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*"Without art, the crudeness of reality would make the world unbearable."*

*--George Bernard Shaw*

## Sawmill open house draws crowd



Residents gathered outside the Washoe Development Corp. Red Barn on Tuesday. Neighbors to a new sawmill on tribal land expressed concerns about environmental impacts.

Photo by [Scott Neuffer](#).

By [Scott Neuffer](#) [Wednesday, August 31, 2022](#)

A new sawmill in northern Douglas County, on Washoe tribal land, may be a vital component of future forest management in the region, but neighbors close to the project are having a difficult time seeing past immediate impacts to their neighborhood.

“It’s a very valid project but is in a neighborhood where it does not belong,” said Summerhill Road resident Melanie Krause.

Krause was one of dozens of concerned residents who attended an open house Tuesday at the Washoe Development Corp. Red Barn off South Sunridge Drive.

Focused on forest thinning and salvaging of burned wood from wildfire zones, the new sawmill came as a surprise to neighbors. The approximately 40-acre site abuts the neighborhood north of Jacks Valley Road near Summerhill Road. The operator, Tahoe Forest Products, leased the acreage from the Washoe Tribe and has been transporting logs through Topsy Lane from Highway 395 since July. Those logs were from clean-up efforts at Sierra-at-Tahoe Ski Resort, burned in last year’s Caldor Fire. The plant will include a sawmill building and lumber sorter, dry kilns, and a planer mill and sorter to finish lumber for shipping.

Tahoe Forest Products estimates the sawmill will produce up to 50 million board feet a year starting in early 2023 and will employ around 40 people. The log yard is expected to run from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday with the mill running 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Krause is worried a proposed well for the milling operation will negatively affect neighbors’ private wells, not to mention noise and potential dust from the site.

“We can hear everything and see everything,” she said.

The mill comes at a time when megafires, like the Dixie and Caldor fires, have ravaged the Sierra Nevada. These are “large, intense blazes that severely damage landscapes and the communities within them,” according to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy. The agency reports more than 1.5 million acres burned in the mountain range in 2021, beating the record of the previous year. And hotter temperatures and drought linked to climate change are making matters worse.

A 2022 study conducted by the University of California, Davis, estimated current forests in the region are six to seven times thicker than they were a century ago, becoming powder kegs for megafires. Combatting such fires means reducing tree density and ground fuels and using prescribed burns in some cases—all to thin choked, overgrown areas.

“This project came about because there was no reasonable market for salvage logs and thinnings from the Tahoe Basin or from the Humboldt Toiyabe National Forest,” Tahoe Forest Products CEO Jon Shinn said in a statement. “A local sawmill is one of the critical missing links in beginning to address forest health and resilience, not to mention critical post-fire cleanup efforts from catastrophes like the Caldor Fire.”

Dawn Wood, who lives at the corner of Silverado Drive and Bucks Way, is worried about fire retardant from salvaged logs and contamination of soil and water.

“We don’t want to die in fires. It’s a fabulous thing to have but not in front of my driveway,” she said.

There are seven homes located along the leased property’s southern boundary. Homes located along Summerhill Drive north of Jacks Valley Road border U.S. Forest Service land slated for disposal and another roughly 17 acres zoned commercial. That property is also where the proposed extension of Vista Grande south to Jacks Valley Road is proposed.

Wood from the new sawmill will be dried in kilns and create a “modest level of nontoxic emissions,” according to Tahoe Forest Products.

“These emissions will be scrubbed and will be compliant with federal EPA requirements as well as local and state particulate limits,” the company said in a statement.

The Tribe’s Development Corp. Executive Director Wendy Loomis said the project supports environmental sustainability and Washoe workforce development.

“TFP recognizes the importance of protecting the environment while respecting the Tribe’s cultural and conservation areas in and around Clear Creek,” she said in a statement. “This small parcel will enhance and sustain thousands of acres of sacred forest land previously inhabited by the Washoe people.”

Officials said that the site—more desert than alpine environment—was selected to avoid environmentally sensitive areas on the Tribe’s Clear Creek land. The Tribe owns 145 acres that stretches from the southern edge of Carson Valley Plaza north to Highway 50.

For resident Ann Essex, who lives more than a mile east of the project, the potential benefits of the sawmill don’t outweigh the negative impacts. She’s concerned about easterly winds reaching her home.

“That wind comes down Spooner every single day,” she said. “I’m moving. I can’t live here anymore.”

In a follow-up email on Wednesday, Loomis said engineers are reviewing well options. “The Washoe Tribe is always conscientious about the environment and all Washoe Tribal projects comply with environmental and cultural standards,” she said. “Over 400 pages of environmental assessment included a soils study, and addressed storm water run-off to ensure the conservation areas and specifically protection of Clear Creek.”

Loomis also said operators are addressing dust and noise concerns.

“Multiple water tanks continuously traverse the property to mitigate the dust,” she said. “After meeting with neighbors, Tahoe Forest Products revised some of the building locations and engaged a company to work on soundproofing techniques to address noise concerns.” Loomis emphasized how important the project is for the Tribe.

“The Washoe Development Corporation was chartered by the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California to support the Tribe's intentions to become self-sufficient and improve the quality of life for all Washoe Tribal Members,” she said. “The Tribe recognizes that to become economically sovereign they must engage in enterprise solutions provided through use of Tribal land. The lease agreement with Tahoe Forest Products has significant financial impact for the Tribe.”

For more information about Tahoe Forest Products, visit <https://tahoeforestproducts.com/>

R-C Editor Kurt Hildebrand contributed to this report

*Ed note: just think of the historical ironies off the last 182 years!*

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*Speaking of which:*

**Finding Your Way Through Donner Summit History**

*And if you happen to motor by the way of Auburn, Colfax and the Donner Summit, there can be few sights in the world more beautiful and impressive than the one which greets you as you top the hump and suddenly see the whole world drop away below you, with Donner Lake in the middle of it, and the sharp switchbacks of the highway for a foreground. After that sight even Tahoe may seem an anticlimax... .*

*Sacramento Bee September 14, 1929*

**<http://www.donnersummithistoricalociety.org/PDFs/newsletters/news22/September22.pdf>**

We've now passed 150 issues of the Heirloom: thousands of pages, thousands of pictures, and hundreds of subjects. You've probably begun to realize that you cannot keep all the history in your head. Even if you remember it all, retrieval is difficult.

Fortunately John Albert Index invented the index\* and one of the choices we made back at the birth of the DSHS was to index all our Heirloom articles and pictures. We've diligently kept up the indices so that they are many pages long, full of alphabetized titles and subjects. Go to our website and to any of the Heirloom pages (one for each year) and you'll find links to the Heirloom indices.

One of the strengths of the DSHS is the incomparable historical photograph collection of Norm Saylor, our president. The collection is thousands of pictures and again the sheer number makes finding anything in particular, difficult. Avoid the long URL by going to our website and clicking on the "photographs" link and then to the "historic photo collection link." A third link, to the FlickrR URL will take you to those thousands of searchable historical photographs of Donner Summit. Have fun.

\*historical society humor

**Search for missing Native artifacts led to the discovery of bodies stored in ‘the most inhumane way possible’**  
**Graham Lee Brewer Sun,**  
**September 4, 2022 at 5:00 AM·5 min read**

Last winter, University of North Dakota English professor Crystal Alberts started searching for a missing pipe, a headdress and moccasins once on display at the school’s library, heading deep into the recesses of the nearly 140-year-old campus.

The collection was removed from the library in 1988, after students questioned whether the university should be showcasing objects of religious significance to Native Americans. Alberts, a colleague and her assistant searched in back rooms and storage closets, opening unmarked cardboard boxes.

Inside one of them, Alberts spotted the pipe. The assistant reached for it, she said.

“Don’t touch it,” Alberts recalls saying.

She called Laine Lyons, a member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians who works for the UND Alumni Association & Foundation, and asked for help.

Lyons met Alberts to help advise her on how to respectfully handle the items, watching as they opened box after box. Lyons said she feels naïve now thinking back on it, but she never expected what they found: More than 70 human remains, many of them in boxes with no identifying information.

“The best way I can describe how we have found things is in the most inhumane way possible,” Lyons said. “Just completely disregarded that these were once people.”

She said it sunk in: Her university had failed to treat Native American remains with dignity and repatriate them to tribes, as required by federal law.

“In that moment,” she said, “we were another institution that didn’t do the right thing.”

As soon as the bodies were discovered, UND President Andrew Armacost said administrators reached out to tribes — at first a half-dozen and now 13 — to start the process of returning the remains and more than 100 religious objects.

“What we’ve done as a university is terrible, and I will continue to apologize for it,” Armacost said in a Wednesday news conference, where he vowed to see every item and ancestor found to be returned to the proper tribal nation.

But that process likely will be daunting and could take years — and in some cases, may be impossible because of the dearth of information, Lyons said.

“I have fears that maybe we won’t be able to identify people or maybe we won’t be able to place them back where they should be placed,” she said.

Since the passage of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) in 1990, federal law has required institutions that receive federal funding to catalog their collections with the National Parks Service and work toward returning them to the tribal nations they were taken from. But the University of North Dakota has no entries in the federal inventory, even though its administrators acknowledge it has possessed Indigenous artifacts since its inception in 1883.

The discovery at UND is illustrative of a wider, systemic problem that has plagued Indigenous communities for centuries. Despite the decades-old law, more than 100,000 are still housed in institutions across the country. The action and apology by North Dakota administrators points to a national reckoning as tribal nations are increasing pressure on public universities, museums, and even libraries to comply with the law and catalog and return the Native American ancestors and cultural items in their possession.

“We are heartbroken by the deeply insensitive treatment of these indigenous ancestral remains and artifacts and extend our deepest apologies to the sovereign tribal nations in North Dakota and beyond,” North Dakota Gov. Doug Burgum said in a [statement](#). “This dark chapter, while extremely hurtful, also presents an opportunity to enhance our understanding and respect for indigenous cultures and to become a model for the nation by conducting this process with the utmost deference to the wishes, customs and traditions of tribal nations.”

Armacost said he and his colleagues decided to honor the requests of tribal officials not to announce the discovery until a consensus could be built on how to handle the remains, and until Indigenous faculty, staff and students could be made aware of the situation in a respectful way.

Tribal officials and Indigenous archivists said that UND leaders should be commended for how they’ve responded, praising Armacost’s willingness to consult tribes immediately after the discovery and publicly apologize for the university’s failings. But they also called for accountability.

“It is always extremely traumatic and hurtful when our ancestors remains have been disturbed and misplaced,” Mark Fox, chairman of the Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara Nation, said in a statement to NBC News. “We will be monitoring this matter closely to ensure that our ancestor’s remains are repatriated as quickly and as respectfully as possible under the circumstances.”

Many universities and museums have NAGPRA officers on staff who inventory Indigenous remains and cultural items, affiliate them with their tribes of origin, and eventually return them. However, UND does not have its own NAGPRA office. The university has appointed a committee to review the findings, and Armacost told NBC News that hiring staff to facilitate NAGPRA cases is under consideration.

Dianne Derosiers, a historic preservation officer for the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate, a tribal nation in North Dakota, said she wants to know who is responsible for unceremoniously locking away the human remains in university storage. “I’d like answers to that question,” she said.

Armacost said that finding out who is accountable will be part of the university’s investigation.

Lyons said she hopes the UND's discovery will be a wake-up call to other institutions that are dragging their feet when it comes to compliance with NAGPRA.

"Look at what you have, look at your past," she said. "And if you know something, you need to say it and not hide it and not pass it off and wait for someone else to do it. You need to confront that right away."

This article was originally published on [NBCNews.com](https://news.yahoo.com/search-missing-native-artifacts-led-120000588.html)  
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## **In 1918, US Steel dug up nearly 200 Ojibwe graves. Now the Lake Superior tribe's sacred burial sites have been returned.**

Members of the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa celebrate the return of burial grounds once taken from them.

By Danielle Kaeding      Wednesday, August 24, 2022, 5:15am

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Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs Bryan Newland attended a celebration on Aug. 18, 2022, marking the return of sacred burial sites to the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa. He said the restoration of tribal lands is a priority of the Biden administration. *Danielle Kaeding/WPR*

(Gov. Tony) Evers and Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz attended the ceremony, as well as Wisconsin U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin.

They acknowledged the land transfer doesn't make up for the loss of culture, identity, or generations of historical trauma. Evers said the state shares responsibility with the federal government for recognizing the pain inflicted on tribal communities then and now.

"This is your land. It has always been your land," Evers said. "We're happy to see this important path to justice move forward."

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~**Thousands of Rare Artifacts Discovered Beneath Tudor Manor's Attic Floorboards**  
**Among the finds are manuscripts possibly used to perform illegal Catholic masses, silk fragments and handwritten music**

**Nora McGreevy**

[https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/thousands-rare-artifacts-discovered-underneath-attic-floorboards-tudor-manor-180975578/?](https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/thousands-rare-artifacts-discovered-underneath-attic-floorboards-tudor-manor-180975578/?utm_source=smithsoniandaily&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20220726-daily-responsive&spMailingID=47155415&spUserID=OTYyNTc5MzkyMTQyS0&spJobID=2282765885&spReportId=MjI4Mjc2NTg4NQs2)

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**Quiz of the Day:**

**Q. I am heavy and hard to pick up, but backwards I am not. What am I? 🤔**





## **Sudanese Museums Call for Return of Stolen Artifacts**

### **Indigenous leaders get a choice: Join the narcos or run for your lives**

Illegal coca cultivation in Peru is migrating from the Andean foothills to the Amazonian lowlands. Since 2020, an estimated 20 leaders have been killed in the rainforest.

Read in The Washington Post: <https://apple.news/AV74qEzbtS76LswSKBe59RA>

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Treating wastewater creates struvite—a nutrient-rich crystal that bolsters struggling seagrass beds  
Jesse Kathan, [Hakai Magazine](#)

[https://www.smithsonianmag.com/innovation/human-pee-might-just-be-the-key-to-saving-seagrass-180980368/?utm\\_source=smithsoniandaily&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=20220707-daily-responsive&spMailingID=47075504&spUserID=OTYyNTc5MzkyMTQyS0&spJobID=2280667746&spReportId=MjI4MDY2Nzc0NgS2](https://www.smithsonianmag.com/innovation/human-pee-might-just-be-the-key-to-saving-seagrass-180980368/?utm_source=smithsoniandaily&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20220707-daily-responsive&spMailingID=47075504&spUserID=OTYyNTc5MzkyMTQyS0&spJobID=2280667746&spReportId=MjI4MDY2Nzc0NgS2)

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<https://news.yahoo.com/tribe-arizona-built-border-barrier-172417888.html>

## Travel Nevada's Destination Development Kickoff is only a week away!

**Are you excited?!? We are!**

One week from today, **Friday, Sept. 9 at 10 am**, Travel Nevada will be kicking off our new 3-D Project with a statewide Zoom Announcement! This is your chance to meet our **amazing** team of consultants and hear from Director Brenda Scolari about this exciting new program! Be sure to add it to your calendar and join us next Friday at the link below!

**Welcome Announcement - Sept. 9, 10-11 am**  
**Join Zoom Meeting:**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84578911901>

But there's more! After the Zoom, Travel Nevada's Destination Development team will be hitting the road to meet face-to-face with our partners across the state - YOU - to share everything you need to know about how to apply for this groundbreaking program!

Be sure register at the links below **\*before September 6\*** to reserve your spot at one of our Destination Development Kick-off events! This is your chance to ask questions and get first-hand information about 3-D before you begin your program application!

**We need at least 10 participants registered per location to hold the event. Invite your colleagues and partners!**  
**Don't delay, register today!**

For details about each location or to RSVP, click the link for your preferred event location below.

**Carson City - Friday, Sept. 9\***

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/destination-development-kickoff-carson-city-tickets-404234806187>

**Winnemucca - Monday, Sept. 12\***

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/destination-development-kickoff-winnemucca-tickets-404181867847>

**Elko, Monday, Sept. 12\***

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/destination-development-kickoff-elko-tickets-404209691067>

**Ely, Tuesday, Sept. 13\***

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/destination-development-kickoff-ely-tickets-404220754157>

**Caliente, Tuesday, Sept. 13\***

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**Pahrump, Wednesday, Sept. 14\***

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**Tonopah, Thursday, Sept. 15\***

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/destination-development-kickoff-tonopah-tickets-404228186387>

**\*\*NEW\*\* Fallon, Friday, Sept. 16\***

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**Know someone else who may be interested?**  
**Forward this email to others to invite them to participate.**

Join us for a candle light vigil on  
9/1/2022 at 8pm, in  
remembrance of Jose Gonzalez.  
The vigil will be held at the corner  
of Lake St. and Mill St. if you or  
anyone you know have info that  
leads to an arrest from Monday's  
shooting, please contact  
(775)322-4900 for a \$5000  
reward.



there is no word  
for good bye in  
LAKOTA. we will  
see you again  
( toksa ahkay )