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*Smithsonian Education Summit*

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Posted by Janet Davis

## Smithsonian Education Summit

Land Acknowledgement

<https://s.si.edu/landacknowledgement>

We gratefully acknowledge the Native Peoples on whose ancestral homelands we gather, as well as the diverse and vibrant Native communities who make their home here today

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*Off topic but one of my favorite things about the Bay Area (besides, its Monday!)*

I have always loved these goats which the East Bay Regional Park District have used for years. Oakland caught on and now BART. Just another example of how some traditional practices still work better!

### **BART using weed-eating goats to reduce fire risk, noise pollution**



*Goats graze on a hillside in Walnut Creek, where they are eating brush as part of a BART program to reduce fire danger. PHOTOS COURTESY OF BART VIA BAY CITY NEWS*

BART is employing goats to reduce fire risk and cut noise pollution on hillsides along train routes in the Bay Area, continuing a practice that began about five years ago and has created other **unintended benefits**.

Transit agency officials say the four-legged weed eaters offer advantages to using lawn mowers and other power tools, which carry a higher risk of sparking fires and create air pollution.

The goats can maneuver steep hillsides more easily than humans and make much less noise than gas-powered, brush-cutting machines, thereby decreasing any disruptions to neighboring areas, said Glen Eddy, BART's assistant superintendent of way and facilities, grounds maintenance.

Before the goats' arrival, BART would plow or mow grass and weeds, Eddy said in a news release, "but in many locations, there just isn't room for equipment to get in there."

BART's 450 goats are contracted from the family-owned business Living Systems Land Management of Coalinga, which owns about 4,000 goats. The animals are a cross between Spanish and Boer goats, breeds ideal for this type of work because they typically eat every edible morsel in sight. The goats also work faster than any human could, Eddy said in a statement, clearing about 1 acre each day.

The goats mow anywhere from 5 to 25 acres at each location where they are grazed. The goats' work typically costs BART about \$800 to \$1,200 an acre, and they usually work for about six weeks in the fire-prone summer months.

The work has enabled the goat herder to put his four children through college. Herder Zenobia Mancha stays with the goats 24 hours a day, sleeping in a trailer beside the grazing property at night to ward off predators, such as mountain lions, and to make sure the goats don't escape.

Mancha, a Peruvian national who worked as an electrical engineer back home, has resided in the United States on an H-2A temporary agricultural worker visa for nearly three years. He intends to return to Peru — with the hope of one day settling in the U.S. permanently — at the end of this year. The herding work, he said, has enabled him to put his four children through college. Two of his children are now engineers, one is studying accounting and another law.

Back home in Peru, Mancha grew up around grazing animals. His 80-year-old father still maintains a herd of sheep, he said. The work can be challenging — and lonely — but it's worth it for Mancha, who takes great pride in his children's education.

"There's a lot of pleasure in life," Mancha said, beaming. "But nothing like the pleasure of educating your children."

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## **Oakland's fire-fighting goats are finishing up their seasonal work**

The herds, which are managed by the city of Oakland and East Bay Regional Park District fire departments, are nearly done with their annual munch-fest, which helps clear dry grass and debris from the East Bay hills.



*The city of Oakland and East Bay Regional Parks District fire departments hire goats from local herders to clear dry grass and debris from areas that are at high risk of wildfire. Credit: Brian Krans*

They're most often heard before they're seen: hundreds if not thousands of goats chomping away

on an East Bay hillside, snapping through twigs and dry grass while letting out the occasional bleat.

Besides being a favorite sight to hikers, the various goat herds that trim the hills of the East Bay are a natural and efficient way to clear underbrush and other highly flammable materials that can help quickly spread a wildfire. Grass and underbrush can also give flames fuel to grow higher and ignite tree branches and leaves.

To cut down those risks, the city of Oakland and East Bay Regional Park District fire departments hire these herds of goats to eat away, particularly in those areas where residential neighborhoods and wildland meet.

The East Bay Regional Parks have been using [cattle, sheep, and goats](#) to help maintain vegetation for more than 50 years. The prime goat-trimming season runs from March to August.

So far this season, goats have cleared more than 800 acres in Oakland parks alone.

The largest project involved a herd of 2,000 goats that spent June and most of July clearing in excess of 230 acres in Knowland Park around the Oakland Zoo, from Interstate 580 up to Skyline Boulevard.

But other assignments can be much smaller, such as the few hundred goats that are scheduled to graze less than an acre of Beaconsfield Canyon over two days next month. Most recently, a herd of goats was clearing a section of Joaquin Miller Park, on steep terrain near the Castle Park trailhead.



*Goats clearing dry grass on the west side of Joaquin Miller Park, at the Castle Park trailhead.  
Credit: Brian Krans*

All of those areas have one thing in common: they're steep and wooded, making it hard for two-legged firefighters to traverse and clear. That's why goat herds, nimble and hungry, are brought in to do the heavy eating.

"A lot of the areas the goats work in are heavily wooded and narrow," said Terri Oyarzún, owner of [Goats R Us](#) out of Orinda. "They are ideal at doing the job humans can't do."

Oyarzún's husband, Egon, worked with goats in his native Chile, and the two started raising their own herd beginning in 1995. They began with 54 heads clearing their neighbors' yards of brush and poison oak.

Now, they and other goat ranchers are contracted to clear hundreds of acres in the East Bay



Regional Park system from Miller Knox Park in Richmond to Joaquin Miller in Oakland.



*A goat chews on a piece of dry brush in Joaquin Miller Park in Oakland.*

*Credit: Brian Krans*

The Goats R Us herd has grown to about 10,000 heads, each goat with an identification tag affixed to their ear.

Oyarzún said not all of the goats have names. “They generally get named when they have a personality that has them stick out of the crowd,” she said.

Their goats are a special crossover breed of Angora and Spanish goats, which help them tolerate the warm balmy days up on the ridgeline and colder, fog-covered nights.

Oyarzún said it takes about 350 goats to clear about an acre a day, which also depends on how old the goats are, what exactly they’re eating, the climate, and more.

The goats are tended by herders typically from Peru or Mexico, who come to the Bay Area for up to three-year stints. They’re aided by border collies that Goats R Us raise and train themselves. The goats are penned with flexible electric fences powered by car batteries and stay in an area



until it’s cleared, before moving elsewhere.

*Goats used to clear the hills of flammable debris are kept within designated areas by a low-powered electrical fence powered by car batteries. Credit: Brian Krans*

A Goats R Us herd was featured in a [viral video](#) in 2015 as they descended down from one grazing area to the next near the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, which hires the goats and crew [annually](#).

The Goats R Us herds are [scheduled](#) to finish clearing sections of Wildcat Canyon Regional Park in Richmond next month. Other herds are scheduled to clear Beaconsfield Canyon and Shepherd Canyon parks, both in Oakland, also by the end of August.

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**Oklahoma-based tribes say they followed rules on Freedmen rights**

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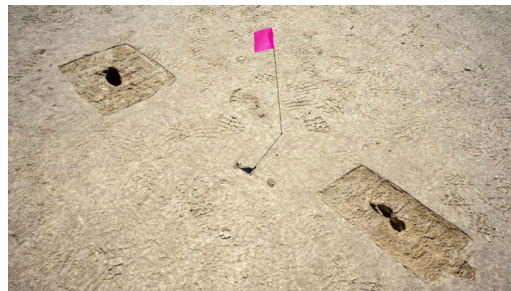
***Ed note: Beware divide and conquer***

**More:** [Tesla co-founder's battery recycling firm Redwood Materials doubles down on Reno area](#)

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## **Sage Grouse and Birding Festival**

**Cottonwood Guest Ranch, HC 62 Box 1300 O'Neil Route,  
Wells, Nevada, 89835, United States**



### **Archaeology Magazine**

88 human footprints dating to the Ice Age have been discovered on the salt flats of the Air Force's Utah Testing and Training Range. The prints appear to have belonged to a group of barefoot adults and children between the ages of five and 12.

[archaeology.org/news/10704-220727-utah-footprints](https://archaeology.org/news/10704-220727-utah-footprints)

**We have a voice': Minneapolis pact with Native community gets another refresh |**

<https://www.minnpost.com/metro/2022/07/we-have-a-voice-minneapolis-pact-with-native-community-gets-another-refresh/>

from AM: Hey Shayne

I'm working on a project at work to ensure that Maricopa County Sheriff's Office Detention is given **monies allotted to educate and fight opioids**, mainly Fentanyl. The money comes from a major lawsuit that is being paid out from major pharmaceutical companies. Just wanted to put you in the know about it. I'm hoping that the Native Americans are aware that they too, are eligible to receive money for this as well.

**Opioid Settlement Funding: A Chance to Repair the Harm**  
**2022**

**Recorded May 25,**

**Watch Webinar**

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## Related Resources:

- [Using Opioid Settlement Funds to Purchase Lexipol Learning and Wellness Solutions](#) [Brief]
- [Killing Season: A Paramedic's Dispatches from the Front Lines of the Opioid Epidemic](#) [Book by Peter Canning]
- [Street Watch: Notes of a Paramedic](#) [Blog by Peter Canning]
- [Witt Volunteer Fire Department Overdose Response SOP](#)
- [Opioid Settlement Funding: The Impact on First Responders](#) [Article]
- [EMS1 - Opioids - Analysis, research and news related to the opioid epidemic](#)

Looking for more training? Lexipol offers online training for fire & EMS through our [FireRescue1 Academy](#) and [EMS1 Academy](#), and for law enforcement through our [PoliceOne Academy](#). Individual and department subscriptions available.

## Using Opioid Settlement Funds to Purchase Lexipol Solutions

### Key Facts

- \$26 billion in funding will be distributed to states beginning in May 2022
- States have discretion in spending these funds
- 85% of the funds must be allocated to opioid treatment, education and prevention programs
- Law enforcement, fire, EMS and corrections agencies are likely eligible to receive these funds

### State Guidance

Many states have [published guidance](#) indicating programs they will consider eligible for opioid settlement funding. Lexipol's online training platforms and Cordico wellness solution may align with this guidance. The following information is provided to help you evaluate whether your agency should pursue opioid settlement funding for the purchase of a Lexipol solution.

### WELLNESS (CORDICO)

A wellness solution providing first responders and their family members with on-demand access to confidential, effective wellness resources. Offers an anonymous app with self-assessments, videos and guides on more than 60 behavioral health topics, as well as one-touch access to peer support, therapists and chaplains. Also included are online wellness courses.

### Lexipol Solutions

## ONLINE TRAINING

A learning management platform designed specifically for first responders and local government personnel. Offers a complete course library, microlearning opportunities and features that make it easy to build assignments, manage credentials, and track and report training hours.

## ONLINE TRAINING

Provides specific training courses related to opioid treatment, education and prevention, including:

- Opioid Crisis: Protecting Our First Responders
- Responders at Risk: Protecting First Responders from Opioid Exposure
- Naloxone
- Opioid Overdose Symptoms
- Drug Withdrawal in Jail
- Juvenile Justice
- Drug and Alcohol Awareness
- Narcotic Abuse
- Alternative Drugs of Abuse
- Current Drug Trends
- Fire and Emergency Medical Care
- Narcotics Enforcement
- Drug Interdiction
- Drug Recognition  
Also provides a platform that can be used to create and deliver training on evolving threats, including uploading training materials and curriculum from the agency and/or community organizations.
- Improves agency's ability to meet annual training mandates by easily assigning accredited courses
- Reduces risk associated with failure-to-train liability

- Improves personnel safety through access to critical and evolving training topics
- Improves retention by developing future leaders
- Simplifies training administration
- Can be used in a blended learning approach to maximize in-person training time

## WELLNESS (CORDICO)

Provides a cost-effective way to address secondary trauma first responders have experienced from responding to opioid-related emergencies. Can also help responders identify and address their own potentially unhealthy substance use.

Includes self-care checklists to help develop healthy habits, self-assessments to identify potential problems and comprehensive educational modules on:

- Building resilience
- Developing empathy
- Managing stress
- Recognizing and addressing compassion fatigue

and burnout

- Recovering from moral injury,
- Responding to traumatic events
- Identifying and treating PTSD
- Preventing first responder suicide

The app is provided free of charge to agency retirees and family members, extending education and treatment resources into the community.

- Demonstrates strong city/county support for first responder wellness
- Helps personnel cope with the effects of critical events and chronic exposure to stress
- Improves personnel decision-making, empathy and resiliency
- Breaks down cultural stigma of asking for help by providing complete anonymity
- Allows agency leadership to monitor aggregate usage and direct more resources where needed
- Increases use of existing agency wellness resources, such as peer support

Applicability to Opioid Treatment, Education & Prevention



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| Additional Benefits |
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| Using Opioid Settlement Funds to Purchase Lexipol Solutions |
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## ONLINE TRAINING

2–4 weeks

Reduction in resources allocated for travel and overtime associated with in-person training, as well as resources for creating classroom materials, storing and accessing training records, and reporting training to applicable state bodies.

Law Enforcement Fire

EMS

Corrections

Local Government

Lexipol

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| Time to Implement |
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| Potential Cost Savings |
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| Available Government Sectors |
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| Who Bears Cost of Product Maintenance? |
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Next Steps

## WELLNESS (CORDICO)

6–8 weeks

Reduction in worker's comp costs, healthcare costs, overtime, turnover and costs associated with poor decision-making by personnel suffering from lack of sleep, burnout or compassion fatigue.

Law Enforcement Fire

EMS

Corrections

911 Dispatch Lexipol

Identify what products and solutions will help address these effects, such as Lexipol's training and wellness programs

Use the Lexipol funding request templates to contact your local government leaders and advocate for your share

- Check your state's specific guidance
- Identify how the opioid crisis has affected your community/agency

Need additional information for putting together your opioid settlement funding request? Contact us today!

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[Layha P Spoonhunter](#)   [From Eleanor Ferguson](#)

### **Mitakuyepi, there was a victory for the Titawan Oglala Lakota today!**



The OST Tribal Council has officially suspended all activity of every single church and missionary on the reservation until all employees/volunteers can pass a background check, provide full financial statements which will prove how much money they are receiving, where their money is coming from and where it is going. If they fail to do so they will be removed from Oglala Lakota Territory.

Starting from today no missionary should be operating on our reservation until they've completed the proper protocols.

They banned churches and missionaries from using photos/videos of Oglala Lakota children to solicit donations.

They also copyrighted the words Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, OST, and Oglala Lakota Tribe so churches and missionaries are no longer allowed to use these words in any type of form to receive funding or donations; such as in their website, pamphlets, donation fundraisers, etc.

They will be starting an active 2 week investigation on the Dream Center ASAP to see if they were affiliated with Matthew Monfore and whoever else was affiliated with Matthew Monfore will be banned from our reservation.

I just want to give a big wopila to those who made this possible, those who guided me and the International Indigenous Youth Council-Oglala Lakota Chapter this far.

Our mentors never gave up on our vision even when shit was tough, our mentors always reminded us that the work we are doing is necessary and needed in order for us to save our Lakota spirituality.

The youth do this work for all of the babies who died at the hands of priests and nuns. We do this for the elders who are still suffering from boarding school trauma. Shout out to tribal council for holdin it down for our way of life, for the people, and the youth.



We are rising! Times are changing! It was a good day to be Oglala Lakota



# Padua 'a Lake Pow Wow

August 5, 6, & 7, 2022

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*All Drums and Dancers WELCOME!*

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**Host Drum:**

Northern Eagle, Calif/Ore

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Kenny Phoenix, Paiute/Kickapoo, Pyramid Lake NV

**Head Lady Dancer:**

Kimmie McNair, Klamath/Modoc/Paiute, Klamath Falls OR

**Head Teen young Lady Dancer:**

Chesney Sampson, Paiute, Reno NV

**Head Teen Young Man Dancer:**

Julius Phoenix, Paiute/TO, Rosemead CA

**MC:**

Hank Johnson, Paiute/Washoe, Reno NV

**Arena Director:**

Jack Williams, Navajo, Reno NV



## Friday, August 5th

Kids Activities- 5pm

Grand Entry- 7pm

Tiny Tots

## Saturday, August 6th

Kids Activities- 10am- Seymour & Smokey!

Grand Entry- 1pm

Tiny Tots

Traditional Dinner- 5pm

Grand Entry- 7pm

Northern Mens' Traditional 18+ special  
(\$500 winner takes all!)

Womens' Jingle Dress 18+ Special  
(\$500 winner takes all!)

Red Dress Special

## Sunday, August 7th

Kids Activities- 10am

Grand Entry - noon

Tiny Tots

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