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### **Honor the Earth**

We remember that 4% of the world's population is protecting about 85% of the remaining biodiversity of this world. Those are Indigenous people.



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[Impacts on Threatened Species to Be Arbitrary and Capricious](#)

By Somach Simmons & Dunn, 10/15/19

On October 3, 2019, the Ninth Circuit ruled on an appeal brought by Friends of the River (FOR), who sought review of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California’s decision on FOR’s challenge to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and National Marine Fisheries Service’s (NMFS) management of two dams in the Yuba River—the Daguerre Point Dam and the Englebright Dam. FOR alleged violations of the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) and Administrative Procedures Act regarding two opinions issued by NMFS in 2014—a biological opinion related to Daguerre Point and a letter of concurrence related to Englebright.

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75 million People in the United States who are now being affected by drought, according to the latest report from the U.S. Drought Monitor. The Southeastern United States, where more than 30 million people are experiencing some degree of drought, is the hardest-hit. *U.S. News & World Report*

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Researchers at Arizona State University warn that a current set of water rules in the Phoenix area may be unsustainable long-term. With the Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District (CAGR), developers are able to build homes in groundwater-dependent areas, and then the district is responsible for securing surface water to replenish area aquifers. With district growth exceeding expectations, however, the CAGR is now struggling to secure enough water supplies to replenish groundwater. Additionally, the district has often relied on water from the Colorado River to recharge the aquifers, but the researchers note that Arizona will face cuts to its Colorado River supply next year. Due to these reasons, researchers claim an overhaul of the CAGR system is needed. *AZ Central*



Bethany Sam:

[firstnationsfocus.com](http://firstnationsfocus.com)

**[Behind the scenes of First Nation’s Focus with Bethany Sam](#)**

COLEVILLE, Calif. — Manah-who, How-Uhh? Ee Nanee-en-nah Bethany...

This last year has been crazy & humbling. Since losing my job title 1 year ago today, to gaining it back in Feb 2019 to now, and everything in between has taught me to don't give into to your feelings right away, stay positive, PRAY really hard, learn from your mistakes, and appreciate those who stuck with you and encouraged you along the way. Reading this article today, reminds me of the dream.

"My parents and grandparents have always expressed how important it is to learn our heritage/ ancestry and to keep the cultural traditions alive. When we are learning our traditions; singing, dancing, sweat lodge & ceremonies, hunting, basket making, pinenut picking, handgames; we are learning to pray for our land, animals, water, weather, healing, love and happiness. With “First Nation’s Focus” we now have the chance to continuously teach and learn about our culture and the differences between each tribe and tribal community. My dream is to help bring a positive spotlight on all tribes and to spread awareness about the First Peoples of North America, and the historical trauma we are still trying to overcome. A’ho, all my relations."

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<https://www.dailykos.com/story/2019/4/15/1850498/--Presidential-Candidates-Rescind-Wounded-Knee-Medals-of-Dis-Honor>

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**More Indigenous/Columbus Day Articles:**

**[No More Columbus Day](#)**

<https://www.dailykos.com/story/2019/10/14/1892341/-No-More-Columbus-Day>

**[Map: Making Indigenous Peoples Day official across the country](#)**

<https://m.dailykos.com/stories/2019/10/14/1892225/-Map-Making-Indigenous-Peoples-Day-official-across-the-country?detail=emailLL>

**[A Celebration of the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples](#)**[https://](https://www.dailykos.com/story/2019/8/10/1877877/-International-Day-of-the-World-s-Indigenous)

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## Indigenous Peoples' Day: The Unofficial, Columbus-Free Celebration

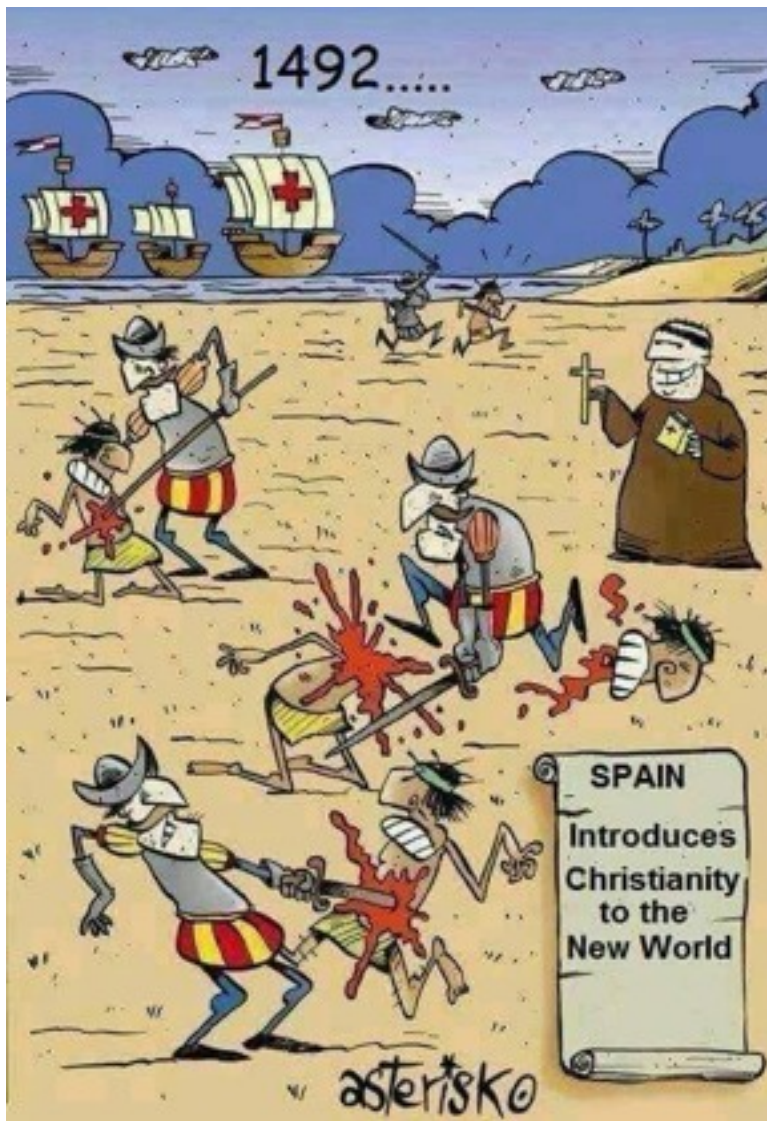
By AARON RANDLE

No governor. No mayor. But plenty of activism, food, dancing and fun in New York City.

### "We're Still Here": Indigenous Peoples' Day Celebration Reflects Ongoing Resistance to Colonization *Democracy Now!*

Excerpt: "Cities and states across the country are rejecting the federal holiday of Columbus Day and celebrating Indigenous Peoples' Day instead to honor centuries of indigenous resistance."

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### "Columbus Day" Reminds Us Why the U.S. Owes Reparations to Native People

WINONA LADUKE,  
TRUTHOUT

Indigenous Peoples' Day ("Columbus Day" for the unenlightened) reminds us of the necessity to undo the legacy of Columbus. It reminds us of the necessity of reparations. The only compensation for land is land. Not only do we expect non-Native Americans to think of us beyond this brief moment, but we want you to join us in making things right. [Read the Article →](#)





### **A Letter from the Yankton Sioux Territory**

<https://www.sierraclub.org/sierra/letter-yankton-sioux-territory-flooding>

### **The Quiet, Intentional Fires of Northern California** By WIRED, 10/16/19

In the wake of catastrophic wildfires like the one in 2018 that burned the California city of Paradise, wildfire management has become a pressing topic, to say the least. Especially under scrutiny is the US Forest Service's hundred-year policy of

suppressing fire—on the surface it makes sense. Fire burns houses and kills people. It's a terrible, uncontrollable enemy. Right? Not necessarily. The native communities across California have been practicing traditional, controlled forest burning techniques for 13,000 years. From the great grasslands of central California to the salmon runs of the Klamath River, the Miwok, Yurok, Hupa, Karuk, and other nations have tended and provided for those plant and animal species that were useful to them.

### **New California law makes it legal to cook up roadkill — and aims to save lives** Gov. Newsom approves Wildlife Traffic Safety Act from State Senator Bob Archuleta.

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## State relocates adoption event planned at Fort Snelling amid outcry from Minnesota Indian groups

Fort Snelling was a site of suffering, trauma for Dakota families in 1860s.

By [Chris Serres](#) Star Tribune

Amid sharp criticism from American Indian community leaders, the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) has canceled plans to hold an event promoting adoption at Fort Snelling, where scores of Dakota people died while being held captive following the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862.

In recent days, leaders of some Twin Cities-area Indian nonprofits decried initial plans to hold the event within the larger area of Fort Snelling. They said the choice reflected a lack of understanding of the painful history still felt by descendants of the Dakota people who were forcibly relocated to the frontier fort. They also cited the ongoing trauma associated with the child protection system's separation of American Indian children from their biological families, which often severs connections to their heritage. In 2017, Indian children in Minnesota were 18.5 times more likely than white children to be removed from their homes and placed in foster care — among the greatest disparities in the nation, [state data shows](#).

In a written statement Friday, DHS' top official overseeing children and family services said the agency has decided to move the Nov. 3 event to the Minnesota Zoo "after hearing from community partners who raised concerns about the location and its connection to painful historical events, especially for the American Indian community.

"We apologize to anyone who was impacted by the first choice of location ... and for the inconvenience this change in location may cause. We are thankful for our partners' flexibility,

and their unwavering dedication to Minnesota's children," Lisa Bayley, acting assistant commissioner, said in the statement.

Patina Park, an attorney and executive director of the Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center, a Minneapolis nonprofit that assists adoptive parents and their families, had called the department's initial plans "grossly insensitive."

"As a Lakota woman, a mother, and someone who was adopted as a child, there are not enough words for me to express how distasteful this is to me," Park said in an interview before DHS disclosed the change. "The lack of empathy towards these experiences from dominant culture is a constant ache and injustice to our communities," Park added. She called Fort Snelling "a former concentration camp where children died."

Her concerns were echoed by several other leaders of the Twin Cities Indian community, who said they had urged the state and other event organizers to move the event elsewhere.

"There were [Dakota] babies that were born at Fort Snelling and died there in captivity," said Sharon Day, who is Ojibwe and is executive director of the Indigenous Peoples Task Force, which provides housing and substance abuse prevention services to Indian families.

"These atrocities are not ancient history," Day said. "There are still grandchildren and great-grandchildren of the people that this happened to who are alive today."

The annual event, called Circus of the Heart, was planned in partnership between the DHS and [MN Adopt](#), a St. Paul-based nonprofit that contracts with the state to provide adoption and foster care recruitment activities. More than a dozen state, county and private agencies sponsor the event, including Anoka, Hennepin and Washington counties and Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota. The DHS provides most of the roughly \$60,000 in annual costs for the event, which includes pony rides and other activities for children. Initial plans called for the event to be held at a Boy Scouts base camp within the larger Fort Snelling compound, which is where it was held last year.

The Indian Women's Resource Center is listed as a sponsor, though Park said she was never told of the initial plans to hold it within Fort Snelling.

The site controversy has emerged amid a larger debate over how to recognize the diverse history of the prominent site overlooking the confluence of the Mississippi and Minnesota rivers, known as Bdote in the Dakota language.

After the U.S.-Dakota War, the site was used as an internment camp for some 1,600 Dakota people, including women, children and elders. The captives were forcibly marched more than 100 miles to the stockade at Fort Snelling from the Lower Sioux Agency, near present-day Morton, Minn. It is estimated that between 130 and 300 Dakota people died at the fort while imprisoned there during the winter of 1862-63, primarily from disease exacerbated by exposure and the brutal living conditions.

In August, the Minnesota Historical Society, a nonprofit that manages a 23-acre compound that includes the historic fort, launched a statewide effort to gather public input on the name of Historic Fort Snelling, as the larger site undergoes a \$34.5 million restoration. Leaders with the Historical Society have said they are exploring whether the site's name, derived from a U.S. Army colonel, Josiah Snelling, adequately reflects the experience visitors have at the site, as well as the experiences of the Dakota people and others. People can provide feedback on the name through Nov. 15 at [the Historical Society's website](#).

In 2017, the Historical Society installed temporary signs at the site that added the phrase "at Bdote" to reflect "the additional stories shared at the fort and the location of the fort itself," according to the agency. The Historical Society removed the temporary Bdote signs this summer for the renovation and renaming process, and because it created "public confusion" about whether a name change had already occurred, the agency said.

Robert Lilligren, a citizen of the White Earth Nation and chairman of the Metropolitan Urban Indian Directors, which represents the leaders of 36 Indian nonprofits in the Twin Cities, said early plans to hold the adoption event at Fort Snelling were "clearly a mistake in judgment." He said he hoped the controversy would provoke a broader discussion about the trauma caused by forced separations of Indian children from their families.

"This is an opportunity to raise awareness of how adoption was used as a tool of forced assimilation," Lilligren said. "Let this be a chance to advance the conversation and the healing process."

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We're gearing up for the 5th-anniversary edition of the [Grist 50](#), our **annual list of emerging leaders in the U.S.** who are tackling some of the world's biggest challenges head-on. [We want to know who you think deserves to be on this year's list.](#)

The Grist 50 is a collection of remarkable humans that shows the world what a vibrant, diverse sustainability movement looks like. They're scientists, activists, entrepreneurs, chefs, storytellers ... solutionaries of all sorts.

Do a couple of hard-working, forward-thinking, fix-it types spring to mind? Perfect -- we need your suggestions! Fill in this [form](#) and give us a little more information about the person (or people!) you'd like to nominate.

And if there's someone you know who has a headful of Fixers, go ahead and forward this along to them, too.

Help us make Grist 50 2020 the best yet!

We look forward to seeing your suggestions.

Annelise McGough      Growth and Engagement Editor      [@AnneliseMcGough](#)

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***Helen Hunt Jackson*** ([books by this author](#)), born in Amherst, Massachusetts (1830), where she went to school with Emily Dickinson. She had a steady career as a ladies' author, but when she heard Chief Standing Bear of the Poncas give a speech about the destruction of his people, she became an activist overnight. She wrote a novel called *Ramona* (1884) about a mixed-race Spanish woman and her Native American lover, based on stories told to her by Mission Indians she had interviewed. It was a great success, but not in the way Jackson intended. People who read the book didn't care much about the Indian characters; they were attracted to the rich Spaniards, and they eagerly attached *Ramona's* name to the boulevards and opera houses in their new communities. California is still full of things named "Ramona."

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### **Fed Up With Deaths, Native Americans Want to Run Their Own Health Care**

By MARK WALKER

After decades of enduring poor care from the government-run Indian Health Service, tribal groups are taking over management of hospitals.

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### **Village on Sage Street is Filling Up**

At \$400 a month rent, the Village on Sage Street (Reno) is recognized as a great housing option for low-income singles in Reno. We expect the 220 dorm-style rooms to be occupied by the end of the year.

If you know someone who will appreciate the security and safety of well-managed housing, the social nature of a dorm-style community, the convenience of a downtown location with easy access to the bus lines, and month-to-month rent of \$400, please share the contact information below. [villageonsagestreet.com](http://villageonsagestreet.com) or call 775-499-5198.

### **Community Fund 2020 Grant Cycle Open**

Nonprofits are welcome to send a Letter of Intent to the Community Fund Advisory Committee for grant requests up to \$20,000.

LOI must be completed online by October 31, 2019.

2020 Community Fund grants will focus on:

- Educational programs for arts and culture and/or literacy for at-risk populations
- Education programming for mental health initiatives.

Organizations selected to submit a full proposal will be notified in January.

Complete the online [Letter of Intent \(LOI\) form](#)

Call Lyndsey Crossley or Lauren Renda for more information at 775-333-5499.

### **Trump Agencies Fail to Report on Environmental Risks for Low-Income Communities**

LISA NEEDHAM, THE AMERICAN INDEPENDENT INSTITUTE

Under the Obama administration, 16 governmental agencies collaborated in a working group in order to address the disproportionate environmental risks faced by low-income and non-white communities. But a report released last month by the Government Accountability Office shows that most of these agencies have failed to file required environmental justice reports since Trump has taken office.

[Read the Article →](#)

## **Evo Morales and the Power of the Past in Bolivian Politics**

BENJAMIN DANGL, AK PRESS

In this excerpt from *The Five Hundred Year Rebellion: Indigenous Movements and the Decolonization of History in Bolivia*, author Benjamin Dangel looks at the roots, rise and presidency of Evo Morales, who is likely to win a fourth term in office in Bolivia's October 20 general election. [Read the Excerpt →](#)

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## **Map shows nature's contributions to people**

Nature supports people in critical ways, often at a highly local level. Wild bees buzz through farms, pollinating vegetables as they go. Nearby, wetlands remove chemicals from the farm's runoff, protecting a community drinking water source. In communities all around the world, nature's contributions are constantly flowing to people. Scientists have mapped these contributions at local levels for years, but a new Stanford-led study puts these local analyses on an interactive global map that

Read in Science Blog: <https://apple.news/AhKdB0ZEgQ7udA6BDTOiEWw>

## **Terminator 2: Judgemental Day**

- All around the globe, billions of dollars are being poured into AI innovations that are explosively recasting how low-income people interact with the state. The changes are being planned by engineers and coders behind closed doors, in secure government locations far from public view.
- It is a [tech revolution that is transforming the welfare system worldwide](#) — the nascent “digital welfare state” — and its predictive algorithms, risk modeling and biometrics will penalize the most vulnerable. (Guardian)
- [‘Digital welfare state’: big tech allowed to target and surveil the poor, UN is warned](#) (Guardian)