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Is More  
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Spring Than  
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## **"Water Is Life": Midwestern Floods Threaten Indigenous Communities at Forefront of Climate Crisis**

*Democracy Now!*

Excerpt: "As Nebraska and the U.S. Midwest recover from devastating climate change-fueled floods, we speak with Lakota historian Nick Estes on how two centuries of indigenous resistance created the movement proclaiming 'Water is life.'" [READ MORE](#)

## **Pine Ridge Indians stranded for days by flooding**

## **FBI seeking to repatriate thousands of Native artifacts 'collected' by Christian missionary**      **Associate Editor Vincent Schilling**

## **Hundreds of cities, counties and Native American tribes file federal lawsuit against Sackler family over opioid crisis**      **CNN**

More than 600 cities, counties and Native American tribes from 28 states have filed a federal lawsuit against eight members of the Sackler family — owners of the pharmaceutical giant Purdue Pharma LP — accusing them of creating the opioid addiction crisis through ownership of the company that manufactures the painkiller OxyContin. [Read the full story](#)

## **A Native Embassy Row? Navajo Nation is looking for a DC home** **Editor Pauly Denetclaw**

## **Ruth Buffalo - Native Students should not have to worry** **worry ...**

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whether they will be allowed to wear eagle feathers and plumes during school-sanctioned events -- I am pleased to inform the readers of Indian Country Today that my House Bill 1335 unanimously passed the Senate last week. [Read more](#)      newsmaven.io

## **Grant Writing Basics Blog Series, [Grants.gov](#)** **For more information, click here!**

Learn tips and advice for writing federal grant applications through the Grant Writing Basics Blog Series. The goal of the series is to provide the essential basics to begin writing on a solid foundation.

Topics covered include:

- How to Start Working on Future Funding Opportunities
- Demystifying Funding Opportunity Announcements
- Tips to Avoid Last Minute Problems
- Making Sure You Are Eligible before Writing

To learn about these topics and more go to <https://blog.grants.gov/category/learngrants/grant-writing-basics/>

## Cigarettes Are Central to the History of Corporate Power

**NAN ENSTAD, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO PRESS**

In *Cigarettes, Inc.: An Intimate History of Corporate Imperialism*, author Nan Enstad reveals how the definitive moments in the expansion of corporate power took place through one of capitalism's deadliest commodities. Challenging the centrality of the entrepreneur to the story, Enstad instead presents a global history in which Jim Crow, jazz and empire are central to the rise of the mass-produced cigarette.

[Read the Excerpt →](#)



*Water lines snake across the Permian basin. Photo © Keith Schneider/Circle of Blue*

## Permian Oil Boom Uncorks Multibillion-Dollar Water Play

The Permian basin, a chunk of western Texas and southeastern New Mexico that is larger than most eastern U.S. states, is the hottest thing in oil these days. Production there, spurred by growth in fracked oil from stacks of shale formations thousands of feet below ground, has helped drive America's oil output to its highest level ever, nearly 12 million barrels per day.

Oil is not the only liquid that emerges from the Permian's wells. Producing oil produces even more water: two to five barrels of water for every barrel of fracked oil.

## New Mexico Oil Production Is Soaring. Now What To Do With The Wastewater?

With fossil fuel production in the Permian basin reaching ever greater heights, New Mexico lawmakers moved to clarify the legal status of the salty, chemical-laden water that gushes from wells in larger volumes than even the oil that is the object of the hunt.

## For casino or tribes with portfolios:

If you own company stock directly, starting this spring you'll likely receive proxy ballots asking for your vote on a variety of issues. Shareholders have filed nearly 400 resolutions this proxy season on social, environmental, and corporate governance issues, urging companies to improve their practices.

For example, if you own Chevron, you could vote to support the human right to water. If you own Alphabet, Facebook, Mastercard and others, you could vote in favor of reporting on gender and minority pay disparity at these companies. JP MorganChase, Amazon.com, ExxonMobil, and Harley-Davidson are among the many companies facing climate-related shareholder resolutions.

### Be sure to use your proxy power and vote your values!

Green America has compiled a [sample of some of the major corporations](#) at which investors can cast their votes to urge these companies to disclose and improve their conduct on crucial issues for people and the planet.

[If you're not sure how to read your proxy ballot, here is an easy explanation.](#)

For the latest information and trends on shareholder action this spring, download your FREE copy of the [2019 Proxy Preview](#). Green America is proud to co-sponsor this important report that identifies shareholder trends and explains the issues coming to a vote in the months ahead. It's an indispensable read for anyone seeking to understand how investors can and do urge companies to do better.

In the [Proxy Preview](#) you'll find updates on investor action on the issues above, as well as on plastic pollution, animal testing, corporate lobbying, prison labor and many others.

Check out Green America's [sample resolutions](#) and make your investor vote count!

For a green economy, Fran Teplitz

Executive Co-Director for Business, Investing & Policy, Director of the Green Business Network® Green America

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Hosted by **USGBC Mountain Region, Rocky Mountain Green** annually convenes hundreds of building professionals, sustainability leaders and change-makers from across the Rocky Mountain region for discussions about today's most critical sustainability and green building issues.

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*If you can't make Denver:*

**Mark your calendars for May 23, 2019 from 5:30-7: 00 PM for the City of Reno, ReEnergize Reno 2nd Annual Green Building Award Program.** Please join Council Members and our City leadership team, as well as local industry leaders to honor those that have made a commitment to our clean energy future. In partnership with our dedicated stakeholders, we will host our award program The Grove at South Creek, a unique LEED Certified events center that serves our community while protecting the environment.

Last year's event brought together approximately 100 green building and property management professionals, as well as local leaders. Help celebrate local leaders aligning their organizations with Reno's clean energy future by advancing green building and energy efficiency.

**This reception-style event will feature awards for the following categories:**

*Certified Green Building  
ENERGY STAR  
ReEnergize Reno Champion  
Award of Excellence – Reno  
Award of Excellence – Regional  
Individual Leadership*

#### **DETAILS & REGISTRATION**

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#### **Former Miss Central Navajo Pre-Teen Shares Her 'Canyon Life' on National Geographic**

Arizona's Canyon de Chelly National Monument is a place where many Navajo families come to reconnect with their roots.

The area was once inhabited by Ancient Puebloans and some believe that the ancestral spirits still remain. Every year, sisters Tonisha and Tonielle Draper spend time in the Canyon learning about their Navajo heritage from their father and grandmother.

#### **See What Canyon Life Is Like for a Navajo Pageant Winner | Short Film Showcase** *(absolutely exquisite)*

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#### **Does solar offer hope for off-the-grid Navajo residents?    [PBS NewsHour](#)**





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### **AmeriCorps State and National 2019 Indian Tribes NOFO**

The 2019 AmeriCorps State and National Indian Tribes Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), Mandatory Supplemental Guidance, Application Instructions, Performance Measure Instructions, and technical assistance call schedule are now available online and can be found at this link: <https://www.nationalservice.gov/build-your-capacity/grants/funding-opportunities/2019/fy2019-ameri-corps-indian-tribes-grants>.

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### **Technical Assistance Workshop for ReConnect Program**

Six workshops are planned and registration for each workshop is, or will be, available on this [page](#) as well. Currently, registration links for two workshops (PA and OR) are live on this page, with two more to be activated very soon when the page is updated. Tribes and Tribal entities are welcome to participate in any of the events.

### **Workshop Scheduled for April 2019**

USDA has announced a date and location for a ReConnect Technical Assistance Workshop to be held in **Tucson, Arizona**. This regional workshop will allow applicants to gain a stronger understanding of the application process and program requirements. It will provide stakeholders with information about the funding opportunity announcement released in December 2018, as well as specific details regarding the technical, financial, and program management requirements.

This two-day workshop will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday, **April 9-10, 2019**

Location: Casino Del Sol 5655 West Valencia Road Tucson, AZ 85757

Pre-registration for this event is required. To register, please visit this following link:

### **[USDA ReConnect Technical Assistance Workshop Registration.](#)**

USDA will host six workshops for the ReConnect Program during the months of April and May 2019. These regional workshops will take place throughout the United States with locations in the northeast, southeast, southwest, midwest, and pacific northwest. Dates, locations, and registration for these workshops will be announced on the ReConnect website in the following weeks.

### **About the ReConnect Program**

The ReConnect Program offers loans, grants, and loan/grant combinations to facilitate broadband deployment in areas of rural America without sufficient access to broadband.

- The awards made under this program will bring high-speed broadband to rural areas that lack sufficient access to broadband.
- The delivery of broadband connection and high-quality service will enable technologies critical to rural communities, such as precision agriculture.

- The pilot program will fuel long-term economic development and opportunities in rural America.

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## Water Shorts

On Tuesday, representatives from the seven Colorado Basin states signed a letter asking Congress to approve their drought contingency plan. The states wrapped up the plan in recent weeks after months of delays and questions of whether the federal government would have to take control of the planning process. The finalized plan excluded California's Imperial Irrigation District (IID), a major Colorado River water user, after the IID refused to sign on unless the federal government allocated \$200 million toward cleaning up the polluted Salton Sea. [Arizona Daily Star](#) Radar

In a recent interview, new EPA head Andrew Wheeler downplayed the importance of climate change and named unsafe drinking water as the biggest environmental threat currently facing the planet. Wheeler said the threats posed by climate change are "50 to 75 years out" and shouldn't be overly emphasized by 2020 Democratic presidential candidates. [Chicago Sun Times](#)

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The opening of a new Stanford center devoted to the study of artificial intelligence was also an opportunity for leaders in technology to [warn that humanity may not be prepared](#) for what is to come as breakthroughs potentially outpace regulation.

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## Water Shorts

### [Why President Trump's Fast-Tracked Water Allocations Are Raising Alarm](#)

By Kerry Klein, KVPR, 3/20/19

"Fish vs farms": It's the perennial tug-of-war for water between environmentalists, who want to see stable ecosystems in the Sacramento-San-Joaquin River Delta, and farmers, who feel slighted that they need to fight with endangered fish in order to irrigate their fields. Now, that fight is playing out in Washington, DC, where the Trump administration has fast-tracked a process to deliver more water to farms. But an investigation by KQED reveals those changes are raising alarm among federal employees. In this interview, we speak with KQED science reporter Lauren Sommer about why, and what's at stake.

### [Wastewater is an asset – it contains nutrients, energy and precious metals, and scientists are learning how to recover them](#) [Yalin Li, Colorado School of Mines](#)

The 'used water' that flows from our showers, dishwashers and toilets isn't a waste to engineers – it contains valuable materials. The challenge is recovering them and turning them into products.

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## **Big gods came after the rise of civilisations, not before, finds study using huge historical database**

Harvey Whitehouse, University of Oxford; Patrick E. Savage, Keio University; Peter Turchin, University of Connecticut; Pieter Francois, University of Oxford

God only started watching over us quite recently, according to a new study that analysed 414 societies from 30 world regions.

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## **OK, I'll bite. What the hell is my carbon footprint?**

EVE ANDREWS

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## **Oil and gas leasing rejected in Wyoming because, well, climate change**

RACHEL RAMIREZ

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## **What Rural America Has to Teach Us**

By DAVID BROOKS

Civic service as a way of life.



*A steel wall along the U.S. border near Tecate, California, cuts across Mount Cuchame, a site sacred to the Kumeyaay people. Reuters/Adrees Latif*

## **For Native Americans, US-Mexico border is an 'imaginary line'**

**Christina Leza, Colorado College**

The U.S.-Mexico border runs through Native American territories. A wall would further divide these communities, separating children from schools, farmers from water and families from each other.

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## **Your Ancestors Were Slaves. Who Owns the Photos of Them?**

By JENNIFER SCHUESSLER

A lawsuit against Harvard over two haunting 1850 photographs stirs debate over how to balance the need to preserve history and the moral claims of descendants.

## **Trump's policies are destroying the American farm 'and no one knows how to stop it'**

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“You don’t have to change your message, or embrace some sort of wishy-washy third wayism to make inroads into even the most conservative places in the country- you just have to be authentic and speak to kitchen table issues, understanding that there’s a difference between issues and values. “  
SquireForYou (Dad/hubby/Xtian/outdoorsman/perpetually undercaffeinated ER RN. Common sense populist/progressive. A liberal in VA is anyone who believes in life after birth! Keep the Big Boys Honest! People Before Party!

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[https://www.dailykos.com/stories/2019/3/23/1844475/-Daily-Kos-Science-a-discovery-in-China-could-add-extraordinary-details-to-the-history-of-life?](https://www.dailykos.com/stories/2019/3/23/1844475/-Daily-Kos-Science-a-discovery-in-China-could-add-extraordinary-details-to-the-history-of-life?detail=related)

## **For A Healthier Planet, Eat These 50 Foods, Campaign Urges**

NPR

Global reliance on just a handful of crops for calories is hurting the environment — and wildlife, a new report says. It urges the world to diversify its diet to save plant and animal species alike. [Read story](#)

## **Girl Scouts Make Climate Change Part of Their Curriculum**

Marlene Cemons, Nexus Media

Cemons writes: "The Girl Scouts' activities are occurring against a backdrop of growing climate change activism among young people both here and abroad." [READ MORE](#)

