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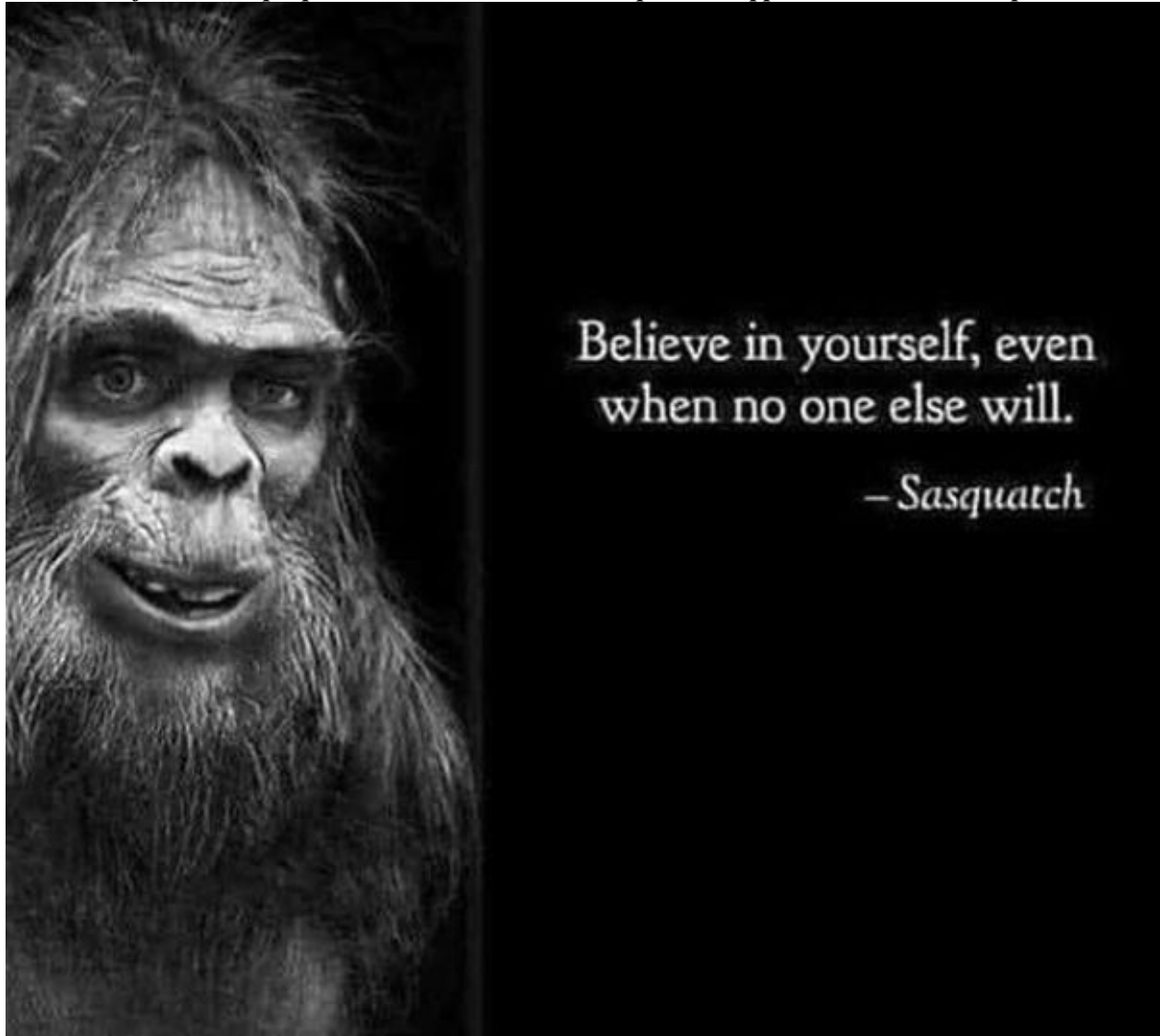
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Earlier today the Squaw Valley Ski Resort announced its decision to drop the word “Squaw” from its official title and to set about creating a new name for its world famous recreation area and facilities in Olympic Valley. The Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California commends and fully supports Ron Cohen, the Resort’s Chief Operating Officer, the Resort management and others who contributed to this milestone decision.

Over time, the word “squaw” came to be used as a derogatory and racist term against Native American women. Native American communities across the country have been working for years to have this term removed from placenames in their ancestral lands.

Tribal Chairman Serrell Smokey and Tribal Vice Chairman Rueben Vasquez observe that “The Washoe People have lived in the area for thousands of years; we have great reverence for our ancestors, history and lands. We are very pleased with this decision; today is a day that many have worked towards for decades. The Washoe Tribal Council recognizes the significance of the name change and on behalf of the Washoe people expresses its great appreciation for this positive step forward.”

Washoe Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Darrel Cruz, along with past and present Tribal leaders, has been coordinating with Resort management on this initiative, and will continue to work with the Resort as well as with the Squaw Valley Public Service District and with Placer County to rename other public places and features in Olympic Valley.

Lake Tahoe and its surrounding area in Nevada and California are the aboriginal homelands of the Washoe Tribe, and the Tribe currently owns real estate in Olympic Valley.

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Squaw Valley | Alpine Meadows Announces Commitment to Change Its Name *'Squaw' to Be Removed From Destination Name*

[OLYMPIC VALLEY, Calif.] Aug. 25, 2020 – Squaw Valley Alpine Meadows announces today it is making a commitment to change the name of the legendary California mountain destination.

After extensive research into the etymology and history of the term “squaw,” both generally and specifically with respect to Squaw Valley, outreach to Native American groups, including the local Washoe Tribe, and outreach to the local and extended community, company leadership has decided it is time to drop the derogatory and offensive term “squaw” from the destination’s name.

Work to determine a new name is slated to begin immediately and will culminate with an announcement of a new name in 2021. Implementation of the name change will occur after the winter season concludes in 2021.

“With the momentum of recognition and accountability we are seeing around the country, we have reached the conclusion that now is the right time to acknowledge a change needs to happen. While we love our local history and the memories we all associate with this place as it has been named for so long, we are confronted with the overwhelming evidence that the term ‘squaw’ is considered offensive,” said Ron Cohen, president and COO of Squaw Valley Alpine Meadows. “As much as we cherish the memories we associate with our resort name, we must accept that these emotional attachments do not justify our continuing use of a word that is widely accepted to be a racist and sexist slur.

A renaming project team headed by resort leadership will oversee the selection of the new name.

For more information on this decision, as well as the history surrounding the word “squaw,” please visit: <https://squawalpine.com/squaw-valley-alpine-meadows-name-change>.

We will find a new name that reflects our core values, storied past, and respect for all those who have enjoyed this land. While the resort name will change, this special place will always be the location of the 1960 Winter Olympics, the home of our beloved KT-22 chairlift, the place where extreme skiing pioneers changed the sport forever, and the treasured mountain home for so many people who revere this amazing ski resort.”

About Squaw Valley | Alpine Meadows

Squaw Valley Alpine Meadows is an internationally renowned mountain resort in North Lake Tahoe, California and proud host of the 1960 Olympic Winter Games. The resort spans 6,000 skiable acres across two mountains, with stunning views of Lake Tahoe and the Sierra Nevada. Skiers and riders of all ability levels are welcomed by over 65 percent beginner and intermediate terrain, while legendary steeps, towering cliffs and heart-pumping chutes continue to be ground zero for boundary breaking skiing and riding. The resort features slopeside lodging at The Village at Squaw Valley®, which bustles year-round with nonstop events and over 50 bars, restaurants and boutiques.

With an annual average of 450 inches of snowfall and 300 sunny California days, Squaw Valley Alpine Meadows is known as the Spring Skiing Capital™ and provides the longest ski and snowboard season in Lake Tahoe. Squaw Valley Alpine Meadows is on the [Ikon Pass](#), the new standard in season passes, which grants access to 43 iconic destinations across five continents. Ahead of the 2020-21 ski season, Squaw Valley Alpine Meadows announced its commitment to change the resort name, removing the word “squaw,” which is widely considered offensive. The resort has begun work on determining a new name, which will be unveiled in 2021. Visit the [Squaw Valley Alpine Meadows website](#) or call 1.800.403.0206 to learn more. You can also visit us on [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Vimeo](#).

About Alterra Mountain Company

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Mountain Company is a family of 15 iconic year-round mountain destinations, including the world’s largest heli-ski operation, offering the Ikon Pass, the globe’s newest season pass that invites skiers and riders to seek the unique of each mountain. The company owns and operates a range of recreation, hospitality, real estate development, food and beverage, retail and service businesses. Headquartered in Denver, Colorado, with destinations across the continent, Alterra Mountain Company is rooted in the spirit of the mountains and united by a passion for outdoor adventure. Alterra Mountain Company’s family of diverse playgrounds spans six U.S. states and three Canadian provinces: Steamboat and Winter Park in Colorado; Squaw Valley Alpine Meadows, Mammoth Mountain, June Mountain and Big Bear Mountain Resort in California; Stratton and Sugarbush Resort in Vermont; Snowshoe in West Virginia; Tremblant in Quebec, Blue Mountain in Ontario; Crystal Mountain in Washington; Deer Valley Resort and Solitude Mountain Resort in Utah; and CMH Heli-Skiing & Summer Adventures in British Columbia.

Also included in the portfolio is Alpine Aerotech, a worldwide helicopter support and maintenance service center in British Columbia, Canada. Alterra Mountain Company honors each destination’s unique character and authenticity and celebrates the legendary adventures and enduring memories they bring to everyone. For more information, please visit www.alterramtnc.com.

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Pendley's nomination may be scrapped, but he's still in charge at BLM

by [Jacob Fischler](#)

President Donald Trump's pick to lead the Bureau of Land Management will continue leading the agency even after his nomination is withdrawn, leading the diverse conservation groups that opposed him to call for his removal from office.

The Trump administration said last weekend it would pull the nomination of William Perry Pendley when the Senate returns from recess, [following intense criticism](#) from advocacy groups ranging from the typically Democrat-aligned Sierra Club to more bipartisan organizations. Pendley aggressively opposed government management of public lands before joining the BLM as deputy director for programs and policy last year.

Although the admission by the White House that Pendley wouldn't win Senate confirmation could be seen as a win for conservation groups and Democratic senators, it also robs them of the opportunity to spotlight a record they say is incompatible with the mission of the agency he was tapped to lead.



This office building in Grand Junction, CO will be the new headquarters for the Bureau of Land Management. **Existing tenants in the building include Chevron and the Colorado Oil and Gas Association.** (Photo: BLM) Pendley also remains the top BLM official, which his opponents say is unacceptable.

“At first, it felt like a victory,” said Land Tawney, the president and CEO of the nonpartisan Backcountry Hunters and Anglers. “It wasn’t a victory. It’s just a sleight of hand and business as usual. And people are watching and they’re not happy about it.”

In his current role, Pendley continues to head the BLM, U.S. Interior Department spokesman Conner Swanson confirmed to States Newsroom in an email.

“The President makes staffing decisions,” he wrote. “Mr. Pendley continues to lead the Bureau of Land Management as Deputy Director for Programs and Policy.” BLM is an agency of the Interior Department.

Pendley can act with the authority of the BLM director's office until a director is confirmed, according to an order that Pendley and Casey Hammond, an Interior official who oversees public lands issues, signed in May, before Pendley was tapped by the president.

The administration says that the order does not officially make Pendley the agency's acting director and therefore does not conflict with the Vacancy Reform Act that limits acting officials' legal tenure to less than nine months. Pendley took office as deputy in July 2019 and was [nominated by Trump on June 30 to lead the BLM](#).

Pendley's opponents say the withdrawal is an acknowledgement that he is unfit to run the agency and that he wouldn't receive enough support even from the Republican-controlled Senate.

"The administration is going to withdraw his nomination because he is unfit and unconfirmable," said Tracy Stone-Manning, associate vice president for public lands at the National Wildlife Federation. "So why are they letting him run the agency? It's not acceptable."

Keeping him in his office "is pretty blatantly an end-run around the Constitution" and the Senate's advice-and-consent responsibility, said Mike Quigley, the Arizona state director of the Wilderness Society, a conservation group.

Pendley's continued leadership at BLM even though he's no longer a nominee could indicate the White House made the move to protect three vulnerable Republican senators from Western states —Martha McSally of Arizona, Cory Gardner of Colorado and Steve Daines of Montana—from a tough vote.

But the withdrawal may not actually provide an escape. Pendley's nomination spurred conservation groups to urge their members from both political parties to ask their senators to vote against him. The groups say their activism won't subside until he's out of office.

Tawney said his group would push McSally, Gardner and Daines, who were key to getting Trump to endorse a public lands funding bill earlier this summer, to ask for Pendley's removal.

The withdrawal "doesn't take away this angst, it increases this angst," Tawney said. "We're urging them to ask for his removal."

Stone-Manning, who formerly worked for Daines' opponent, Montana Gov. Steve Bullock, said the withdrawal shouldn't remove political pressure.

"The same senators who were being asked to choose between following the president and following their constituents should answer whether it is acceptable that he is still in an acting role," she said. "The public is mad about it. We had tens of thousands of people write their senators saying, 'Hey, this guy shouldn't be confirmed,' from NWF membership. Those people are still watching. And they vote."

Representatives for McSally, Daines and Gardner did not return messages seeking comment.

Colorado's senior senator, Democrat Michael Bennet, called for Pendley's removal.

“William Perry Pendley should have never been chosen to lead the Bureau of Land Management,” Bennet said through a spokesperson’s email. “His policies do not reflect Colorado’s values. Someone who has spent their entire career opposed to the very idea of public lands is unfit to lead a land management agency. Interior Secretary David Bernhardt should terminate Pendley’s authority as acting director of BLM, and the administration should nominate someone who is qualified to lead the agency.”

Before joining the administration, Pendley ran the Mountain States Legal Foundation, a conservative nonprofit that advocates for reducing federal control of Western lands in favor of private property rights. Pendley was also a frequent contributor to the conservative magazine National Review, where he suggested that the federal government should sell all its public lands and criticized former Trump Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, saying he didn’t go far enough in opening national monuments for economic and recreational uses.

He has also called human-induced climate change “fiction.”

As an attorney, he represented uranium miners seeking access to lands adjacent to the Grand Canyon and other energy interests looking for access to federal public lands.

Pendley has defended his record, saying that his views don’t entirely dictate policy because he takes his direction from the White House. During his tenure at the BLM, the agency has added 25,000 acres, a spokesperson said last month.

Still, conservationists say he has continued to prioritize the oil and gas industry at the expense of the BLM’s multi-use mission. For example, he approved a 20-year resource management plan in Montana that opened 95 percent of the area’s acreage for oil and gas exploration, Stone-Manning said.

Jacob Fischler is a national correspondent for States Newsroom.

A fact is information minus emotion. An opinion is information plus experience. Ignorance is an opinion lacking information. And, stupidity is an opinion that ignores a fact.

[NEW! PIH Announces Fiscal Year 2020 Resident Opportunity & Self-Sufficiency \(ROSS\) Notice of Funding Availability \(NOFA\)](#)

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.

Access the FY20 ROSS Program NOFA [here](#)

Additional Resources

FY20 ROSS NOFA **[Frequently Asked Questions](#)**

[Applicant Eligibility Requirements](#)

[General Administrative Requirements and Terms](#)

For Additional Information or Questions- contact the ROSS Office at: ROSS-PIH@hud.gov and for regular updates, join the ROSS Listserv at: ROSS-SC-L@HUDLIST.HUD.GOV

**Vacancy Announcement- [Grants Management Specialist, GS-9/11/12, Chicago](#),
ILOpen: August 17, 2020 Close: August 31, 2020**

The following are the duties of this position at the GS-12. If you are selected at a lower grade level, you will have the opportunity to learn to perform all these duties, and will receive training to help you grow in this position.

- Act as a government technical monitor and participate in government technical evaluation panels and pre-proposal conferences.
- Participate in the preparation of cost estimates, statements of work, reporting requirements, proposal instructions and evaluation criteria.
- Conduct market research and provide advice on any matters concerning solicitation and the reasonable need for proposed costs.
- Primarily responsible for managing relationships with participating tribally designated housing entities (TDHE), Indian tribes, and others involved in the administration of all applicable programs. [Apply Here](#)

[This 15-Foot Ichthyosaur Died With a 13-Foot Meal in Its Stomach](#)

Tilting at Windmills: The FBI Chased Imagined Eco-Activist Enemies, Documents Reveal *Alleen Brown, The Intercept*

Brown writes: "Federal and state law enforcement officers gathered in the Midwest in February 2019 to practice their responses to a fictional threat: wind farm sabotage." [READ MORE](#)

Klamath Tribes: No more delays on dam removal By Herald and News, 8/22/20

From time immemorial, the inherent rights to hunt, fish, and gather have defined our tribal way of life. Despite relentless striving to protect and preserve our way of life, our cultural vitality, the Klamath Tribes have endured over a century of upheaval and dishonorable treatment by the larger, colonizing society. One potent example of this abuse is the construction of four hydroelectric dams on the Lower Klamath River beginning in 1912.

- In 2021, [750 million genetically modified \(GM\) mosquitoes](#) are set to be released in the Florida Keys and a string of surrounding islands. The Environmental Protection Agency granted permission in May to the British-based but US-operated company, Oxitec, to produce the genetically engineered, male *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes, known as OX5034.
- *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes spread deadly diseases like dengue, Zika, chikungunya, and yellow fever to humans. Only female mosquitoes bite humans because they need blood to produce eggs. So the plan is to release the GM male mosquitoes who will then hopefully breed with wild female mosquitoes.
- However, the male mosquitoes now carry a protein that will kill off any female offspring before they reach mature biting age. The males, which only feed on nectar, will survive and pass on the genes. Over time this will reduce the population of *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes in the area and thereby reduce the spread of disease to humans.
- Green-lighting the pilot project, which has been debated for years, drew a swift outcry from environmental groups, who warned of unintended consequences. One group condemned the plan as a public "Jurassic Park experiment." Activists warn of possible damage to ecosystems, and the potential creation of hybrid, insecticide-resistant mosquitoes. (BBC)

Huma,

Below are links to last week's program for which we honored our pow wow culture.

"This is Why We Dance" <https://youtu.be/0YwXWWYxPI4> <https://youtu.be/3xU-rt2u5G8>

This is permanently linked to the Stewart Indian School website.

We were overwhelmed by the interest and the response. As of today our Facebook LIVE has 3K views and 47 shares, along with 27 comments. Plus, there were over 200 people online with us for the Zoom presentation too.

Please continue to share this cultural event.

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Rethinking Teaching 2020

Enriching remote, online, hyflex, blended, and in-person teaching for fall 2020

Instead of This

- Long lectures
- Worksheets
- Feedback
- High stakes tests
- One-size-fits-all
- 100% live classes
- Dominant curricula
- Solo activities

Try This!

- Mini-lessons with active learning ([research](#))
- [HyperDocs](#), [webquests](#), or [interactive stories](#)
- [Feedforward](#)
- Low-stakes [mastery of learning](#)
- Universal Design for Learning ([UDL Strategies](#))
- Low-tech and asynchronous activities
- Culturally relevant pedagogy ([research](#))
- [Connected Learning](#) & [social activities](#)

Teaching During COVID-19

- **Don't Replicate School** - 6 hours in school is not the same as 6 hours on Zoom. [Zoom fatigue is real - here's why video calls are so draining](#)
- **Keep High Expectations** - Don't change your expectations, change your approach. Maintain high expectations for all learners but understand that students are struggling more than ever. Students will need extra support and flexible deadlines rather than consequences.
- **Abandon Surveillance & Control Tools** - Without being able to look over students' shoulders you might want to turn to tools that will allow you to see and control what students are doing on their screens. Instead, focus on building trust, relationships, and respect. Provide clear expectations and transparency for asynchronous learning activities ([Transparent teaching and learning framework](#)). Check-in often with formative assessment tools.

Surveillance & Control

The use of surveillance, proctoring, and control tools (e.g., browser lock) **reinforces "compliance and submission to authority"** in an environment that should be emphasizing individual motivation, critical thinking, and internalized ethics."
bit.ly/surveilpedagogy

Low-Tech Learning

Reduce screen time with low-tech activities:

- Haiku Hikes, Journaling, Postcard Writing
- Building, Inventing, Designing, Crafting
- Sketchnoting, Drawing, Map-Making
- Observing, Collecting Data, Predicting
- Creating Comics, Collages, Songs, & Rhymes
- Interviewing, Storytelling, Playwriting
- Learn more: [Kids Have All the Write Stuff](#)

**EPA Brownfields Multipurpose, Assessment, and Cleanup Grant Opportunities
are Now Open!!
2021 Request for Applications**

Application Due Date: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 by 11:59 PM Eastern Time

EPA's Brownfields Program provides funds to empower states, communities, tribes, and nonprofit organizations to prevent, inventory, assess, clean up, and reuse brownfield sites. A brownfield site is defined as real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, controlled substances, petroleum or petroleum products, or is mine-scarred land.

The Brownfields Program will award approximately 10 Multipurpose Grants for a total of \$8 million; 87 Assessment Grants for a total of \$32 million; and 26 Cleanup Grants for a total of \$13 million.

See additional details at the following link: Multipurpose, Assessment, RLF, and Cleanup (MARC) Grant Application Resources webpage.

How can I apply?

Click the links below to go directly to the solicitations on [Grants.gov](https://www.epa.gov/grants):

- FY2021 Brownfields Multipurpose Grant solicitation
- FY2021 Brownfields Assessment Grant solicitation
- FY2021 Brownfields Cleanup Grant solicitation

National Applicant Outreach Webinar

Potential applicants are invited to participate in an upcoming webinar with EPA to review and address questions about the solicitations. The webinar is scheduled for Monday, September 14, 2020 at 1:30 PM ET.

Participants may join the webinar at <https://epawebconferencing.acms.com/fy21mac/> and/or via conference call (dial-in number: 1-866-299-3188/ access code: 202-566-1817#).



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[RNC features Navajo leader, support for Columbus Day](#)

[Tribe's vice president, Myron Lizer, among 17 people set to speak on Day 2 of convention](#)

[#NativeVote20](#)