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### **March: Moon of Snow Blindness**

The cows are starting to be heavy with the unborn calves. Caretakers are keeping a watch to make sure that animals have plenty of nutrition.

Late winter storms are possible, but normally the buffalo don't give too much thought to the winter weather. The older bulls are usually off in groups on their own away from the cow.

Join us to restore health and prosperity to Native communities Our programs increase access to capital for Native buffalo caretakers and help them learn regenerative agriculture practices.

Trudy at Tanka Fund <[trudy.ecoffey@tankafund.org](mailto:trudy.ecoffey@tankafund.org)>

**Madam Secretary**

**By Aliyah Chavez**

**A fierce Indigenous woman is now the caretaker of the nation's public lands and waters for the first time in U.S. history ... continue reading**

### **GOP critics unlikely to let up on Haaland after confirmation**



Based on her confirmation process, Rep. Deb Haaland can plan on some contentious oversight hearings in her role as Interior secretary. The New Mexico Democrat is set to be confirmed Monday despite the fierce objections of Republican critics, particularly lawmakers representing Western oil and gas states. [Read more...](#)

[https://www.rollcall.com/2021/03/15/gop-critics-unlikely-to-let-up-on-haaland-after-confirmation/?](https://www.rollcall.com/2021/03/15/gop-critics-unlikely-to-let-up-on-haaland-after-confirmation/?utm_source=morningheadlines&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=newsletters&utm_content=03/15/2021)

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### **Opposition to Haaland may bring political costs, tribal representatives warn**

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#### **In Haaland, Republicans See A Threat To Fossil Fuels. Tribes See An Opportunity To Diversify**

*Mar 12, 2021 09:06 am*

Deb Haaland's road to lead the Department of the Interior has been rocky, with some members of Congress using her confirmation process to air grievances with President Joe Biden's climate change agenda. On Tuesday, Montana Sen. Steve Daines and Wyoming Sen. Cynthia Lummis, both Republicans, placed a procedural hold on her nomination, citing concerns about her positions on oil and gas development. Listen to an audio version of this story. But leaders of tribal nations in the Mountain West that are also reliant on those industries are taking a very different approach than their counterparts in Congress - something that came into focus on day two of Haaland's confirmation hearings. "I have a letter from the Northern Arapaho Business Council in Wyoming, and they are opposing the President's ban on leasing," Wyoming Sen. John Barrasso told Haaland before reading a section of the letter. But Barrasso left out two key facts: That the letter had been addressed to the Acting Secretary of the [Click here to read more](#)

### ***IndyTalks: Mining for Dollars***

Is it time to change the way we tax the mining industry?  
Or are companies already paying their fair share?  
Should highly profitable mines be taxed differently than others?

Join us for a conversation with:  
Former LCB Director Lorne Malkiewich  
Longtime mining lobbyist James Wadhams  
PLAN Executive Director Laura Martin  
Moderated by Jon Ralston and Daniel Rothberg  
This is a FREE event — Livestreamed [on YouTube here](#)

### **Law Scholars Argue For Admissibility of Indigenous Oral Histories As Land Claim**

#### **Evidence    Mar 14, 2021 10:21 am**

Some Indigenous histories are preserved in stories, songs, ceremonies and elder testimony that are passed down orally - rather than with written records. These histories can constitute important evidence of past events. But they're sometimes ruled inadmissible as evidence in the American justice system. That's what happened when lawyers for the Jemez Pueblo presented oral histories as proof of its aboriginal claim to land in the now federally managed Valles Caldera National Preserve in Northern New Mexico's Jemez Mountains. A federal district judge dismissed those histories under what's known as the "hearsay rule," and in 2019, struck down the Pueblo's land claim. The Pueblo filed an appeal with the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, and in February, nine scholars of Indian law signed onto a brief arguing for Jemez oral histories to be considered in any future trial. More broadly, the scholars argued that current rules and procedures surrounding trial evidence serve to "erase" facts

[Click here to read more](#)

#### **- The Horrifying American Roots of Nazi Eugenics** Edwin Black

- **When Did the Catholic Church Decide Priests Should Be Celibate?** Helen L. Owen  
*"Maybe part of our formal education should be training in empathy. Imagine how different the world would be if, in fact, that were 'reading, writing, arithmetic, empathy.' -- [Neil deGrasse Tyson](#)*

*"The belief that religious figures should be celibate began long before the birth of Christianity. Ancient Druid priests were thought to have been celibate and Aztec temple priests were expected to remain sexually abstinent. Other pre-Christian sects mandated that the people chosen for their sacrificial offerings must be pure, meaning that they had never engaged in sex." click the heading for more*

## **GrantStation**

### **National Funding**

#### **Funds for Digitizing Cultural Materials in the U.S. and Canada**

##### **[Council on Library and Information Resources: Digitizing Hidden Special Collections and Archives](#)**

Digitizing Hidden Special Collections and Archives, a program of the Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR), is intended to help digitize rare and unique content in cultural institutions in the United States and Canada that collect, preserve, and share rare and unique materials with the general public. In 2021, the call for applications will focus on projects that propose to digitize materials that deepen public understanding of the histories of people of color and other communities and populations whose work, experiences, and perspectives have been insufficiently recognized or unattended. This program supports the digitization of historical and cultural materials in a variety of formats and the creation and promotion of online access to those materials. Grants, ranging from a minimum of \$50,000 to a maximum of \$350,000 will be provided to colleges and universities, nonprofit institutions, research centers, museums, libraries, historical societies, cultural associations, and tribal and government units. Online initial proposals must be submitted by April 30, 2021; final proposals are by invitation only and will be due November 19, 2021. Visit the CLIR website to learn more about the application process.

#### **Exemplary Justice Programs Recognized**

##### **[Foundation for Improvement of Justice](#)**

The Foundation for Improvement of Justice works to enhance local, state, and federal systems of justice by rewarding the accomplishments of innovative programs throughout the United States. Each year, awards of \$10,000 are provided to up to seven nominees for justice-related programs that have proven to be effective and can serve as models for others. Award categories include the following: legal reform, crime prevention, child protection, speeding the process, effecting restitution, crime victims' rights, alternative sentencing, lowering the cost, improvements to the civil litigation process, and other significant efforts. (These are awards given for accomplishments, not for future projects; grants and startup funding are not provided.) The program is open to all individuals, programs, and organizations within the United States. The nomination deadline is May 21, 2021. Visit the Foundation's website for nomination guidelines.

#### **Grants Promote Community Recycling Efforts**

##### **[Can'd Aid Crush it Crusade](#)**

The Can'd Aid Crush it Crusade offers support to help get community recycling programs off the ground throughout the United States. Crush it Crusade grants provide recycling bins, training on how to launch and manage a recycling program, and seed funding, typically ranging from \$5,000 to \$7,000. Support is provided to organizations at all stages of development, launch, and improvement. Seed funding can be used for staff and volunteer training as well as various supplies needed to get a recycling program started. Applications may be submitted at any time. Visit the Can'd Aid Crush it Crusade website to review the FAQs before applying.

#### **Prize Honors Young Leaders in the U.S. and Canada**

##### **[Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes](#)**

The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes celebrates inspiring, public-spirited young people from diverse backgrounds across the United States and Canada. Each year, the Barron Prize honors 25 outstanding young leaders who have made a significant positive difference to people and the environment. The Prize welcomes applications from young people who are between the ages of eight and 18 (not yet age 19), permanent residents of and currently residing in the U.S. or Canada, and currently working on an inspiring service project, or have done so within the past 12 months. Winners each receive \$10,000 to be applied to their higher education or to their service project, as well as recognition gifts, networking opportunities, and media coverage. The application deadline is April 15, 2021. The online application is available on the Prize's website.

## Regional Funding

### **Organizations Serving Small Businesses in Selected Regions Supported**

#### **Citi Foundation: Small Business Technical Assistance**

The Citi Foundation seeks to support nonprofit organizations that provide direct technical assistance to small businesses owned by people of color that have been disproportionately impacted by the unprecedented health, social, and economic events of 2020 to help them recover and rebuild. Selected organizations will receive up to \$500,000 in one-year, unrestricted grant support. Nonprofit organizations with a mission to serve low- and moderate-income individuals and communities and at least three years of audited financial statements are eligible to apply. Applying organizations must also have a current portfolio of small business clients that falls within one or more of the Foundation's target geographies, including South Dakota, Puerto Rico, and Washington, DC, as well as specific counties in CA, CT, FL, IL, MD, NJ, NY, NV, TX, and VA. The application deadline is April 12, 2021. Visit the Foundation's website to review the RFP and to submit an online request.

### **Grants Promote Grassroots Social Change in Hawai'i**

#### **Hawai'i People's Fund**

Hawai'i People's Fund makes grants to, supports, and amplifies the work of Hawai'i-based grassroots organizations challenging systems of oppression. Grant awards are made to organizations committed to long-term social change through a more equitable distribution of power, resources, and wealth in Hawai'i. Incorporating an intersectional approach to social justice and community organizing, the Fund's broad grant categories include action research, cultural activism, human and civil rights, environmental and economic justice, movement building, political organizing, grassroots leadership, youth organizing, Indigenous rights, workers' rights, reproductive justice, public policy advocacy, and peace and international solidarity. Proposals for up to \$10,000 are being accepted from existing projects as well as startup initiatives. The online application deadline is April 30, 2021. Visit the [Fund's website](#) to review application materials, funding guidelines, and FAQs.

### **Funds for Innovative Approaches to Healthcare in Michigan**

#### **Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Foundation: Community Health Matching Grant Program**

The Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Foundation is dedicated to improving the health of Michigan residents through the support of research and innovative programs. The Foundation's Community Health Matching Grant Program supports nonprofit community organizations

throughout the state that develop, implement, and evaluate new approaches to healthcare issues. Matching grants of up to \$25,000 per year for two years are available. Requests are reviewed three times per year; the remaining application deadlines for 2021 are April 14 and August 11. (Potential grantees are required to submit a concept form for feedback before developing a proposal.) Visit the Foundation's website to review the application guidelines.

### **Capital Support for Appalachian Land Preservation Projects**

#### **[Open Space Institute: Appalachian Landscapes Protection Fund](#)**

The Open Space Institute (OSI) protects scenic, natural, and historic landscapes to provide public enjoyment, conserve habitat and working lands, and sustain communities. OSI's Appalachian Landscapes Protection Fund will provide capital grants to protect 50,000 acres in key focus areas along the Appalachian Range, with a focus on reducing climate risks for communities disproportionately affected by flooding and other climate-induced threats. Supported regions include the Cradle of Southern Appalachia (Alabama, Georgia, and Tennessee), the Middle Atlantic (New Jersey and Pennsylvania), and the Northern Appalachians (Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont). Grants, generally ranging from \$50,000 to \$400,000, must be used to acquire land or permanent conservation easements. The Fund may also provide short-term, low-interest loans for projects that require bridge financing. Preference is given to projects with a 4:1 or greater match. The application deadline is April 14, 2021. Visit the OSI website to learn more about the Appalachian Landscapes Protection Fund.

### **Federal Funding**

#### **[Institute of Museum and Library Services](#)**

The Native American Library Services: Basic Grants program assists Native American tribes in improving core library services for their communities. The goals for the program are to improve services for learning and accessing information in a variety of formats to support needs for education, workforce development, economic and business development, health information, critical thinking skills, digital literacy skills, financial literacy, and other types of literacy skills, and to enhance the skills of the current library workforce and leadership through training, continuing education, and opportunities for professional development. The application deadline is April 16, 2021.

### **Environmental Justice Efforts Supported**

#### **[Environmental Protection Agency](#)**

The Environmental Justice Small Grants Program supports and empowers communities working on solutions to local environmental and public health issues. The Program is designed to help communities understand and address exposure to multiple environmental harms and risks. Special emphasis is placed on projects focusing on COVID-19 impacts, as well as climate and disaster resiliency. The application deadline is May 7, 2021.



#### **[America's Promise Alliance: The YES Project](#)**

The YES (Young, Employed, Successful) Project, a national initiative launched by America's Promise Alliance, exists to ensure that every young person seeking a job can find a job—and



succeed once they get it. Six grants of \$20,000 each will be provided to co-host Virtual Action Roundtable conversations consisting of communities working to improve youth employment outcomes. [Learn more](#) about the funding guidelines and application process.



### [Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation](#)

The Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation supports nonprofit organizations in Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, and Lee counties, FL, and Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington counties, MN. The Foundation's focus areas include education, human services, and health. [Learn more](#) about the funding guidelines and application process.

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### **The Cleverly Changing Podcast w/ Jade Weatherington**

For a decade, [Jade Weatherington](#) (pictured) had been teaching English [on various websites](#) juggling multiple gigs and homeschooling her now 13-year-old daughter.

However, in 2018, she discovered Outschool, [a platform](#) that offered classes for youths ages 3-18. Subjects range from cooking to guitar to geography. To start off, she created [two courses](#): one in arts and crafts—the other in “Mastering the Five-Paragraph Essay.” Though the first month brought in just \$32, by the third month Weatherington made nearly \$5,000 from those two classes alone.

[Seeing the potential](#), Weatherington realized she needed “to offer a class every day of the week,” she says. So she quit her other gigs and began [expanding her repertoire](#). Today, she teaches nine classes about writing and grammar on Outschool, working 10-12 hours per week. This nets her \$10,000 per month.

“I would have never been able to make as much money as a regular teacher,” Weatherington said, according to [Grow \(Acorns-CNBC\)](#).

This is how Weatherington further expands on her [her hustle](#) (Malinski, 2021).

### **Determine the ‘Next Big Thing’ and Provide It**

With more and more students signing up every month, Weatherington quickly realized that the five-paragraph essay concept was a hit. “Parents would message me,” she says, “and say, ‘What’s next?’” So she made “Mastering the Five Paragraph Essay” part two.

Parents then started asking if she had semester-long essay writing classes, so she developed some. She then made a different variation of the class that would cater to younger kids, as well as various one-time classes that would give kids and parents a chance to see what she was like as a teacher before they committed to a multiclass course.

Her success, in part, has really been about listening to the clientele and [expanding accordingly](#)—by building on what they wanted and offering similar opportunities (Malinski, 2021).

## Exhibiting Gratitude For Her Clientele's Business

Another secret to her success is that Weatherington has invested in [building relationships](#) with both the kids she's teaching and their parents.

Among her tactics are "showing [students] appreciation that they came to [my] class" by thanking them directly, she says, as well as sending messages to parents "after class is over and saying, 'Thank you so much for signing your child up for my class. I hope to see them again.'" These kinds of efforts really help build relationships not just with existing clients but potential new ones as well.

"Word of mouth is the biggest part of my success," she says. One set of parents will tell another set of parents about her class, who'll tell another set of parents, and so on.

## Teach Classes Centered Around Your Passion

For anyone keen to start their own Outschool hustle, Weatherington suggests starting out by finding "[that thing you love](#)." If you're excited and knowledgeable about Audre Lorde, for example, consider offering a class about her life and writing. If you're an ace in coding, think about how you might teach it to kids of various ages.

You can't fool kids, she says. They'll know if you don't like what you're doing. More importantly, investing time in your work on Outschool will be both easier and much more fun if you actually enjoy the subject matter.

"Teach whatever you're passionate about," she says (Malinski, 2021).

References: Malinski, G. (2021, March 04) *Single mom earns \$10,000/month on Outschool: 'I would have never been able to make as much money as a regular teacher.'* Retrieved from [https://grow.acorns.com/how-to-make-money-teaching-on-outschool/?fbclid=IwAR3ZvIGBkqkppH0ah8MB\\_hDoY11LBVgRHAqjMS\\_kkuDn7BoCcscRmO9VXkw](https://grow.acorns.com/how-to-make-money-teaching-on-outschool/?fbclid=IwAR3ZvIGBkqkppH0ah8MB_hDoY11LBVgRHAqjMS_kkuDn7BoCcscRmO9VXkw)

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## Heartache in the Capitol: Nevada's Changin Landscape By M. Paine

[https://thenevadaindependent.com/article/heartache-in-the-capital-nevadas-changing-landscape?utm\\_source=The+Nevada+Independent&utm\\_campaign=8c1a2f2033-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2021\\_03\\_01\\_03\\_58\\_COPY\\_01&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_15592b5f76-8c1a2f2033-432210490](https://thenevadaindependent.com/article/heartache-in-the-capital-nevadas-changing-landscape?utm_source=The+Nevada+Independent&utm_campaign=8c1a2f2033-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2021_03_01_03_58_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_15592b5f76-8c1a2f2033-432210490)

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[Nevada tribes roll through vaccine process, feel hopeful for the future](#)

By Jazmin Orozco Rodriguez

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[hawaii.newsnow.com](https://hawaii.newsnow.com)

[IZ's iconic 'Somewhere Over the Rainbow' hits 1B views on YouTube](#)

[The song reached national and international fame after Kamakawiwoale released his 1993 album, "Facing Future."](#)

*"There's no such thing as neutral education. Education either functions as an instrument to bring about conformity or freedom." -- [Paulo Freire](#)*



## **A Simple DIY to Rid Your Outdoor Space of Flies.**

No Sprays. No Chemicals.

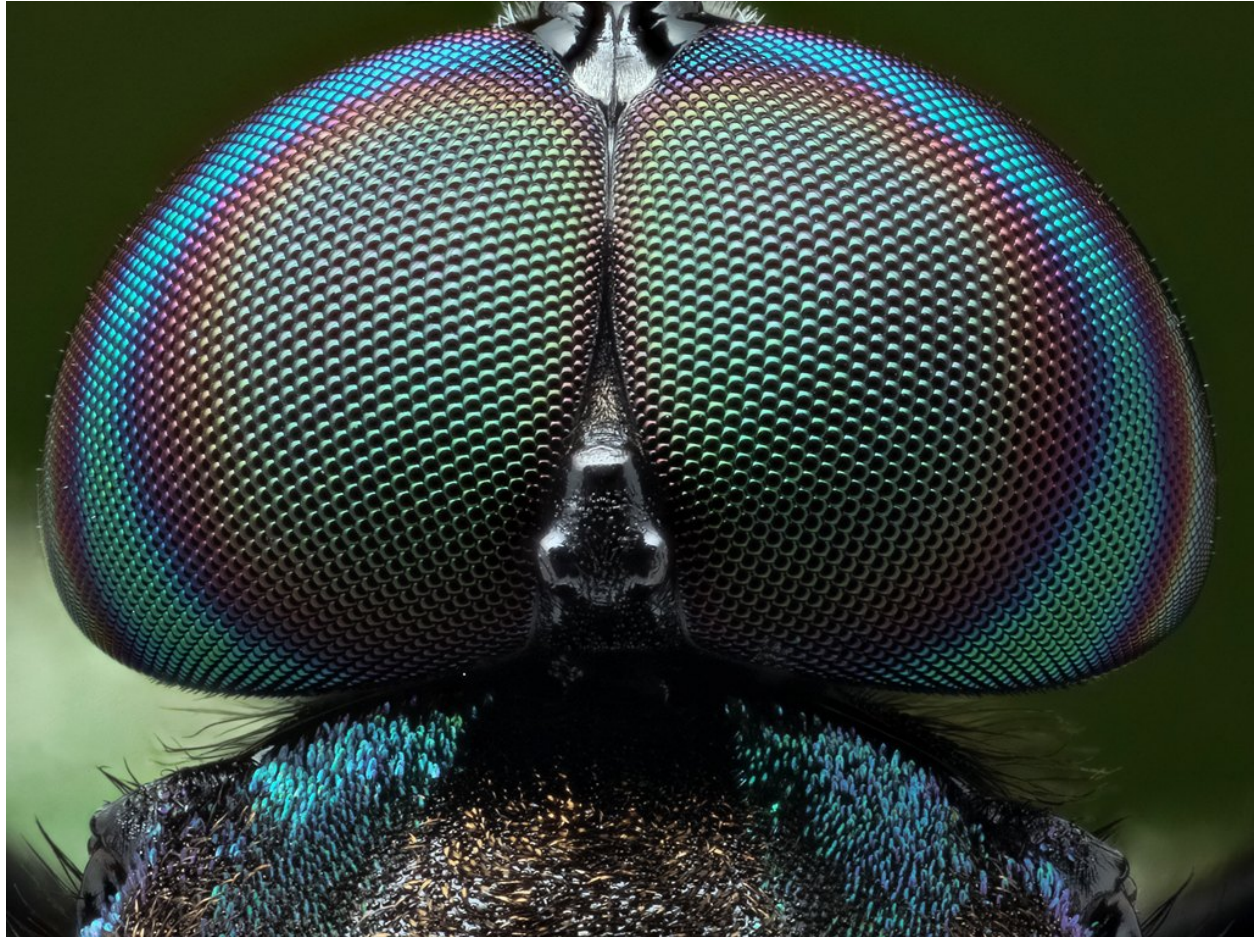
No Bug-Zappers. No Swats.

Cheap to Do. Pennies. Really.

Just a Simple Hanging Bag of Water!

But Exactly How Do No-Fly Water Bags Work?

It's All About REFRACTION and a FLY'S COMPLEX EYES...



Flies have a highly sensitive array of eyes which allow it to see in multiple directions at once. The insect's head mostly consists of a pair of large complex eyes, each of which is composed of 3,000 to 6,000 simple eyes. These eyes can't move or focus on objects like human eyes, but they provide the fly with a mosaic view of the world around them. A housefly bases its sense of direction on the direction sunlight comes from. Some entomologists believe that when these complex, sensitive eyes experience refracted light, the insect becomes confused and flies away.

All you need is a plastic bag, three pennies, fishing line/twine and water.<https://www.hometalk.com/post/44386099/media?id=6983569>



[voanews.com](http://voanews.com)

'Betrayal of the First Order' - Puritan Missionaries Leave Mixed Legacy Among Native Americans

On October 13, 1652, after a day of fasting and prayer, 15 Native American men stood before a panel of Puritan church officials in Natick, Massachusetts.

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**How early humans' quest for food stoked the flames of evolution** (Guardian)

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**Please join the Council of State Archivists (CoSA) for a virtual Partner Briefing on March 18, 2021, from 2:00 - 3:30 EDT**

CoSA leadership will share information about CoSA's priorities for the year ahead and share exciting developments about CoSA's State Electronic Records Initiative (SERI).

We're also looking forward to hearing from briefing attendees about positive changes created or initiated because of the pandemic for your work and organization.

We'll send a final agenda and other information out to you during the week before the briefing. Please register at the following link

**Register for the Briefing**

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Thanks, and look forward to seeing you at the briefing

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**Xenia Xfr**

Italian diver Enzo Maiorca while diving into Siracusa sea felt something patting him on the back. He turned around and saw a dolphin, which he understood that he did not want to play but express something.

The dolphin dived and Enzo followed. At a depth of twelve meters trapped in a net there was another dolphin. After managing with his wife to release it, as the two dolphins emerged they emitted an almost human cry (this is how Maiorca described it). Dolphins can be held under water for up to ten minutes then drowned. The trapped dolphin was a female who soon gave birth.

The male surrounded them and standing in front of Enzo touched his cheek (like a kiss), a gesture of gratitude. Enzo finished his speech by saying

**" Until man learns to respect and communicate with the animal world, he will never be able to know his true role on this Earth. "**

<a href="#">DCNU Scholarship Program</a>	\$1,000	04/29/2021
<a href="#">Diversity in Structural Engineering Scholarship</a>	\$5,000	04/30/2021
<a href="#">Donna Easter Student Ethics Awards</a>	\$7,500	04/17/2021
<a href="#">Dr. James Earl Massey Intercultural Leadership Scholarship</a>	\$16,000	04/25/2021
<a href="#">Dymond Shantyl Dantzler Legacy Scholarship</a>	\$1,000	04/30/2021
<a href="#">EFWA Scholarships</a>	\$4,000	04/30/2021
<a href="#">Ehrlich Rominger Scholarship</a>	\$5,000	04/04/2021
<a href="#">Emily M. Hewitt &amp; Stephen Stocking Memorial Scholarships</a>	\$2,500	04/15/2021
<a href="#">Emma Nylen Charitable Trust Scholarship Program</a>	Varies	04/23/2021
<a href="#">Erika Knode Memorial Scholarship</a>	Varies	04/17/2021
<a href="#">ESET Women in Cyber Technology Scholarship</a>	\$5,000	04/15/2021
<a href="#">Eula Mae Jett Scholarship Program</a>	\$2,000	04/01/2021
<a href="#">EWNJ Graduate Merit Award Program</a>	Varies	04/19/2021
<a href="#">Extraordinary Scholarship</a>	\$1,000	04/30/2021
<a href="#">First Responders Children's Foundation General Scholarship</a>	\$6,250	04/15/2021
<a href="#">Florida Green Building Coalition Scholarship</a>	\$1,000	04/14/2021
<a href="#">Floyd E. McDonald Scholarship</a>	\$1,000	04/01/2021
<a href="#">Folsom Garden Club Scholarship</a>	\$2,500	04/15/2021
<a href="#">For A Bright Future Global Scholarship Program</a>	\$10,000	04/01/2021
<a href="#">Force For Good High School Essay Contest</a>	\$2,500	04/15/2021
<a href="#">Frank O'Bannon Grant Program</a>	Varies	04/15/2021
<a href="#">Fulgham-Fulghum National Family Foundation, Inc. Scholarship</a>	\$1,000	04/15/2021
<a href="#">Generation Hope Scholar Program</a>	\$2,400	04/01/2021
<a href="#">George A. Strait Minority Scholarship</a>	Varies	04/01/2021
<a href="#">Georgia Association of Environmental Professionals 2020 Environmental Scholarship</a>	\$1,000	04/01/2021
<a href="#">Gerald W. &amp; Edith F. Wallace Scholarship</a>	Varies	04/01/2021
<a href="#">GITA EnerGIS GIS Scholarship</a>	\$2,000	04/01/2021
<a href="#">Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes</a>	Varies	04/15/2021
<a href="#">Gloria Barron Wilderness Society Scholarship</a>	\$10,000	04/24/2021
<a href="#">Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship Program</a>	\$5,000	04/23/2021
<a href="#">Greater Kansas City Community Foundation 1,000 Dreams Scholarship</a>	\$1,000	04/01/2021

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**LEGISLATIVE ACTION ALERT**  
**Advocate for Environmental Justice Legislation ACR3**  
**By 4pm on March 16th, 2021**

**Background**

ACR3 would require a legislative study on the development of an in-state environmental justice and quality review process that would incorporate environmental justice and quality considerations for in-state governmental decision making. The study will require a series of public hearings to listen to diverse public perspectives and assimilate available information to recommend a framework under Nevada law to determine if a governmental action has the potential to affect the environment, and disproportionately affect certain peoples and communities. We do not currently have a statewide policy that thoroughly examines and considers environmental justice and quality in this way. However, there is a deep need for such--and implementation of such review would benefit communities disproportionately affected by mining in Nevada as well as communities afflicted by other environmental injustices in the state. Your testimony and support as members of various communities is needed to tell Nevada lawmakers to support ACR3 and call for statewide environmental justice.

**HOW YOU CAN HELP**

The best way you can support this is by testifying with your stories that show the need for this type of environmental justice and quality review. We want to highlight to legislators the need for our government to proactively reach out to communities and have an accessible and inclusive avenue for public input. Do you have examples on any of the following from your experience that highlight the failures in state and local decision making on projects without such environmental justice/quality review, that you could testify on? (These bullet points are just some suggestions to think about; please feel free to share your stories in any other ways as well for why environmental justice and quality review matter)

- Poor outreach for alerting the public, with an emphasis on disproportionately affected communities and those that have been marginalized.
- Lack of a consistent process for reviewing a project or development plan to obtain the full sense of consequences of the government decision/action.
- Lack of clear understanding on the part of the public, especially those disproportionately affected and marginalized, of the full range of consequences of a government decision/action.
- Need for government to facilitate full understanding, including mechanisms for communities to get independent analysis as needed.
- Need for transparent and accessible process for redress of government decisions/actions.
- Where a clearly poor decision was made on a proposed project or development plan that could have been avoided had Nevada had a review process in place.
- Examples where a Nevada review process would have avoided litigation and expenses

Share your testimony through the following ways:

**BEST to TESTIFY** virtually on Tuesday, March 16th, 2021, at 4pm in the committee  
**[Register with this link](#) to testify in support of ACR3 environmental justice legislation:**



<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/MeetingParticipation/9034>  
<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/MeetingParticipation/9034>

AND/OR

**SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS** before March 16th in support of ACR3 to this  
email: [AsmLOE@asm.state.nv.us](mailto:AsmLOE@asm.state.nv.us)

### **More Information and Examples**

From the work Great Basin Resource Watch does around extraction, we strongly believe environmental justice (how a major project can disproportionately affect unique communities) should be a central aspect in permitting. Since Nevada has no environmental quality/justice law, the only environmental review for non-federal projects is the state permitting process. The Nevada permitting process is not a highly inclusive public process nor does it evaluate cumulative impacts. This current permitting process allowed for a mine project that destroyed a unique Western Shoshone cultural and spiritual area at Mt. Tenabo in Eureka County. Western Shoshone Elder Carrie Dann exemplifies this failure in the current permitting process to consider environmental justice in permitting the mine: “When the Earth Mother, your land, is gone, you’re walking towards a slow spiritual death.”

Another example of the need for this legislation to support communities affected by extraction in Nevada is Comstock Mining Inc’s operation in Lyon County, Nevada. This mine has never had a National Environmental Policy Act style environmental review, largely because it’s not on public land. This is despite the clear impacts of Comstock Mining Inc’s operations on the community. The local residents would have benefited greatly from a comprehensive environmental quality and justice review.

If you would like to see additional examples for why an environmental justice and quality review process is needed in Nevada (to support you in crafting your own testimony), visit here: <https://gbrw.org/take-action/>

If you would like to see GBRW's written testimony in support of ACR3, it can be found here: <https://gbrw.org/gbrw-testimony-exhibit-acr3/>

If you would like more information on ACR3 itself, bill text can be found here: <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/>

If you have any questions, concerns, or would like any support at all in crafting your testimony supporting ACR3, please feel free to email  
Chelsey at [chelsey@gbrw.org](mailto:chelsey@gbrw.org) or John at [john@gbrw.org](mailto:john@gbrw.org)