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Our Reading & Robes program is accepting volunteers!



Join the ranks of judges who are teaching disadvantaged children about justice and civic responsibilities and helping them raise their sights in life.



The programs can take place in the NJC's Model Courtroom in Reno, Nevada, outside on the campus lawn, or in your own courtroom anywhere in Nevada. We can also help you set up your own Reading & Robes program anywhere in the United States.



For more information, contact NJC Advancement Director at SusanRobinson@judges.org.

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How the World's Largest Garbage Dump Evolved Into a Green Oasis

By Robert Sullivan and Jade Doskow

The radical fix for a noxious landfill in Staten Island: Bury the trash, plant some grass and do nothing for 20 years.



Question: Which food was used as money by early North American settlers? 🤔

Answer:

Corn 🌽 was first domesticated by native peoples in Mexico about 10,000 years ago.

When European settlers first came to North America, Native Americans taught them how to grow it, and it was used by the early settlers as money and to trade for meat and furs.



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Postdoctoral Fellowship Opportunities for Candidates who Enhance the Diversity of the Academy

The Consortium for Faculty Diversity at Liberal Arts invites applications in all disciplines for Scholar-in-Residence appointments at more than 55 nationally ranked institutions. Candidates must be U.S. Citizens or unconditional [Read more](#)

[Historian, National Park Service](#)

This position is located in Northeast Regional Office, in the Cultural Resources Division. This position provides technical and professional support to implement programs and preservation activities with the National Underground Railroad Network-Story Place. [Read more](#)

[Annie's Project Education for Farm Women](#)

[We want to HEAR FROM YOU!](#)

The Agriculture Women's Community & Leadership Survey only takes about 10 mins to complete and will provide valuable insight to help strengthen leaders in the ag community.



umn.qualtrics.com

[Take the survey](#)

The FY2020 ROSS SC NOFA is Published!!

We are excited to announce the publication of the Fiscal Year 2020 Resident Opportunity & Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). You may access the Program NOFA here:

https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/spm/gmomgmt/grantsinfo/fundingopps/fy2020_ross

Applications are due November 19, 2020 at 11:59pm(EST).

The ROSS grant program is designed to assist residents of Public and Indian Housing make progress towards economic and housing self-sufficiency by removing the educational, professional and health barriers they face. To help residents make progress towards self-sufficiency, HUD provides ROSS grant funding to eligible applicants to hire a Service Coordinator who assesses the needs of Public and Indian housing residents and links them to training and supportive services that will enable participants to move along the self-sufficiency continuum. In the case of elderly/disabled residents, the Service Coordinator links them to supportive services which enable them to age/remain in place.

Eligible Applicants are:

- Public Housing Authorities
- Tribes/Tribally Designated Housing Entities
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Resident Associations
- Individuals are not eligible for ROSS funding.

Attached you will find Frequently Asked Questions to assist you with applying for the FY20 NOFA. You should read the entire NOFA to ensure your application meets all requirements.

Respectfully, HUD/SWONAP <https://www.hud.gov/codetalk>

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











The building where this historical society's main office is located holds a wealth of archival materials, including an extensive collection of judges' and attorneys' oral histories.

The Ninth Judicial Circuit Historical Society (NJCHS) was founded in 1985 to collect, preserve and present to the public the history of law in the western United States and the Pacific Islands and educates children and the general public about the judicial system, the rule of law, and other civic values.

The organization takes its name from the U.S. Courts for the Ninth Circuit, the court circuit that adjudicates federal law in nine western states and the Pacific Islands--Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, the Northern Mariana Islands, and Guam.

Search term "Indian" (*click on entries and start reading; see you in a couple of days! sdc*)

1.  [Early Nevada and Indian Law](#)
2.  [The West Boundary of the Hualapai Indian Reservation](#)
3.  [Constitutional Rights and Indian Rites: An Uneasy Balance](#)
4.  [Exiling One's Kin: Banishment and Disenrollment in Indian Country](#)
5.  [Indian Water in the New West Book Reviews](#)
6.  [Indian Territory and the United States, 1866-1906 Book Reviews](#)
7.  [The 1811 San Diego Trial of the Mission Indian Nazario](#)
8.  [A Worse than Useless Custom: The Potlatch Law and Indian Resistance](#)
9.  [An Attorney of One's Choosing: Regulating Indian-Attorney Contracts in the 1950s](#)
10.  [American Indian Water Rights and the Limits of Law Book Reviews](#)
11.  [Braid of Feathers: American Indian Law and Contemporary Tribal Life Book Reviews](#)
12.  [Indian Water Rights in Southern California in the Progressive Era: A Case Study](#)
13.  [Loud Hawk: The United States versus the American Indian Movement Book Reviews](#)

14.  [Making Indian Law: The Hualapai Land Case and the Birth of Ethnohistory Book Reviews](#)
15.  [Native American Estate: The Struggle over Indian and Hawaiian Lands Book Review](#)
16.  [Partial Justice: Federal Indian Law in a Liberal Constitutional System Book Reviews](#)
17.  [Retained by the People: A History of American Indian and the Bill of Rights Book Reviews](#)
18.  [Return of the Buffalo: The Story behind America's Indian Gaming Explosion Book Reviews](#)
19.  [The Northwest Indian Fishing Decisions: Luminous Events in Ninth Circuit History](#)
20.  [Crow Dog's Case: American Indian Sovereignty, Tribal Law, and the United States in the Nineteenth Century Book Reviews](#)
21.  [Ninth Judicial Circuit Historical Society](#)
22.  [Indian Reserved Water Rights: The Winters Doctrine in Its Social and Legal Context, 1880s-1930s Book Reviews](#)
23.  [Lone Wolf v. Hitchcock: Implications for Federal Indian Law at the Start of the Twentieth Century](#)
24.  [Many Difficult and Interesting Questions of Law: Indian Depredation Cases before the United States Court of Claims, 1891-1920](#)
25.  [Lone Wolf v. Hitchcock: Treaty Rights and Indian Law at the End of the Nineteenth Century Book Reviews](#)
26.  [Linking Arms Together: American Indian Treaty Visions of Law and Peace Book Reviews](#)
27.  [Messages from Frank's Landing: A Story of Salmon, Treaties, and the Indian Way Book Reviews](#)
28.  [Native American Testimony: A Chronicle of Indian-White Relations from Prophecy to the Present, 1492-1992 Book Reviews](#)
29.  [South Asians, Civil Rights, and the Pacific Northwest: The 1907 Bellingham Anti-Indian Riot and Subsequent Citizenship and Deportation Struggles](#)
30.  [The Citizen-Ward: United States v. Heyfron and the Meaning of Indian Citizenship under Allotment](#)
34.  [About the Pasadena Courthouse](#)
edge already had a history. The original owner was Dr. Thomas Elliott. He was a member of the first group of Anglo settlers, and proposed Pasadena's name based on a Chippewa Indian word meaning "of the valley." Dr
35.  [Candian Indians, Time and the Law](#)
36.  [Pima Indians, Water Rights, and the Federal Government: U.S. v. Gila Valley Irrigation District Special Issue: Arizona Legal History](#)

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search term: tribal

1.  [Braid of Feathers: American Indian Law and Contemporary Tribal Life Book Reviews](#)
2.  [Negotiating Tribal Water Rights: Fulfilling Promises in the Arid West Book Reviews](#)



3.  [Quest for Tribal Acknowledgment: California's Honey Lake Maidus Book Reviews](#)
4.  [Crow Dog's Case: American Indian Sovereignty, Tribal Law, and the United States in the Nineteenth Century Book Reviews](#)
5.  [Melinda Haag article](#)  
[amount of time on tribal issues. In our district, which stretches from the Oregon border to Monterey and includes fifteen counties, we focus on many things, including environmental enforcement, civil rights, health-care](#)

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Oral Histories <https://www.njchs.org/oral-history-records>

Since 1987, the Ninth Judicial Circuit Historical Society has been collecting the oral histories of judges and lawyers who have made significant contributions to the development of law in the western United States and the Pacific islands. The project's purpose is to create an archive of primary data documenting the legal profession in the western United States so that future generations will be able to study how—and by whom—our society was governed. We are also pleased to list below some oral histories in the collections of fellow historical organizations. Please contact them directly for questions about access to their collections.

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**Articles** (<https://www.njchs.org/western-legal-history-articles>)

*Here is a sample of some of the articles in these vaaaaasssst holdings. Although they may make you sick while reading (and to be fair, some is instructive) it is important to understand the thinking of the court(s) when shaping law and policy. This is why it is so vital that tribal communities read and respond—for the record. Protect and educate future generations. sdc*

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| The Federal Courts and the Annexation of Hawaii                                              | <i>By Hon. Samuel P. King</i>  |
| Federal Defender Organizations in the Ninth Circuit                                          | <i>By Hon. PamelaJ. Franks</i> |
| The Federal Court in Idaho, 1889-1907                                                        | <i>By Monique C. Lillard</i>   |
| Frontier Justice: The Court Records of Washington Territory                                  | <i>By David W Hastings</i>     |
| The Know Nothing Justices on the California Supreme Court                                    | <i>By GeraldF. Uelmen</i>      |
| A Civil Death: Mormon Disenfranchisement in the Inner-Mountain West <i>By Winston Bowman</i> |                                |

A Worse than Useless Custom: The Potlatch Law and Indian Resistance By Douglas Cole; Ira Chaikin

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| A Long and Terrible Shadow: White Values, Native Rights in the Americas, 1492-1992 Book Reviews | Skinner, Ramona |
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Other Judicial Collections (check in your region of the country for more)

[History of the U.S. Courts for the Ninth Circuit](#)

This site, maintained by the Office of the Circuit Executive, has a brief history of the Ninth Circuit, legislative and judgeship history, links to photos of historic courthouses, and information on historic cases.

[Inside the Federal Courts](#)

The Federal Judicial Center produced this site to teach federal court employees about how the courts work, how they are organized, and how they fit into the U.S. system of government. It is on their public website because it may also help students, the media, and the public.

[The Federal Courts' Educational Outreach Program](#)

The Office of Public Affairs at the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts developed this site to heighten public understanding of the federal courts. Included are curriculum materials for teachers.

[The Eastern District of California Historical Society](#)

The Official Homepage of the Historical Society for the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California. Contains court history, judges' biographies, an exhibit of the Abraham Lincoln Collection, and membership information.

[The Northern District of California Historical Society](#)

The Official Website for U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California Historical Society. Contains information on past and current public programs, membership information, and contact information.

[The U.S. District Court of Oregon Historical Society](#)

The Official Website for the U.S. District Court of Oregon Historical Society. Showcases past newsletters, describes oral history program, lists public events, and has contact information.

[Idaho Legal History Society](#)

The Official Website for the Idaho Legal History Society. Contains information on "The Trial of the Century," the 1907 murder case against labor leader William "Big Bill" Haywood. (*who had lived in McDermitt*)

[The Pioneer Courthouse Historical Society](#)

The Pioneer Courthouse Historical Society evolved from the Pioneer Courthouse Historical Committee of the U.S. District Court of Oregon Historical Society. It is an organization of judges, court staff, lawyers, historians, architects, and exhibit designers working to preserve and provide to the public the history of Pioneer Courthouse.

<https://www.unr.edu/coronavirus>

[Elveda Martinez ·Our College Interns just did an excellent presentation showcasing our Food Sovereignty](#) program on an Inter-Tribal Agriculture Council webinar. Good job



Walker Ow-Wing, Stella and Darcy.

This man lived among wolves for much of his childhood. At age 19, he was discovered and forced to return to civilization

<https://www.didyounowdaily.com/story/wolf-child>

Elephant Shrew Rediscovered in Africa After 50 years" (BBC)

Tribal Chairman issues letter asking to silence Minden siren

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The Washoe Tribe is seeking to silence the Minden siren, citing it as a symbol of the town's sundowner past.

In a letter to Douglas County and the Town of Minden, Tribal Chairman Serrell Smokey asked that the county remove the siren. "This is an issue that seems to have been long forgotten," he said.

"As the current leader of the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California, it is my duty to continue to search for solutions to issues that affect my people."

Smokey said the request was an attempt to resolve "years of underlying racism and historical trauma in our town."

Smokey said he's asking for more than just the silencing of the siren.

"My request is that we all recognize this piece of history in the area which we all love so much," he said. "History should be recognized not buried. If we choose not to remember this history, we are bound to repeat it."

Smokey said the Tribe's elders recounted that not leaving town when the siren went off would result in Washoe being beaten.

Retired East Fork Fire Chief and Minden Town Board member Bill Driscoll argued against shutting off the siren in a social media post he submitted to The Record-Courier on Monday.

"To me the sound of the Minden Siren is a proud tribute to the hundreds of volunteer firefighters that have served Douglas County over the years," he said. "The siren, like many others that existed around the County, served as a means of notifying our volunteer firefighters to leave their place of work to respond to an emergency in the community."

The siren sounds daily at noon and 6 p.m.

[Washoe Chairman's siren letterDownload](#)

(Ed note: Since the 60's Fallon's siren rang at noon and for fires, not at 6. sdc)

"Trump to Withdraw Polarizing Nominee to Lead Bureau of Land Management" (NPR)

Pelosi wins big, postmaster general caves in voting by mail scandal

After facing pressure from protesters outside his own home and House Democrats after Speaker Pelosi called for an emergency session to protect the vote, Trump's own postmaster general Louis DeJoy has backed down from implementing controversial changes to the handling of the mail until after the election, asserting, "we will deliver the nation's election mail on time." MSNBC's Ari Melber breaks down this huge win for Pelosi, and what this means for Trump's election chances.

Read in MSNBC: <https://apple.news/AHHASCKELRSuyQp2LooYHhg>



Native American Affairs Job Opportunity **Education Consultant Position**

Job Overview:

- Consultant will meet with tribal entities, tribal representatives, schools, educational contacts, students and parent groups to strategically plan, structure, develop and deliver services not limited to the following:
 - Increase awareness among Tribal Members about potential educational grants, scholarships, and resources
 - Support Application and capacity building
 - Plan, schedule, and assist students with higher education planning, application to colleges, and university programs
 - Assist potential students/families with understanding college requirements, applications/timelines, etc.
 - Work with parents and students to understand pathways to access college/university studies
 - Establish resource bulletin for educational scholarship updates
- Assist high school seniors in graduating
 - Keeping them accountable for GPA
 - Identify the needs of the students and facilitate support as necessary
 - Help them with skills they may be lacking or can help them in the future
- Host various community workshops for students, parents, and potential students

Requirements:

- Must hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited school
- Must be willing to live in Elko, NV
- Must be willing to travel long distances
- Experience working with youth

For more information please contact:

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Comments and Participation Needed

Re: Proposed Thacker Pass Lithium Mine

Virtual meeting on Thursday, August 20th, 2020 from 6:30 - 8 pm

The draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Thacker Pass Lithium Mine in Humboldt County has come out, and the Bureau of Land Management is holding the review **meeting virtually on August 20th from 6:30 to 8pm** to provide information about the mine project, the review process for the mine's permitting, and how to submit comments on the draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

There are some **significant concerns about the proposed mine site**, which include lack of clear community consent and disruption to sensitive species/habitat. Therefore, **attending the meeting and submitting comments on the draft EIS is vital in ensuring these concerns are addressed**. More generally, participation at the draft EIS stage is an important way that we as community members, the public, and Nevadans can keep mine projects accountable towards people and ecosystems.

Some of Great Basin Resource Watch's concerns with the proposed Thacker Pass project are outlined below, as well as instructions for commenting and registering for the August 20th virtual meeting.

How to Register for the Virtual Meeting

Follow this link to register for the Zoom meeting from 6 to 8:30 pm on August 20th:

https://blm.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_Ed_s1xOaQJSZHY8Azn74fg

Some of the questions or concerns that would be good to bring up during the meeting (or in your official comments), are outlined in the "Concerns" section below. Attending the meeting and elevating some of these community concerns is a helpful way to support those who would be most impacted by the project.

How to Comment on the draft EIS

Comments on the DEIS may be submitted in the following ways **before September 14th** email comments to blm_nv_wdo_thacker_pass@blm.gov with "Thacker Pass EIS (Loda)" in the subject line or mail comments to Mr. Ken Loda, project lead, at 5100 East Winnemucca Blvd, Winnemucca, NV 89445

Public process hindered in permitting during COVID-19: The pandemic is impeding on the community's ability to meet and deliberate about the project, and the virtual meeting formats have not adequately supported the public process in permitting for this project. Furthermore, accessing the technical documents needed for understanding the proposed mine project and its impacts can be difficult for people who do not have consistent internet to locate these documents electronically in such rural areas and who, because of COVID, can no longer go in person to access this information. In these ways, the current pandemic has put many people and communities in positions where they cannot fairly give their consent for projects. Despite this, the permitting for Thacker Pass is continuing as usual, and is even being stream-lined.

- **Rapid permitting despite project's controversy with the community:** The company and BLM have set a goal of streamlining Thacker Pass's permitting process. However, community members in Orovada have expressed need for more time to make comments

and understand the project/its full consequences. Many people at the past public meetings were unclear on the proposal, stated the project had changed too many times, and expressed mistrust towards the company. Meaningful public comment, and ultimately community consent for the project, cannot occur if there isn't enough time given for community members to fully understand the project and provide input.

- **Sensitive species:** There are serious concerns about the project impacting wildlife, particularly sage grouse, big horn sheep, raptors, and Lahontan cutthroat trout. The area is vital habitat for these sensitive species, especially just north of the proposed mine area in the Montana Mountains where there is potential for expansion later. Lithium Nevada did state publically that the company has no plans to expand there. However, they still hold mining claims all throughout the Montana Mountains, and the parent company Lithium Americas has not made any promises. The community was also extremely concerned about an expansion there.
- **Water and air:** Pollution from processing facilities, as well as water usage both need to be addressed in detail. Pumping water near the Quinn River, as well as drawdown to the water table affecting springs and domestic wells, is a concern to many ranching/farming in the area. Also, both the Kings Valley and Quinn Valley water basins appear to be over allocated.
- **Tribal Consultation:** At a public scoping meeting, tribal leadership from the Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone tribe welcomed vital employment opportunities and trainings the project would provide community members. Ensuring that Lithium Nevada keeps their word regarding these opportunities is important to note in comments.

Other concerns mentioned:

- BLM representatives discouraging engagement in alternatives to the proposed project, which is contrary to NEPA
- Need to amend resource management plan for this project (since the proposed project area is currently a very high visual class)
- The pumping of water close to the Quinn river. The company has acquired the Dexter Ranch and is planning to change the point of diversion, which could affect existing stock water wells
- Increased traffic, a Man Camp, and light pollution
- Processing facilities and the sulfuric acid plant having air emissions (particularly sulfur based emissions and their smell)
- Thacker reservoir (used for irrigation water storage and fishing) being negatively affected
- The area of Thacker Pass becoming an industrial zone and restricting/potentially eliminating hunting and hiking
- Infrastructure costs falling on the county
- Feeling like the mining company is receiving unfair preferential treatment to those ranching (especially regarding strict regulations ranchers need to follow to protect sage grouse from livestock, while the mine is constructing directly on their habitat)

(GBRW will also be formulating more detailed concerns and comments to circulate soon.)

A little bit more background info about the Thacker Pass project itself...Thacker Pass Mine is a proposed lithium project by Lithium Nevada Corp., located in Humboldt County just below the

Montana Mountains (insert locator map). Lithium Nevada Corp., has plans for open pit lithium mining as well as processing on site. Here's what it will entail:

- An estimated 5,545 acres disturbed from the proposed boundary of 10,468 acres.
- On-site sulfuric acid plant—2,900 tons of acid per day
- Power generation from acid plant—about 34.5 Megawatts of electricity per day
- Acid leach system used to produce several lithium products
- Pumping up to 3,250 gallons per minute (5,200 acre-feet per year)
- Phase 2 includes development of a battery plant
- Estimated lifetime of the mine is 41 years and 5 years of reclamation
- Expected to employ 300
- Will produce 33,000 tons of lithium product per year at the beginning then doubling to 66,000
- BLM has more information on the project that can be found here:
<https://bit.ly/2Npgf9l>.
- More information can also be found on the Great Basin Resource Watch webpage at:
<http://gbrw.org/proposed-thacker-pass-lithium-mine>

