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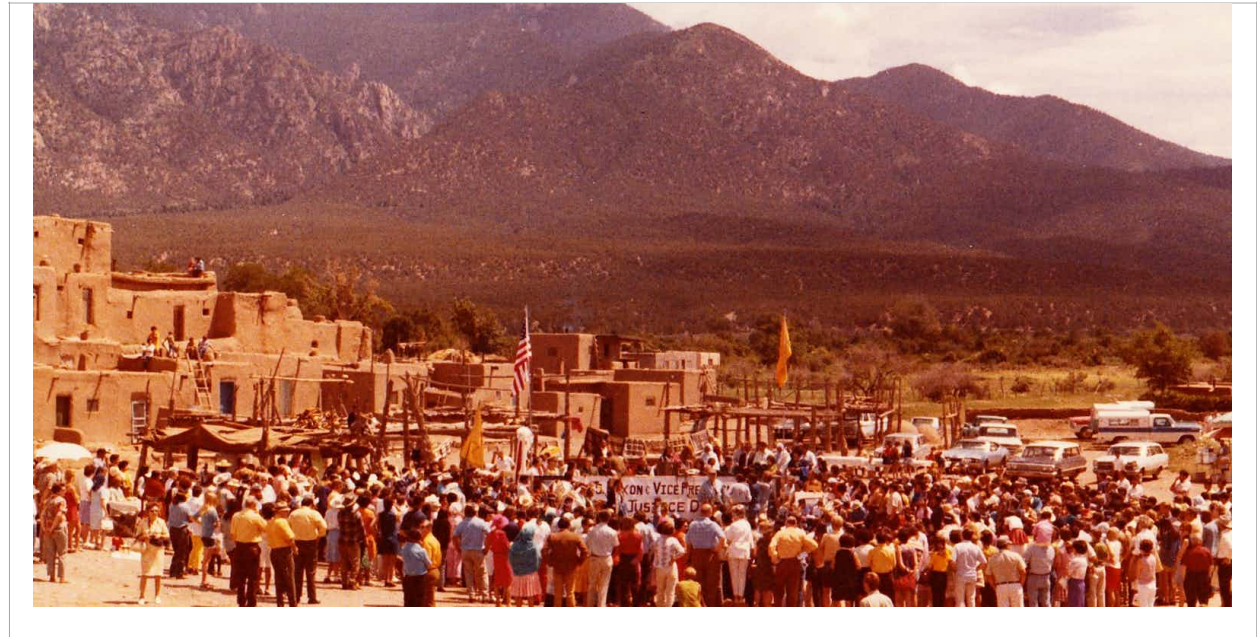
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[The Nine Mile Canyon is located deep in the Utah desert in the Western United States. It is known as "the world's longest art gallery" because is filled](#)

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By Mark Trahant

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NDNCollective: United like never before, we rise together — arm-in-arm — to equip all Indigenous Peoples with the tools needed to become architects of our future. Through a holistic approach to infrastructure, funding, advocacy, movement building, and philanthropy we are fostering a world of justice and equity for all people and the planet.

Indigenous-led

We are an all-Indigenous team of grassroots organizers, practitioners, community builders, and media-based strategists from diverse Nations throughout Turtle Island.

Mission-Driven

Our mission is grounded in Indigenous values and democratic principles of organizing. We are committed to creating a world that is more just and equitable for all people and the planet.

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Storytelling is a central feature of our organizing work. We lift up stories of Indigenous movement-building, we disrupt false narratives, and we produce content to build Indigenous power.

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A message from NDN Collective President and CEO, Nick Tilsen. "Receiving this substantial grant is part of an overall [NDN Collective] strategy to shift power, decolonize wealth, and resource Indigenous people who are on the frontlines of fighting for justice and equity."

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[Northern California Tribe Asks Judge to Block Permanent Water Contract With Westlands](#)

By GV Wire, 12/16/20

The Hoopa Valley Tribe in Humboldt County argued before a federal judge last Thursday that no Trinity River water can be sent to the Central Valley at the expense of the tribe's fishery. The main dispute is over whether to block the U.S. Department of Interior from signing permanent water delivery contracts with Valley agribusiness interests, including Westlands Water District.

Hold on tightly to your Treaties and Executive Orders!:

Donald Trump Has Just Traded Western Sahara Like a Victorian Colonialist

Eoghan Gilmartin, Jacobin

Gilmartin writes: "The outgoing president bought Morocco's agreement by endorsing its ownership of Western Sahara - making the US the only major state to rubber-stamp an occupation regime condemned by international law." [READ MORE](#)

Microplastics Revealed in the Placentas of Unborn Babies

Damian Carrington, Guardian UK

Carrington writes: "The particles are likely to have been consumed or breathed in by the mothers." [READ MORE](#)

EPA Launches New Clearinghouse for Environmental Finance

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has launched a [Clearinghouse for Environmental Finance \(Clearinghouse\)](#), an online database of land, air, and water information. This new Clearinghouse catalogues available funding, financing, and instructional resources to aid communities in their efforts to improve environmental conditions.

The Clearinghouse expands on the concept of the original Water Finance Clearinghouse, launched in 2017, that served as the one-stop shop for communities researching ways to fund and finance their water infrastructure needs to assist in local decision-making. The new Clearinghouse includes over 1,800 funding and financing opportunities and information resources from EPA's air, water, and land programs. Communities can use this system to access information on funding and financing opportunities for environmental projects as well as financial research, such as case studies, white papers, and webinars.

You can access the Clearinghouse for Environmental Finance here: www.epa.gov/chef

Background:

EPA's Water Finance Center manages the Clearinghouse for Environmental Finance. The Center provides information on a suite of water sector financial topics, including through the Water Finance Clearinghouse, coordination among EPA and other federal water funding programs, and specialized support for communities requesting technical assistance for how to afford water infrastructure improvements. Additional information about EPA's Water Finance Center is available at <https://www.epa.gov/waterfinancecenter>.

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There is something very curious about southern Mexico.

In the towns it could maybe be expected, but even in the most remote of villages, in the villages bursting with colorful signs of the country's vibrant culture, in the villages crippled by poverty, in the highland villages nestled within the most breath-taking of surroundings, on trucks creeping around winding roads.

In every corner, [there is a sign](#) of Coca-Cola.

The presence of the brand is so vast that for the very poor, the billboard adverts are so accessible they often end up as building materials.

Southern Mexico, it seems, is literally built around the multi-national corporation.

Coca-Cola has even seeped in to religion and is now as central to many rituals as incense, candles and poultry sacrifices.

But *why*?

Back in the 1960s, local indigenous leaders were able to start accumulating power. This spanned the spheres of religion, society in general and the economy.

Part of this new power included acquiring the concessions for local distribution of both Coca-Cola and Pepsi. While Pepsi does remain, it is sales of Coca-Cola that have specifically soared in the region.

With some churches in the areas targeting alcohol consumption around the same time, specifically the local firewater called *Pox* – a drink often used to feed spirits in rituals – Coca-Cola became a seemingly perfect substitute.



Believed to feed the good spirits and help the ill, the sweetness of the beverage was said to please the spirits, with a burp signifying the expulsion of evil from one's body.

Over time, Coca-Cola was not only seen as a drink linked to spiritual practices, but also found itself elevated to symbolize social status and a sign of good hospitality.

Overall, to locals the sweet drink seemed a wonderful addition to life.

Realizing that they had captured a highly receptive new market, Coca-Cola constructed a bottling plant in the region in the 1990s and introduced heavy marketing practices, using indigenous

language and religious references to ensure that Coca-Cola would never be far from the mind of locals.

Their marketing strategy worked, with the drink so heavily advertised and promoted that it now seems difficult to escape from the iconic imagery.



Unfortunately, with the sweet drink so entwined within local tradition, a [health catastrophe](#) is brewing, with Type-2 diabetes now the biggest killer in the region.

Tooth decay is also rife.

In a region where clean drinking water is not easily available to all, and the brand's strategy of charging less in rural areas to make the cost of Coca-Cola competitive with bottled water, many people use the soft drink as their source of basic hydration.

With more of the fizzy drink is consumed in Mexico than in any other country, and with the drink now heavily linked to tradition and religious practice, the loyalty of locals to the brand doesn't look set to slow down, but there are small glimmers of hope.

When shop owners in the indigenous village of southern village of Xoxocotla, were informed by the multinational that they must [stop selling](#) other soft drinks if they wanted to continue to purchase Coca-Cola, residents all came together to hold a meeting.

They decided there was only one thing for it. They kicked the corporation out of their village.

<https://www.didyouknowdaily.com/story/coca-cola-mexico>

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The time of his death, Brønlund, a Greeland-born Inuit, had a petroleum burner, matches and petroleum, but no metabolized alcohol to preheat the burner.

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from a reader:

Interesting concept about the Milky Way. Graham Hancock on YouTube has compelling seminars on Indigenous culture regarding Milky Way in the afterlife.

Mark Trahant ·

My story today on Hank Adams.

Hank Adams: Indian Country’s prolific genius. “Hank's a genius. He knows things we don't know. He sees things we don't see,” said attorney Susan Hvalsoe Komori when Adams was awarded the 2006 American Indian Visionary Award by Indian Country Today.



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Restoration brings salmon, people back to Clear Creek

By Red Bluff Daily News, 12/22/20

Clear Creek has been transformed multiple times in the past two centuries, but the transformation of the past few decades was designed to last. Ravaged first by gold-seekers and then by gravel-miners, the Sacramento River tributary is today a haven for fish and people alike. “You get to see big male salmon chasing each other away from females and see females digging redds, or nests. It’s exciting,” said U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologist Charlie Chamberlain. “It’s something a lot of people would not expect to see in California except on National Geographic.”

French Senate Blocks Restitution of 27 Artifacts to Benin and Senegal in Dispute with National Assembly

The bill under consideration would compel France to return artifacts plundered from Benin and Senegal in the 1890s.

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Montana Water Rights Protection Act heads to president's desk

by KECI staff & The Associated Press

Tuesday, December 22nd 2020

MISSOULA, Mont. — The U.S. Congress has included a tribal water compact in its year-end legislation, one that sets up a nearly \$2 billion trust to settle damage claims and refurbish the Flathead Indian Irrigation Project in Montana. The Montana Water Rights Protection Act was attached on Monday to the roughly \$1.4 trillion omnibus appropriations package that finalized a range of government spending and policy for the year. That bill also includes about \$900 billion in pandemic relief funds. It passed in the House and Senate on Monday and has been sent to President Donald Trump for approval.

The Montana Water Rights Protection Act is now on its way to the president's desk for his signature.

The U.S. Senate passed the bill overnight, after previous passage in the U.S. House of Representatives.

A joint statement from Senators Jon Tester and Steve Daines says the bill "will permanently settle the century long (Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes) water dispute, support Montana jobs, modernize rural infrastructure and protect the water rights of all Montanans."

According to a fact sheet attached to the senators' joint statement, the bill will include \$1.9 billion to settle damages in regards to the Flathead Indian Irrigation Project, along with hundreds of millions of dollars to rehabilitate the irrigation project. **The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes will relinquish 97 percent of their water rights claims in return, with the majority of the remaining claims to be co-owned with the state of Montana.**

"I cannot express how much we appreciate the hard work that the Montana Congressional Delegation put into this bill and now having it signed into law," CSKT Tribal Chairwoman Shelly Fyant said in a statement. "From Senator Tester's initial introduction of the bill four years ago, to Senator Daines' introduction, amendments and work with the Trump Administration this year and to both of our Senators urging their respective leaders to include the bill in the omnibus appropriations bill, and to Congressman Gianforte's work with the Minority Leader in the House, all played pivotal roles and the residents of Montana should be thankful for their efforts. We certainly are grateful. We also express our appreciation to the many agriculture and conservation groups across Montana and even across the country who also helped advocate for passage of this truly historic and important bill."

Daines also weighed in on the passage with this statement: "After years of hard work, the U.S. Senate just passed our bipartisan bill that permanently resolves the century long CSKT water dispute, and will soon become law. Without our bill, thousands of Montanans would be forced into very expensive litigation and our ag economy would've taken over a one billion dollar hit. That's why we've worked so hard to pass our bill that protects the water rights of all Montanans, saves taxpayer dollars, creates jobs, modernizes rural infrastructure projects, protects Montana agriculture and prevents very costly litigation. This is a win for all Montanans."

Tester released this statement: "This victory has been decades in the making, and is a huge win for Montana taxpayers, ranchers, farmers, and the Tribes. Water is among our most valuable resources, and ratifying this Compact honors our trust responsibilities, creates jobs and invests in infrastructure while providing certainty to water users everywhere. I'm thankful we were able to work together to get this critical legislation across the finish line."

In announcing his climate team, Biden called the climate crisis an “existential” threat.