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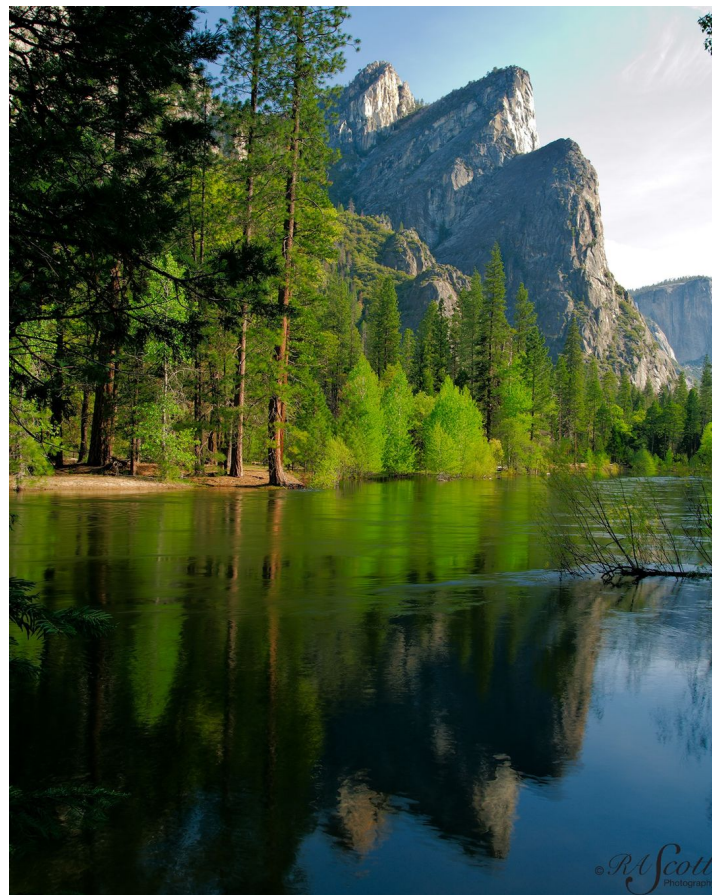
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**"Looking Northeast to Three Brothers Above The River"**

Yosemite National Park, California

May 14, 2019

A recent study from Climate Central has found that the **allergy season in Reno is getting longer, and there are more allergens in the air**. According to the study, Reno's allergy season saw a **99-day increase**, marking one of the biggest increases in the nation. ([KOLO](#))

*Following arrived after 2.23 Journal went out.....hope it was a memorable event*

**The History And Culture Of The Washoe Peoples, At North Valleys Library ([4:00 PM](#))**

**Washoe County has unveiled a new public safety map, called Perimeter, that allows residents to easily locate ongoing large-scale emergencies, evacuation areas, and road closures.** Developed in collaboration with various agencies and districts, Perimeter enables first responders to mark incident locations, outline evacuation zones, and map road closures, which can be instantly shared with the public. While the map serves as a valuable resource for tourists and visitors who may be unfamiliar with local areas, it is intended to supplement the existing alert notification system rather than replace it, providing comprehensive and up-to-date information during emergency events such as floods, wildfires, and earthquakes. ([KRN](#))Webinar for Communities along the US-Mexico Border on the Environmental and Climate Justice (ECJ) Program Design. *Does your community have something similar?*

### **Green-washing lithium**

In response to Jay Fisher's letter (*RN&R*, May 2023), the question is not about whether we "need" lithium or not. It's about: How much lithium do we actually "need" versus how much the green capitalists like Elon Musk tell you we "need"?

A report from the Climate and Community Project along with the University of California, Davis, estimates that if we continue to produce electric cars at the current rate, the U.S. alone will need three times the current global production of lithium by 2050. This is not only a short term, utterly unsustainable solution; it's the purely the result of corporate greenwashing campaigns whose only goal is to sell more cars under the banner of "saving the planet."

That same report found that by improving mobility in urban centers, reducing the battery size of EVs, and creating a robust recycling infrastructure, we could reduce our "need" for lithium by 92% and still meet the same carbon-emission-reduction goals. We should consider reducing these lithium mining operations like Thacker Pass by 90%. There are real, long-term solutions that we can do today instead of destroying sacred lands and important ecosystems. Choose sustainable solutions, not green capitalism.

The Paiute, Shoshone and Bannock peoples of the Fort McDermitt Reservation were forced from their land, and neither you, nor any foreign mining corporation, get to determine the fate of someone else's home, even if it's "not on anyone's vacation agenda."

—Jonathon McNeill, Reno (Letter to the Editor in Reno News & Review)

Reuters

## States Propose Landmark Deal to Conserve the Colorado River

The water cuts suggested by California, Arizona and Nevada are not as ambitious as those proposed by the federal government, but they will buy time by [Will Sullivan](#)

May 24, 2023 8:15 a.m.



*The Colorado River's Glen Canyon Dam, which creates Lake Powell. RJ Sangosti / MediaNews Group / The Denver Post via Getty Images*

For nearly a year, the Southwestern states that rely on the drought-stricken Colorado River have struggled to come up with a plan to conserve the crucial resource. Deadline after deadline has come and gone with no conclusion. Last month, the federal government [released an ambitious proposal](#) that asked for steep water cuts from the states, unless they could agree on a different plan.

Now, three states have put forward a proposal of their own, announced the [Department of the Interior](#) on Monday. The basin's four other states [agreed](#) the proposal should be considered.

California, Arizona and Nevada—a trio known as the Lower Basin states—have proposed to reduce their Colorado River water usage by at least three million acre-feet through the end of 2026. The cuts would total 13 percent of these states' total water consumption, per the [Washington Post](#)'s Joshua Partlow.

An acre-foot is the amount of water needed to cover an acre of land with a foot of water, or about 326,000 gallons. In a year, two to three households use approximately one acre-foot of water total, according to the [New York Times](#)' Christopher Flavelle.

In Monday's announcement, the Interior Department said it would temporarily withdraw the federal proposal from last month and analyze the states' proposal instead.

The suggested cuts in the new proposal are significantly less than what the federal government called for last June, when they asked states to conserve two to four million acre-feet each year, according to the *New York Times*. But the West is emerging from a [winter](#) of unusually [heavy precipitation](#), which stabilized water levels in the river's two main reservoirs, Lake Mead and Lake Powell.

“The good snowpack bought us the luxury of bringing forward a deal that wasn’t quite as much as the federal government was hoping for, but it does buy us time,” [Kathryn Sorensen](#), research director at the Kyl Center for Water Policy at Arizona State University, tells [NPR](#)’s Kirk Siegler.

Even if this proposal is accepted, the states will need to reach another deal after 2026. “This is a step in the right direction but a temporary solution,” [Dave White](#), who studies sustainability policy at Arizona State University, tells [Grist](#)’s Jake Bittle. “This deal does not address the long-term water sustainability challenges in the region.” Come 2026, all states that rely on the river, including the Upper Basin states of Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming, may need to make steeper cuts, per the *New York Times*.

With \$1.2 billion in funding from the [Inflation Reduction Act](#), the federal government will compensate water users for 2.3 million acre-feet of cuts, per the *Washington Post*. Since the states proposed modest cuts, this funding will cover most of the reductions. This financial compensation helped resolve one of the main sticking points of the deal: whether California or Arizona should bear the brunt of the cuts, per *Grist*.

After the federal government analyzes the proposal, it will publish an environmental impact statement for public comment.

“It is important to note that this is not an agreement,” [Tom Buschatzke](#), Arizona’s commissioner to the Colorado River talks, told reporters on Monday, per the *Washington Post*. “This is an agreement to submit a proposal and an agreement to the terms of that proposal to be analyzed by the federal government.”

The [Colorado River](#) is an important resource for seven western U.S. states, two Mexican states and many Native American tribes. The [river](#) supplies water to 40 million people and irrigates almost 5.5 million acres of agricultural land. Millions of homes and businesses use electricity generated by dams in the river, per the *New York Times*.

In recent decades, [states have overused water](#) from the river, and droughts fueled by climate change have lowered its water levels. Last summer, Lake Mead was [filled to only 27 percent](#) of capacity, its lowest level since 1937.

Per the [new proposal](#), states would achieve 1.5 million acre-feet in reductions—half of the proposed reductions—by the end of 2024. By 2026, California will cover 1.6 million of the total 3 million acre-feet of reductions, Nevada will cut 285,000 acre-feet and Arizona will reduce 1.1 million acre-feet, per the *Washington Post*. Currently, [those states use](#) a yearly 4.4 million acre-feet, 300,000 acre-feet and 2.8 million acre-feet, respectively.

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**Why the new Colorado River agreement is a big deal — even if you don’t live out West** Vox, 5/23/2023 - Last summer, the Colorado River system was headed toward collapse. Its reservoirs were at historic lows and sinking dangerously close to “dead pool,” at which point water can no longer pass downstream through the dams. The situation ignited a tense debate among Western states over who would turn down their taps. Would it be farmers? Or cities? Which ones? Something — or someone — would have to give to save the river, on which some 40 million people depend. Now, those states have finally struck a deal.

## [California emerges as big winner in Colorado River water deal](#)

Los Angeles Times, 5/23/2023 - Monday's historic Colorado River agreement represents a big win for California, which only months ago was embroiled in a bitter feud with Arizona, Nevada and four other Western states over how to dramatically reduce their use of water supplies in the shrinking river.

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**EPA is hosting a webinar to provide information about the upcoming \$2 billion Environmental and Climate Justice (ECJ) Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)** including who is eligible for the grants, eligible projects, and more. In addition, EPA is looking to gain input from border communities on the development of the ECJ Program NOFO by facilitating a discussion to hear ideas on allocating funding and providing resources to meet the needs of border communities.

**Webinar Details: Date: June 13, 2023**

**Time: 1:30 – 3:00pm EST | 10:30 – 12:00 PST | 11:30 – 1:00 MT | 12:30 – 2:00pm CT**

**Register Here:** [https://usepa.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlscOusrjlpHfFCsnJOiVT\\_FegfV4n04tM](https://usepa.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlscOusrjlpHfFCsnJOiVT_FegfV4n04tM)

This listening session is for community-based organizations, environmental justice organizations, environmental justice advocates and leaders, federally recognized tribal governments, tribal community representatives, civic and faith-based organizations, and local governments who represent border community interests. Other potential eligible entities are welcome to attend, including academic institutions.

Simultaneous English and Spanish interpretation will be provided. For questions about this webinar or to request reasonable accommodation for a disability, interpretation, and/or translation services in a language other than English, please email [ECJRFI@epa.gov](mailto:ECJRFI@epa.gov).

For more information on the ECJ program and outreach events please visit: [EPA's Environmental and Climate Justice Program Webpage](#).

For more information about EPA's Environmental Justice Funding and Program Implementation please visit: <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/environmental-justice-grants-funding-and-technical-assistance>

### **Background:**

Through the ECJ Program, EPA will distribute \$2 billion to community-based organizations and other eligible entities through grants and technical assistance. These funds will be used for ECJ Program grants and technical assistance for environmental and climate justice efforts that benefit vulnerable communities.

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**Looking down Carson Street from the Carson City Plaza, circa 1864-65.**

[Lawrence and Houseworth/Western Nevada Historic Photo Collection](#)

One of the oldest photos of Nevada's [capital city](#) really showcases just how much has changed over the years... look at all of that open space!

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**65,000-Year-Old “Swiss Army Knives” Suggest Social Connectivity Among Early Humans**

<https://nicenews.com/culture/ancient-knives-suggest-human-connectivity/>

**Western Australia state has agreed to compensate an Aboriginal group for historic acts** including issuing mining leases on their traditional lands, setting a precedent that is set to allow Indigenous groups a greater say in future developments. The state has been strengthening its laws to protect Indigenous cultural heritage since iron ore mining operations by Rio Tinto three years ago destroyed historic rock shelters that showed human habitation dating back 46,000 years. The Western Australian government said it had reached a "historic settlement" with the Tjiwarl people of the state's northern Goldfield's region for three native title compensation claims and had finalised an agreement for land use in future.

**Map: How did the pandemic exodus impact your hometown? Search this U.S. map to find out**

[https://www.mercurynews.com/2023/05/24/map-how-did-the-pandemic-exodus-impact-your-hometown-search-this-u-s-map-to-find-out/?campaign=sjmnbreakingnews&utm\\_email=85834408B47115A944CE9435C9&g2i\\_eui=U6Qop7ZXyTLDlr5KZLtlUcZHPEyHFuJ%2f&g2i\\_source=newsletter&active=no&lctg=85834408B47115A944CE9435C9&utm\\_source=listrak&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=https%3a%2f%2fwww.mercurynews.com%2f2023%2f05%2f24%2fmap-how-did-the-pandemic-exodus-impact-your-hometown-search-this-u-s-map-to-find-out%2f&utm\\_campaign=bang-sjmn-nl-breaking-news-alerts-nl&utm\\_content=alert](https://www.mercurynews.com/2023/05/24/map-how-did-the-pandemic-exodus-impact-your-hometown-search-this-u-s-map-to-find-out/?campaign=sjmnbreakingnews&utm_email=85834408B47115A944CE9435C9&g2i_eui=U6Qop7ZXyTLDlr5KZLtlUcZHPEyHFuJ%2f&g2i_source=newsletter&active=no&lctg=85834408B47115A944CE9435C9&utm_source=listrak&utm_medium=email&utm_term=https%3a%2f%2fwww.mercurynews.com%2f2023%2f05%2f24%2fmap-how-did-the-pandemic-exodus-impact-your-hometown-search-this-u-s-map-to-find-out%2f&utm_campaign=bang-sjmn-nl-breaking-news-alerts-nl&utm_content=alert)

**2023 Inspiring Graduate | Loretta Rose Chee**

<https://news.unm.edu/news/2023-inspiring-graduate-loretta-rose-chee>



Shoutout to the California resident who [returned a library book](#) that was signed out in **1927**, rolling the dice on nearly a century's worth of late fees, which would have cost ~**\$1,700** had they been applied. Chrtr.com

# SHOSHONE BANNOCK CASINO HOTEL 28<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HANDGAME TOURNAMENT

**WHEN**  
**May 26 - 28, 2023**

**WHERE**  
**Shoshone Bannock  
Casino Hotel Buffalo  
Meadows RV Park**

North/West side of Casino

**FEATURING** - Concession Booths all 3 Days - RV Parking

**HOTEL AND RV INFORMATION: Booking ID #11216**

**Booking Name: Memorial Handgame Tournament 2023**

Shoshone Bannock Hotel (208) 238-4800

or (855) 746-2268

Shoshone Bannock Tribes & Shoshone Bannock Casino Hotel are not responsible for:  
Thief, Fire, Accidents/or Travel assistance. Absolutely No Alcohol Allowed on Premises.

More Information call Rachel Hall at 208-680-8354 or Eric Wahatomy 208-705-4241

## ALL AGES EVENT

**FRIDAY 5/26/23**

**2 - MAN TOURNEY**

\$50.00 Per Team Single

Elimination

Registration 6-7pm

**SATURDAY 5/27/23**

**MAIN TOURNAMENT**

\$125.00 Per Team

Double Elimination

Registration 11am-2pm

1<sup>st</sup> Place \$18,000.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$12,500.00

3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$9,500.00

4<sup>th</sup> Place \$7,500.00

5<sup>th</sup> Place \$5,500.00

6<sup>th</sup> Place \$4,000.00

**SUNDAY 5/28/23**

**3-MAN TOURNEY**

\$60.00 Per Team Single

Elimination

Registration 12-2pm

**MATERIAL GAME**

**SUNDAY 5/28/23**

Begins 1:00 PM



**SHOSHONE-BANNOCK**  
CASINO HOTEL

# UC RIVERSIDE POW WOW

Riverside Sports  
Complex  
1000 W. Blaine St.  
Riverside, CA 92507

**Friday, May 26, 2023**

5:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Grand Entry 7:00 PM

**Saturday, May 27, 2023**

11:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Grand Entry 1:00 PM &

7:00 PM

**Sunday, May 28, 2023**

11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Grand Entry 1:00 PM

## HEAD STAFF:

**MC:** JACKSON ROLLINGTHUNDER TAHUKA

**AD:** VICTOR CHAVEZ

**HEAD WOMAN:** AURORA TOLEDO

**HEAD MAN:** ZION FOX

**HEAD GIRL:** JOCELYN PHOENIX

**HEAD BOY:** WAVOKA MARTINEZ



## The ALBA/Puffin Award for Human Rights Activism



L to R: Nicole Martin, Malia Luarkie, and Rachael Lorenzo, founders of Indigenous Women Rising

One of the largest monetary awards for human rights in the world, [\*\*The ALBA/Puffin Award for Human Rights Activism\*\*](#) is a \$100,000 cash prize granted annually by [The Abraham Lincoln Brigade Archives](#) (ALBA) and The Puffin Foundation to honor the nearly 3,000 Americans who volunteered in the Spanish Civil War (1936-1939) to fight fascism under the banner of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

The 2023 winner of this prestigious award is [\*\*Indigenous Women Rising\*\*](#). IWR is an Indigenous-led full-spectrum reproductive justice organization. They help Indigenous families pay for and access abortion care, menstrual hygiene, culturally sensitive education, and midwifery funding and support. Following the assault against reproductive rights after *Dobbs v. Jackson*, ALBA and The Puffin Foundation renewed their commitment to reproductive justice, particularly in underserved communities. IWR is committed to honoring Native & Indigenous People's inherent right to equitable and culturally safe health options through accessible health education, resources, and advocacy. They also reclaim what colonialism and white supremacy have tried to take away: identity, culture, tradition, and language.

You can read more about Indigenous Women Rising as well as past winners of the ALBA/Puffin Prize on [this page of ALBA's website](#), as well as on our page linked above. The award ceremony will not be open to the public this year, but highlights of the award ceremony will be available at a later date on the ALBA site.



**Billy Mills**

**We took the Dreamstarter Academy to Paiute country! Congratulations Autumn Harry, our newest Dreamstarter!**



**Debra Harry**

**I am blessed to be able to visit Billy and Patricia Mills, and their staff, and witness the gifting of a Billy Mills blanket to my niece, Autumn Harry, as she newly enters the Running Strong Dreamstarter Academy. I am so proud of her, and all of the young people who are stepping up to create positive changes in our world.**

**The Discovery is hiring! Read below to learn about some of the exciting positions waiting to be filled at the museum.**

As summer inches closer and closer, The Discovery is looking for talented, passionate individuals to fill the Camp Discovery Lead Educator and Camp Discovery Assistant Educator positions for our summer camp programs running from June 19th through August 11th!

For those looking to play a vital role in The Discovery's ambitious restricted projects funding goals, our Development Officer - Special Projects position awaits your application! If you're on the lookout for a part-time position, then look no further! Apply to be a Museum Educator and help shape the minds of the next generation of learners with fun science demonstrations, asking visitors engaging questions, and showing off exhibits.

More information about all these exciting positions is available on our website.

**<https://nvdsm.org/about/contact-us/>**



# Annual Pinenut Blessing Upper Desert Creek

**Date:** Friday, June 9, 2023

**Starting Time:** 'Around' 12 Noon

**The Blessing will be said by an Elder**

**\*\*NO MEDIA PLEASE!**

A Potluck sharing of food will follow. Each reservation or Colony is encouraged to bring food and water. If able, please bring tables, chairs and canopies.

The Forest Service will provide toilet facilities.

YOUNG PEOPLE (STUDENTS) ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND, PARTICIPATE, ASSIST AND HELP WITH ELDERS, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, WATCH, LISTEN AND LEARN THE TRUE MEANING OF THE BLESSING.

Round Dance Songs and Dancing will follow the blessing.



Questions or concerns,  
Contact Elwood Emm, YPT Chairman,  
at [chairman@ypt-nsn.gov](mailto:chairman@ypt-nsn.gov) or (775)-443-5076  
Vernon Rogers (775) 291-0358



**Late notices:**

May 26th, 2023

1885 Agency Road, Fallon NV, 89406

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# Tribal Elder Participation Needed

## May 26th, 2023

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The Tribal Historic Preservation Office is facilitating the start of the NAS Fallon Ethnography study. We believe that this process should start with the elders, as the wisdom and knowledge they carry will help protect the lands. We will be hosting walk-in interview sessions at the FPST Senior Center May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 starting at 11:00 am. This is an opportunity for the elders to share what the land means to them and how NAS Fallon can learn to protect its sacred sites and resources. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact FPST Tribal Historic Preservation Coordinator.

Telephone: (775)-423-6075  
x1003  
Email: [THPO@fpst.org](mailto:THPO@fpst.org)

*In Loving Memory*



*Elizabeth Lana Hicks*

*Sunrise April 28, 1939*

*Sunset April 26, 2023*

