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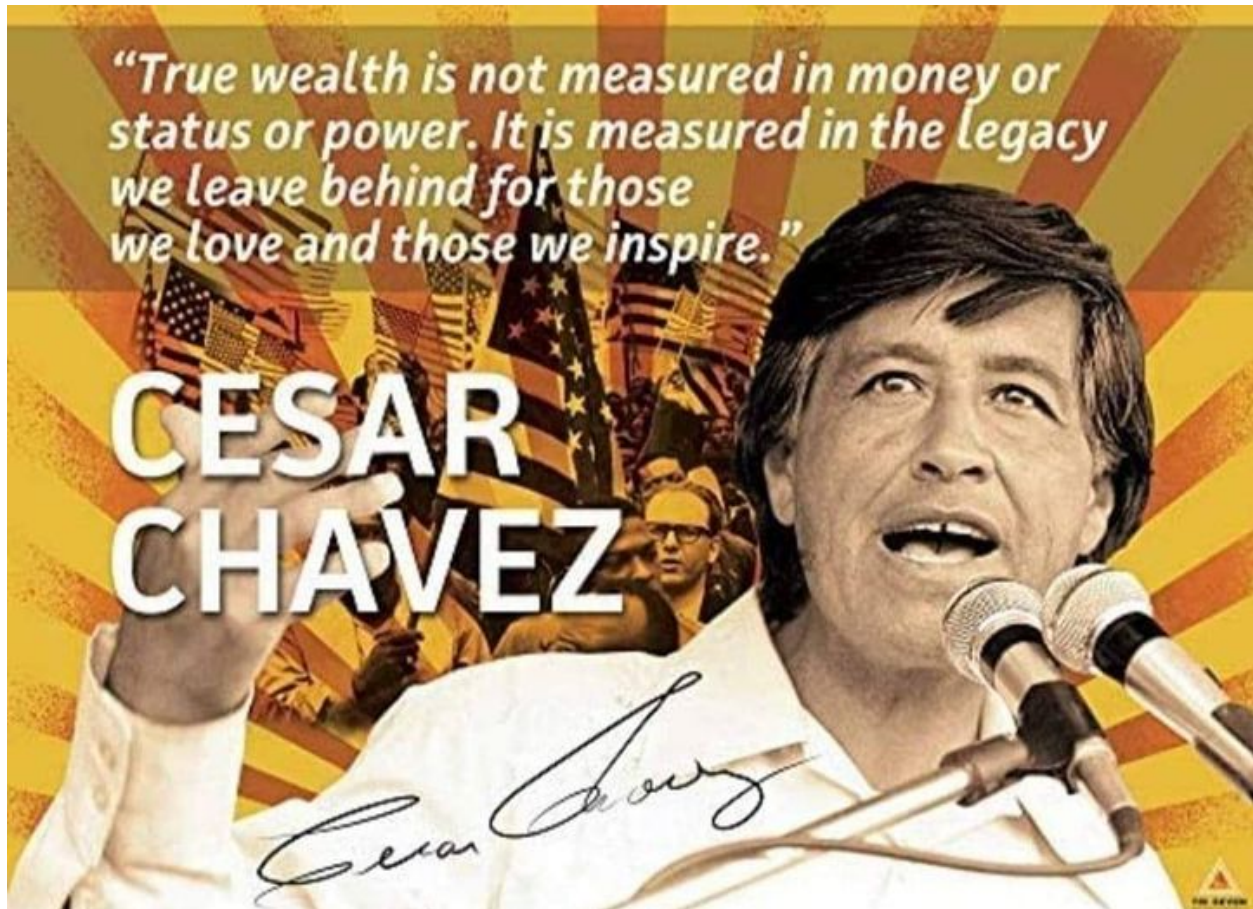
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## **Feds Announce Cuts in Colorado River Water Deliveries to NV, AZ and Mexico**

Nevada is set to lose 8% of its Colorado River water allotment next year because of perilously low water levels at Lakes Mead and Powell caused by a 23-year-long drought.

It could be worse: Arizona will have to give up a whopping 21%, and the country of Mexico, 7%.

The states along the upper and lower basin were supposed to come up with voluntary reductions by Monday, but failed.

Tanya Trujillo, assistant secretary for water and science with the Department of the Interior, said states have a little more time, but if they cannot work it out soon, the feds may have to impose their own solutions.

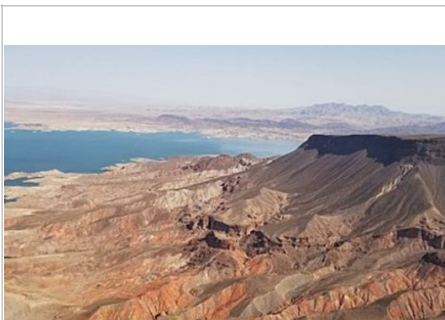
"We will be asking our technical teams to develop a suite of options for us to be considering in the event that we need to take action to protect the system," Trujillo explained. "Because we are truly facing unprecedented conditions in this basin."

The Southern Nevada Water District issued a statement saying the agency should be able to absorb the cuts, and Nevada is "in a relatively enviable position" because conservation measures taken over the last 20 years have cut water usage by 26%. However, they still urged residents and businesses to conserve, stick to the seasonal watering rules, and eliminate decorative turf.

Tommy Beaudreau, deputy secretary of the Department of the Interior, said the [infrastructure law](#) and the new [Inflation Reduction Act](#) are bringing big dollars to the fight to stabilize the water crisis in the western U.S.

"We're bringing infrastructure investments to help with water delivery, improvements to the system to support efficiency, and support for users, including irrigators," Beaudreau outlined. "Everybody has to tighten their belts in this situation."

Next Tuesday, lawmakers and policy experts from the governor's office and the Southern Nevada Water Authority will gather at the Springs Preserve in Las Vegas to discuss federal and state efforts to combat the megadrought.



Lake Mead has been downgraded to a Level 2a water shortage, leading to cuts in water deliveries in 2023. (SpaceEconomist192/Wikimedia Commons)



### [Native American History](#)

Oscar-winning Cherokee actor Wes Studi calls the Western genre U.S. “mythology” built around genocide.

*It “makes heroes out of absolute villains,” he says.*

*“Over the years, what’s happened is, I think people, and especially Indian people, and other minorities that have been affected by the way that the United States of America was built, we began to put pressure on the storytellers of the world, in that, ‘Hey, what about us? Did you uh, did you ever stop to think that no, we didn’t disappear. You didn’t kill all of us. And we are still here, we have developed, and we have been a large part of your development?’ I think we need to start telling stories in a way that is real. Enough of these fairytales. Enough of this making heroes out of people that weren’t actual heroes. Let’s talk about the fact that our present and our future depends on a better recognition of our past. And I think that some filmmakers, some studios, caught the gist of that and began to move in a direction that is hopefully more true to what our population is.”*

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**Plan Way Ahead Calendar Additions**

January 29-February 12, 2023 - American Indian Arts Exposition, 2830 Ranch, 230 S. Thrasher Avenue, Tucson. For more information call (520) 420-4332.

February 4 - Little Colorado River Gorge Half Marathon & 10K. Navajo Yes. Fee. For more information click [here](#).

February 24-26 - Southwest American Indian Collectors Expo. For more information call (520) 420-4332.

June 1 - Women Are Sacred Conference. National Indigenous Women's Resource Center. For more information click [here](#).

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**[Mark Trahant](#)**

**For those who asked: The Hoover talk wasn't recorded. But if you want a sample, of sorts, my spring talk at the University of Montana is here. <https://vimeo.com/698685033>**



**Travis Blue**

Today (8.15) marks T'he **150th anniversary of the birth of Samuel Taylor Blue**. He served as chief of his/our people for many years and has retained that designation ever since.

If you were related, he was was Papa(as Aunt Elsie called him) or grandpa(of many). Even if the relation wasn't immediate, he was Uncle Sam. I am proud to be a great-grandson. I thought about trying to count his descendants, but that will take a minute.

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**Antoinette Cavanaugh is with Ladd Edmo and Tyson**

**Eaglevoice Shay.**

I am back FB world, from a long hiatus. Today I travelled to Boise for the **Idaho Indian Education Conference** hosted at Boise State University and the Idaho Department of Education. There are so many great ideas about education or what teachers call epistemology and pedagogy as it pertains to Indigenous knowledge. Continuation of the conference tomorrow. Tribal representation was a main feature! Sho-Bans—Leaders in Action! Way to rock it! #indigenousknowledge #teachhistoricaltruth #indigenouswaysofknowing



from Environment America

The biggest investment in climate action in U.S. history is now law.<sup>1</sup>

This win was decades in the making. You spoke up for our climate and made this victory possible.

**The Inflation Reduction Act isn't perfect; compromises rarely are. But despite its flaws, this climate bill will move us toward the transformation we need.**

The law aims to put us on pace to reduce carbon emissions by 40% by 2030.<sup>2</sup> That's a huge stride toward President Joe Biden's goal to cut emissions in half. **Here's what the bill will accomplish to make that goal into reality:**

New incentives will lower energy costs and help consumers buy energy-efficient and electric appliances, rooftop solar and electric vehicles.

To make our homes more energy efficient, the law creates home energy rebates and grants. Consumers can get up to \$7,500 toward the cost of a new electric vehicle and \$4,000 toward the cost of used electric vehicles. And for the next 10 years, consumers can get tax credits for rooftop solar, heat pumps, and electric HVAC and water heaters.

The law doesn't just help all of us choose cleaner energy, vehicles and homes -- it also incentivizes businesses to invest in more solar and wind energy, plus the battery backup needed to store energy when the sun isn't shining and the wind isn't blowing. These larger energy projects can help us transition our country to 100% renewable energy.

This bill helps advance our campaign to electrify the Postal Service fleet. The U.S. Postal Service has hedged on replacing its aging, gas-guzzling fleet with electric vehicles. But this influx of federal dollars is the jolt of energy this independent agency needs to leave behind dirty, gas-powered mail trucks.

This investment will help bring electric mail trucks to every corner of our country.

Methane is an extremely potent greenhouse gas that has 83 times the warming potential of carbon dioxide.<sup>3</sup> Methane gas frequently leaks from pipelines and other oil and gas infrastructure. Climate-damaging methane gas pipeline leaks happen every 40 hours in the U.S.<sup>4</sup>

This law creates a new methane emissions reduction program that will help reduce the number of leaks and prevent this wasteful and unnecessary warming of our planet.

Letting trees grow is the best way to sustain our existing natural carbon sinks. Our country's forests absorb more than 10% of annual U.S. global warming pollution.<sup>5</sup> With forests disappearing and climate change accelerating, preserving existing trees is paramount. This law seeds the protection of America's oldest and more irreplaceable forests.

Replacing all of America's dirty diesel buses with clean electric buses would avoid an average of 7.3 million tons of greenhouse gas emissions each year.<sup>6</sup> This funding will help school districts and transit agencies purchase electric buses. It can also be used for other heavy-duty electric vehicles like garbage trucks or street sweepers.

**When you add up the benefits of these programs -- and so many more -- this law puts the U.S. on track to make meaningful reductions in planet-warming pollution.**

But the law isn't perfect. Congress gave too many subsidies to the fossil fuel industry, mandated new oil and gas leasing, and failed to protect the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge from drilling. And, some members of Congress now want to make it easier to build pipelines and other fossil fuel projects.<sup>7</sup> So while we celebrate this win, we're gearing up for what comes next.

**Tackling the greatest challenge facing our planet is not easy, but we're making real progress, thanks to your support.**

Today, we're feeling hopeful that we can get global warming pollution under control. And tomorrow, we're ready to keep pushing on to a zero-carbon future.

Thank you for all you do,

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**Diverse small businesses may qualify for \$10,000 grants**

Small Business Trends

Every small business faces different challenges throughout its journey. For example, some entrepreneurs face barriers to entry because they're low-income or members of underserved communities. Others face sudden challenges like wildfires. And many businesses are still reeling from the pandemic – especially those in the hospitality sector. Small business grants can help businesses recover from these hardships. Read about current opportunities for businesses in various locations in this article.

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# STOP MONEY

For years, activists — including many of you — have been tirelessly campaigning to get insurance companies to stop supporting the destructive Trans Mountain tar sands pipeline. Already, eighteen insurance giants have publicly cut ties with the Trans Mountain pipeline.

**But Liberty Mutual isn't budging yet, so we need your help to make sure that Trans Mountain's impacts on Indigenous rights and our climate are on its executives' agenda.**

**[Will you take a minute to flood Liberty executives' calendars by inviting them to un-insure Trans Mountain?](#)**

Liberty Mutual talks a big game on climate — but it still refuses to rule out insuring destructive fossil fuel projects, like the Trans Mountain tar sands pipeline.

**We need your help to show Liberty Mutual CEO David Long that we refuse to back down.**

Together, we can convince Liberty Mutual to drop coverage for the Trans Mountain Pipeline and actually live up to the values it claims to have.

**[Click here for instructions on how to jam the calendars of Liberty Mutual's CEO and other executives with the message: Respect Indigenous rights and stop insuring the Trans Mountain Pipeline.](#)**

The fact that eighteen other companies have already dumped Trans Mountain shows that this campaign is working — it's time for Liberty Mutual to catch up.

In Solidarity, - the Stop the Money Pipeline team

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Hi Shayne, I got a Facebook notice from a friend that a Native American, **Sacheen Littlefeather**, has received an official apology from the Oscars Academy for treatment she received at an awards ceremony years ago. I can't just send it directly because Facebook won't let you in. The report is in THE [HOLLYWOODREPORTER.com](http://HOLLYWOODREPORTER.com). Ms. Littlefeather made a short statement on behalf of Marlon Brando refusing an Oscar, and it pretty much destroyed her acting career, and of course the Maga boobs were out in full throat. MM

Please say something about this post or we'll completely disappear from your news feed. Appreciate your help.



[Native Americans](#) [Legend of the White Buffalo](#) [Sioux \(Iakota\)](#)

The White Buffalo are sacred to many Native Americans. The Lakota (Sioux) Nation has passed down The Legend of the White Buffalo—a story now approximately 2,000 years old—at many council meetings, sacred ceremonies, and through the tribe’s storytellers. There are several variations, but all are meaningful and tell of the same outcome. Have communication with the Creator through prayer with clear intent for Peace, Harmony, and Balance for all life living in the Earth Mother.

Spirituality among Natives Americans and non-Native Americans has been a strong force for those who believe in the power of the Great Spirit or God.

It matters not what you call the Creator. What matters is that you pray to give thanks for your blessings and trust the guidance given to you from the world of Spirit. Many truths about Spirit are told and handed down from one generation to the next.

The legend of the White Buffalo Calf Woman tells how the People had lost the ability to communicate with the Creator. The Creator sent the sacred White Buffalo Calf Woman to teach the People how to pray with the Pipe. With that Pipe, seven sacred ceremonies were given for the people to abide in order to ensure a future with harmony, peace, and balance.

Legend says that long ago, two young men were out hunting when from out of nowhere came a beautiful maiden dressed in white buckskin. One of the hunters looked upon her and recognizing her as a wakan, or sacred being lowered his eyes. The second hunter approached her with lust in his eyes desiring her for his woman. White Buffalo Calf Woman beckoned the lustful warrior to her, and as he approached a cloud of dust arose around them causing them to be hidden from view. When the dust settled, nothing but a pile of bones lay next to her.

As she walked toward the respectful young hunter, she explained to him that she had merely fulfilled the other man’s desire, allowing him, within that brief moment, to live a lifetime, die and decay. White Buffalo Calf Woman instructed the young man to go back to the People and tell them to prepare for her arrival to teach them of the way to pray. The young hunter obeyed.



When White Buffalo Calf woman arrived with the sacred bundle (the prayer pipe) she taught the People of the seven sacred ways to pray. These prayers are through ceremonies that include the Sweat Lodge for purification; the Naming Ceremony for child naming; the Healing Ceremony to restore health to the body, mind and spirit; the adoption ceremony for making of relatives; the marriage ceremony for uniting male and female; the Vision Quest for communing with the Creator for direction and answers to one's life; and the Sundance Ceremony to pray for the well-being of all the People.

When the teaching of the sacred ways was complete, White Buffalo Calf Woman told the people she would again return for the sacred bundle that she left with them. Before leaving, she told them that within her were the four ages and that she would look back upon the People in each age, returning at the end of the fourth age, to restore harmony and spirituality to a troubled land. She walked a short distance, she looked back towards the people and sat down. When she arose they were amazed to see she had become a black buffalo. Walking a little further, the buffalo laid down, this time arising as a yellow buffalo. The third time the buffalo walked a little further and this time arose as a red buffalo. Walking a little further it rolled on the ground and rose one last time as a white buffalo calf signaling the fulfillment of the White Buffalo Calf prophecy.

The changing of the four colors of the White Buffalo Calf Woman represents the four colors of man—white, yellow, red and black. T

These colors also represent the four directions, north, east, south, and west. The sacred bundle that was left to the Lakota people is still with the People in a sacred place on the Cheyenne River Indian reservation in South Dakota. It is kept by a man known as the Keeper of the White Buffalo Calf Pipe, Arvol Looking Horse.

The legend of the White Buffalo Calf Woman remains ever promising in this age of spiritual enlightenment and conscious awareness. In today's world of confusion and war, many of us are looking for signs of peace.

“With the return of the White Buffalo, it is a sign that prayers are being heard, that the sacred pipe is being honored, and that the promises of prophecy are being fulfilled. White Buffalo signals a time of abundance and plenty.”

Though harsh as the world we live in may be throughout recorded history there have been spiritual leaders teaching peace, hope, and balance (synergy) amongst all life. This was taught by great teachers such as Jesus, Buddha, the Dali Lama's, and Native American leaders.

Chief Crazy Horse, Chief Seattle, and Chief Red Cloud are a few of the visionary leaders who committed their lives to bring peace, and internal happiness to all who they touched. They were tangible signs of goodwill toward all men, women, and children.



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“Do you think that I count the days? There is only one day left, always starting over: it is given to us at dawn and taken away from us at dusk 🌅”  
— *Jean-Paul Sartre*

**Brazil's other deforestation: has the savannah farming boom gone too far?**  
<https://www.ft.com/content/c70e8db4-11c4-42b3-808d-016e413253cd>

### **WCSD will pay families for transporting students amid bus driver shortage**

RENO, Nev. (News 4 and Fox 11) — The Washoe County School District is now reimbursing some parents for mileage to take their kids to school.

Families can be paid to drive their kids to and from school during the weeks the bus services are suspended from the rotation schedule. The district announced the program in an email to parents saying those enrolled will be reimbursed \$0.625 per mile. >> [learn more](#)

**Meteor hunt: New Bay Area research reveals the life and death of a space rock** Forged at the dawn of the solar system, a fist-sized meteorite has ended its millions-mile journey, safe and secure, in the hands of Mountain View scientists.

An analysis of the glass-crust black rock and its 600 siblings is **revealing, for the first time, the life and death of meteors** that streak across our nighttime skies.

“It’s like a little window into the earliest times of our solar system ... before there was such a thing as Earth,” said meteor astronomer Peter Jenniskens of the SETI Institute and NASA Ames Research Center, who led the study published this week in the journal *Meteoritics and Planetary Science*.

Since the dawn of humanity, the explosive streak of a meteor across the night sky has inspired fear and bewilderment

Scientists believe that asteroids are the wreckage of destroyed would-be-planets, created in the first chaotic million years of the solar system.

Circling between what is now Mars and Jupiter, these planets collided – blown to smithereens – and created fields of debris, called asteroids. In an orbiting belt that’s been dubbed “the blood spatter of the solar system,” asteroids continue to collide – and sometimes chunks fall out of the belt, hit the Earth’s atmosphere and fall to the ground as meteorites.

[Read the rest of the story](#)

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**68 years ago: Oregon tribes stripped of their status**                      **by: Tim Steele**

President Eisenhower signed the bill into law August 13, 1954

PORTLAND, Ore. (KOIN) — On August 13, 1954, President Dwight Eisenhower signed into law a bill that stripped 61 Western Oregon tribes of their status, including the Siletz, Grand Ronde, Coquille, Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw tribes.

The law, [signed 68 years ago and believed it would Americanize Native people](#) across the country, meant the tribes could no longer be called “Indians” in the eyes of the federal government.

The [Oregon Encyclopedia said](#) the Western Oregon Termination Act “*meant that they owned land or property without the federal protective responsibilities that were guaranteed them in the 374 United States-Indian treaties that were negotiated and ratified between 1778 and 1871. Termination stripped Indians of their identity, a part of the process to assimilate them into the mainstream American culture.*”

Cheryle Kennedy, the chairwoman of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, said they are using this date to honor their history.

“We were here before Oregon was a state. We had treaties before Oregon was a state,” Kennedy told KOIN 6 News. “How could Oregon infringe upon our rights when we already had a treaty established? That’s something that still goes on today.”

On [August 19, the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde will hold](#) its annual contest powwow with food, music, dancing and drums.

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[Travel well Dion Barlese..](#)