's Death, a Mother's Grief and a State's Call to Action**

<https://readersupportednews.org/news-section2/318-66/52840-a-baby-orcas-death-a-mothers-grief-and-a-states-call-to-action>

## **EPA Weighs Allowing Oil Companies to Pump Wastewater Into Rivers, Streams**

*James Osborne, The Houston Chronicle*

Osborne writes: "But with concern growing that the underlying geology in the Permian Basin and other shale plays are reaching capacity for disposal wells, the Trump administration is examining whether to adjust decades-old federal clean water regulations to allow drillers to discharge wastewater directly into rivers and streams from which communities draw their water supplies." [READ MORE](#)

## **The Energy 202: EPA tells air pollution scientists ‘your service on the panel has concluded’**

The agency is trying to limit how it reviews outside science.

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Outspoken critic of federal land policy will now help oversee it in Trump

administration

[BY DINO GRANDONI](#) with *Paulina Firozi*

**T**his lawyer spent a career fighting the federal government over how it manages publicly owned land. Now she is joining the Trump administration in a department that controls more than 500 million acres of it.

Karen Budd-Falen, a Cheyenne, Wyo.-based attorney, has been hired to be the deputy solicitor at the Interior Department. In that role, the outspoken critic of federal land policy will help craft legal opinions concerning the department's management of wildlife and national parks.

“Karen Budd-Falen brings extensive industry experience to the Department, and we are excited to have her on our team,” Interior spokeswoman Faith Vander Voort said in a statement.

Budd-Falen served as a political appointee at the department during the Ronald Reagan administration and also worked on President Trump's transition team. But she made a name for herself outside government by challenging it in court over livestock grazing rules and endangered species protections on behalf of ranchers and local governments out west.

**Though her position does not require Senate confirmation, public lands advocacy groups eye her as among the most concerning appointees to join the Interior Department since Trump took office.**

“Her history is there. We see what she stands for,” said Randi Spivak, public lands program director at the Center for Biological Diversity. “We know we're going to go head to head with Budd-Falen.”

In her new role she will help interpret for other department employees environmental statutes that she in the past has denounced in harsh terms. In 2011, for example, she [told](#) Congress that the Endangered Species Act has been “used as a sword to tear down the American economy.”

In perhaps her most high-profile case, Budd-Falen represented a Wyoming rancher who tried to sue individual employees working for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), an agency within the Interior Department, under a 1970 federal anti-racketeering law originally passed to crack down on organized crime. The Supreme Court ultimately [rejected](#) that application of the law.

**But her most prominent former client is Nevada cattle rancher Cliven Bundy.** After the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service declared a tortoise in the Mojave Desert endangered in 1989, BLM restricted grazing on hundreds of thousands of acres to protect the reptile. Budd-Falen represented Bundy and other ranchers who [called](#) the federal government's actions a “land grab.”

For years afterward, Bundy stopped paying grazing fees and ultimately, in 2014, got into a standoff with federal law enforcement officers who had repossessed Bundy's cattle. Bundy and his sons were later [indicted](#) on federal conspiracy charges only to have a federal judge [dismiss](#) those charges.

By then, Budd-Falen was no longer representing Bundy. Last year, she [told](#) E&E News that she stopped speaking to Bundy shortly after the tortoise case.

In the press, though, she still seemed to sympathize for the Bundys.

“The Cliven Bundy situation goes to show how American citizens react when a government has so expanded that it believes that the citizens are subservient to political power,” she [told](#) the Daily Caller, a conservative website, in 2014.

“As of late, she's trying to distance herself from the Bundy bunch,” said Land Tawney, head of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers who [helped](#) Ryan Zinke become interior secretary but who opposes Budd-Falen's appointment.

Budd-Falen, who did not respond to an interview request from The Washington Post, was originally considered to be Trump's BLM director But last week she [told](#) The Fence Post, an agricultural news publication, that she did not want to sell her interest in her family's ranch as the department was asking her to do to take the job.

But that top BLM job, unlike the deputy solicitor post she did take, would have also required her to endure a tough Senate confirmation hearing in which Democrats would have had the opportunity to scrutinize her record.

"Now they're choosing to put her in a position where she doesn't have to go through confirmation," Tawney said. "Again, they're letting the fox into the hen house. It may not be BLM director but it's a pretty important position."



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### **Clark County School District violated public records law, lawsuit claims**

The Clark County School District is facing another public records lawsuit over its refusal to release emails sought as part of an investigation into a teacher's allegation that she was improperly fired after reporting possible testing irregularities.

### **Nuclear reactor to be shipped from Arkansas to Nevada for disposal**

A university-owned nuclear reactor in Arkansas is being contained after cleanup efforts and readied for transport to the Nevada National Security Site where it will be disposed.

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### **Frank Waln releases new Music Video on Indigenous People's Day!**

Posted By [Corinne Oestreich](#) October 15th, 2018 Blog



*Wokiksuye Mi Oyate/Wokiksuye Mi Tiwahe*" Remembrance of my Nation/Remembrance of my of family. ~Frank Waln

On October 8th 2018 artist Frank Waln released a music video for his song Wokiksuye ft. Marie Waln (his grandmother) and was filmed on Pine Ridge.

Check out his video below!

Frank Waln travels the world telling his story through performance and doing workshops focusing on self-empowerment and expression of truth. – [FrankWaln.com](http://FrankWaln.com)

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## American Sign Language and Crow Sign Language

Posted By [Corinne Oestreich](#) October 15th, 2018 Blog



This video has been circulating around Facebook and shows two men signing at the same time. The man on the left is signing in American Sign Language the nationally recognized language for communicating while deaf, and the man on the right is signing in Crow sign language.

From [Seek the World Facebook Page](#):

Comparing the sign differences between American Sign Language (ASL) & Crow Sign Language (PISL)

Flarin Big Lake is a member of the Crow Tribe. Flarin is the last Deaf person in Crow Tribe who uses Crow Sign Language (language variety of Plains Sign Language). He kindly emphasized PISL is not a nationwide native sign language. It's used in the plains area – Crow, Cheyenne, Flathead, Rocky Boy, etc.

What is instantly noticeable is how similar the two signs are for each word that is demonstrated!

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That's all, folks!

