

Journal #4855 from sdc 1.18.20

President-elect Joe Biden is planning to cancel the permit for the \$9 billion Keystone XL pipeline

Stewart Indian School Cultural Center & Museum Reopening

2020 was hottest year on record, NASA scientists say

State Awards \$2 to 10 California Native Tribes for Climate and Clean Energy Projects

DWR Careers Webinar: Women in STEM

"Forever" Drought Taking Place in the West

California Desert Plan Rollbacks Threaten National Park Wildlife, Communities and Culture,

National Parks Conservation Association Reports

Nevada Humanities announces 2021 Nevada Reads book selections

The return of buffalo to Native lands, lives, and economies

"World's Greatest Athlete" Jim Thorpe Was Wronged by Bigotry. The IOC Must Correct the Record

Use Pandemic to Protect Forests, World Wildlife Federation Urges Consumers, Politicians Will

Trump's mishandling of records leave a hole in history?

Outcry as Trump officials to transfer sacred Native American land to miners

American Youth Leadership Opportunity - Fully Funded Summer Leadership Program

A young Minnesota Native filmmaker's 'Wild' ride to Sundance

Scholarships with February 15-28 Deadlines

Teaching Indigenous Star Stories

Indigenous Elders Share Stories about "Star People" Living in Inside the Earth

Trump Golf Links should be renamed to Honor Native Americans from the Bronx says activist

Northern Lights - Waves Can be Heard

Dakota author also of Spirit Car: Journey to a Dakota past

The Day the Dinosaurs Died

BREAKING: BRAVO! 🍌 GREAT NEWS! “U.S. President-elect Joe Biden is planning to cancel the permit for the \$9 billion Keystone XL pipeline project via executive action on his first day in office this week, CBC News reported on Sunday, citing sources.” 🍌🍌🍌



reuters.com

[Biden to cancel Keystone XL pipeline permit on first day in office: CBC](#)

[U.S. President-elect Joe Biden is planning to cancel the Keystone XL pipeline permit via executive action on his first day in office, CBC News reported on Sunday, citing sources.](#)



For Immediate Release Contact:

Phone: Bobbi Rahder 775-687-7606

E-mail: brahder@nic.nv.gov Stewart

Indian School Cultural Center & Museum Reopening

Carson City, Nev. – (Jan. 15, 2021) The Stewart Indian School Cultural Center & Museum announced today it is reopening to the public on Tuesday, Jan. 19, the day after the nation celebrates Martin Luther King Day.

"We are excited to reopen to the public and share our wonderful exhibitions," said Bobbi Rahder, Museum Director. "We are following Governor Sisolak's directive of requiring face coverings, use of hand sanitizer, and social distancing as we keep our visitors, volunteers, Stewart alumni, and staff healthy and safe."

First opened in 1890, Stewart Indian School was operated by the federal government for 90 years before it closed in 1980. Stewart and other boarding schools across the nation, were initially set up to forcefully educate Native American children in the late 1800s. This assimilation policy impacted thousands of Native students not only from the Great Basin tribal nations, but over 200 Tribal Nations over the school's 90-year history.

The Stewart Indian School Cultural Center & Museum opened on Jan. 13, 2020 in what was once the school's administrative building.

In addition to "Our Home, Our Relations," a permanent exhibition that depicts the students' boarding school experiences, the Cultural Center & Museum features the Wa-Pai-Shone Gallery of contemporary Great Basin Native art, the Storytelling Room for storytelling and craft making, a research room where relatives can research their family members who attended Stewart, and classroom space for educational activities, lectures, and public programs.

Recently, the museum has produced Stewart memorabilia for sale as a fundraiser, to offset state budget cuts. A list of items including t-shirts, hoodies, cups, water bottles, lanyards, tote bags, and ornaments can be found on the museum's website at www.StewartIndianSchool.com. Items can be purchased through cash or check, but not by credit card.

The museum's hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed on weekends, and state and federal holidays. The museum is not conducting any group tours at this time.

In addition, the public can still use the self-guided cellphone audio tour to explore the historic campus. This walking tour allows guests to view the spectacular stone buildings flanked by the beautiful Sierra Nevada Mountains, and to learn from alumni about their experiences at the boarding school. These firsthand accounts are also available at: <https://stewartindianschool.com/walking-trail/>.

For more information, please contact Bobbi Rahder, Museum Director, at 775-687-7606 or e-mail at brahder@nic.nv.gov.

#

The Stewart Indian School Cultural Center & Museum is part of the Nevada Indian Commission, a Nevada state agency. Long a dream of alumni and tribal leaders – the museum opened on Monday, Jan. 13, 2020. Located at 1 Jacobsen Way, in Carson City, Nev., the Cultural Center & Museum occupies what was once the school's administrative building. With vital backing from Nevada Governors Brian Sandoval and Steve Sisolak, and \$4.5 million in funding from the Nevada Legislature, the Cultural Center & Museum provides a place for healing for thousands of American Indians affected by federal boarding schools such as Stewart. The cultural center shares with the public first-hand accounts of the Native American students, and how these federal policies still reverberate in Native communities. In addition to the permanent exhibition, "Our Home, Our Relations," the Cultural Center & Museum features the Wa-Pai-Shone Gallery, displaying art of the Great Basin Native Artists; the Storytelling Room for storytelling and craft making; a research room where relatives can research their family members who attended Stewart; and classroom space for educational activities, lectures, and public programs.

The Nevada Indian Commission (NIC) serves approximately 22,000 citizens of 27 federally recognized Tribal Nations, plus an additional 50,000 self-identified Native Americans who make the Silver State their home. Nevada's Native American communities vary greatly in their respective languages, songs, traditional foods, and Indigenous territories. Created by statute in 1965 to "study matters affecting the social and economic welfare and well-being of American Indians residing in Nevada," the Commission effectively serves as a liaison between the State and our Tribal communities and citizens.

Stacey Montooth, Executive Director, Nevada Indian Commission

Stewart Indian School 5366 Snyder Ave. Carson City, NV 89701 Office: (775) 687-8333



2020 was hottest year on record, NASA scientists say

By The Mercury News, 1/14/21

Marked by record wildfires from California to Siberia, searing heat waves and relentless hurricanes, 2020 was the hottest year ever recorded, NASA scientists reported Thursday. The Earth's average global surface temperature has risen 2.16 degrees Fahrenheit since the late 19th century, largely due to climate change from the burning of fossil fuels. And perhaps most noteworthy: The seven hottest years since 1880, when modern temperature records began, all have occurred since 2014, and the 10 hottest since 2005.

State Awards \$2 Million to 10 California Native American Tribes for Climate and Clean Energy Projects

By Yubanet, 1/14/21

California Native American Tribes taking action on climate change are getting a boost from a new State program designed to support tribally led efforts. Nearly \$2 million awarded through the Tribal Government Challenge Planning Grant Program will support projects that identify solutions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve clean energy access, and advance climate resiliency on Tribal lands and in tribal communities.

DWR Careers Webinar: Women in STEM

We're hosting our first careers webinar of 2021! Join us on Tuesday, Jan. 26 from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. to meet some of our women STEM professionals and learn why they chose DWR to start their STEM careers.

Start: Tue 26 Jan 2021, 12:00 PM

A "forever" drought takes shape in the West By Axios, 1/14/2

The Southwest U.S. is mired in an ever-worsening drought, one that has left deer starving in Hawaii, turned parts of the Rio Grande into a wading pool, and set a record in Colorado for the most days of "exceptional drought."

California Desert Plan Rollbacks Threaten National Park Wildlife, Communities and Culture, National Parks Conservation Association Reports

By The Sierra Sun Times, 1/14/21

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on Wednesday proposed significant rollbacks to the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP). Finalized in 2015, the DRECP was the product of years of data collection and public process and defined policy governing how and where the California desert develops green energy. The DRECP also covers recreation, protection of access, protection of key species, and shifts the focus of development opportunities towards communities that have called for it.

]

Nevada Humanities announces 2021 Nevada Reads book selections
This year's Nevada Reads Program from Nevada Humanities features two nature-themed books that will inspire a variety of programming throughout 2021.

[Read on »](#)



Thank you for supporting the return of buffalo to Native lands, lives, and economies.

Thanks to your generosity, we successfully raised \$48,478 through our Support the Return campaign!

These donations will help us leverage grants and other funding to directly support Native buffalo caretakers. Our regranting and the new Tanka Resilient Agriculture program provide access to training and financial assistance to start and grow their herds.

[Learn more here about our work and the producers we support](#) In case you missed it: Watch a Lakota food demonstration



Buffalo teacher Lisa Iron Cloud showed us how to make buffalo hoof soup (with help from Arlo Iron Cloud!). You can watch the demonstration on [Tanka Fund's Facebook page](#)

OLS Food Distribution takes place on the **1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month**. The next distribution will be Tuesday, **January 19, 3:00 - 4:30 pm** Our Lady of the Snows Church Parking Lot, **1138 Wright St.** (on the corner of Wright and Walker, just one block east of Arlington Ave.) If you or anyone you know needs food, please come by or pass this information along. Anyone n get food, no questions asked. Some in my swim class have picked up food for friends and neighbors. And it's good stuff! sdc



"World's Greatest Athlete' Jim Thorpe Was Wronged by Bigotry. The IOC Must Correct the Record

A fellow Olympic winner contends that the IOC must restore medals and recognition stripped from Jim Thorpe; his violation of amateurism rules was encouraged officials of the Carlisle Indian Industrial School and the American Olympic Committee who made the Native American athlete a fall gu

Use Pandemic to Protect Forests, World Wildlife Federation Urges Consumers, Politicians *Al Jazeera*

Excerpt: "The world has lost tropical forest equivalent to the size of California over a 13-year period, environmental group World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) said on Wednesday, calling for COVID-19 recovery plans to revitalize conservation efforts." **READ MORE**

Don Benning **Nevada History through Pictures, Collections and Personal Stories**



Photograph of Shoshone Indians in front of post office, Rhyolite, early 20th Century
Courtesy of University of Nevada, Reno Libraries

NOTE: The post office in Rhyolite was established in May 1905 and discontinued in September 1919 with mail then sent to Beatty 3 miles east. [#nyehistory](#)

- Associated Press
[Will Trump's mishandling of records leave a hole in history?](#)

The public won't see President Donald Trump's White House records for years, but there's growing concern the collection won't be complete, leaving a hole in the history of one of America's most tumultuous presidencies. Trump has been cavalier about the law requiring that records be preserved. The president also confiscated an interpreter's notes after Trump had a chat with Russian leader Vladimir Putin.

Outcry as Trump officials to transfer sacred Native American land to miners

Annette McGivney Sat, January 16, 2021, 1:30 AM



Photograph: Ross D Franklin/AP

As one of its last acts, the Trump administration has set in motion the transfer of sacred Native American lands to a pair of Anglo-Australian mining conglomerates.

The 2,422-acre Arizona parcel called Oak Flat is of enormous significance to the Western Apache and is now on track for destruction by what is slated to be one of the largest copper mining operations in the United States.

Steps for the controversial land transfer from the US government, which owns the land, to the miners were completed on Friday morning, when a final environmental assessment was published. The government must soon transfer title to the land.

Native Americans in the area have compared it to historical attacks on their tribes. "What was once gunpowder and disease is now replaced with bureaucratic negligence," said Wendsler Nosie, founder of activist organization Apache Stronghold and a member of the Apache band descended from Geronimo. "Native people are treated as something invisible or gone. We are not. We don't want to be pushed around any more."

The move comes after the administration sped up the environmental approval process for the transfer by a full year. During a meeting with environmental groups, regional Forest Service officials attributed the accelerated timeline to "[pressure from the highest levels](#)" of the US Department of Agriculture, though the government says it is only because the work was finished more quickly than expected.

The recipient of the land is a firm called Resolution Copper, which was set up by the miners Rio Tinto and BHP Billiton.

“The Forest Service is clearly jumping through flaming hoops to get this done for Rio Tinto before Trump leaves office,” said Randy Serraglio, conservation advocate with the Center for Biological Diversity. He called it “a callous betrayal of Native people who value the land as sacred.”

Last May, Rio Tinto blasted a sacred Aboriginal site in western Australia’s Juukan Gorge. The widespread public outcry and investor revolt over the destruction led the Rio Tinto chairman, Simon Thompson, to promise that the company would “never again” destroy sites of “exceptional archaeological and cultural significance” during mining operations.



The Resolution Copper east plant near Superior in Arizona. Photograph: Nancy Wiechec/Reuters

Called Chi’chil Bildagoteel in Apache, Oak Flat is listed on the National Register of Historic Places for its spiritual and cultural significance to at least a dozen south-west Native American tribes. It contains hundreds of indigenous archaeological sites dating back 1,500 years and is a place where Apache tribes have performed ceremonies for centuries.

Yet thousands of feet beneath Oak Flat is a copper deposit estimated to be one of the largest in the world and worth more than \$1bn. If the mine goes forward as planned, it will consume 11 square miles, including Apache burial grounds, sacred sites, petroglyphs and medicinal plants. Unbeknown to tribes and environmental groups who had long opposed mining Oak Flat, the land transfer was passed by Congress and signed by Barack Obama in December 2014 as a last-minute rider to a Department of Defense spending bill.

The legislation calls for giving Oak Flat to Resolution Copper in exchange for 5,736 acres of its privately held land across Arizona that are desirable for recreation or conservation. While conducting its environmental review, the Forest Service acknowledged that the mine will destroy sites sacred to Native Americans but claimed the loss was an unavoidable consequence of the land exchange mandate.

The San Carlos Apache Tribe filed a lawsuit in US district court in Phoenix on Thursday alleging, among other things, that by moving forward with the land exchange the Forest Service is violating the National Historic Preservation Act, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act and an 1852 treaty between the United States and Western Apache tribes.

On Friday, the judge denied a request to delay publication of the environmental assessment, and ruled that the transfer could take place in 55 days.

In a separate action this week, Apache Stronghold filed a lien on Oak Flat claiming that the land was owned by the Apache according to the 1852 treaty – under which Oak Flat was deemed a part of the Apache homeland – and the Forest Service did not have legal title to the property.

The Arizona representative Raúl Grijalva and Vermont senator Bernie Sanders also plan to introduce the Save Oak Flat Act in Congress to repeal the land exchange.

Tribes and environmental groups are hopeful Oak Flat can still be preserved. “There are plenty of things an incoming Biden administration can do to stop this,” said Serraglio of the Center for Biological Diversity.

Even if Oak Flat ends up in the hands of Resolution Copper through title transfer “there is no guarantee they will be able to get any of the other federal permits to actually do the mine”.

Related: [A river used to run through it: how New Mexico handles a dwindling Rio Grande](#)

Related: [Hope grows that Biden will restore US national monuments shrunk by Trump](#)

American Youth Leadership Opportunity - Fully Funded Summer Leadership Program

Calling all American youth leaders!!

The application period for American Youth participants is February 1-March 1, 2021. The Algerian Youth Leadership Program is a fully-funded leadership development opportunity for Algerian and American youth, ages 15-17. This cultural and academic exchange is scheduled to take place from June 21-July 14, 2021 in Reno, Nevada and Washington, DC. For program and application details, please see (application details may not be available until 01/20): <https://www.unr.edu/nnic/programs/algeria-youth-leadership-program>

A young Minnesota Native filmmaker's 'Wild' ride to Sundance

After years of writing and dreaming, a Minnesota filmmaker will compete at this month's Sundance Film Festival. <http://strib.mn/2KmcBZi>

Scholarships (A-I) with Feb 15-28 Deadlines

(ISC)² Women in Information Security Scholarship	\$6,000	02/22/2021
AAAE Native Americans Scholarship	\$1,500	02/27/2021
AFSCME Union Scholars Program Summer Internship	Varies	02/28/2021
Alice Belkin Memorial Scholarship	\$4,000	02/28/2021
Alisa's Angels Scholarship	\$5,000	02/19/2021
Amazon Future Engineer Scholarship	\$10,000	02/18/2021
Ardell Bjugstad Memorial Scholarship	\$500	02/27/2021
Arturo Vera Art Scholarship	\$300	02/26/2021
AWS Airgas Terry Jarvis Memorial Scholarship	\$2,500	02/19/2021
AWS John C. Lincoln Memorial Scholarship	\$14,000	02/15/2021
BigRentz Trade Program Scholarship	\$5,000	02/28/2021
Borra Family Scholarship Fund	\$1,500	02/26/2021
Brad Fowler Memorial Scholarship	\$5,000	02/17/2021
Brawerman Fellowship	\$40,000	02/16/2021
California Strawberry Growers' Fund Scholarships	\$5,000	02/15/2021
Cardinal Newman Society Essay Contest	\$5,000	02/17/2021
CEA StarCraft II Scholarship	Varies	02/28/2021
CollegeCounts Scholarship Program	\$4,000	02/27/2021
Coloradans for Nebraska Scholarship	\$2,000	02/24/2021
CWIT Scholarship	\$1,500	02/28/2021
Dakota Corps Scholarship	Varies	02/01/2021
David A. Hicks Memorial Scholarship	\$1,800	02/16/2021
Delores Pemma Scholarship	\$5,000	02/24/2021
DHS Summer Research Team Program for Minority Serving Institutions	\$700	02/14/2021
disABLEDperson, Inc. National Scholarship for College Students with Disabilities	\$2,000	02/18/2021
DOC&R Scholarship	Varies	02/28/2021
Fred S. Bailey Scholarship	Varies	02/28/2021
FTE Fellowships for Latino/a, Asian and First Nations Doctoral Students	Varies	02/01/2021
Fukunaga Scholarship Foundation	\$20,000	02/22/2021
George and Mary Josephine Hamman Foundation Scholarship	\$18,000	02/17/2021
Georgia Mining Foundation Scholarship Program	\$1,000	02/21/2021
Gertrude M. Cox Scholarship	\$1,000	02/23/2021
Grattan and Stephen T. Gray Scholarship	Varies	02/21/2021
Herman M. Holloway Sr. Memorial Scholarship	Varies	02/28/2021
Honorable William C. Conner Writing Competition	\$1,500	02/28/2021
International Young Eco-Hero Award	\$500	02/28/2021
Iowa Farm Bureau Scholarship	\$10,000	02/26/2021
Iowa Financial Know-How Challenge: Senior Scholarship	\$2,000	02/26/2021



thewalrus.ca

[Teaching Indigenous Star Stories | The Walrus](#)

[Educators like Wilfred Buck know that astronomy did not, in fact, start with Aristotle and end with Neil deGrasse Tyson](#)

collective-evolution.com

[Indigenous Elders Share Stories About “Star People” Living Inside The Earth](#)

[Follow me on Instagram here. Make sure you follow Collective Evolution on Telegram as we have no idea how much longer we will be on Facebook. Belief in subterranean worlds has been handed down as myths or legends among generations of people from all over the world. For example, Socrates spoke of hug...](#)

nydailynews.com

[Trump Golf Links should be renamed to honor Native Americans from Bronx, say local activists “Seeing Trump’s name does not unify my community,” community activist Marjorie Velazquez, a City Council candidate, told the Daily News.](#)

<http://northern.lights.mn/projects/madweyaashkaa-waves-can-be-heard/>

Dakota author also of Spirit Car:Journey to a Dakota past

<https://milkweed.org/book/the-seed-keeper>

The Day the Dinosaurs Died

https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2019/04/08/the-day-the-dinosaurs-died?utm_campaign=falcon&mbid=social_facebook&utm_source=facebook&utm_social-type=owned&utm_medium=social&utm_brand=tny&fbclid=IwAR2OyEQbJpeNCGrhwZRIYmv0Akpr_hD5aQoyDCnylMULl0GTdsYB3OWw1Gw