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2022 Theme: The Role of Indigenous Women in the Preservation and Transmission of
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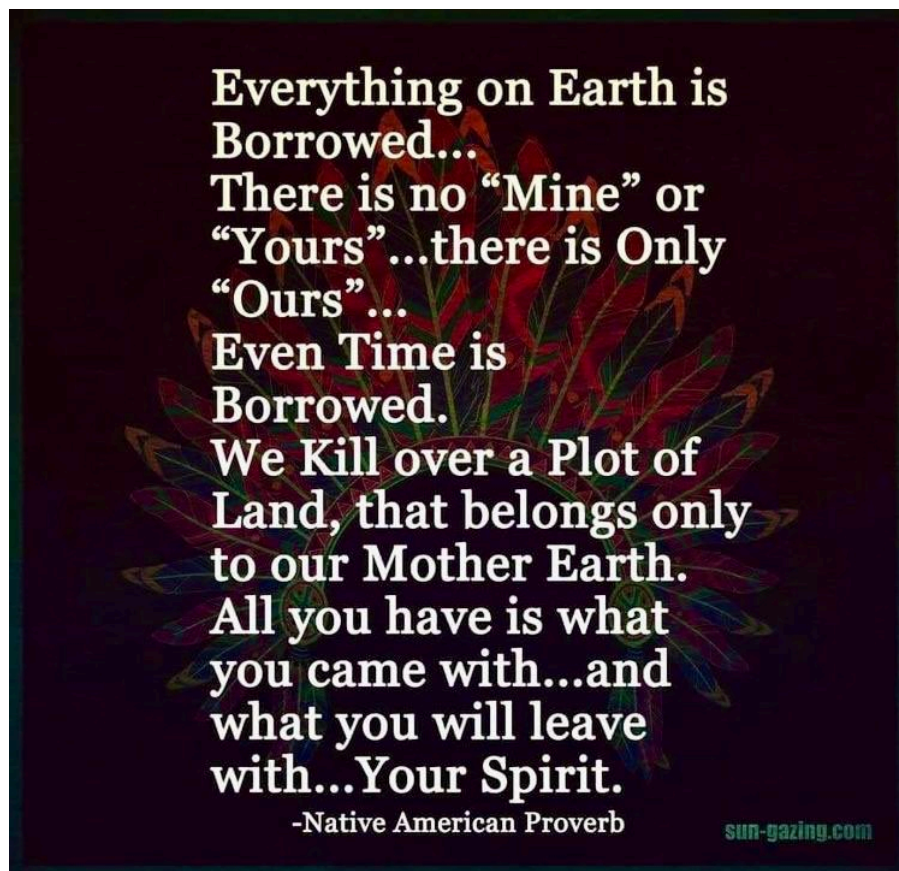
(as usual, I'm a couple of days late)

Women are the backbone of indigenous peoples' communities and play a crucial role in the preservation and transmission of traditional ancestral knowledge. They have an integral collective and community role as carers of natural resources and keepers of scientific knowledge. Many indigenous women are also taking the lead in the defence of lands and territories and advocating for indigenous peoples' collective rights worldwide.

The significance of indigenous peoples' traditional knowledge is widely acknowledged: "Long before the development of modern science, which is quite young, indigenous peoples have developed their ways of knowing how to survive and also of ideas about meanings, purposes and values." As noted by the Special Rapporteur on Indigenous Peoples, the term "scientific knowledge" is also used to underscore that traditional knowledge is contemporary and dynamic, and of equal value to other kinds of knowledge.

Source: UNDESA, 2022

[#WeAreIndigenous](#)



"History is about life. It is about people, and there is no more fascinating subject," he remarked about the launch of AMERICAN EXPERIENCE and its mission. "We will be telling stories, authentic American stories, for their own great fascination, the pull of narrative, and, often, because they are so particularly revealing about who we are and how we got to where we are."
RIP David

New Zealand considers changing its name to confront its troubled colonial past

Excerpt:

As the people of New Zealand confront their nation's troubled past with colonization and denying the Maori people rights, a name change for the island nation is being considered as a part of its own reckoning.

A petition that aims to change the Dutch anglicized name of New Zealand to its indigenous Maori designation of Aotearoa has collected more than 70,000 signatures, prompting a parliamentary committee to consider the idea.

New Zealand member of parliament Debbie Ngarewa-Packer , co-leader of The Maori Party, joined *All Things Considered* to elaborate on the significance of this potential name change, the journey to indigenous cultural reclamation, and their hopes for the movement's success.

This interview has been edited for length and clarity

<https://www.npr.org/2022/08/05/1115627020/new-zealand-maori-aotearoa-colonization-name-change-petition>

Laurel Bill Author

Archaeologists found the remains of a small child, who may have looked like this little tyke, near Healy Lake Village, Alaska, in 2010. The bones date back 11,500 years, the end of the last Ice Age. These are the oldest human remains ever found in Alaska and are some of the oldest in all



of North America

Archaeologists have long theorized that Alaska's Native people crossed the Bering Sea land bridge thousands of year ago and settled in different parts of Alaska. Other studies during the past few years suggest that there were three distinct waves of people crossing the land bridge some 15,000 years ago and settling in Alaska, Canada and farther south.

If you are interested in the **fascinating story of the child in the fire pit**, please go to this Washington Post site and read the article – it will be well worth your time: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/.../02/24/AR2011022405468.html>
[#AlaskaHistory http://www.AuntPhilsTrunk.com/](https://www.AuntPhilsTrunk.com/)

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**EPA Announces Initial Availability of \$11 Million for Technical Assistance Centers to Support Underserved Communities**

*Up to \$50 Million in Multi-Year Grants Available to Applicants Under Future Phases in Partnership with Department of Energy*

**Contact:** EPA Press Office ([press@epa.gov](mailto:press@epa.gov))

**WASHINGTON** (August 5, 2022) — Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced the availability of \$11 million in initial grant funding to establish Environmental Justice (EJ) Thriving Community Technical Assistance Centers across the nation. The EPA funding is available under the first year of a partnership with the Department of Energy, with future phases of up to 10 multi-year awards for a maximum potential program value of \$50 million.

The Centers will provide an unprecedented level of support to help ensure that federal resources are equitably distributed and meet the on-the-ground environmental justice challenges that communities have faced for generations.

“Thanks to President Biden’s leadership, EPA is making historic investments in our nation’s infrastructure, making it all the more crucial to support the communities that need the most help accessing this funding,” **said EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan**. “This grant funding will fill a critical gap to support underserved communities disproportionately harmed by pollution and break down barriers to federal resources.”

The Centers will provide technical assistance, training, and capacity-building support to communities with environmental justice concerns and their partners. They will also assist with navigating federal systems such as [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) and [SAM.gov](https://www.sam.gov), effectively managing and leveraging grant funding, and translation and interpretation services for limited English-speaking participants. The initial \$11 million in grant funding is being provided by EPA.

The support provided will focus on building community-centered collaborations through meaningful engagement, guidance on accessing other forms of support and technical assistance across the federal government, and assistance with writing grant proposals. This program will coordinate with and complement the Department of Transportation’s Thriving Communities Initiative that provides technical assistance and capacity building resources to improve and foster thriving communities through transportation improvements.

This opportunity is available to public and private universities and colleges; public and private nonprofit institutions/organizations; and collaborating tribal governments. Applications are due on October 4, 2022. Awards will be issued as cooperative agreements and EPA will be substantially involved in the operation of the centers.

For more information on this opportunity: <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/environmental-justice-thriving-communities-technical-assistance-centers>

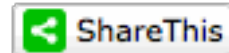
For more information on other grant funding and technical assistance: <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/environmental-justice-grants-funding-and-technical-assistance>

## Wild horse as fire prevention

<https://www.npr.org/2022/07/08/1110474146/wild-horses-could-keep-wildfire-at-bay>



## [NV Honors National Monument, with Hopes for Another](#)



August 8, 2022 - Mike Moen, Public News Service (NV)

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Recently, members of the coalition to designate Avi Kwa Ame as a national monument in Southern Nevada held a series of meetings with Biden-Harris administration officials and members of the Nevada congressional delegation. (Photo courtesy of Coalition)

Over the weekend, [Nevada's Lehman Caves celebrated its 100th anniversary as a national monument](#). Supporters behind a proposal to add another monument in the state hope the observations serve as a reminder of the need to preserve public lands.

The proposed monument - south of Las Vegas - [would be called Avi Kwa Ame](#), which is the Mojave Tribe's term for Spirit Mountain.

Paul Selberg, executive director of the Nevada Conservation League, said establishing these 450,000 acres as a federally protected site would balance a range of goals amid the climate crisis.

"Heeding the call and serving as a prime, shining example of how future investments can protect our lands," said Selberg, "respect Indigenous efforts and also support economic growth."

The land is considered sacred to a dozen Indigenous tribes. Supporters say preserving it also

would benefit the state's economy through a variety of recreational activities, such as hiking.

The coalition backing the plan is hoping for either Congress or the Biden administration to take action on the idea. Members held talks with federal officials in recent days.

Taylor Patterson, executive director of the Native Voters Alliance, said the urgency behind this effort is due in part to shield the land from proposed renewable energy projects.

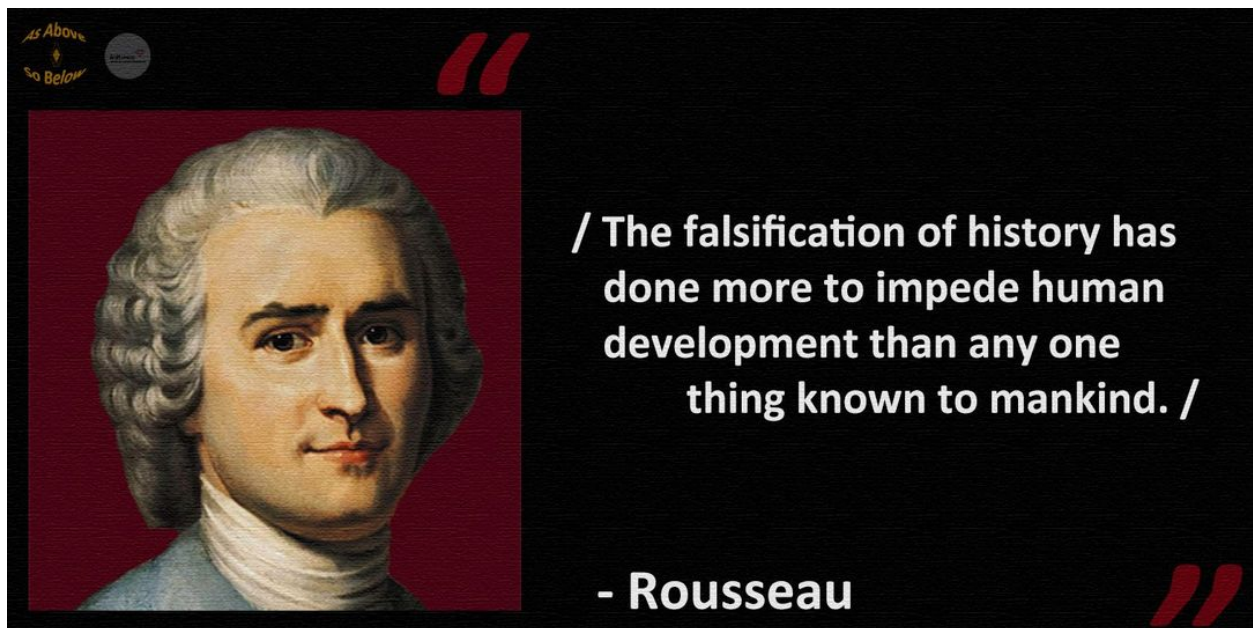
"It's important to know nobody in this process is against renewable energy," said Patterson. "We all want to see renewable energy goals met. But there is an appropriate place, for wind and for solar."

She said these lands are not that place.

Opponents have noted the area already has some federal protections. However, a national monument designation would preclude any future commercial development.

*Support for this reporting was provided by The Pew Charitable Trusts.*

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### **Here's how a young First Nations clean water activist is captivating global audiences**

Seventeen-year-old Canadian indigenous rights activist and clean water advocate Autumn Peltier is empowering young people around the world to protect the environment.

Read in CNN: <https://apple.news/ARUjBNQ2RR1iDWuAsqdlg5w>

## Calendar

**August 14 - Navajo Code Talker Day Fun Run.** Staged at the Code Talker Museum. Tse Bonito, New Mexico. For more information click [here](#).

**August 18 - First Things First Early Childhood Summit.** Virtual. Additional Tribal Track. Fee. For more information or to register, click [here](#).

August 19, 20, 21, 26, and 27 - Full Spectrum Indigenous Doula Training. Arizona Department of Health Services. Application deadline: July 15. Live, five day, online training with recording available. Free. Priority registration to Tribal members of Arizona's 22 Tribes and Navajo Nation residents. For more information or to register click [here](#).

**August 25 - Waitlist for ASU Lodestar Center's 2022 ENGAGE Nonprofit Conference.** Desert Willow Conference Center. For more information click [here](#).

**August 25-27 - 2022 National Native Media Conference,** Phoenix. For more information click [here](#).

**August 27, September 3, 10, and 17 - Youth Leather & Bead Workshop. Heard Museum.** 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. For ages 25 and under. For more information click [here](#).

**August 29-September 1 - 2022 Indian Health Service Virtual Partnership Conference: The Future of Indian Health Care Starts with Us.** For more information or to register, click [here](#).

**August 31-September 5 - 95th Annual White Mountain Apache Tribal Fair and Rodeo, "United as one, We are Apache Strong".**

**September 3 - White Mountain Apache Tribe Fair & Rodeo Parade.** 9:00 a.m. Downtown Whiteriver. For more information contact Larry at (928) 369-6084 or call the WMAT Tribal Fair and Rodeo Office at (928) 338-2492.

**September 4 - Louis Tewanima Footrace.** For more information click [here](#).

**September 4-11 - Navajo Nation Fair.** Window Rock, Arizona.

**September 8-10 - AT Still's American Indian Preadmission Workshops.** For more information or to apply click [here](#).

**September 9-11 - 100th Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair.** Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Colorado. For more information call (970) 563-2983.

**September 11 - Code Talker 10K Race.** Window Rock, Arizona. Navajo Nation Museum. For more information click [here](#).

**September 13-15 - Sparks of Possibility: A Focus on Indian Education.** Produced by SunClan Consulting. Great Wolf Lodge, Scottsdale. For students in grades 7-12, educators, administrators, counselors and parents. For more information call (623) 670-3561 or email [Nadine](#).

**September 16-18 - 15th Annual Prescott Pow Wow,** Watson Lake. "Elders Embracing the Youth to Carry on the Traditions of Native Culture." Museum of the Indigenous People. For more information click [here](#).

**September 17-18 - Prescott Indian Art Market**, Sharlott Hall Museum, Prescott. For more information click [here](#).

**September 21-23 - 17th Annual Government to Government Violence Against Women Tribal Consultation**. Anchorage. For more information or to register click [here](#).

**September 26-28 - National Indian Health Board's National Tribal Conference**, Washington, DC. For more information click [here](#).

**September 26-28 - 2022 Tribal Healing to Wellness Court Enhancement Training**. Travel scholarships available. Albuquerque. For more information click [here](#).



*A Seminole man hauls a canoe during an August rainstorm, 1910. Photo by Julian Dimock, American Museum of Natural History.*

## Documenting the Everglades

When photographer Julian Dimock arrived during a 1910 expedition, large swaths of the Everglades' sawgrass marshes and mangrove forests, home to rare and exotic wildlife, were under threat as developers dredged for agriculture and to make artificial canals.

The Seminole allowed Dimock to observe and document their customs and provided the invaluable labor of transporting his heavy photographic equipment via canoe. Each of his images required a glass plate negative about the size of a sheet of paper with the thickness of window glass. In images such as this, Dimock captured a way of life endangered by developers bent on dominating the delicate ecosystem and its inhabitants.

We explore the story behind this simple image of a man and his canoe [in this article](#).

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[Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe, partners unveil new tsunami evacuation tower](https://www.king5.com/article/tech/science/environment/shoalwater-bay-indian-tribe-partners-tsunami-evacuation-tower/281-93dc187d-7fe7-4829-968c-6e0bfbee1a58)  
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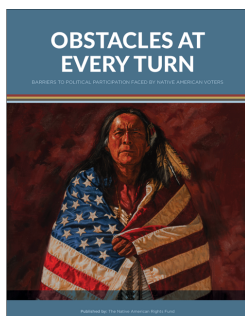
**Saturday, August 6th, 2022, marked the 57th anniversary of the signing of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.**

This milestone comes less than a month after the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), represented by the Native American Rights Fund (NARF), [filed an amicus](#) (“friend of the court”) [brief](#) in the [United States Supreme Court case Merrill v. Milligan \(21-1086\)](#), which examines whether the proposed Alabama redistricting plan violates Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act (VRA).

The brief provides the Court with an account of the ongoing and critical need for Section 2 of the VRA to safeguard against Native American vote dilution caused by contemporary racial discrimination and voter suppression. This ongoing racial discrimination continues to impact Native Americans’ ability to elect candidates of their choice and robs them of representatives who understand and respect their unique political status and urgent infrastructure needs. The brief details how:

- Vote dilution through single-member districts persists today and undermines Native Americans’ political power in states like South Dakota, New Mexico, and North Dakota.
- Racially discriminatory at-large and multimember districts still occur in Indian Country.
- Preference for existing political boundaries ignores the intentional racial discrimination of the past. In Indian Country, there are places where some “traditional” redistricting principles, particularly those relating to political boundaries, entrench the political power of the majority.

**NARF Staff Attorney Jacqueline De León** explained, “The lower court in Merrill properly applied Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, and it is important that the Supreme Court affirms this decision. We see this sort of discrimination happening across Indian Country to this day. Discriminatory tactics that dilute some people’s voting power is no less offensive to American ideals in 2022 as it was in 1962.”



"NCAI is a member of the Native American Voting Rights Coalition that produced a 2020 report, [Obstacles at Every Turn: Barriers to Political Participation Faced by Native American Voters](#), documenting widespread, present-day discrimination and impediments to registration and voting.



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

[Mary Golda Ross: The First Native American Aerospace Engineer and Space Race Pioneer](#)

[Pythons are eating alligators and everything else in Florida. Snake hunters stand poised to help.](#) (NBC)

## **DID YOU KNOW?**



When it comes down to it, the only knowledge that really matters is, how to purify water, how to grow your own food, how to cook, how to build, and how to love. And funnily enough, we're not taught any of it in school.

## The Flame Bowerbird, The Only Flame That Won't Destroy The Forest



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[Meet The Flame Bowerbird, The Only Flame That Won't Destroy The Forest](#)

[If you love striking and vibrant colors, you will love this bird as much as we do. Meet the flame bowerbird, one of the most brilliantly colored critters in this world! True to its name, this prominent species looks more like a flame than a bird. The male flame bowerbird...](#)

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*By its colors, must be a 49er)*



[Heidi Barlese](#) added a new photo.

Had a **Memorial Honor Song** for our cousin brother **Darrel Sundown**

[Sdown DeGarmo](#) here (Fort Bidwell). our Sisters and Brother, Nephew Dustin Barr. Our mothers were sisters from here. We miss him a lot. He was a Veteran.