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JAMES MacPHERSON, Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. — North Dakota reached a proposed settlement agreement Thursday with American Indians who sued over the state's voter ID laws requiring residents to provide a street address, arguing they are a form of voter suppression.

American Indians argue that such addresses are not always evident on reservations. Many tribal members don't know their address, don't have a provable one because they're homeless or stay with friends or relatives, or can't afford to get an updated ID with a street address.

The proposed federal consent decree announced jointly by tribal lawyers and the state follows U.S. District Judge Daniel Hovland's ruling Monday that the Spirit Lake Nation and the Standing Rock Sioux, as well as six individual Native American plaintiffs, may challenge the state's requirement that voters have ID with a verified street address.

Under the deal, the burden would be on the state to assign or verify street addresses for Native American voters, ensuring they will still be able to cast a ballot, said Tim Purdon, a lawyer for the tribes.

The Spirit Lake and Standing Rock tribal councils still must approve the settlement agreement, which would halt a federal trial scheduled for May on the issue.

North Dakota doesn't have voter registration, but the state has required voters to provide ID since 2004. The state accepts a driver's license as identification or ID cards issued by the state, long-term care facilities or North Dakota's American Indian tribes. The law required that all must have a birth date and valid street address.

State officials argued that not requiring street addresses could lead to voter fraud and people voting in the wrong district. The state maintains everyone has a street address via the statewide 911 system, but lawyers for the tribes have argued the system is "incomplete, contradictory and prone to error on reservations."

Native American voters who do not have or do not know their residential street address now will be allowed to mark their residence on a map. State and county officials, in coordination with tribal governments, will then use those maps to assign or verify the voter's residential street address and will provide that address to the voter, Purdon said.

"These concessions by the state are vindication of the claims brought by the tribes," Purdon said. "We are pleased this will make it easier for Native Americans to vote across the state."

Secretary of State Al Jaeger, the state's top election official, said he was "very pleased" with the development and that the state is "looking forward to the conclusion of this process."

Purdon said the proposed consent decree announced Thursday came after days of negotiations with the state. It also follows an announcement last week by Jaeger, who said Gov. Doug Burgum had granted him emergency rulemaking authority to give tribes the ability to quickly verify "set-aside" ballots, which are not counted until the voter proves his or her eligibility.

The revised system would allow tribes to quickly verify voters, rather than the previous system in which voters had up to six days to return with proof of their identity, possibly discouraging some voters from following through.

The order also allows the state to incorporate information from tribal IDs into new electronic poll books.

IN THE NEVADA CURRENT

Pine nuts. Yes, pine nuts. Leading the *Current* this morning, Jeniffer Solis tells you about how commercial harvesting of pine nuts - evidently a fashionable menu item - threatens to undermine tribal traditions in Nevada. The climate crisis only makes it more egregious, because of course it does. And while the Bureau of Land Management has many fine people working for it, let's face it, the BLM, as an agency, never met a commodity producer it didn't love. The BLM has cultural traditions, too. Jen brings all these elements and more together, like she does on pieces like this, in a compelling, smart narrative about an issue that matters to people who don't have an army of lobbyists, and on which the rest of us have given nary a thought. So give yourself a break from the breathless but ephemeral presidential horse race noise, and read [this story about pine nuts!](#)

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We're pleased to announce the opening of a two-year NWHM Predoctoral Fellow Award in Women's History and Gender Studies. Applicants should have a strong interest in women's history, public history, or gender studies and the applications of these fields outside of academia. [Click here](#) for more information about this exciting opportunity

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Native American Business & Economic Development Center - Helps American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians start a business or grow an existing business through innovation, entrepreneurship, and strategic planning. Located in Phoenix and Mesa. For more information call Kaaren at (480) 343-2799.

The University of Arizona offers a Master's of Public Health with concentration options in Phoenix, Tucson and online. Click here for more information about their [upcoming admission event](#) and to learn about their college and programs.

Use of Technology with Young Children - Departments of Health and Human Services and Education released a joint policy brief on the use of technology with young children to help families and early educators use technology to promote active, engaged, meaningful, and socially interactive learning. The American Academy of Pediatrics suggest for children younger than 18 months to avoid use of screen media other than video-chatting. Parents of children 18-24 months of age who want to introduce digital media should choose high quality programming, and watch it with their children to help them understand what they're seeing. For children ages 2-5 years, one hour of technology use is appropriate per day, inclusive of time spent at home and in early learning settings and across devices. Another great resource for families is [Common Sense Media](#).

A Roadmap for Increasing Access to Justice & Opportunity for Tribal Members with Criminal Records Through Collaboration and Partnership - From Root & Rebound and the Yurok Tribal Court. For more information or to view the document click [here](#).

The Pioneers: Heroic Settlers or Indian Killers? by Walter G. Moss

Unless we in the USA acknowledge not only the heroic, but also heinous deeds of our past, we will fail to face our future with the courage needed to overcome such ills as racism and our present political polarization.

America's Radiactive Secret: Rolling Stone

<https://www.rollingstone.com/politics/politics-features/oil-gas-fracking-radioactive-investigation-937389/>

Principal Man Ian Zabarte, Western Bands of the Shoshone Nation of Indians

Treaty of Ruby Valley (Consolidated Treaty Series Vol. 127 1863)

The Ozmen Center for Entrepreneurship and The College of Business at The University of Nevada, Reno are **hosting the 2nd annual International Women's Entrepreneurship Symposium.**

The Symposium is organized to encourage the building of relationships among attendees through open communication, education and collaboration, and is targeted towards entrepreneurs and entities supporting entrepreneurs.

This 2-day event includes over 40 local, national and international speakers, featuring:

- Kara Goldin, founder & CEO of Hint, Inc. Laura Jackson, Conductor, Reno Phil
- Carlyne Ekyarisiima, Mandela Washington Fellow
- Siri Chilazi, Harvard Research fellow
- Molly Troupe, Master Distiller, Freeland Spirits

The Symposium also includes breakout session panels on Social Entrepreneurship, Climate & the Environment, Food & Beverage, Male-Dominated Industries, Health & Wellness, Entrepreneurship in the Arts, and Doing Business Globally, featuring dozens of remarkable speakers from local, national and international companies.

Register now! Capacity is limited. Registration fee includes breakfast, snacks and lunch. Discounted tickets are available for business founders, government, academics, non-profits and students.

March 9th & 10th, 2020 at the Joe Crowley Student Union on the university campus.

For more information and to register, visit <https://www.unr.edu/business/iwes>



Historians Struggle to Understand Oral History Written in Forgotten Shorthand

The 1951 transcription is written in a decades-old shorthand style that few people use today. "It's definitely a lost art," Langsdon said.

4000 years later and we're
back to the same language.





How do we fix America's fertilizer problem? Look in this ditch.

Indiana farmers have managed to clean up their pollution. Here's how they did .

Climate change is making it harder to be a young farmer
“We have less options to work with, so we have to get more creative.”



OPINION: Once again, San Francisco officials are limiting public access to the majestic Hetch Hetchy Valley

By CalMatters, 2/9/2020

In the waning moments of 2019, San Francisco's Water Department persuaded Congress to deny long-promised access to unreachable areas of Yosemite National Park. This power play would ban environmentally benign boating on Hetch Hetchy Reservoir. The move reverses the guarantees of improved access and recreation which San Francisco made in 1913, when it pleaded with Congress to pass the Raker Act and allow it to build the reservoir in Hetch Hetchy Valley in Yosemite National Park.'

African DNA study reveals mysterious human species

Locals fear that a proposed mine near the protected Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in northern Minnesota could jeopardize pristine waters and the tourist and outdoor recreation economy that has developed in the region. A representative of mining company Twin Metals Minnesota says the deposit of copper, nickel, and other precious metals is only found at a lake just outside the Boundary Waters, and claims that the mine would benefit, not imperil, the area. The company is facing a handful of lawsuits and other delays, meaning the possible completion of the mine is still several years away. [NPR](#)

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By Ceres Courier, 2/12/2020

We are all one California. Before we get all teary-eyed about that sentiment that has been voiced by backers of the State Water Resources Control Board advancing state water policies that largely hinge on commandeering out-of-watershed water to keep powering Los Angeles' unnatural expansion growing. This time around they are working to swoop in and add the raping of the San Joaquin Valley to the Owens Valley-style graveyards created so La-La Land can



prosper.

[The Wet'suwet'en Fight Against New Pipeline Spreads Across Canada with Blockades & Occupations](#)

[A major anti-pipeline struggle continues in Canada, where protests have broken out across the country in solidarity with Wet'suwet'en land defenders whose sovereign land in northern British Columbia was raided last week and over the weekend by Canadian police. Dozens were arrested in the days-lo... democracynow.org](#)



[Native burial sites blown up for US border wall](#)

["Controlled blasting" for Mr Trump's border wall is taking place at sacred gravesites, tribes and lawmakers say. _bbc.com](#)

Performing Arts Series at the University of Nevada, Reno

Martha Redbone is a compelling voice in American Roots music. "Bone Hill: The Concert" exposes a never before told important piece of American history in this dramatic musical by Redbone and long-time collaborator Aaron Whitby.



THU, FEB 27 AT 7:30 PM - **Martha Redbone "Bone Hill: The Concert"**

Maine to become first state to prohibit Native American mascots in all public schools

The state's governor said "we have heard clearly and unequivocally from Maine tribes" that such names "are a source of pain and anguish." [washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com)

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A new study found that satellite images used to inform fishery closures did not capture the full extent of toxic oil from the 2010 spill.

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Going against the Trump administration's wishes.



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Tara giving her TED Talk

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