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Good day to each of you, our friends and our supporters. We write this message to wish each of you a very warm Winter Solstice and a happy Ohlone New Year.

Winter Solstice for us, in our Ohlone culture, is the start of our traditional new year; a day of ceremony, celebration, feasting and togetherness as the darkest night of the year leads us to brighter days full of light. In our Chochenyo language, the oldest language of this land, we say **'eṭwe makiš warép**—the year has turned on us, in a tense that emphasizes that we are a part of this process of the changing season and a land that is living: we are not observers rather we are affected by this change.

As 2020 comes to a close, we know this has been a year marked by struggle, sacrifice, and bountiful amounts of resilience from each of us. We have sent quite a few messages to each of you ending in the Chochenyo phrase **'ewwe ṭuuxi huyyuwiš**—better days are ahead of us, and this is something we genuinely believe with full hearts. In our Ohlone culture, we are taught by our elders to take a long view of history, and we have seen that healing can happen ... but it takes time, love, and hope—even at times when hope might be in short supply.

If we look up to the sky, the sun and the moon can be among our greatest teachers. Every month **kormey** — moon — declines until it becomes invisible to our eyes. At its most feeble moment, suddenly, **kormey** is reborn and grows back to its fullest, shining bright in the night sky each month, full, healthy and thriving. Winter Solstice is an amplified form of this cycle of revival, with each of our days dwindling darker and colder for months, until **hišmen**—sun— moves as far away from us as possible. When it's farthest away, **hišmen** begins to come back to us, until days grow warmer and radiant light fills the sky yet again.

In years of hardship, we are reminded that there are constant reasons to hold close that those brighter days will come, even if it takes time. There have been many moments in our history where our Ohlone people have seen loss, loss that is too painful to fully describe in words, but we acknowledge that love, enduring strength, and hope for brighter days kept our family moving forward. That love, strength and hope allow us to exist today in our homeland — for our language to be strengthened, our values to continue to be passed down intergenerationally, our culture to be made new again. Today, in spite of the hardship and suppression our people needlessly experienced, we are able to see our culture practiced fully, in our home, with hope for that shining future we know we deserve — made possible by the generations before us that always found a way to keep moving forward.

We express our gratitude this Winter Solstice to our resilient ancestors, our strong elders, and this breathtakingly beautiful land that has shaped us.

To each of you: tomorrow, after this darkest night of the year, please look closely at the sky and see the days grow longer. Hold closely, and remember in moments of hardship, that days full of light are on the horizon. **huššištak 'ewwesin**—Tomorrow will be brighter than it was today.

A warm Winter Solstice and happy Ohlone New Year to each of you.

In community, The team at mak-'amham/Cafe Ohlone

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COVID-19 Related Funding

[Grant Opportunity for Alaskan Organizations Impacted by COVID-19](#)

The Alaska Community Foundation's AK Can Do COVID-19 response grant opportunity will support nonprofit organizations throughout the state who have been financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Funds for Community Organizations in Maine and New Hampshire Addressing the Pandemic](#)

The Seacoast Women's Giving Circle is accepting proposals from nonprofit organizations in Kittery, ME, and Hampton, Hampton Falls, New Castle, North Hampton, Portsmouth, Rye, and Seabrook, NH, that are focused on strengthening resilient communities during this pandemic.

[Resources Enhance the Provision of Services in Green Bay, WI](#)

The Greater Green Bay Community Foundation's Emergency Response Fund supports organizations in Brown, Kewaunee, and Oconto counties in Wisconsin. The Green Bay Packers offer support in Brown County through the Packers Give Back COVID-19 Community Relief Fund.

National Opportunities

[Support for Efforts to Foster Economic Opportunity for Minorities](#)

Through the Elevate Initiative request for proposals, Frontline Solutions, in partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, is focused on addressing structural and systemic barriers to economic opportunity and ensuring equitable outcomes in the American workforce.

[Youth and Scientific Education Programs Funded](#)

The American Honda Foundation supports nonprofit organizations and educational institutions nationwide that address the areas of youth and scientific education.

[Construction Grants for Skateparks in Low-Income Communities](#)

The Skatepark Project is dedicated to promoting the construction of new, quality skateparks located in low-income communities throughout the United States.

[Awards for Childcare Educators Nationwide](#)

The Terri Lynne Lokoff Teacher Awards program, administered by First Up, acknowledges the critical role of childcare teachers in providing quality early care and education.

Regional Opportunities

[Organizations Improving the Lives of Southern Women and Girls of Color Supported](#)

The Ms. Foundation is launching Ms. South, a multi-year strategy to strengthen the financial sustainability and leadership development capacity of organizations led by women and girls of color (WGOC) in the U.S. South.

Funds for the Protection of Natural Areas in Illinois

The mission of the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation is to improve energy efficiency, advance the development and use of renewable energy resources, and protect natural areas and wildlife habitat in communities all across Illinois.

Grants for Ohio Charitable Organizations

The mission of The Kettering Fund is to support scientific, medical, social, and educational studies and research conducted by nonprofit organizations and carried out within the state of Ohio.

Support for Youth and Military Programs in Nevada

The Raiders Foundation is committed to increasing community and civic health in the state of Nevada.

Federal Opportunities

Program Supports Women and Minorities in STEM

The Women and Minorities in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Fields Program (WAMS) supports research, education and teaching, and extension projects that increase participation by women and underrepresented minorities from rural areas in STEM.

Funds Available for Historic Preservation

The Save America's Treasures Grants program helps preserve nationally significant historic properties and collections that convey our nation's rich heritage to future generations.



Competition Addresses Post-Pandemic Challenges in Canada and the U.S.

Foundation for Educational Exchange Between Canada and the United States of America (Fulbright Canada)

The Fulbright Canada Post-COVID Challenge is an open call for youth from across Canada and the United States to provide creative ideas that aim to address critical social, economic, technological, and public health challenges in the post-COVID world. Ideas are sought in the following areas: improving public health and well-being, contributing to digital transformation, and finding solutions to social cohesion and economic recovery. Individuals or teams of youth who are the age of majority and reside in Canada or the United States are eligible to participate. The winning team will receive a \$25,000 prize and the second and third place winners will receive \$10,000, along with an all-expense-paid trip to the Fulbright Canada 30th Anniversary Gala. The application deadline is January 30, 2021. Visit the Challenge website to review the timeline.

Support for Grassroots Conservation Organizations

The Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund

The Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund is temporarily awarding grants to support the core operational costs of local, grassroots, species conservation organizations worldwide which are struggling financially due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and as a result face personnel or financial constraints in conducting species conservation work in 2021. Grants ranging from

\$15,000 to \$25,000 will be provided. The upcoming application deadline is February 28, 2021. Visit the Fund's website to apply online.

Solutions to Canadian Food Waste Sought

[Impact Canada](#)

The Food Waste Reduction Challenge aims to accelerate and advance the deployment of diverse and high-impact solutions to food waste in Canada. Through Challenge Streams A and B, support is available for solutions that are ready for commercialization and that provide an innovative way of doing business to prevent or divert food waste across any or multiple segments of the food supply chain. These streams target solutions in their early commercialization phase to accelerate their growth and expansion in the Canadian market. Successful solutions will have a high impact in reducing the volume of food waste in absolute (total volume of food saved) or relative terms (percentage of food saved). The deadline to apply is January 18, 2021.



[Doris Day Animal Foundation](#)

The Doris Day Animal Foundation provides support to nonprofit organizations across the United States that directly care for and protect animals. [Learn more](#) about the funding guidelines and application process

[Kyrie Irving explains burning sage before Nets' game ...](#)

<https://www.foxnews.com/sports/kyrie-irving-burning-sage-nets-game>

Dec 19, 2020 · Kyrie Irving was mocked on social media for burning sage at TD Garden before his Brooklyn Nets took on the Boston Celtics in one of the final preseason tune-ups before the



regular season begins....Author: Ryan Gaydos

[DWR Crowdsources Cutting Edge Science to Protect Spring-Run Salmon](#)

CA DWR, 12/15/20

Spring-run Chinook used to be the dominant run of salmon in California's Central Valley, with more than a million spawners spread across nearly every river and foothill creek. Now they are rare outside of hatcheries, and may disappear from the few streams where they are still seen. In the first steps of a new effort to protect and restore this native fish, the Department of Water Resources recently held a three-day virtual workshop to crowdsource the brainpower of top scientists across a broad spectrum of public agencies and academia.

2020 K-12 Nevada Enrollment

Clark County School District	65.6%
Washoe County School District	13.3%
Charter School Authority	10.9%
Rural Districts	10.2%

Chart: Nevada Current Source: Nevada Department of Education [Get the data](#) Created with [Datawrapper](#)

<https://www.nevadacurrent.com/2020/12/14/charter-schools-grow-but-fall-short-of-diversity-targets-set-by-legislature/>

Music teacher Tyler Swick has gotten fairly creative in order to get the job done via distance learning. [Jackie Valley reports](#) on one man's attempt to keep his students engaged.

Philanthropy is commendable, but it must not cause the philanthropist to overlook the circumstances of economic injustice which make philanthropy necessary.” — [Martin Luther King, Jr.](#)

Distinctly Montana

This historical portrait of Chief Big Ox of the Crow carries with it a tragic story of accidental



violence and loss...

In Last Rush, Trump Grants Mining and Energy Firms Access to Public Lands

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/12/19/us/politics/in-last-rush-trump-grants-mining-and-energy-firms-access-to-public-lands.html?referringSource=articleShare&fbclid=IwAR0e-AqrrRNUtWJXRpfqDtk6VG0XFInI77Npzoxa3ehwIWdd9jKOSk-RBg>

[Trump officials expedite mining](#)

Haaland recalls struggles as single mom, Thanksgiving and being homeless

<https://rollcall.com/2019/09/16/haaland-recalls-struggles-as-single-mom-thanksgiving-and-being-homeless/?ref=com.devaary.cqrc.rollcall.v01>

With the Democratic congresswoman likely to serve as Interior secretary, New Mexico will hold a special election to fill her seat Aliyah Chavez Indian Country Today

With President-elect Joe Biden selecting U.S. Rep. Deb Haaland as his Interior secretary, many are wondering: What will happen to her position in the U.S. House?

First, Haaland, Pueblos of Laguna and Jemez, will look to be approved as secretary of the Interior through a Senate confirmation hearing. Those hearings are likely to happen in January, with some leaders who could be in position to assume office on Inauguration Day on Jan. 20, [Politico reports](#). If a majority of the Senate chooses to confirm her to office, she will be sworn in to lead the department.

If Haaland is confirmed, she will then formally submit a vacancy with the state of New Mexico saying she is officially resigning from her role as a U.S. representative.

Within 10 days after this, the secretary of state will set a date for a special election that will aim to fill her House seat. The election must be between 77 and 91 days after her vacancy, which could put the special election day anywhere from April 6 to April 21.

Which candidates will run for this special election? It is hard to say now.

Every candidate hoping to run for her position will have to be over 25 years old and reside in the state's 1st Congressional District, which includes Albuquerque, the state's largest city.

Each major political party in New Mexico will elect their own nominees based on their party's rules.

They will then choose one candidate to formally endorse, usually through an in-party election. Next, each party's chosen candidate will campaign until election day.

The special election will be held like a general election and will include opportunities for early and absentee voting.

Following news of Haaland's selection, the All Pueblo Council of Governors, a body collectively representing New Mexico's 19 Pueblo Nations, said it hopes the seat will be filled by a Native person.

"We believe that the State of New Mexico and Congressional District 1 would best be served by ensuring that another strong Native American is elected to take Congresswoman Haaland's seat," said APCG Secretary David Toledo, who also serves as governor of Jemez Pueblo.

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[Nevada's Vast Stores Of Lithium Could Fuel The Energy Transition. But At What Cost?](#)

Dec 18, 2020 03:02 pm

The Sony Handycam, of all things, foretold what may soon be a massive mine on public lands in Nevada. In the early 1990s, the camcorder became the first product to use lithium-ion batteries commercially. Since then, the technology has been used to power our laptops, smartphones, and now electric vehicles and homes.

Mad dash. The [New York Times had a story over](#) the weekend on the extraction industry's scramble to get a bunch mines and drilling and such approved before all their colleagues in the federal regulatory community are replaced by people who actually want to protect the environment. Some mining/energy projects "like a planned uranium mine in South Dakota, will require further approvals, or face lawsuits seeking to stop them, like the planned helium drilling project in Utah. But others, like the lithium mine in Nevada, will have the final federal permit needed before construction can begin, and will be hard for the next administration to stop."

How AI can fight the climate problem hiding inside buildings (Fast Company). Is this building up to code?

Virtual Nonprofit Academy Includes Executive Directors from Outside the Truckee Meadows

Virtual monthly meetings of the Nonprofit Academy allow Executive Directors of Nonprofits from all over northern Nevada to participate. The free Nonprofit Academy is open to nonprofit Executive Directors/CEOs who have less than three years of experience in their current role. Participation is limited to one participant per organization.

Nonprofit Academy Deadline is Extended to Dec. 31. [Apply here today](#)

How the family of Pelagie Faribault came to own Pike Island near Fort Snelling

Pelagie Faribault was a métis (Native and European) woman who received Wita Tanka (Big Island, also called Pike Island) from her Dakota kin as part of an 1820 treaty with the United States. The...

<https://www.minnpost.com/mnopedia/2020/12/how-the-family-of-pelagie-faribault-came-to-own-pike-island-near-fort-snelling/>

‘Our DNA is of this land’: The Cherokee quest to reclaim stolen territory

Their ancestors were forced onto the Trail of Tears in 1838. Now the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is piecing back together their sacred sites

www.nationalgeographic.com

Jingle dress dancing is rooted in another historic pandemic<http://strib.mn/3mtMgvI>

ndncollective.org

[Acknowledging the Winter Solstice is a Decolonial Act for Indigenous People | NDN Collective](#)
[The winter solstice is an opportunity for Indigenous people to reconnect to the natural world, sharpen our senses, and access our most powerful selves.](#)



montanarightnow.com

[Little Shell celebrates first anniversary of getting federally recognized](#)
[GREAT FALLS - A small band of Little Shell Tribe members came together Sunday to celebrate their first annual anniversary of getting federally recognized. For 365 days, the tribe marched](#)



[Court Ends Attempt to Mine for Gold Near Yellowstone ...](#)



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[The Serviceberry: An Economy of Abundance – Robin Wall Kimmerer](#)
[As Robin Wall Kimmerer harvests serviceberries alongside the birds, she considers the ethic of reciprocity that lies at the heart of the gift economy.](#)

Why then have we permitted the dominance of economic systems that commoditize everything? That create scarcity instead of abundance, that promote accumulation rather than sharing? We've surrendered our values to an economic system that actively harms what we love. I'm wondering how we fix that. And I'm not alone.

Scenic America Conservation Issues

Scenic America has historically worked on a wide range of issues related to scenic conservation. You can find more information about our work and activities using the links to the issue areas below.

[Scenic Byways](#)

Learn all about the National Scenic Byways program administered through the Federal Highway administration, including what you can do to contribute!

[Tree Conservation](#)

Learn how tree conservation can have positive environmental, economic and health benefits for communities as well as what you can do to help.

[Community Planning & Design](#)

The appearance of our neighborhoods is important in determining how we feel about them. Learn more about how to get active in your community's design here.

[Scenic Easements & View Protection](#)

Learn more about scenic easements, how they support scenic conservation, and how you can get involved here.

[Telecommunication Towers](#)

As telecommunication towers become more numerous, they contribute more to visual pollution. Learn more about creative solutions and how you can get involved here.

[Transportation Planning](#)

Carefully planning development is an important step in building a community you can be proud of. Learn more about how context sensitive solutions can help here!

[Underground Utility Wires](#)

Did you know above ground utility wires are not only unsightly, but also dangerous and unnecessarily costly to maintain? Learn more about the alternatives here.

Appropriations Funding Update

The Senate included \$35 million for the National Scenic Byways Program in its appropriations bill to fund the program for the first time in nine years. Unable to finalize the overall spending package, Congress passed a continuing resolution on December 11 and negotiations have carried on throughout this week. We will keep you updated on the latest developments.

Byways Announcement Update

The announcement of the newest National Scenic Byways is expected soon, marking the first time since 2009 that roadways have received this designation. Although an announcement was anticipated by December 22, the designations may be delayed until after the new administration takes office. The revitalization of this program is a direct result of Scenic America's advocacy efforts. Sixty-four roadways are under consideration for this distinction.

New Video Defines Scenic Resources

Our Scenic Pittsburgh chapter recently released a new video to help people understand how to best recognize and steward scenic resources. [WATCH THE VIDEO](#)

Carolyn Harry

You were on our minds and in our prayers everyday Darrell- Not the news we wanted. Not Darrell. We just talked, we just hugged, we just laughed..just a few weeks ago... you kept us all



updated when this did

hit,.. always a little buddy-

a Laker Forever ❤️🌹😭 God I hate you Covid..

Carla Eben ·

SHARING AN UPDATE...NOT THE NEWS WE WERE WAITING FOR OR WANTED TO HEAR:

Tonight God got an angel. Hearts are torn to pieces right now , I, too am in shock and angry that Covid19 took your young life ...

RIP Darrell Sdown DeGarmo

Travel Well Across the Milky Way....Sa'a U Poonedooa E Pua'a



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["He's bigger than the Yakama Nation." Melvin Sampson was a leader from the start
Melvin Roger Sampson will forever be regarded as a leader among leaders who fought for the
betterment of indigenous people across the country, Yakama leaders say.](#)