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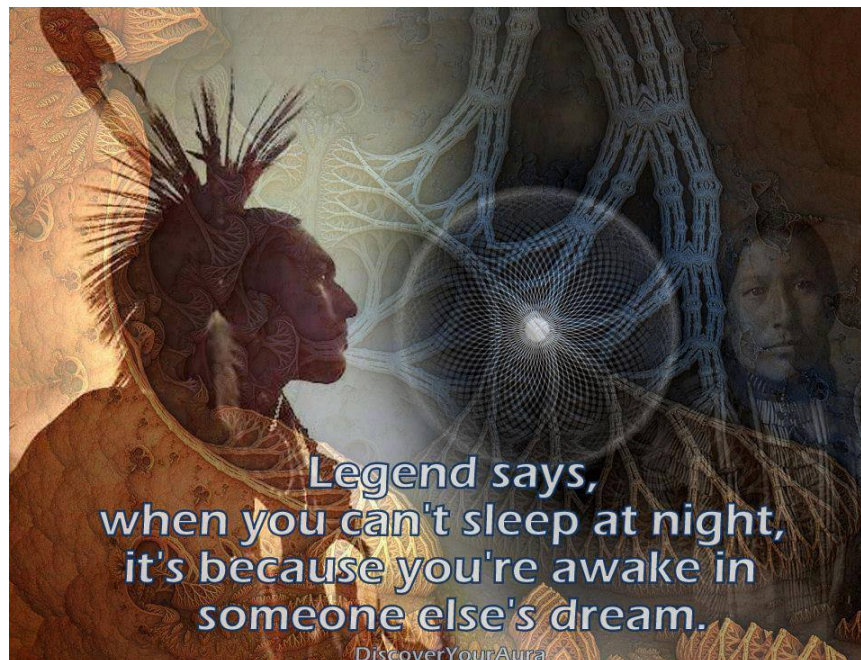
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## Brazil's Indigenous history didn't start in 1988

*"We know it is a risk for us to gather in the middle of the pandemic. But we have no choice. Either we protest, or we perish. And so we protest."*

This week, **Indigenous peoples from across Brazil are assembling in the nation's capital** for a demonstration they have named the Struggle for Life Camp. They are gathering **to insist that their existence and voice be recognized and respected.**

One of the central goals of the Struggle for Life Camp is to **mobilize against the attacks on Indigenous land rights** that are being rammed through Congress and the judiciary. Right now, they are facing down a renewed attempt to legitimize the so-called "marco temporal" clause, a patently unconstitutional "time limit trick" that **severely weakens the constitutional rights of Indigenous peoples** to their land.

Under the "marco temporal" clause, **Indigenous peoples would lose their constitutional right to lands** that were not physically occupied in 1988 – the year of when the latest Brazilian Constitution was adopted. This ignores the **centuries of violent displacement of Indigenous peoples from their lands** and their subsequent exclusion from engaging in legal and political acts up until Brazil's dictatorship ended in 1988.

<[news@amazonwatch.org](mailto:news@amazonwatch.org)>

## Scientists launch effort to collect water data in US West

The Associated Press, 8/25/2021

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) — The U.S. Department of Energy on Tuesday announced a new kind of climate observatory near the headwaters of the Colorado River that will help scientists better predict rain and snowfall in the U.S. West and determine how much of it will flow through the region. The multimillion-dollar effort led by Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory launches next week. The team has set up radar systems, balloons, cameras and other equipment in an area of Colorado where much of the water in the river originates as snow. More than 40 million people depend on the Colorado River.

## DEEP CUT | 6-MINUTE READ

### This Barnacle-Inspired Glue Seals Bleeding Organs in Seconds

**BY MAX G. LEVY**

The paste sticks onto wet tissue firmly by repelling blood. Surgeons hope it can save time—and lives.

*It is Friday and if you are stuck inside because of fire smoke, other weather or cancelled events and want something to occupy hours, "have I got a deal for you".*

*Y'all know I love research and won of the fun things about it is when one is looking for something, one often finds something else.*

*Found a new site: [tandfonline.com](http://tandfonline.com) which may keep you occupied for hours. Their search engine listed 177,869 entries for "American Indian"; 211,893 for "Native American".*

*As with any search engine, often amusing "other" references creep into the listing....."Battle Mountain Band", for instance listed 6,311 entries, elicited mostly from the words battle and band.*

*If you are busy, don't fret. I plan to feature some extracts later next week! sdc*

**ACTION ALERT: Make Public Comments and Sign Petition for Conglomerate Mesa  
DEADLINE AUGUST 30th**

**BREAKING:** The Ridgecrest BLM has announced the opening of a Public Scoping Comment Period for K2 Gold and Mojave Precious Metals' (MPM) next gold exploration proposal at Conglomerate Mesa. This destructive project proposes miles of new road construction and 120 drill holes in wilderness-like lands. Friends of the Inyo urges you to comment now and stand up for this beloved landscape. Read below for all details and materials to help you make comments.

**Deadline is August 30th.**

## **What Is K2 Gold and MPM's Proposal?**

On July 30th the Ridgecrest Bureau of Land Management officially announced the opening of a public scoping comment period for a new phase of gold exploration at beloved National Conservation Land site, Conglomerate Mesa. The mining proponent, K2 Gold, a gold exploration company based in Vancouver, and their new subsidiary Mojave Precious Metals has submitted a proposal to the Ridgecrest BLM requesting 2.7 miles of new road construction and 1.06 miles of overlanding routes. In addition to this, the mining company is requesting to drill 30 different locations for a total of 120 drill holes. In total, this place proposes to impact roughly 12.2 acres of preserved public land. When compared to the helicopter drilling completed in 2020, which only permitted .2 acres of disturbance, this new proposal increases impacts 61 times over.

Read the Bureau of Land Management's official Press Release [here](#) and Mojave Precious Metals' official project proposal [here](#).

## **MAKE PUBLIC SCOPING COMMENTS TODAY!**

Public scoping provides everyday citizens an opportunity to provide input on the future of Conglomerate Mesa and the mining proposal. That means YOU can make your voice heard for the landscape. Many plan to make comments advocating for the protection of Joshua trees and rare plants like the Inyo Badger Thread Plant or the Inyo Rock Daisy. Some comments will discuss the need to preserve the unique geology at Conglomerate Mesa. Ultimately, anything relating to the landscape and this gold mining proposal is fair to raise. Public scoping is also a great time to suggest different alternatives that the Ridgecrest BLM should consider in the upcoming environmental analysis. For example, while Friends of the Inyo will oppose the entirety of this project, we are going to recommend that the BLM strongly consider a helicopter access alternative that would better protect cultural resources, plant resources and drastically reduce the acres impacted. We suggest you do the same!

Friends of the Inyo have developed materials to make public commenting easy for you. While we urge you to make comments in your own words, please use our documents as inspiration. For those who have been to the landscape or its surrounding areas, the more you can share personal testimony and connection to the land, the better!

[SUBMIT COMMENTS HERE](#)

[ACCESS COMMENTING TIP SHEET HERE](#)

## **Does This Proposal Sound Familiar?**

If this project proposal sounds familiar, that's because it is. In 2017, SSR Mining proposed almost the exact same road construction plan. The Ridgecrest BLM issued a decision denying any road construction and overlanding routes and limited all exploration to helicopter access only. Many wonder if the Ridgecrest BLM will stay true to their recent Record of Decision and hold K2 Gold and Mojave Precious Metals to helicopter access only, which will protect Conglomerate Mesa from impacts it has never experienced before.

[K2 Gold Background](#) --- [K2's "Mojave Gold Project"](#) --- [K2s Western Property Plan](#) --- [K2 Gold Website](#) --- [Presentations](#)

## Inspiration For Public Comment

Need inspiration and motivation to make public comments for Conglomerate Mesa? View a recent video made by Dicky Debaise highlighting the communities concerns with this project and the fight to protect many invaluable resources at Conglomerate Mesa. [Watch here](#) or click below.

## ONLINE PETITION IS LIVE!

Support the permanent protection of Conglomerate Mesa from destructive gold mining. The petition gained 2,200 signatures in the first month. Let's keep the momentum going!

[SIGN HERE!](#)

### Senate's internet access plan rests on better broadband maps

The Senate's bipartisan infrastructure bill makes a \$42.5 billion bet that the government will overcome an obstacle that has long plagued efforts to connect most Americans to the internet: notoriously inaccurate maps showing where they can get a signal – and where they can't. [Read more...](#)

### First cut on census data: Nevada is diversifying, but it's complicated

By Nancy Brune and Kenneth Re

#### James Bird

**Rollie Pollies!!! Surely you've found them under a brick or a wet object, you may have felt disgusting and wondered why nature created them.**



For we tell you, these animals are oniscideans, better known as piggy bank, are a suborder of terrestrial isopod crustaceans whose function is nothing less than eliminating heavy metals such as mercury, cadmium and lead from the earth which are harmful to human, contributing to soil and groundwater cleansing and confirming once again nature wisdom.



Don't hurt them!!!

About James: I was the only Native American kid at my school, besides my brother and sister. My grandma was sent to a boarding school. My mom was kicked out of school for being Native American. I look at this photo and realize the only reason i wasn't taken away from my family and why I didn't die in a boarding school was just a few years of legislation and state laws. I was one of the lucky ones. Boarding schools in america officially closed in in 1980.

### **More than 1,000 protest Line 3 at Minnesota Capitol**

Demonstrators called on Gov. Tim Walz and President Joe Biden to halt construction on the oil pipeline. <http://strib.mn/38afM50>



## The centerpiece of Microsoft's massive new expansion is 550 feet underground

A major new building is rising on the expansion of Microsoft's corporate campus outside of Seattle. Unlike other recent architectural escapades from tech companies, it's not a circular spaceship or a swirling glass mountain or even a starchitect-designed indoor-outdoor park. Microsoft's new building is an energy plant.

Read in Fast Company: [https://apple.news/AsreKo\\_9bSbumMzSKssiC8A](https://apple.news/AsreKo_9bSbumMzSKssiC8A)

## Western Groundwater Congress

This year's event will include Individual, Panel and Poster Presentations that cover the following subject areas:

- Water Resources Exploration and Development
- Groundwater Management
- Contaminant Assessment and Remediation
- Unique Challenges and New Opportunities

Start: Mon 13 Sep 2021, 8:00 AM

End: Wed 15 Sep 2021, 3:00 PM

## Delta Conveyance Operational Webinar: Environmental Justice

Virtual Informational Webinar on Environmental Justice

Start: Thu 16 Sep 2021, 6:00 PM

End: Thu 16 Sep 2021, 8:00 PM

## 5K Your Way for Libraries

Did you know the oldest library on record dates back to the [7th century BC](#) and contained 4,000-year-old artifacts? Because libraries have been a staple of society for so long, it can be easy to assume that they will always be there. Unfortunately, many libraries across the country are in crisis and in desperate need of stable funding.

That is why we are hosting the [5K Your Way For Libraries](#). With your support, we are gearing up to help dozens of libraries at the ballot box and fight for library funding across the country again this year. We are also going to support library and information issues like restoring net neutrality, saving school librarians, and ensuring that our nation's leaders stand up for library funding.

[EveryLibrary](#) needs your support to continue the important work we have been doing for libraries and librarians for the last 9 years. From **Sept. 26–Oct. 2, 2021** join library supporters around the country as they participate in EveryLibrary's first [5K Your Way For Libraries](#). Our goal is to raise \$50,000 to ensure EveryLibrary can continue our library-saving work. Here's how you can help:

**Form a Team:** Become a team leader and invite your friends and family to join your team and raise critical funds.

**Join a Team:** Join an existing team, get moving, and ask others to support you with a donation.

**Join as an Individual:** Sign up as an individual, do your thing, and raise some money!

**Donate:** Make a donation to ensure [EveryLibrary](#) can continue to help libraries in crisis across the country.

\$15 General Registration

\$30 Registration + 1 pair of 5K Your Way For Libraries custom John's Crazy Socks\*

Join the [5K Your Way For Libraries Facebook Event Group](#) to stay up to date on what others are doing. Share how you will 5K. Ask questions and share success stories!

Don't forget to join us on Sunday, September 26th at 3 pm EST for our Facebook Live event to kick-off event week!

Thank you for supporting EveryLibrary's mission to ensure stable funding and access to libraries for generations to come!

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<http://www.everylibrary.org/>

*PS – If you are unable to participate but would still like to support our goal of raising \$50,000 to provide stable funding for libraries, please consider making a donation [here](#).*

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## **Webinar: Traditional Knowledge - Federal Agencies' Considerations**

This webinar will discuss how some federal agencies are considering traditional knowledge in the implementation of their missions. This webinar is one of a two-part webinar mini-series on traditional knowledge. The second webinar, planned for October, will focus on how federally recognized tribes and indigenous peoples engage federal agencies on traditional knowledge.

### **Webinar Details:**

Date & Time: September 15, 2021, 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM (PT), 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM (ET)

**Register:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/traditional-knowledge-federal-agencies-considerations-tickets-166938309979>

### **About this Event:**

This webinar is part of the U.S. EPA [Environmental Justice Webinar Series for Tribes and Indigenous Peoples](#) - to build the capacity of tribal governments, indigenous peoples and other environmental justice practitioners, and discuss priority environmental justice issues of interest to tribes and indigenous peoples.

### **Panelists:**

Reno Keoni Franklin, Chairman Emeritus of the Kashia Band of Pomo Indians

Ira Matt, Senior Program Analyst, Office of Native American Affairs, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

Dorothy FireCloud, J.D., Native American Affairs Liaison, Assistant to the Director, Office of Native American Affairs, National Park Service, Department of Interior

Chris Koeppel, Assistant Director, Office of Tribal Relations, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture

Hillary Renick, Tribal Liaison Coordinator, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Department of Interior

Danny Gogal, Tribal and Indigenous Peoples Program Manager, Office of Environmental Justice, U.S. EPA (Facilitator)

A link for the webinar will be emailed to registered participants a couple of days before the event.

Please note that the webinar is planned to be recorded and is expected to be available on the following EPA website a few weeks after the webinar: <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/environmental-justice-tribes-and-indigenous-peoples>.

For questions about this webinar, or the EPA EJ Webinar Series for Tribes and Indigenous Peoples, please contact Danny Gogal, Office of Environmental Justice, [gogal.danny@epa.gov](mailto:gogal.danny@epa.gov).


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*Children's Teeth, Collected Decades Ago, Can Show the Damage of Nuclear Testing*  
*Lawrence Wittner and Joseph Mangano*

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Asking you to give me equal rights implies that they are yours to give. Instead, I must demand that you stop trying to deny me the rights all people deserve.

Elizabeth Peratrovich  
Born: 1911  
Equal rights advocate for Alaska Natives  
Helped pass first anti-discrimination law in the US

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## Reminder

### Event Alert: Thacker Pass Intervenor Plaintiff Hearing This Friday, August 27th, at 9am

AMENDED MINUTE ORDER IN CHAMBERS of the Honorable Chief Judge Miranda M. Du on 8/11/2021.

IT IS ORDERED that a hearing, to be heard by Zoom Video Conference, is set for 8/27/2021 at 9:00 AM in Reno Courtroom 5 before Chief Judge Miranda M. Du. The Court will hear oral argument on Intervenor Plaintiff Atsa Koodakuh Wyh Nuwu's Motion for Preliminary Injunction (ECF No. 45 .)

Persons granted remote access to proceedings are reminded of the general prohibition against photographing, recording, and rebroadcasting of court proceedings. Violation of these prohibitions may result in sanctions, including removal of court issued media credentials, restricted entry to future hearings, denial of entry to future hearings, or any other sanctions deemed necessary by the court.

The Public may access and listen to the Hearing as follows:

**Public telephonic participants may call the AT&T conference line listed below no later than ten (10) minutes prior to the hearing. The phone number to call is (888) 251-2909. The access code is 3803398 and the security code 082721. All telephonic participants must identify themselves to the Courtroom Administrator when they enter the telephonic conference. They must mute their telephones and refrain from speaking during the hearing. No one may place one's phone on hold during the proceedings.**

## History Matters at the National Library of Medicine

*by Jeffrey S. Reznick and Kenneth M. Koyle*

Historians are a vital part of the National Library of Medicine's ongoing work, conducting research with historians of medicine, supporting social science and humanities research, acquiring and interpreting materials from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and supporting public health work.

<https://historynewsnetwork.org/article/180992>



## **SCRAPPING THE COLOR CODE: A POST-RACIAL AMERICA IS INEVITABLE**

*by Jim Sleeper*

The 2020 Census is showing that whiteness is no longer the civic and cultural norm, but also that bureaucratic color-coding can't support a version of civic Americanism that can stand up to a growing white backlash.



**Worlds best Native American hoop dance (click on pic)**

CBS8.COM

### **President Biden signs PAWS Act, allowing VA to pay for service dogs for veterans**

Rory Diamond, CEO of K9s for Warriors, says for the first time in American history, the VA can pay for service dogs for veterans with PTSD.

### **Gov. Sisolak Signs Executive Order To Protect Nevada's Sagebrush**

By [Lucia Starbuck](#)

Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak signed an [executive order](#) on Monday to address the impacts of climate change and wildfires on Nevada's habitats and landscapes. The executive order will establish what's called the Nevada Habitat Conservation Framework, and Nevada will collaborate with state agencies, tribal communities and conservation advocates.

The Nevada Department of Wildlife is charged with identifying threats and ways to rehabilitate the areas where sagebrush thrives. The state's flower covers more than half of Nevada, supporting nearly 370 plants and animals. Wildfire, invasive species and agriculture conversion have destroyed roughly 50 percent of sagebrush habitats.

Sisolak's executive order also calls for a plan to protect migratory corridors for mule deer, bighorn sheep and pronghorn. Plus it includes ways to minimize vehicle collisions with wildlife. Outdoor recreation typically generates \$12.5 billion in consumer spending annually and supports more than 87,000 jobs in Nevada.



## Can a coffee shop change the world?

The Nevada

Independent

Next Evolution coffee shop sits in an unassuming brick building on U.S. Route 95 in Schurz, Nevada, welcoming desert travelers and the more than 1,000 residents of the Walker River reservation.

Owner Andrea Martinez and her sister, Maria, prepare acai bowls and lattes made with grounds from a Native American-owned roasting company based in the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony. Reporter Jazmin Orozco

Rodriguez and photographer David Calvert recently visited the shop. [Here's the story.](#)

### Quote of the Day

"Honestly, I think about that on a daily basis, because somebody like me wasn't meant to make it. The history of our people, we were never meant to make it. Being where I am at right now, as a Native American woman, business owner on a reservation, I feel really blessed and really lucky. It's my hope that this just creates ripples across not only our community, but our world."

— Next Evolution coffee shop owner Andrea Martinez

## Climate change is an infrastructure problem – map of electric vehicle chargers shows one reason why

Aug 24, 2021 03:54 pm

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*How many tribes are leasing space for recharge station out there in the open spaces?*

## Democrats seek support services for survivors of Native American boarding schools

Aug 25, 2021 11:37 am

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**Native American boarding schools are a stain that shouldn't be covered up**

The museum and cultural center is a rich asset for Nevada, as one of few places in the nation that offers a comprehensive and culturally respectful story of boarding schools.

**Pyramid Plhs**

Look at this group of amazing students!

Today was the second day at TMCC for these 19 PLHS students. We're bursting with pride to be sending such a big group of kids out to master college, build their confidence, and chase their dreams!



In loving memory of

*LaVerda L Lovelace*

12/06/1964-08/11/2021



Grave side services will be held on  
August 29th, 2021 at 12:30pm  
at the Schurz Cemetery