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[Photographs of Native Americans](#)





Amber Torres is with Elveda Martinez and 2 others.

So delighted to be asked to sit on Senator Elizabeth Warren's panel today at the Frank LaMere **Native American Presidential Forum**



and also Senator Amy Klobuchar of Wisconsin. I had the opportunity to ask about Native Voting Access in Indian country and also a question about dual taxation issues on Indian reservations. I was blessed to sit with prestigious tribal leaders from all across the nation and hear from some of the presidential candidates on their future plans. I am tha...

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Sen. Warren & Rep. Haaland unveil plan to fulfill U.S. obligations to Native tribes and peoples

<https://www.dailykos.com/story/2019/8/16/1879477/-Sen-Warren-Rep-Haaland-unveil-plan-to-fulfill-U-S-obligations-to-Native-tribes-and-peoples>

Bears Ears Proposed Management Plan & Final EIS

Bureau of Land Management (BLM), in coordination with the United States Forest Service (USFS), has prepared the [Proposed Monument Management Plans \(MMPs\) and Final Environmental Impact Statement \(EIS\)](#) for the Bears Ears National Monument (BENM) Indian Creek and Shash Jáa Units. **Until August 26, 2019, there is an open protest period concerning the Proposed MMPs.** Any person who previously participated in the planning process and has an interest that is (or may be) adversely affected by the proposed plan may file a protest. [BLM outlines the criteria and elements here.](#)

Also open is a 60-day public comment period regarding the proposed closure of recreational target shooting (referred to as "target shooting" in the MMPs) at campgrounds, developed recreation sites, petroglyph sites, and structural cultural sites within the Bears Ears National Monument. Anyone may submit comments on this, with instructions available in the same [Federal Register notice](#). **Closing date is September 24, 2019.**

[Additional instructions are available here.](#) NATHPO does not have template letters for these, but we concur with the [position of the National Parks Conservation Association](#) (NPCA) and the other conservation/heritage groups quoted in NPCA's press release on this.

U.S. Forest Service Proposed Rule Revising NEPA Regulations

The USDA Forest Service (USFS) is extending the public comment period on a Proposed Rule revising its National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations. **Public comment is being accepted through August 26, 2019.** Information on the proposed rule and instructions on how to comment is available in the [Federal Register](#).

USFS states that the proposed rule will help the agency make timelier decisions based on high quality, science-based analysis, which will improve the Forest Service's ability to get work done on the ground while meeting its environmental stewardship responsibilities. In the current Administration, we are understandably skeptical of these sweeping and benign claims. Any gains in efficiency should not come at a cost to public involvement or conservation of natural resources, including tribal involvement and cultural resources.

Two informational webinars were conducted for tribes, and may be accessed on the [USFS Tribal Relations website](#).

The proposed changes may indeed have implications for tribes, which often have substantial traditional cultural and ancestral connections to federal lands. These proposed changes could adversely affect tribes' ability to protect sacred and significant cultural sites. Agencies are already challenged by identification of properties of religious and cultural significance to tribes. Efforts to streamline review processes can impact tribes' ability to participate in consultations, especially off tribal land, where many culturally important sites are located.

Please review [NATHPO's comment letter](#) for additional information. Feel free to use any or all of the text in your own comments through the [Federal Register](#) and any letters you may send to USFS leadership. We suggest sending to the following leaders (email addresses embedded):

[Vicki Christiansen](#), Chief, U.S. Forest Service

[Lenise Lago](#), Associate Chief, U.S. Forest Service

[Doug Stephens](#), National Heritage Program Manager, U.S. Forest Service

[Fred Clark](#), Director, Office of Tribal Relations, U.S. Forest Service

[Groups vow to fight for salmon 'comeback'](#)

By Ashland Tidings, 8/19/19

Salmon have always been a vital part of food security here, and many people believe the time has arrived for key stakeholders and the public to examine the role of hatcheries and whether they strengthen the species and their survival during this chaotic time of climate change and removal of dams on the Klamath River. It's a controversial issue, one that the nonprofit Rogue Valley Food System Network will examine Thursday, Aug. 22, with native storytelling by Tom Doty, the new Patagonia film "Artifishal, the Fight to Save Wild Salmon," and a panel discussion that will include the Native Fish Society, Rogue Riverkeeper, Applegate Partnership & Watershed Council, Siskiyou Salmon (a private fishery) and others.

Exhibit A on how to piss off evangelicals.

[Missouri council member chooses Dr. Seuss book over the bible for swearing-in ceremony](#)

deadstate.org

A HISTORY OF THE WOMAN'S JINGLE DANCE

The jingle dance originated in Whitefish Bay, Ont. Canada. It is said that a Grandpa's granddaughter was very ill. He did not know how to get her better. So one night he had a vision. He saw a girl dancing with cones on her dress and the sounds carried up to the Creator. The sound was pleasing to the Creator and he then healed the man's granddaughter. So when Mishoomis (grandfather) woke from his vision, he had his wife make the dress and dance in it. His granddaughter was healed! This is how the dress originated. Word got out about the medicine dress and that it worked for healing. Before any girl and or woman dances she must always carry tobacco on her. Tobacco is one of the 4 sacred medicines that the Creator gave us to keep and take care of. We use it to pray with. A small tobacco pouch is kept in the hand to pray while dancing and when done dancing that round empty the tobacco pouch in the sacred circle."

This is a lovely story and one that the Ojibwe have upheld with spiritual respect for many, many generations. The gift of the dress and dance is called "Odiizeoon", which means something given through a vision from the spirit world. It is very highly esteemed and very sacred because of the manner in which it was given to the People and is therefore treated with great respect. The original dance and the pow wow version have some differences, but the sacred meaning for the purpose of the dress and dance should always remain the same. It is known as a prayer dress to be worn for the specific purpose of healing.

"To become a traditional jingle dancer it is said that one must become very ill or close to death. If a female is ill or close to death and is healed by a jingle dancer or dancers she must become a medicine dancer. If a male is close to death or ill and is healed by a jingle dancer or dancers one of his female relatives must become a jingle dancer. This is what the dress was made and used for. HEALING. The dance should be in a snake like pattern with bottoms of moccasins never showing. The snake pattern dance represents the skin of a snake shredding and always renewing one's self."

The dance was done among the Dakota and Lakota tribes also and spread over the generations to



other tribes and is now one of the most popular of the powwow dances. The dress is beautiful with the tin cones and the elaborate beading on the yoke. The original pattern was to have 365 cones on it, one for each day of the year and some times one extra for the dressmaker or dancer. The elders who follow the traditional and original beliefs, are very concerned that not all the contemporary Jingle Dancers are aware of the purpose of this sacred dress and dance. They pray for understanding and a return to the old way with the thought of the real purpose for this extraordinary dress and dance deeply ingrained in the spirit, mind and heart of the dancer.

Painting by: Kathy Kucia



[The Hopi Native American Tribe is Called "the Oldest of People"](#)

thevintagenews.com

Four young Hopi Indian women grinding grain, c. 1906, photo by Edward S. Curtis

["It's vital that we accurately count Native Americans, who were by far the most underrepresented group in the last census," writes Nevada Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto.](#)

[Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto: Natives must count in the 2020 Census](#)

firstnationsfocus.com

[Why Native American voters could be the tiebreaker in 2020](#)

msnbc.com

Gyasi Ross, member of Blackfeet Nation, joins Ali Velshi to discuss why...

Mark Twain famously said that to obtain the air the angels breathe you must go to Tahoe.

Family Farms

The vast majority of farms and ranches in the United States are family owned and operated. USDA classifies family farms as “any farm organized as a sole proprietorship, partnership, or family corporation. Family farms exclude farms organized as nonfamily corporations or cooperatives, as well as farms with hired managers”.

Under this definition, the National Agricultural Statistics Service’s Census of Agriculture reported that family farms account for almost 96 percent of the 2,204,792 farms in the United States.

The census makes the following useful distinctions among these family farms, based initially on their gross annual sales:

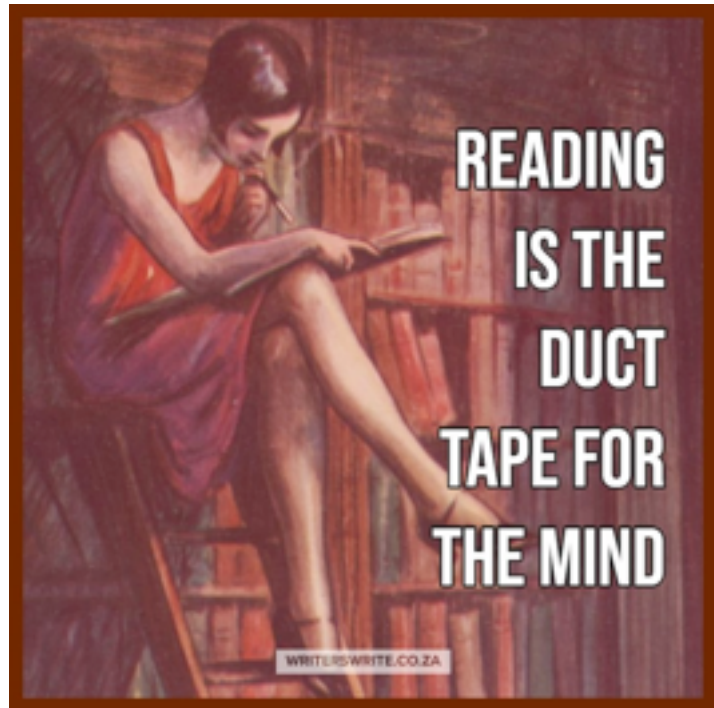
- Very large family farms (101,265) gross over \$500,000
- Large family farms (86,551) gross between \$250,000 and \$500,000
- Small family farms (1,925,799) gross under \$250,000

Many people are surprised that farms are classified as small, large, and very large based on their annual sales rather than on their physical size. While a size-based measure seems intuitive, farm acreage can mean very different things in different places. An acre of non-irrigated land in a low rainfall area, such as southern Utah, is hard to compare to an acre of very fertile, high rainfall land in the Pelouse region of eastern Washington.

Most of the U.S. domestic production of food and fiber comes from relatively few large operations. Large and very large family farms produce over 63 percent of the value of all products sold, while non-family farms produce approximately 21 percent, and the nearly 2 million small farms and ranches (sales under \$250,000) produce approximately 15 percent.

Several, inter-related issues must be considered when discussing the long-term viability of the nation’s family farms. An estimated 70 percent of U.S. farmland will change hands in the next 20 years, but many family operations do not have a next generation skilled in or willing to continue farming. If a farm or ranch family has not adequately planned for succession, it is likely to go out of business, be absorbed into ever-larger farming neighbors, or be converted to non-farm uses.

On the positive side, the increasing popularity of local produce and direct or regional marketing is often seen as an important new opportunity for small and beginning farmers and ranchers to



become financially secure. After decades of decline the number of family farms has grown by about 4 percent.



[Indigenous Peoples Day – History and Future](#) Posted By **[Paul G August 9th, 2019](#)**
[Blog](#)

Indigenous Peoples Day is a celebration of the cultures of those people who were here before Europeans arrived on the shores of the Americas.

Throughout the Americas, countries celebrate Columbus Day, but in some areas, there is a movement to change that day to Indigenous People’s Day. In Canada, however, this day, acknowledging and celebrating the profound contributions and sacrifices of native peoples.

In the USA – Columbus Day becomes Indigenous People's Day

Columbus Day, the holiday created to celebrate the arrival of [Christopher Columbus](#) arrived in North America, was celebrated as far back as 1792, 300 years after the Italian explorer landed in the Caribbean. Over the years, it was celebrated throughout the Americas, including the United States and Canada. [Read More...](#)

Congrats to Southern Utah University - receiving National Endowment for the Humanities' grants supporting project "Voices of the Ancients" - two weeklong workshops for 72 K-12 educators on the ancient Fremont culture of the American Southwest. (Samantha Kirkley, project director) \$169,445

Device That Creates Drinking Water From Thin Air Just Won \$1.5 Million Award

disclose.tv

The system, created by two California designers, can produce up to 2,000 liters of water a day.

It's science: Reading aloud to your kids makes them smarter and kinder

happyyouhappyfamily.com

Study Says Children Who Are Obsessed With Dinosaurs Have Higher Intelligence

healthyfoodhouse.com

Children Grow Up Happier With Grandparents By Their Side

Numerous researchers have proven the benefits of having grandparents...

Some fairy tales may be 6000 years old sciencemag.org

Study traces history of some of our favorite folk stories

First Native American Novelist Was a Killer Newspaper Editor

The first Native American to write a novel in English lived a life chock-full of contradictions.



[New Zealand Now Recognizes ALL Animals As Sentient Beings!](#)

trueactivist.com

[The Species Act, Endangered: ‘Like a Plan From a Cartoon Villain’](#)

By THE EDITORIAL BOARD

The president and his Interior Department undermine the landmark Endangered Species Act in the service of “energy dominance.”

“To reap a return in ten years, plant trees. To reap a return in 100, cultivate the people.” – Ho Chi Min

[Karuk Tribe Releases Climate Adaptation Plan Calling for More Prescribed Fires By Lost Coast Outpost, 8/16/19](#)

Happy Camp, CA – Today the Karuk Tribe released a Climate Adaptation Plan which acknowledges that “the effects of climate change including changes in precipitation patterns, decreased snowpack increasing droughts, increasing frequency and severity of wildfires, and disease and pest outbreaks are immediate and occurring now.” “Climate Change is real and it’s happening now,” stated Bill Tripp, Deputy Director of Karuk Natural Resources Department. “Our plan relies on the best available science and Traditional Ecological Knowledge to protect local communities and our culture.”

[NCO announces disaster preparedness grant opportunities for Mendocino and Lake counties](#) [By Lake County News, 8/19/19](#)

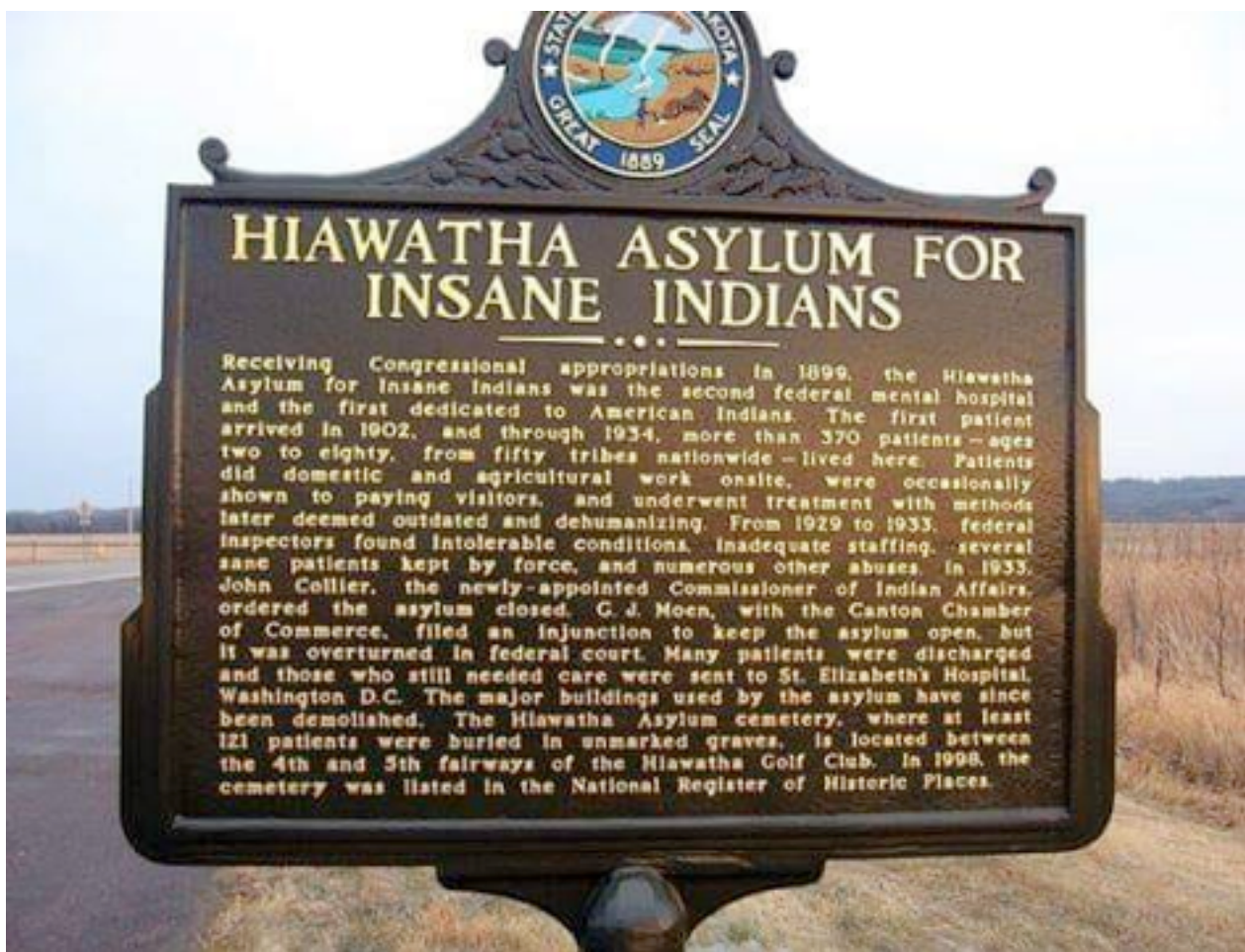
NORTH COAST, Calif. – With five years of leadership in disaster response and community rebuilding, North Coast Opportunities announces a new project. Lake and Mendocino counties have each received more than half a million dollars towards disaster preparedness for vulnerable populations. The new program, Emergency Preparedness in Communities, known as EPIC, will award mini grants to provide culturally and linguistically competent emergency preparedness trainings, assistance or solutions.

[Friends of the Dunes offers a 'Coastal Naturalist Training'](#)
[By Eureka Times-Standard, 8/18/19](#)

Friends of the Dunes will hold a “Coastal Naturalist Training” starting next month. The six-week course familiarizes people with the natural world of the Humboldt Bay region and the coastal dune ecosystem and engages them in the protection of California’s natural communities. “This training is being held to introduce participants to the natural history of our coastal dunes, wetlands and forests and to inspire stewardship of these places,” said Suzie Fortner, programs and operations director, Friends of the Dunes.

[New maps show how little is left of West Coast estuaries](#)
[By San Francisco Chronicle, 8/17/19](#)

The most detailed study ever done of coastal estuaries concludes that nearly 750,000 acres of historic tidal wetlands along the West Coast, including enormous swaths of Bay Area habitat, have disappeared largely as a result of development. The cutting-edge survey led by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration determined that 85% of vegetated tidal lands that once existed in California, Oregon and Washington has been diked, drained or cut off from the sea.



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2020 Democrats are stepping up their courtship of Native American voters. Here's why.

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/elections/2019/08/19/2020-democrats-native-american-voters-clout/2048093001/>

Janet Davis is with Amber Torres. The road to the 2020 Presidential Election is well underway.

Tribal leaders from all over the country met with candidates at the Frank LaMere Presidential Forum in Sioux City these past couple of days. Thanks to Four Directions for their vision and making it a reality! It was really amazing to be a part of the forum! It gave me an insight of the candidates who showed an interest and were able to meet with us on our terms and answered those questions that pertained to us out here in Indian Country. We have our work cut out for us to making our voices heard by making our votes count! Monty Axe Williams

5 Days till Santa Rosa Days Powwow and gathering. Calling all Silver State Gourd Society members, all Gourd Society members to come dance with me.

19th Annual Santa Rosa Days Pow Wow & Gathering
August 24th - 25th, 2019
Saturday Grand Entry 12:00pm/7:00pm - Gourd 11:00am/6:00pm
Sunday Grand Entry 12:00pm/Gourd 11:00am

2019 Santa Rosa Days Royalty:
Sr. Princess: Lynniza Dick, Jr. Princess: Naveena Herrera
Brave: DeRay Flenold

Flag Bearers: Tule River Veterans Post 1987
Honorary Tribal Flag Bearer: Mike Sisco

Northern Drum: Iron Hill
Southern Drum: Buc Wild

Arena Director: Martin Montgomery
Master of Ceremony: Carlos Calica
Head Judge: Randall Paskemin

Head Woman: Star Whiteye
Lead Gourd: Monty Williams
Head Man: Wayne Silas, Jr.

Head Young Lady: Krystal Sanchez
Head Young Man: Steven Oliver, Jr.

Tabulator: Pine Country Tabulations

\$80,000 in dance and drum contest money!!!
Committee Special: Jingle Red Dress Spotlight \$800 Winner takes all!

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1st, 2nd, 3rd places awarded. Sponsored by the Baga Family

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