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One of the World's Oldest Rainforests Returns to Indigenous Control

Olivia Rosane, EcoWatch

Rosane writes: "Australia's Daintree Rainforest - a World Heritage Site and one of the oldest rainforests in the world - is being returned to Indigenous ownership."

READ MORE.

<https://www.rsn.org/001/one-of-the-worlds-oldest-rainforests-returns-to-indigenous-control.html>

How Indigenous Stories Helped Scientists Understand the Origin of Three Huge Boulders

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/science-nature/how-indigenous-stories-helped-scientists-understand-the-origin-of-three-huge-boulders-180978788/>

Commission for Environmental Cooperation Launches EJ4Climate, \$2 Million Environmental Justice and Climate Resilience Grant Program

The North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation ([CEC](#)) is launching a first-of-its-kind USD \$2 million grant program, EJ4Climate, to support environmental justice and climate resilience for underserved, vulnerable communities, and Indigenous communities across North America. **Proposals are due by October 29, 2021.**

Initiated by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the CEC established this new grant program to support underserved and overburdened communities in Canada, Mexico, and the United States as they prepare for climate-related impacts. This program will provide funding directly to Indigenous communities and community-based organizations to deliver environmental justice and advance local solutions to adapt to climate change.

“Climate change touches every aspect of our lives and it acts as a threat multiplier for our most vulnerable communities,” said **EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan**, who chaired the recent [2021 CEC Council Session](#). “That’s why I’m honored to join our partners to announce the EJ4Climate grant program, as the CEC expands its work to deliver environmental justice and foster climate resilience across North America. The program announced today will help elevate environmental protections for all people – regardless of the money in their pocket, color of their skin, or community they live in.”

The CEC is now accepting applications for grants and cooperative agreements to be funded under the EJ4Climate grant program. **Proposals are due by October 29, 2021** and projects will begin implementation in January 2022.

For this inaugural grant cycle, the CEC is calling for initiatives that:

- Support community resilience to climate change and climate-related impacts;
- Yield tangible, equitable benefits for local communities by addressing or adapting to climate change impacts;
- **Consider local knowledge and transform that knowledge into an innovative action or solution; and**
- Build partnerships that respond to community-identified challenges.

Possible projects under the grant program could include addressing extreme weather impacts, transitioning to clean energy and/or transportation systems, or utilizing traditional ecological knowledge to address climate change impacts.

Eligible applicants include non-profit and non-governmental organizations, environmental groups, community-based associations, Tribal nations, and Indigenous Peoples and communities.

For more information on this new Environmental Justice and Climate Resilience Grant Program go to <http://www.cec.org/EJ4climate/>



Native American Fish & Wildlife Society FREE: Virtual Tribal Horse Seminar

Thursday, October 28, 2021: 9:00 a.m. (MDT)

Zoom Meeting ID: 633 936 0916 – Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6339360916>

Register at <https://www.nafws.org/product/free-tribal-horse-seminar/>

Seminar Agenda

9:00 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.	Introduction: Dr. Tolani Francisco
9:10 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	What makes a horse management program? Dr. Tolani Francisco, USDA FS
9:50 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	General Horse Husbandry, Welfare, Henneke Body Condition Scoring Dr. Teresa Drotar, USDA FS
Break: 10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	
10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Reproduction and Fertility Reduction Agents, Gonacon Dr. Jason Bruemmer, USDA APHIS, WS
11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Q&A
Lunch Break: 12:00 p.m. – 13:00 p.m.	
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Methods and Financial Concerns for Developing Census Counts on Tribal lands Dr. Kate Schoenecker, USDOL, USGS
2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.	Diseases of Concern in Horses, Burros and Mules especially Zoonotic Diseases and Identification Dr. Christina Krasilnec, USDA APHIS VS
Break: 2:50 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	
3:00 p.m. – 3:25 p.m.	Exportation of Equids Dr. David Ewey, USDA APHIS VSe
3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Remote Capture Techniques Mark Catron/Robert Jordan, Homeland Habitat LLC
4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Discussion and Questions

Thanks to Dr. Tolani Francisco for planning this event and to all the presenters for sharing their expertise.

Any questions on this seminar should be directed to:

Corey Lucero, Society Biologist at clucero@nafws.org



Dr. Tolani Francisco

Dr. Francisco is a 1990 graduate of the Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine. She currently is the Wild Horse and Burro Coordinator for the US Forest Service in Albuquerque, NM. (She transferred to this position in January 2017) Dr. Francisco spent 13.5 years in Colorado, initially while on active duty in the US Air Force (USAF), as the Public Health Officer at Buckley Air Force Base, then as the Regional Epidemiology Officer for the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services (USDA APHIS VS).

While on active duty, Dr. Francisco attained the rank of Major. She was stationed at Nellis AFB, Las Vegas, NV, Brooks-City Base, San Antonio, TX and Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, AL. Before entering the USAF, Dr. Francisco spent two years in Trinidad, Bolivia with the USDA APHIS International Services working as a Veterinary Medical Officer (VMO) overseeing the Foot and Mouth Disease eradication efforts in the Departments of Beni and Pando. She was responsible for developing a vaccination program for 5M head of cattle in these two departments to attain a free zone to allow exportation of Bolivian animals to Brazil. In the 1990's, she spent 6 years in Albuquerque as a section VMO for the USDA APHIS VS after starting her federal career in Helena, MT as a VMO. In 1990, Dr. Francisco initiated her veterinary career in a mixed animal practice in Reno, NV. While in practice in Reno, Dr. Francisco had her first experience with wild horses while providing veterinary care to the BLM Wild Horse holding facility at Pyramid Lake. Dr. Francisco has offered emergency and preventive care for all tribal animals at the Pueblo of Laguna (large and small) since 1990. In 2017, she established Native Healing LLC which is now a 501©3 organization at Laguna to provide free/low-cost veterinary care to tribal animals. In her spare time, Dr. Francisco loves to try to grow alfalfa on her 5-acre farm in Bosque Farms. She is a "reforming" marathon runner, has cattle with the tribal Sedillo Cattle Association and has two family dogs and two new kittens. She is married to Jason Schlie, who is a Conservation Law Enforcement officer at White Sands Missile Range. Jason often says of his wife, don't give her 30 seconds, because she will find something else to do! She is the daughter of Eldon and Shirley Francisco and has one brother, Curtis who all reside in the Village of Laguna.

"No fish means no food": How Yurok women are fighting for their tribe's nutritional health

By the Guardian, 10/3/2021

Klamath River salmon populations are dwindling, so Yurok mothers are working to restore the river and reclaim Indigenous food sovereignty.

Traditionally their tribe's caregivers and food providers, Yurok women bear the brunt of the food and health crisis while leading the fight for cultural preservation.

Nevada Independent "Indy"

We are taking applicants for spring interns. Because it is a full-time position, we prefer seniors with a light course load or who are set to graduate in December or who have graduated. (We also accept applications from college graduates looking for a second or third journalism internship.) [More information here](#) — and please spread the word.

\$1.5 million in funding available for Nevada OHV projects

by [Nevada State News](#)

CARSON CITY—A new round of grant funding—\$1.5 million in all—is available for Off-Highway Vehicle projects throughout Nevada. The application period for the grants is open through Nov. 19, and grants will be awarded in December of this year.

Any Nevada resident, community group or organization interested in supporting an OHV project in the state is eligible to apply. Projects completed by past grant awards include the Logandale Trails restroom facilities, Nevada Outdoor School OHV education, trail maintenance by the Reno Area Dirt Riders and the Nevada Trail Maps collaborative.

Eligible projects include trail planning, maintenance, land acquisitions, mapping, signage, law enforcement, education, safety training and natural or cultural resource conservation. The grants are offered through the Nevada Commission on Off-Highway Vehicles and funded by the state's OHV registration fees.

The application and instructions are available online at ohv.nv.gov/grant-program.

Washoe Tribe scientists discuss using traditional knowledge to mitigate wildfire risk and restore Tahoe's Meeks Meadow

Sep 30, 2021 02:10 pm

[Read more »](#)

California on Thursday (9.30) renamed a popular state park in Humboldt County to its indigenous name used by the Yurok people. Patrick's Point State Park, a lushly forested promontory just north of Eureka, is now Sue-meg State Park. Tribal leaders said the change was especially meaningful given the history of the old namesake, a homesteader named Patrick Beegan who was accused of murdering Native Americans. [Eureka Times-Standard](#) | [North Coast Journal](#)

All of California's Cook pines lean conspicuously in the same direction, as though buffeted by winds. But that isn't their only quirk. Matt Ritter, a botany professor, [discovered](#) that Cook pines around the globe all lean toward the equator — and the further away they are, the greater the slant. [L.A. Times](#) | [New Scientist](#)

Traumatic Monologues: The Therapeutic Turn in Indigenous Politics

By Melanie Yazzie

<https://historynewsnetwork.org/article/181426>

American and Canadian politicians are happy to promote initiatives based in psychological understandings that "trauma" is the principal source of Native disadvantage, while ignoring the ongoing colonial exploitation of indigenous lands by the oil and gas industries.



Few Remember the Worst Slaughter of Native Americans in US History

The Army killed about 350 members of the Northwestern Band of the Shoshone in present-day Idaho 1863. Racism against natives, the banality of such attacks, and the mass carnage of the Civil War overshadowed the massacre; the efforts of Shoshone have ensured it was not forgotten.

<https://historynewsnetwork.org/article/181418>

Communities In Canada Plan More Scans For Remains Of Indigenous Children

By EMMA JACOBS • 23 HOURS AGO

LEILA FADEL, HOST:

California's Next Gold Rush Rests In The Salton Sea

By iHeartRadio, 9/30/21

California's largest lake, Salton Sea may be the key to the state's next gold rush. Its waters have been steadily evaporating, exposing lung-damaging silt into the communities of Imperial Valley, according to the Guardian. However, many people believe a massive reserve of lithium is sitting beneath the lake.

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*From a reader:*

Living on Pomo land, I have been educating myself about California's indigenous genocide. Both of these are excellent (and you probably already know them):

[https://www.amazon.com/American-Genocide-California-Catastrophe-1846-1873/dp/0300181361/ref=tmm\\_hrd\\_swatch\\_0?encoding=UTF8&qid=1633146345&sr=8-1](https://www.amazon.com/American-Genocide-California-Catastrophe-1846-1873/dp/0300181361/ref=tmm_hrd_swatch_0?encoding=UTF8&qid=1633146345&sr=8-1)

[https://www.amazon.com/Destruction-California-Indians-Robert-Heizer-dp-0803272626/dp/0803272626/ref=mt\\_other?encoding=UTF8&me=&qid=](https://www.amazon.com/Destruction-California-Indians-Robert-Heizer-dp-0803272626/dp/0803272626/ref=mt_other?encoding=UTF8&me=&qid=)



## Devour the Land Redux

VIDEO

### **In the Curator's Words**

If you missed Makeda Best's opening lecture for *Devour the Land*, you can now [view it online](#) and learn more about the impacts of military activity on the American landscape.

### **Artist Roundtable**

Register today for a virtual artist panel on [Tuesday, October 5!](#) Curator Makeda Best will lead a conversation with photographers Terry Evans, Ashley Gilbertson, and Will Wilson, each of whom has works in [Devour the Land](#).

### **Take a free 1-hour online lecture on the history of gold & silver in ancient Peru.**

Explore the different perspectives of wealth between the early Peruvians & Spanish conquistadors. Sign up to join online on Wednesday, October 20th.



## Comparative Stats from Nevada's Higher Ed Community

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**University of Nevada, Las Vegas**  
Las Vegas, NVPublic · 4-year

Avg cost after aid\$11K  
Graduation rate40%  
Acceptance rate81%



- **College of Southern Nevada (South)**  
Henderson, NVPublic · 2-year

Avg cost after aid\$6,752  
In-state tuition\$3,652



- **Nevada State College**  
Henderson, NVPublic · 4-year  
Avg cost after aid\$13K  
Graduation rate22%  
Acceptance rate85%



- **Roseman University of Health Sciences**  
Henderson, NV. Private, non-profit · 4-year  
Avg cost after aid. —  
Graduation rate 78%  
Acceptance rate. —



- **Touro University Nevada**  
Henderson, NVPrivate, non-profit · 4-year  
Avg cost after aid —  
Graduation rate 96%  
Acceptance rate —

### **DeVry University**

Henderson, NV Private, for-profit · 4-year  
Avg cost after aid \$30K



Graduation rate 24%  
Acceptance rate. 100%



**Pima Medical Institute - Las Vegas**

Las Vegas, NV Private, for-profit · 2-year  
Avg cost after aid \$22K  
Tuition —

- **Las Vegas College**  
Henderson, NV Private, for-profit · 2-year  
Avg cost after aid \$18K  
Tuition \$14K
- **Carrington College**  
Las Vegas, NV. Private, for-profit · 2-year  
Avg cost after aid. \$17K  
Tuition. —

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Pow Wows – Please confirm they will be held before you go!sdyu

[35th Annual He Sapa Wacipi Na Oskata Black Hills Powwow 2021](#)

October 08 – October 10

444 Mt. Rushmore Rd N, Rapid City , South Dakota – 57701

[Powwow and Fall Festival](#)

October 08 – October 10

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[Spavinaw Pow Wow](#)

October 08 – October 09

[3rd Annual “We Are Still Here” Thunder in the Mountains Pow-Wow](#)

October 09 – October 10

750 Walnut Street, Parsons, WV – 26287

[Thunder in the Mountains – Bob “Little Eagle” Smith Memorial Pow Wow](#)

October 09 – October 10

750 Walnut Street, Parsons, WV – 26287

[Limestone County Powwow](#)

October 09 – October 10

18118 Alabama Hwy 99, Athens, AL – 35614

[Indigenous Peoples Day New York City \(IPDNYC\)](#)

October 10 – October 11

1022 39th Street, Brooklyn, NY – 11219

How (Some)Times Have Changed!

USA Today top10 list is out for votes:

LEADERBOARD

1. Foxwoods Resort Casino - Mashantucket, Connecticut
 2. Pechanga Resort Casino - Temecula, California
 3. San Manuel Casino - Highland, CA
 4. Mohegan Sun - Uncasville, Connecticut
 5. Ocean Casino Resort - Atlantic City
 6. Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tampa - Tampa
 7. Peppermill Resort Spa Casino - Reno
 8. Casino Del Sol - Tucson
 9. Live! Casino Hotel Philadelphia - Philadelphia, PA
 10. Atlantis Casino Resort Spa - Reno
- Check the Full Leaderboard --

From Ian Zabarte:



This letter to the editor is in response to a cartoon appearing on Sunday, September 12, 2021, by Editorial Cartoonist Michael Ramirez depicting Native Americans.

The cartoon on Sunday targeting Native Americans is not funny. What is needed during the pandemic is strong clear communication to vulnerable groups based upon medical science. Responsible news media know the history of abuse suffered by Native Americans. Making fun of our vulnerability caused by other Americans is an abuse. The cartoon is dehumanizing and exhibits endemic racism.

The Tonopah plague around 1901 was deliberately spread in blankets gifted to Shoshone people living at Lida by miners that fled to Goldfield so they could build a pipeline and take Shoshone water. That history should disgust you.

Native Americans are part of this great nation, and we make change happen.

- We taught Americans in the Revolutionary War to duck behind trees and rocks in what is guerilla warfare.
- We entered an alliance with the United States by five treaties in 1863 to allow gold to cross the Shoshone Nation in support of these United States of America. The treaties did not give anything to the Shoshone Nation that we did not already possess.
- The Shoshone language was used in World War I and World War II to save the world and we are proud to have the highest serving per capital of any ethnic background in all American conflicts because we know what we are fighting for—freedom for all.
- Native Americans built one of the largest utility scale solar plants in the world near the Valley of Fire and forced the closure of the coal fired generator near Gold Butte that was emitting toxins onto the reservation and was the number one contributor to regional haze in the Grand Canyon.
- Two new casinos are clear examples of how Native Americans support Las Vegas.

We have feelings and care for other Americans in a solemn treaty commitment based upon the original intent of those treaties to provide aid and comfort to Americans. We expect the same of the media as the “Fourth Estate.” The Las Vegas Review-Journal is a minority entity and we, Native Americans, are the home team here for the past 10,000 years BCE. Other Americans arrived just 529 years ago after discovering Mother Earth is round. The Las Vegas Review-Journal will not fall off the edge of the world by changing direction and cure it’s demoralizing behavior by focusing on education, respect and social engagement with Native American communities.