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*The Pyramids of the Aztec and Mayan Empires remain as proof that Indigenous Peoples Traditional Knowledge is more advanced than today's Scientific and TechNOlogical Communityas it destroyed Nothing!!*



**Renowned Alaska Native healer Blumenstein hopscotches from old world to new**  
The first certified tribal doctor of Alaska, Rita Blumenstein divides her time these days between  
the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium and the International Council of Thirteen Indigenous  
Grandmothers. [adn.com](http://adn.com)

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**Heidi Barlese and Norm Cavanaugh:**

They're going to start taking our medicine. Always taking more than they need.

First known Flu Pandemic in 1918 in the US people were dying and getting really sick. In Nevada, a Carson City Pharmacist noticed that Native people were getting sick but no mortalities, so he asked what were they using to combat the Flu. This is what he found out:

Native people were using Doza, Toza, Todza or Pagoo, (Indian Balsam) the root is a golden brown color, sliced into pieces from the main root, dried, then ground so it can be used as tea, boiled to inhale the vapors or smoked to treat the Flu or TB. Toza has many uses, I use it religiously and have learned to make oils and soaps with it.

So, this may be medicine to get in order to be prepared for the Corona Virus, just saying,  
Blessings to you all:)



## Museums, Arts, & Tours - Visit Lewis Clark Valley

[https://visitlcvalley.com/history-culture/museums/?utm\\_source=P3D&utm\\_medium=Social&utm\\_campaign=VLCV&utm\\_content=History+&26+Culture&fbclid=IwAR3Vb5uSEvE9KHcFDQPR43w5DECvpSukL-Jw8-qj5liMSNEw0pXiGWPYvAs](https://visitlcvalley.com/history-culture/museums/?utm_source=P3D&utm_medium=Social&utm_campaign=VLCV&utm_content=History+&26+Culture&fbclid=IwAR3Vb5uSEvE9KHcFDQPR43w5DECvpSukL-Jw8-qj5liMSNEw0pXiGWPYvAs)

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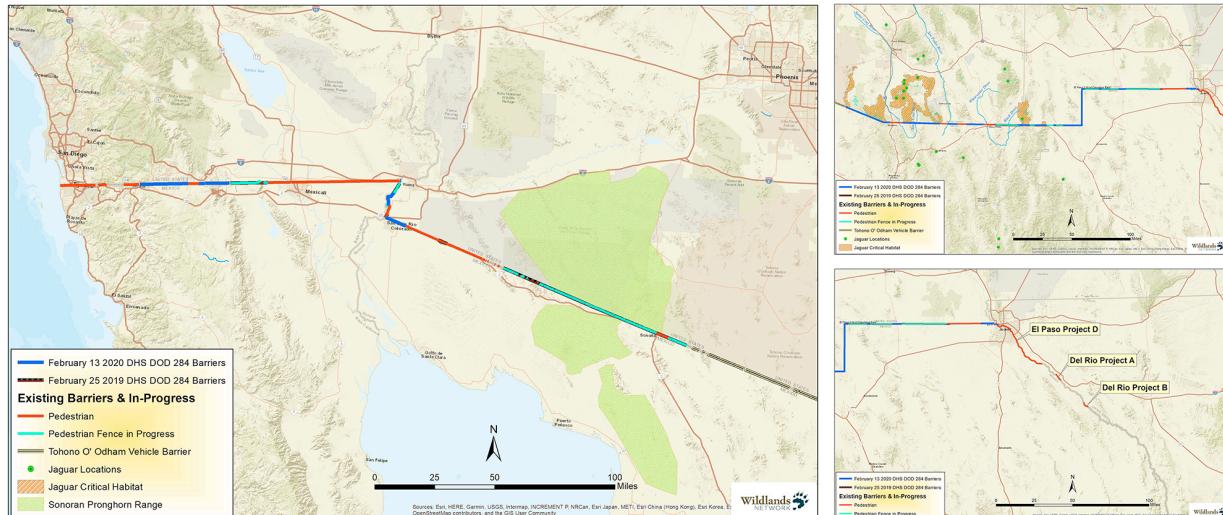
## Greetings from Sierra Club Borderlands

Last month, Karla laid out the ongoing and upcoming destruction this administration is causing in all four U.S. border states by imposing walls on communities and natural areas. This month, we got even worse news: In 2020, another \$7.2 billion is slated to be stolen from military veterans and active duty troops to finance more walls. Federal contracting laws were waived, enabling contracts to be corruptly awarded behind the backs of U.S. taxpayers. Nearly the entire land border from San Diego to El Paso would be walled off, and that's only half of the money. This could be the death knell for the borderlands.

Thank you for caring about the borderlands,

Dan Millis, Borderlands Program Manager (520) 620-6401 dan.millis@sierraclub.org <http://www.sierraclub.org/borderlands>

## Plans Show New Wall from San Diego to El Paso



Maps show plans for 177 miles of new wall in AZ and CA (left), NM (top right), and TX (bottom right).

Credit: Myles Traphagen, Wildlands Network.

## Plans Show New Wall from San Diego to El Paso

Last week, the administration stole [\\$3.8 billion](#) from the National Guard and Reserves, as well as military equipment programs. They intend to build 177 miles of new wall in California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas with this illegally transferred money. These are the most rugged mountains, most sacred sites, and most remote wildlands of the border, places like the Jacumba Mountains along Interstate 8 in California, the Cocopah Indian Tribe and San Rafael Valley in

Arizona, the entire New Mexico bootheel, and the Texas communities of El Paso, Del Rio and Eagle Pass.

If these walls are imposed, billions of U.S. taxpayer dollars would be wasted and 30-foot walls would span from San Diego, California to El Paso, Texas, with only a few small gaps.

Communities will be separated, waterways blocked, and [endangered species would be at further risk of extinction](#). See the maps above from Wildlands Network. We are suing to stop walls built with money that is illegally transferred, and we're working to add these places to our lawsuit in order to protect them.



### **Border Wall Contracts Corrupt, Procurement Laws Waiver**

Only days before stealing nearly \$4 billion from the troops, the administration announced they would waive [11 contracting laws](#) for border wall construction. This is pure crony capitalism. A private contracting company with [a criminal history](#) that includes tax evasion and child pornography was granted a suspicious border wall contract, raising eyebrows and leading to [an audit](#) to determine if the law was broken. Well, now those laws don't exist anymore, at least not for border wall builders! This evil company is getting a backroom deal to wall off Arizona's iconic Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge, and now our lawsuit is the only thing that might stop it!

This latest waiver brings the grand total of laws waived in the borderlands to 62. Border communities do not receive equal protection under the law. This is fundamentally unfair, and one of the most severe environmental justice crises facing the U.S. today.

### **Borderlands Team Volunteers Knock on Lawmakers' Doors in D.C.**

While all of these terrible developments were taking place, Sierra Club's Borderlands Team sent a small group of frontline activists to try to talk some sense into federal lawmakers. I am so proud of this small but first-rate team of borderlands activists who visited a number of key offices and also participated in a [Sierra Club Equity](#) workshop: Dan Watman of San Diego/Tijuana, Borderlands Team Co-Chair and Military Outdoors Activist Karla Terry of Tucson, Rio Grande Chapter Southern New Mexico Organizer Antoinette Reyes, and Jonathan Salinas of McAllen, Texas. They were joined by Grand Canyon Chapter Activists Oscar Medina, Joshua Preston, and Jasmine Angulo. If you would like to get more active with the Borderlands Team, just reply to this email and let me know!



**The Nine Mile Canyon in the Utah desert is the world's longest & oldest 'art gallery'**

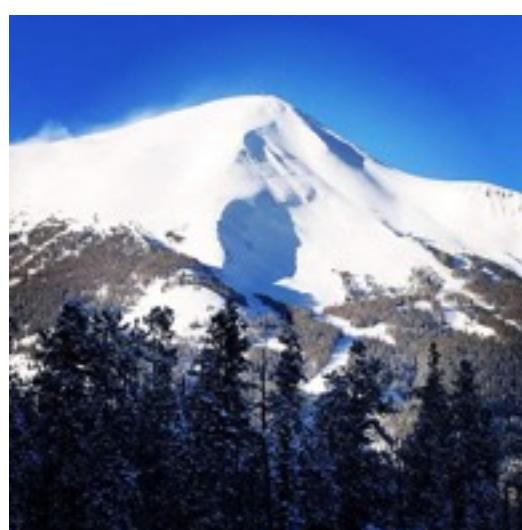
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**AG Ferguson issues ultimatum over 'illegal' decision to move Seattle National Archives**

**AG Bob Ferguson issued an ultimatum Wednesday, regarding “fatal flaw” in a decision last month to shutter the National Archives in Seattle**

mynorthwest.com      (Ed note: Some Nevada tribal archives are located here. sdc)

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The old man of the mountain showed his face this afternoon (2.25) on Lone Peak. This is one of the coolest natural shadows I've ever seen! [#BigSkyMontana](#)      [Bigskymontana](#)

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## **Jim Plunkett's Two Super Bowl Victories Make Him a Legend Despite What HOF Says**

<https://www.reviewjournal.com/sports/raiders/jim-plunketts-super-bowl-victories-cement-him-as-raider...>

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### **Alert to Hudbay Mason Project**

The Ann Mason project is another step in Hudbay's consistent strategy of accretive acquisitions of scarce, high-quality copper resources in mining-friendly jurisdictions. Like our page to stay up-to-date on our progress.

Ann Mason is an ideal fit for Hudbay's development pipeline and is...



### **Colonialism, The Hidden Cause Of Our Environmental Crisis**

Greta Thunberg tapped into an growing area of scholarship when she wrote recently that to save the planet, we first need to dismantle "colonial, racist, and patriarchal systems of oppression." [worldcrunch.com](http://worldcrunch.com)

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<https://www.southwestoralhistory.org/>

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**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**

**Register by March 15 and save \$35!**

Please join us for Rural Roundup April 8th - 10th in Virginia City. One of the highlights this year is a panel discussion on the new Destination Development program - stay tuned for details!

There are plenty of hotel rooms available - please click here to see available properties. Due to room blocks you must contact the hotels directly, as they will list as sold out online.

New this year is a raffle after the final general session on Friday. No purchase necessary, but you must be present to win. Some of the prizes include dinners, attractions, hotel rooms/suites, Be The Engineer, and many others. If your organization would like to donate to the raffle, please contact Shari at [sbombard@travelnevada.com](mailto:sbombard@travelnevada.com). Visit [www.ruralroundup.com](http://www.ruralroundup.com) to register, check out the agenda, learn about our fantastic sponsors, and see what else you can do during your visit to Virginia City. Limited sponsorship opportunities are still available

**REGISTER NOW**

## **Upgraded doomsday vault gets new seed deposits**

Dozens of groups are trying to protect their crops from climate change

Read in The Verge: <https://apple.news/A5aPR6sTeRcGHfOhNgo4LtQ>

### **From Native Seed/SEARCH**



#### **Regeneration of Chiapas Wild Tomato *Solanum lycopersicum***

This variety was added to the collection and hasn't been in distribution since 2010. It used to be a "staff favorite" with tasty, sweet fruits about a half inch in diameter.

If the grow-out is successful we will have lots of seeds to share in the future.

#### **Regeneration of Colorado Fava Beans *Vicia faba*.**

These seeds were first collected and added to our collection in 1994, and after planting them this season only 8 seeds remain.



#### **What is Regeneration?**

When our conservation seed stocks get low or become old, we *regenerate* more seed using a portion of the original seed collected.

Our most common answer to that question is "Try a packet and see." That is truly the only way to know for sure how a plant will adapt to your location. However, there are some tips that will help you decide whether a variety is or isn't likely to thrive where you are ... **that's what this blog is about. Here are some**

**things you should look for when choosing a variety from NS/S. [continue reading>>](#)**



#### **Tim Giago: His passing leaves a big hole in the world of Native journalism**

[https://www.indianz.com/News/2020/03/03/tim-giago-his-passing-leaves-a-big-hole-1.asp?fbclid=IwAR0PfutcZuTVCXKNUKEUzFPyRACW5OeTwwHjKVKI1H8CCyG\\_vdA40hBJFUI](https://www.indianz.com/News/2020/03/03/tim-giago-his-passing-leaves-a-big-hole-1.asp?fbclid=IwAR0PfutcZuTVCXKNUKEUzFPyRACW5OeTwwHjKVKI1H8CCyG_vdA40hBJFUI)

**There's a massive free catalogue of Indigenous films online — and we have 6 picks to get you started | CBC Arts**

In honour of Canadian Film Day, we asked Indigenous filmmakers and curators for some recommendations from the NFB's new Indigenous catalogue. [cbc.ca](http://cbc.ca)

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

[David Hertz and Rich Groden, two California designers have built a shipping container that can harvest water from thin air. For this amazing creation, they were awarded \\$1.5 million in prizes!](#)  
[To be... disclose.tv](#)

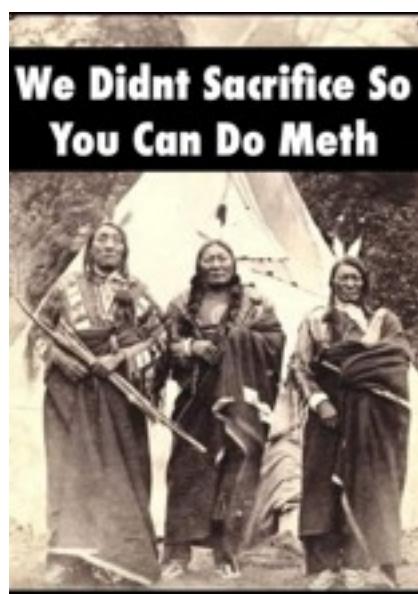
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[ibelieveinmothernature.com](http://ibelieveinmothernature.com)

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#### McKinleyville Schools

**The McKinleyville School District has lowered our flags today as a sign of respect for our local American Indian tribes.** Our schools sit on traditional indigenous lands and we serve students and families from several different local tribes. It is important for us to be reminded of our history, even when it is not flattering. Today marks the very tragic anniversary of the 1860 Tuluwat (Wiyot) Massacre. The Wiyot massacre refers to the incidents on February 26, 1860, at Tuluwat on what is formerly known as Indian Island where 80-250 Wiyot people were brutally murdered in coordinated attacks by settlers. The February 26 attacks were followed by similar bloody attacks on other Wiyot villages later that week. We wish for a more peaceful world today and every day forward.

## **Story as Sustenance**

### **Examining the role of Native Americans in making and consuming popular culture.**

By Kimberly Guerrero, assistant professor of theatre, film & digital production

Twenty years ago, I found myself in Nashville sitting in a packed theater at a Native American Film Festival with my husband and other indigenous actors and filmmakers.

The final film to be screened was “The Doe Boy,” by Cherokee filmmaker Randy Redroad. Set in Oklahoma in the 1980s, it had received rave reviews, and being from Oklahoma myself, I was thrilled to finally be seeing it.

The film’s opening was a simple, beautifully shot sequence featuring a young Indian kid in a football jersey — with brown chubby cheeks framed by a thick fringe of black bangs — running through the woods of eastern Oklahoma. No big deal, right? All of a sudden, my chest tightened. Then my throat. I couldn’t breathe! I’d been a young Indian kid in a football jersey — with brown chubby cheeks framed by a thick fringe of black bangs — running through the woods of eastern Oklahoma. I heard my own voice in my head cry out, “That’s me. *That’s me!*”

The next thing I remember is breathlessly leaning against a brick wall outside of the theater, my husband’s voice calming me down before finally asking the big question: *What happened?* It wouldn’t be until later that evening when sharing the experience with friend and fellow actor Michael Horse that the answer came —*story happened*.

In all my years of ingesting television and film like spiritual Happy Meals, I’d never seen myself represented on the screens I spent so much time in front of — until that day. I’d just sat through six-plus hours of nothing but Indians! And it was wonderful. So wonderful it had triggered a full-blown panic attack.

Suddenly, seemingly disparate things began to connect. Why had I done something as idiotic as coming to L.A. to pursue an acting career when no one on television looked like me? When I’d drive across America’s reservations where folks barely had enough to scrape by, why were so many of their yards anchored by gigantic, costly satellite dishes? And when I’d get invited inside their homes, why would they have stacks — *stacks!* — of recorded VHS tapes full of every single Indian movie, documentary, or interview they could find? And the weightiest question of all — why were tribal people suffering health issues, incarceration, addiction, violence, and suicide at rates often double that of other Americans? At that moment all those years ago, I wondered out loud — could it be that we’ve been starved of story?

As Native people, we were clearly getting story wherever we could find it, but our stories had been replaced by *other* stories. What if those stories were keeping us alive, but malnourished? As indigenous peoples, there were, and thankfully still are, stories that had kept us strong for

millennia, reminding us of our purpose and responsibilities as human beings, highlighting the power of choice and consequence, connecting past and future in a way that would empower us to live wisely and well in the present. Now that I'd realized my own existential hunger, couldn't that knowledge empower me to be more conscientious of the stories I was feeding myself and the kinds of stories I could feed others?

From that point on, in addition to acting, I also began to write, produce, and direct, as well as teach Native youth how to harness the power of storytelling through digital filmmaking. In a wonderful, full-circle moment, a TV pilot I co-wrote was recently purchased by a major streaming platform, and if all goes well, it will star a large cast of Native actors — including my old friend Michael Horse. And then, who knows? Maybe we'll get the chance to tell a story that will feed the whole world.

*Guerrero is an actor, writer, and director whose practice-based research centers around righting the misrepresentation and underrepresentation of Native peoples in mainstream media. She played Winona, Jerry's Native American girlfriend on "Seinfeld," and she can be seen opposite Oscar-winner Julianne Moore in the upcoming film recounting the life of writer/activist Gloria Steinem, "The Glorias."*



**"To love someone is to learn the song in their heart and sing it to them when they have forgotten it."**