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Mount Shasta late last Friday afternoon.

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Parts of Job Peak Wilderness Study Area are included in a proposed expansion of Naval Air Station Fallon. (Kirk Peterson/Friends of Nevada Wilderness)
RENO, Nev. – The U.S. Navy is holding the last public meeting Thursday night on the proposed expansion of Naval Air Station Fallon – which would quadruple the land it controls.



The Navy says it needs the land to better train combat aviators, but conservation groups are concerned about the impact live-fire bombings and overflights will have on public access and wildlife habitat.

Shaaron Netherton, executive director of [Friends of Nevada Wilderness](#), says she appreciates the benefit to national security, but maintains the expansion should be scaled back.

"Outdoor enthusiasts, people who graze, rock hound, drive for pleasure, hunting, there's a host of things that are going on on our public lands that people will be shut out of," she states.

The meeting was at 5 p.m. in Reno at the West 2nd Events Center.

Other meetings already have been held in Fallon, Hawthorne, Gabbs, Austin, Eureka and Lovelock.

The online public comment period on the environmental impact statement continues through Jan. 15.

The Navy says it wants to extend its range, not increase the number of exercises. However, Netherton worries about increased risk of wildfire.

"We've seen devastating fires just caused by a spark from people target shooting," she states. "How is the military going to contain fires that start on their bases from all of the live ammunitions and bombing that they're doing?"

Under the Navy's preferred option, the base would expand to more than 1 million acres, including about 74,000 acres in three wilderness study areas: Clan Alpine, Job Peak, and the Stillwater Range. (Which means we will never find Uncle Floyd's chrystals! sdc)

The Fallon National Wildlife Refuge would also shrink by 18 percent.

from *Cicero: The Life and Times of Rome's Greatest Politician* by Anthony Everitt.

America's founding fathers were careful to avoid constructing the Constitution as a direct democracy, since they were concerned that direct democracy would be tantamount to mob rule. Instead, citizens of each state voted for electors, who in turn elected the president. Senators were selected by the state legislatures -- not the people. Only members of the House of Representatives were directly elected. The founding fathers looked to the past for guidance on how to construct a balanced government -- one with carefully constructed limitations, and checks and balances -- and no one influenced their thinking more than the Roman statesman Cicero (106-43 BC):

"Nearly two thousand years after his time, [Cicero] became an unknowing architect of constitutions that still govern our lives. For the founding fathers of the United States and their political counterparts in Great Britain, the writings of [Cicero] were the foundation of their education. John Adams's first book and proudest possession was his Cicero.

"Cicero wrote about how a state should best be organized, and decision makers of the eighteenth century read and digested what he had to say. His big idea, which he tirelessly publicized, was that of a mixed or balanced constitution. He favored not monarchy nor oligarchy nor democracy, but a combination of all three. His model was Rome itself, but improved. Its executives had quasi-royal powers. It was restrained partly by widespread use of vetoes, and partly by a Senate, dominated by great political families. Politicians were elected to office by the people.

"This model is not so very distant from the original constitution of the United States with the careful balance it set between the executive and the legislature, and the constraints, now largely vanished, which it placed on pure untrammelled democracy. When George Washington, meditating on the difficulty of ensuring stable government, said, 'What a triumph for the advocates of despotism to find that we are incapable of governing ourselves, and that systems on the basis of equal liberty are merely ideal and fallacious', he could have been quoting Cicero."

Cicero: The Life and Times of Rome's Greatest Politician Author: Anthony Everitt
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The above included so that readers will reflect on the TRADITIONAL roots of their self government.

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Austin (TX) has a multi-company consortium working on an open source 3D printer for a house. Printed homes should be under \$10,000 to print. We estimate under two day print time per real home. Codes will need to be tossed and brought up to the tech.



The birds and the bees

[Arctic Report Card Documents 'Cascading Effects' Of](#)

Warming Ocean Temperatures : NPR

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The WSJ today also has an excellent summary of this very disturbing report on global warming and the disappearance of Arctic ice.

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**Trump's Department of the Interior is expediting the first-ever Big Oil drilling project in the Arctic Ocean** right off the Alaskan coast. And it's trying to proceed despite the disastrous climate report released by Trump's own administration less than a month ago.

If this plan succeeds, it would put birds, polar bears, and other Arctic wildlife in harm's way. A spill could release more than 4.6 million barrels of oil -- with little hope of successful cleanup. And drilling in the Arctic would have huge impacts on local communities who are already facing some of the first and worst impacts of climate change.

There's absolutely no reason to pursue such a dangerous plan in such a sensitive area. The Arctic Refuge is the largest national wildlife refuge in the United States -- it must be protected. The irreversible damage to this fragile ecosystem could be prevented -- but we need your help.

The Department of the Interior should protect our nation's public lands and their animal inhabitants, not open them up to destruction from Big Oil's drilling. But with Ryan Zinke in charge, it seems DOI is more focused on helping Big Oil make more profits.

This project would involve building a 9-acre artificial island close to the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Opening the Arctic Refuge to drilling is bad for people and the environment. It would devastate the wildlife and threaten local communities with oil spills. This is one of the last truly wild places in the U.S., and the ecosystem is fragile. Trump and Zinke are putting all of that at risk by approving this destructive project.

We know how this project will end: irreversible damage to this fragile yet pristine ecosystem, all for the sake of corporate profit. You can help stop this from happening -- but you have to speak up now!



[Help send 40,000 comments to the Department of the Interior: Demand that it block this risky oil island in the Arctic Refuge!](#)

Drilling near the Arctic Refuge is already a horrible idea, and Hilcorp is a horrible company to have the first shot at doing so. Hilcorp's environmental record is abysmal. Just last year an Alaskan pipeline in the Cook Inlet -- owned and operated by Hilcorp -- leaked for over four months. This disaster released approximately 200,000 cubic feet of natural gas into the inlet every day.

What's more, the company is responsible for a spill in the Gulf of Mexico that caused 850 gallons of crude oil to spew from an abandoned wellhead. And if that wasn't enough, Hilcorp is the most heavily fined oil company in Alaska in recent years for various reasons, including endangering its own workers. It is imperative that this project is stopped -- people, the planet, and wildlife are all at stake.

Trump and his administration have made it very clear they don't care about people or the planet -- just Big Oil and other corporations. He and his cesspool of climate change deniers continuously ignore the current climate catastrophe to line their own pockets. But after engaged Friends of the Earth members and activists have spoken up in the past, you've convinced even the Trump administration to stop its extreme anti-environmental plans. Now, we need your help to do it again.

[Take action NOW: Demand the Department of the Interior protect the Arctic from Hilcorp's dangerous oil island!](#)

Standing with you, Nicole Ghio, Senior fossil fuels program manager, Friends of the Earth

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**Here are some of the notable programs at colleges across the USA that focus on Native American topics.**

### **Master of Jurisprudence in Indian Law - The University of Tulsa**

This online Masters program addresses the distinct needs of those in tribal leadership and management and is the ideal training whether you already work with tribal government leadership or you are looking to pursue a career in this field.

The program is available to full time or part time and it can be completed in 18-24 months.

This degree covers a number of very important topics, including Indian civil and international rights, Indian land titles and natural resource law, workings of tribal government, legal principles that guide Indian policy, water law and water rights, Indian family law and much more.

Now more than ever, it is very important that tribal members, especially those who serve in a leadership position, have an understanding of the nuances of Indian law.

### **The Interdepartmental Program in American Indian Studies The University of California at Los Angeles**

UCLA has a number of course offerings in Native American studies, including introductory

courses, freshman seminars, and honors seminars. The program offers an undergraduate major, minor and a graduate level Master's degree (two years).

Some of the courses include “History of Native Americans in California,” “California Experiences in Native Cultural Resource Management” and “Culture, Ethnicity and Race in American Museums.” This program is one of the oldest American Indian Studies programs in the USA and UCLA is the highest ranked University with an American Indian Studies M.A. program.

### **Native American Indigenous Studies - The University of Texas at Austin**

This intriguing program encompasses indigenous people around the globe, but it particularly focuses on the people of the Americas. The courses within the program allow students to gain a deep understanding of indigenous thought and issues.

Indigenous speakers from all around the world come to give lectures at the University of Texas at Austin and there are also summer research fellowships for graduate and undergraduate students. The course selection is diverse and fascinating, with courses such as “Colonial Power in Latin America,” “Race at the History of American Literary Studies” and “Geoarcheology of Mesoamerica.”

### **Native Voices: Master's Degree Program in Native American Documentary Film and New Digital Media - University of Washington, Seattle**

This fascinating program has been working with Indigenous producers for more than 15 years. Students have produced documentaries which have won awards and have been screened at the American Indian Film Festival and Sundance.

They have also been shown at the National Museum of the American Indian, the Museum of Modern Art and many other venues. The films produced by this program have also been used at many other universities around the USA to teach indigenous education.

### **American Indian Studies - University of Minnesota Morris**

The American Indian Studies major and minor at the University of Minnesota Morris is designed to enhance awareness and knowledge of Indigenous cultures throughout North America. The course covers literature, science, cultures, language, policies, arts, history and much more.

This is an ideal place to study, as it is close to several unique American Indian communities throughout North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota. Students will benefit from learning about the legal, historical, cultural, social and political relationships between the state governments. The aim of the program is to restore and promote the importance of American Indians within everyday life.

### **Indigenous Law Program - Michigan State University College of Law**

This program trains Native law students and lawyers prepared to work on behalf of indigenous tribes all throughout the country. An American Indian tribe has the right to self-govern, levy taxes, adjudicate legal cases and much more. With 566 American Indian tribes recognized by the United States federal government, the need for lawyers is critical.

The curriculum is diverse and it includes advanced topics in Indian law such as treaty rights, tribal policy and governance, tribal gaming and economic development and much more.

**These are just a few of the most highly recognized University and College programs throughout the country that focus on Native American culture and issues. from powwows.com**



**[In Push for Public-Lands Funding, Billboards Ask, "What the LWCF?"](#)**  
**[December 14, 2018 - Suzanne Potter, Public News Service \(NV\) Play Audio in Browser Window](#)**

Conservation groups are using billboards like this one in Reno to raise awareness of the Land and Water Conservation Fund, which expired in September. (Get Outdoors Nevada)

LAS VEGAS, Nev. – You may have seen some unusual billboards around the state this week – that ask "What the LWCF?"

It's a reference to a program that funds local recreation projects and public-lands access around the country. In September, Congress allowed the Land and Water Conservation Fund to lapse for the first time since its inception 63 years ago.

Mauricia Baca, with the nonprofit [Get Outdoors Nevada](#), says it has funded dozens of local projects over the years.

"Since 1965 it's \$102 million that have been invested in parks and recreation projects in Nevada," says Baca. "Places like Red Rock Canyon, O'Callaghan Park in Henderson, Freedom Park in Las Vegas, Veteran's Memorial Park in Boulder City, and many more."



More than a dozen local Nevada businesses have signed [a letter](#) to the state's congressional delegation, asking them to support reauthorization and full funding of the LWCF.

The program isn't taxpayer-funded – it uses revenue from offshore oil and gas leases. The Trump administration has twice proposed to redirect millions from the fund to other priorities.

Baca says public lands and local parks improve the economy and boost quality of life for everyone – and should not be controversial.

"At the end of the day, we're hoping that Congress can get past whatever partisan issues are holding this up and just do the right thing, and help our local areas take care of their parks and trails," says Baca. "It's as simple as that."

In Congress, [Senate Bill 896](#) would permanently reauthorize the LWCF and direct 10 percent of the funding toward additional access to public lands for recreation and sportsmen.

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The following is taken from the [Nike website](#).

This season's 2018 Nike N7 Collection is inspired by **rapper Taboo's relationship with his Native American heritage**, which helped to develop his professional style and gives him pride for his cultural roots.

"My initial style influence was from my grandmother taking me to see traditional dancing in East L.A.," says Taboo. "I was influenced by how they put their outfits together. [Read More](#)

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 (note reuse of milk bottles)







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*And watch this new precedent:*

### [Lockheed Martin to Provide LA With Clean Drinking Water](#) [By U.S. News & World Report, 12/12/18](#)

Lockheed Martin has agreed to supply 1.5 billion gallons of clean drinking water a year to the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power under a deal ...



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