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I am the largest land animal in North America and my picture often symbolizes the American West during the time of settlers, wagon trains, Cowboys and Indians, and you will even see my image on some of your money.

You likely know me as the American Buffalo, although in technical terms some of you refer to me as Bison. By what name I am known to you is not as important as the role we have played throughout life history.

When the explorer Columbus landed on Turtle Island in the late 1400's, my family population was estimated at nearly 60,000,000 and our home range was the majority of what is now called the United States, with some of our Wood Bison cousins living in the area of Canada. By 1890, our estimated population was around one thousand as we neared total extinction from being hunted by settlers, and slaughtered by others to starve out the 'Indians'.

Although some of your ancestors of that time raised concerns about this slaughter, nothing was actually done to bring it to an end as the government encouraged this killing to meet their goal of containing the Plains Indians. Sadly, this apathy among your kind continues to this day as cattle ranchers have taken land once ours to range their cattle for profit. This may not raise alarm with some of you concerning us, but consider that the greatest slaughter of my family took place between 1850 and 1890, and if we were to be killed at the rate of 1000 per day, it would take 164 of your years to complete this cycle, and yet, humans were able to achieve this in less than 40 years. This gives you an idea of what my family endured at the hands of humans.

This demonstrates the mindset of those whose life quest was based on greed for land and genocide of a native people; those who lived in harmony with their surroundings knowing that how they treated the earth and her inhabitants would come back full circle to their way of life. Native Americans had great respect for my family members and took what they needed without killing an entire herd. We were honored with song and dance and our spirits were respected with the ensuing hunt. Our numbers were not greatly affected by their hunting as we were prolific and maintained our ability to do our part in keeping the natural world in balance.

There are many things you can learn about yourself from my family as we all share this small planet together. Native People looked to nature for lessons, warmth and livelihood and realized that all natural things are teachers and speak to us if only we take time to listen.

The males in my family can grow to around 2000 pounds and nearly 6 feet high at the shoulders, and although we may seem to be slow and cumbersome, we can run to speeds of 35 miles per hour. This is good to remember when meeting others of your species so that you don't assume one thing about that person when something entirely different may be the case. When we graze, we continue to move so we do not lay waste to the land and our hooves loosen the earth as we walk, run, or wallow which in turn makes it easier for grasses to grow and critters to dig. This is a reminder to you that there will be times you must move quickly and times to move more at

ease, but whatever your pace, be considerate of what you are doing to our Earth Mother and not destroy or disrespect what is around you.

Our great strength is needed to walk this journey we have been given and will teach you that there will be times in your own life that you will need great strength to continue on your path and reach your goals. When the snow is heavy and food is scarce, we will use our massive heads to push snow aside and find grasses lying underneath. Keep in mind that as we do this, so you also can use your head in stressful situations rather than giving in to panic. Look at the whole situation, use your head (emotions don't move snow very well) and keep going until you resolve the situation or find the grass you are looking for. The cold winds of change will figuratively blow through your life from time to time and emotional winters can be endured with the right type of insulation. Our heavy winter hair is a reminder to you of this and just as you see us shed this heavy coat in the spring, so you are reminded that there will come the day you can shed the concerns you had during that winter time that settled upon your path.

Native Americans wasted nothing we had to offer. Our bones were tools and weapons, our hides clothing and shelter, our bladders water and boiling bags, and even our tails made good fly swatters. They understood, and many still understand, that taking a life is a serious thing and when this must be done, honor should be a large part of the process leaving little to zero waste. Here I would ask you humans to think about how much waste is created on your earth walk as you eat and build homes, buy new things or just get tired of what you have had for a time. Settlers and hunters were known to kill us, take our tongues and hides and leave the rest to rot on the plains. Waste created by greed and lack of respect. We Buffalo had no need for landfills nor did we bury toxic waste beneath the skin of our Earth Mother. All worked in a beautiful cycle from our birth to our fertilizing the ground in our death and in feeding others.

If you see our story in some of your films, you will learn that we are very protective of our young and our herd works together for survival. Humans have much to learn here where difference seems to divide rather than bring together.

We have long been a celebrated part of nature with Native America and still hold that place with many who honor the respectful ways passed to them by the ones who have gone before them. Where we once roamed free as was our birth right, now we are few in numbers and except for some of my family in your Yellowstone Park, most of us are in protected areas...fenced in and no longer free. In Yellowstone, your species still have issues with us and often ranchers will lure my family members outside of the Park and kill us the minute we cross some invisible line that has been drawn, all in the name of raising cattle on land once ours. Interestingly, our meat is much healthier than cattle but your species has a way of using the media to circumvent these truths. We have been accused of carrying a disease called 'brucellosis' which causes cattle to abort, and it has been shown with your science this is of low occurrence in my family but much higher among our Elk cousins; but still we are destroyed on our lands out of a fear that is without foundation. I hope you will think of these things when you next see some of my family whether it be from a picture or in person, and remember that all of nature has something to say if only one would take time to listen.

My family and I appreciate those of you who work hard to help us survive and it is because of these caring humans and their efforts that our population is slowly coming back in these times.

Chief Dan George said in part,...'what we don't know, we fear...what we fear...we destroy' and I can only hope you will learn more about my family and the role we play in keeping things in balance. We do our part...may you do the same!



[I Love Turtle](#)



Masterpiece of nature



So beautiful!

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National Environmental Justice Community Engagement Call: October 18, 2022

EPA invites Environmental Justice (EJ) advocates to participate in the next [National Environmental Justice Community Engagement Call](#) taking place on **October 18, 2022 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. (Eastern Time)**. These calls are free and open to the public.

Registration Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/epa-natl-environmental-justice-community-engagement-call-oct-18-2022-registration-435730992127>

Agenda:

- [Leadership Updates on the new EPA Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights](#)
- [Wildfire Smoke Grant Competition](#)

The purpose of these calls is to inform the community and other stakeholders about EPA's EJ work and enhance opportunities to maintain an open dialogue with EJ advocates.

Please email farrell.ericka@epa.gov by October 14, 2022 to request reasonable accommodation for a disability or interpreter services in a language other than English, so that you can participate in the call and/or to request a translation of any of the event documents into a language other than English.

For more information about the National Environmental Justice Community Engagement Calls, please email farrell.ericka@epa.gov

Recordings and meeting materials for all calls are posted here: <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/national-environmental-justice-community-engagement-calls>.

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## NATIVE HOPE IS DEDICATED TO ENDING SEX TRAFFICKING OF NATIVE AMERICANS

Our goal is to make everyone in South Dakota, including those visiting, aware, and vigilant.

Young Native American girls are at a higher risk for sex trafficking and domestic abuse than any other racial group in the United States.

**The targeted age is 12-14 years old.**

**Although Native Americans make up only 13% of the state's population, 40% of sex trafficking victims in South Dakota are Native girls and women.**

With the influx of hundreds of thousands of men during the Sturgis bike rally and continuing on through the fall hunting season, the “Old West” lure of beautiful South Dakota draws men in huge numbers.

**Native Hope is determined to #ENDIT.**

**Join the Movement**

Every October, we partner with The Red Sand Project to fill sidewalk cracks to raise awareness, connect, and take action. Red sand is a tangible and effective way to illustrate the massive sex trafficking problem. The Red Sand Project's goal is to fill sidewalk cracks in cities across the state with bright red sand. This eye catching approach helps spread awareness and shows our commitment to no longer let woman and children fall through the cracks.

Participate TODAY:

- With your gift of \$20 or more, we will send you a Red Sand kit, a Native Hope window decal, and information about Human Trafficking.
- Use the red sand to fill a sidewalk crack
- Take a photograph
- Share on Facebook using #RedSandProject #NativeHope #NeverInSeason

**Get people and supplies**

Red Sand Project is a way for people to come together and connect, raising awareness about human trafficking. You can do Red Sand Project with a group of friends or family, for a team or organization, as a youth group or community group activity, and even in your classroom. All you need is a group of 15 people or more.



**Indigenous Proverbs From Around the World            by Tony Dunnel**

Tony is an English writer of non-fiction and fiction living on the edge of the Amazon jungle.

The richness and diversity of the world’s Indigenous cultures are truly amazing. There are at least 370 million Indigenous peoples (about 5% of the world's population) across more than 90 countries, representing — and preserving — more than 4,000 languages and countless cultural treasures.

For many Indigenous groups around the world, the preservation of their original language is a vital part of their traditions and identity. Proverbs play an important role in this, serving as a way to pass down wisdom and a sense of self from one generation to the next. Here is a selection of Indigenous proverbs from all across the globe, from the Great Plains of North America to the mountains of Peru, the African Great Lakes to the Australian Outback.

***Where there is true hospitality, not many words are needed.*** — ***Arapaho proverb***

The Arapaho people are native to the Great Lakes region of the United States, where they lived along the Mississippi River. Around 1680, they were forced out of their ancestral lands and migrated to the Great Plains.

***It is better to have less thunder in the mouth and more lightning in the hand.*** — ***Apache***

The Apache are a group of culturally related tribes native to the Southwestern United States. They played a large role in the history of the Southwest, under leaders such as Cochise, Mangas Coloradas, and Geronimo.

***Don't be afraid to cry. It will free your mind of sorrowful thoughts.*** — ***Hopi proverb***

The Hopi Tribe resides primarily on a large reservation in northeastern Arizona. It is a sovereign nation, with its own constitution and government.

***Do not judge your neighbor until you walk two moons in his moccasins.*** — ***Cheyenne***

Before the arrival of the Europeans, the Cheyenne lived in what is now Minnesota. They were forced out into North and South Dakota, where they became skillful mounted warriors. Today, there are around 23,000 Cheyenne, living mainly in Montana and Oklahoma.

***The caribou feeds the wolf, but it is the wolf who keeps the caribou strong.*** — ***Inuit proverb***

The Inuit are a group of Indigenous peoples who live in the Arctic and sub-Arctic regions of Greenland, Canada, and the United States (Alaska). They have a strong tradition of fishing and hunting in extremely cold conditions.

***We are all visitors to this time, this place. We are just passing through. Our purpose here is to observe, to learn, to grow, to love... and then we return home.*** — ***Aboriginal Australian***

The term "Aboriginal Australian" encompasses the various Indigenous peoples of the Australian mainland and surrounding islands. With a total population of about 760,000, they account for around 3.3% of Australia's population.

***Do not steal, do not lie, do not be lazy.*** — ***Quechua proverb***

The Quechua language was spoken by the Incas, with various dialects still spoken in South America today. The proverb above — *Ama sua, ama llulla, ama quella* — may even have its roots in the Inca Empire. More than 10 million Indigenous Quechua people live in South America, with about half of them in Peru.

***Nobody can say he is settled anywhere forever: It is only the mountains which do not move from their places.*** — ***Maasai proverb***

The pastoral Maasai of Kenya and Tanzania are a nomadic people with a total population of about 2 million. They move in groups for much of the year, subsisting almost entirely on the meat, blood, and milk of their cattle herds.

***Many hands make work light; many ideas open the way.*** — ***Hmong proverb***

The Hmong are an Indigenous people living mainly in Southwest China, Vietnam, Laos, and Thailand. The culture and religious beliefs of the Hmong are extremely rich, and they are known for their beautiful embroidery and love songs.

*The roots of all things are holding hands. When they cut down a tree in the jungle, a star falls from the sky.* — *Lacandón proverb*

The Lacandón are a Maya Indigenous group who live in the jungles of the Mexican state of Chiapas. Their cosmology states that the end of people will come about when the environmental balance is broken.

*My language is my awakening, my language is the window to my soul.* — *Māori proverb*

The Māori are the Indigenous Polynesian peoples of mainland New Zealand — or Aotearoa, as they call it. Whakataukī, or proverbs, are common in formal speeches and everyday Māori conversation.

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### Set It Back: Moving Levees to Benefit Rivers, Wildlife, and Communities

By the Good Men Project, 10/10/22. Removing dams is one thing, but thousands of levees also restrict rivers in the United States — and they're not working as intended.

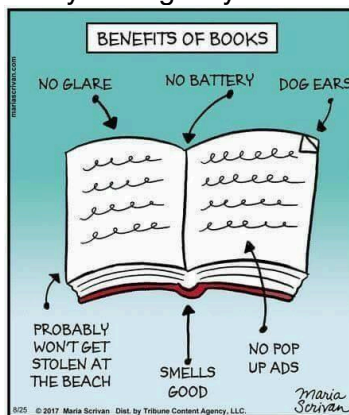
### 38th Annual Water Summit 2022

By the Water Education Foundation - Features engaging conversations about critical issues impacting water statewide and across the West revolving around this year's theme: Rethinking Water in the West. When: October 27, 2022 | 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Where: The Westin Sacramento

### ACWA 2022 Fall Conference & Exhibition

ACWA conferences are the premier destination for water industry professionals to learn and connect. Program offerings include statewide issue forums, roundtable talks, and region discussions along with sessions covering a wide range of topics including water management, innovation, public communication, affordable drinking water, energy, finance, federal forum, and more. When: Nov. 29 – Dec. 1, 2022

Where: Renaissance Esmeralda and Hyatt Regency in Indian Wells, CA





## **The Smithsonian Returns a Trove of Benin Bronzes to Nigeria**

The transfer of ownership of 29 artworks is the first to be carried out under a new policy and practice

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## **Our Ancestors Ate a Paleo Diet, With Carbs**

A modern hunter-gatherer group known as the Hadza has taught researchers surprising things about the highly variable menu consumed by humans past Diana Kwon, [Knowable Magaziine](#)

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## **Lake Mead water crisis is exposing volcanic rock from eruptions 12 million years ago (CNN)**

## **Biden Designates Camp Hale in Colorado as His First National Monument**

By: [Paige Bennett](#)

Edited by [Irma Omerhodzic](#)



Bunkers that were used for artillery practice at Camp Hale in Eagle County, Colorado. Carol M. Highsmith / Library of Congress

Camp Hale, a former military training site during World War II, is joining the nations list of National Monuments and is President Joe Biden's first National Monument designation. The new Camp Hale-Continental Divide National Monument protects more than 50,000 acres of land in Colorado.

Camp Hale was used for military training but was [shut down in 1965](#), and has since been used primarily for recreational purposes. The White House also noted in a fact sheet that the area is within the ancestral lands for Ute Tribes and has historical and spiritual significance.

“This action will honor our nation’s veterans, Indigenous people, and their legacy by protecting this Colorado landscape, while supporting jobs and America’s outdoor recreation economy,” the White House said [in a fact sheet](#).

With the National Monument designation, the land is now under management by the U.S. Forest Service.

Biden has previously restored three National Monuments — Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monuments in Utah and Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument off the eastern U.S. coasts — that former president Donald Trump had opened up for fossil fuel developments and commercial fishing. But Camp Hale will be the first new National Monument designation by Biden.

In addition to creating the Camp Hale-Continental Divide National Monument, the Biden administration has also proposed a 20-year mineral withdrawal for Thompson Divide in Colorado. This proposal would protect around 225,000 acres from mining and fossil fuel drilling.

The U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management have submitted a petition and application for the withdrawal to Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland for approval. With Haaland's approval, the area will be protected for two years while the agencies seek public comment and conduct a scientific environmental analysis to determine impacts of a 20-year mineral withdraw for Thompson Divide.

“A coalition of hunters, ranchers, farmers, outdoor enthusiasts and community leaders have worked for decades to ensure the Thompson Divide area is protected,” Haaland [said in a statement](#). “Today the Biden-Harris administration is taking an important and sensible step to ensure that we have the science and public input necessary to make informed decisions about sustainable management of public lands in the Thompson Divide area.”

While the House of Representatives' Republicans are against the new protections, citing “severe land-use restrictions,” conservationists are praising today's announcement.

“This is a critical step toward ensuring these public lands do not succumb to the same destruction that so many of our other treasured places have,” Michael Freeman, a senior attorney at Earthjustice, said, [as reported by CNBC](#).

**The Ute Indian Tribe calls Biden's newest national monument an 'unlawful act of genocide'**

<https://www.sltrib.com/news/2022/10/13/ute-indian-tribe-calls-bidens/>

**Ute Indian Tribe criticizes Biden monument on ancestral land**

<https://apnews.com/article/biden-mountains-colorado-native-americans-utah-cee29be34c36a62cc4cbc66c99cf2dd1>

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**More Than Half of U.S. Bird Populations Are Shrinking**

An alarming report indicates that dozens of species are likely to become federally endangered without preventive action

Alex Fox

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**These highly trained rats have sniffed out 150,000 explosives The rats are fine: How once-overlooked animal skills are helping humans** By Molly Callahan

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