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In addition to projects supported with the Inflation Reduction Act funding, the BLM will prioritize projects funded under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law in the respective landscape. (Adobe Stock)

[\*\*NV Landscapes Receive Hefty BLM Investment for Conservation and Resiliency\*\*](#)

June 22, 2023 - Alex Gonzalez, Public News Service (NV)

The Bureau of Land Management recently announced a \$161 million investment in [ecosystem restoration](#) and resilience work on 21 different landscapes across 11 western states, one of which is Nevada.

The Montana Mountains in the northwest part of the state will be allocated \$6 million for aquatic restoration and conservation.

Carl Erquiaga, Nevada field representative for the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership, said the landscape is home to wildlife relying on sagebrush, and pointed out the area faces climate change challenges such as fire and drought.

"What we all need to realize is that if you improve the sagebrush habitat just about everything else out there benefits from it," Erquiaga explained. "Mule deer are sagebrush obligates, elk, pronghorn. Those kinds of things stabilize streams for fisheries and riparian areas. It all dovetails together."

Erquiaga noted the Humboldt O'Neil Basin will also receive a \$6 million investment but is an area with more water. According to the BLM, the presence of perennial water favors the threatened Lahontan cutthroat trout as well as supports critical habitat and migration corridors for big game.

Erquiaga argued public lands are what make Nevada unique. The BLM manages 67% of Nevada, or [48 million acres](#) of public lands. Erquiaga acknowledged many Nevadans are used to "stepping out their back door," and being able to enjoy the outdoors. Erquiaga would like to see management plans in Nevada updated to reflect what is important now.

"Most of those resource management plans are '1980s vintage,'" Erquiaga stressed. "The northwest corner of the state, where the Montana Mountains are, that one has been revised more recently. It is more up to date. We just looked at everything multiple use, we looked at it all differently in the 1980s than we do now."

Erquiaga recognized while management plans have been amended to be more relevant to specific issues, he thinks of those items as what he calls "add-ons," which he said sometimes lack relevancy and urgency to take appropriate conservation action in a more comprehensive way.

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**Justice for the tribes — Neil Gorsuch**

<https://www.startribune.com/justice-for-the-tribes-neil-gorsuch/600286065/>

**The Supreme Court does right by tribes, kids and the law**

<https://www.startribune.com/the-supreme-court-does-right-by-tribes-kids-and-the-law/600286066/>

RETURNING TO TRADITION  
DOESN'T MEAN RETURNING TO  
THE PAST, IT MEANS  
RECONNECTING TO THE WISDOM  
OF OUR ANCESTORS AND  
BRINGING IT FORWARD WITH US.



[Dee Numa](#)

[Leanna Tom Indian Basket](#)

Yosemite Mono Lake Paiute  
Dated 1924  
Measures 6 1/4" X 11"

50 mins Edited

my tribe don't owe me a house , or a car , it don't owe me a piece of land ...I don't need to hold \$ in my hand to say I am Shoshone or I don't need to be saying ...my tribe owes me this or that....what I do know is I owe my tribe my dreams ....my hard work to make it a tribe that will find growth to make it in this world. I owe my tribe the preservation if its culture , its land, its water, and most of all ...to give my tribal members a better life from the child to the elder. I owe my community my hard work to look good and feel good. This land needs my hard work to show its real beauty the creator intended. I owe that much I know....I was born into debt to my ancestors....

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# THE HISTORY OF THE RIBBON SKIRT

The history of the ribbon skirt is complex and diverse, shaped by cross-cultural interactions and historically significant events. The modern ribbon skirt can be traced back to the woolen broadcloth skirts worn by Euro-American women in the 1800s. Indigenous women then transformed these skirts by adding their own designs, such as intricately embroidered floral patterns and brightly colored ribbon trim.

The resulting ribbon skirts became a symbol of Indigenous resistance and a way for women to express their cultural identity and pride.

A Ribbon Skirt can be as simple as a piece of clothing, or as Sacred as a piece of regalia used only for Sweatlodge and Ceremony. It can be an expression of womanhood and strength, of remembrance of the Missing and Murdered, a symbol of defiance and protection of natural resources against corporate powers, or a representation of the journey of those who are reclaiming their identities through traditional practices. Ribbon Skirts are a symbol of resilience, survival and identity, but their meaning changes with each person who wears one and each person who shares their history.



Mary Iron Pipe  
(Double Gun Woman)



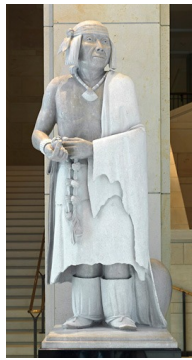
According to some Elder teachings, ribbon skirts are worn as a symbol of the sacredness of women as life bearers. They also serve as a way to honor the values taught in the teepee or around the home fire and symbolize the cyclical nature of life; and when your skirt touches the ground, it connects you to the earth. The Grandmothers who have come before us and paved the way for our journey as women are also honored through the wearing of these skirts. As we journey through life together, our choices and actions in the present moment have the power to impact future generations, a fact that our skirts remind us of.

Today, ribbon skirts remain an important part of Indigenous culture and can be seen at powwows, ceremonial events, and everyday wear. The Ribbon Skirt Project aims to explore the history and significance of this garment and to promote the skills and knowledge needed to create them.

\*Ambroise Dydime Lepine, Metis leader during Red River rebellion." From Tintype. L-R: Edmond Lepine (baby); Miss Lepine (later Mrs. K. Lawrence); Louis Lepine. (ca. 1880s). (CU1107358) by Unknown. Courtesy of Libraries and Cultural Resources Digital Collectors, University of Calgary.



[\*\*American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association \(AIANTA\)\*\*](#)  
[\*\*AIANTA CEO, Sherry L. Rupert, recently did an interview with Native America Calling @nativeamericacalling and we hope you'll be able to listen to it! The topic was. Tune in to this episode of Native American Calling to hear how AIANTA and others are working towards bringing authentic cultural tourism to the forefront of the travel industry! Much of what AIANTA works to accomplish is to advocat... See more\*\*](#)



[Native Culture Pride](#)

"Popé, (died 1692, San Juan Pueblo New Spain [now in New Mexico, U.S.]), Tewa Pueblo who led an all-Indian revolt in 1680 against the Spanish invaders in what is now the southwestern United States, driving them out of Santa Fe and temporarily restoring the old Pueblo way of life. After being imprisoned and prosecuted, Popé managed to escape and began organizing the revolt. Under his leadership, the Pueblo tribes launched an attack on the Spanish capital of Santa Fe, driving them out of Pueblo lands and temporarily restoring their traditional way of life. Popé believed that he was guided by the spirits of his ancestors to restore native customs and traditions. Although Spanish rule was eventually reestablished in 1692, Popé's influence helped alleviate the oppression and occupation of the Pueblo people by the Spanish."



[popsi.com](#)

[Scientists still are figuring out how to age the ancient footprints in White Sands National Park The millennia old footprints are caught in an archaeological debate due to a dating method and erasure of indigenous knowledge.](#)

Navajo student **Kayden Denny** made history in representing the top of her class for **Highland High** this year. At her graduation, she celebrated that milestone with a special hoop dance in place of a speech.



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

She's the first ever Native valedictorian for her high school and for Salt Lake City Navajo student Kayden Denny is the first ever Native valedictorian in Salt Lake City School District's history.

**49th Annual Yosemite Big Time Gathering**  
**August 12th & 13th, 2023**

**Dance Groups contact:**  
Thomas Stone  
760-937-2904

**Traditional Craft Vendors**  
Contact:  
Genevieve Lemaster  
559-676-6225

**This Is An Alcohol & Drug Free Gathering**

**Bring Chairs**

**Food & Drink**

**Donations Accepted**

**9035 Village Dr, Yosemite Valley, CA 95389**

## 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Shoshone Bannock Indian Festival

### **HANDGAMES**

August 10-13, 2023, Fort Hall, Idaho



#### **Thursday 8/10/2023:**

**3man scramble**, registration from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
Double elimination, \$20 per person, 1-3 places  
\$1000 (plus added entries)

**Kids Tourney**, registration from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
Double elimination, No Entry fees  
1-\$300, 2--200, 3--100

#### **Friday 8/11/2023:**

**4man tourney**, registration from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
Double elimination, \$80 per team, 1-4 places  
\$2000 (plus added entries)

#### **Saturday 8/12/2023:**

**Main tourney**, registration from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Double elimination, \$125 per team  
1-\$4000, 2--\$3000, 3--\$2000, 4--\$1000 (plus added entries)  
Consolation \$1000

**Senior(55+and better) 3man scramble**, registration from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Double elimination, No Entry fees  
1-\$1500, 2--\$1000, 3--\$500

#### **Sunday 8/13/2023:**

**Material game**, North vs South  
Pointers TBA, Game starts at 12 p.m.

**Bone Hog tourney**, registration from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Single elimination, \$40 per team, 1-3 places  
(plus added entries)

Handgames will be located on the west side of the HRDC lawn (across from the softball field). Also there will be NO camping on the lawn. In conjunction with the annual Shoshone Bannock Indian Festival activities.  
Contact: Brenda McKean 208.705.8609. Sponsored by the Shoshone Bannock Tribes of Fort Hall, Idaho. The S.B. Tribes and Committee is not responsible for damages, injuries, theft and/or short funded travelers.

## **Tribal Consultation for CDBG-Price Initiative**

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (P.L. 117-328) created the CDBG-PRICE Initiative. This is a **new grant competition** which provides funds for the preservation and revitalization of manufactured housing and eligible manufactured housing communities (including pre-1976 mobile homes). Under this Initiative, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will make \$225 million available through competitive grants. HUD is currently developing a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the competition. Under this competition, States, Local governments, and **Indian Tribes** (as defined in NAHASDA), as well as non-profit entities, cooperatives, and Community Development Finance Institutions, are eligible to apply for funds. This Initiative will be subject to the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. Eligible activities include:

- Infrastructure;
- Planning;
- Resident and community services (including relocation assistance and eviction prevention);
- Resiliency activities; and
- Providing other assistance to residents or owners of manufactured homes, which may include providing assistance for manufactured housing land and site acquisition.

The appropriation act also allows HUD to set-aside funding to ensure Indian Tribes are awarded funds under this new Initiative. **Consistent with HUD's Tribal Consultation Policy, HUD is seeking Tribal feedback prior to issuing the NOFO.** Specifically, HUD is seeking Tribal feedback on the following questions:

- Please describe whether your community has manufactured housing that needs preservation or revitalization?
- How much should the Tribal set-aside be (given the needs of your community)?
- Congress provided HUD with the authority to set waivers or alternate requirements under the Initiative. Are there any specific waivers or alternate requirements that HUD should consider for Tribes, such as allowing eligible activities not currently authorized under the Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) program?
- Grantees under this Initiative are required to report. How often should Tribes be required to report? HUD is considering requiring Tribes to report on an annual basis.
- What format should be used for reporting? HUD is considering allowing Tribes to report in a narrative form, similar to the Annual Status and Evaluation Report (ASER) used for the ICDBG program, or to input narrative and draw funds using the Disaster Recovery Grant Reporting (DRGR) system.
- Is there any other feedback that you would like to provide to ensure that this Initiative is successful in Tribal communities?

By July 21, 2023, please send any feedback to HUD at [consultation@hud.gov](mailto:consultation@hud.gov).

### **ONAP Reduces the Section 184 Upfront and Annual Loan Guarantee Fees to Support Affordable Homeownership**

The Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) announced a reduction in the Section 184 upfront loan guarantee fee from 1.50 to 1.00 percent and the annual loan guarantee fee from 0.25 to 0.00 percent (Read the [Dear Lender Letter 2023-05](#)). **The fee reductions will apply to all new Section 184 guaranteed loans effective July 1, 2023.** The fee reductions will not apply to Section 184 guaranteed loans closed prior to the effective date. The reduction in fees will make Section 184 guaranteed loans more affordable to Native American families and help remove barriers to private financial capital.

### **[2023 Income Limits have been published](#)**

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) sets income limits that determine eligibility for assisted housing programs. HUD develops income limits based on Median Family Income estimates and Fair Market Rent area definitions for each metropolitan area, parts of some metropolitan areas, and each non-metropolitan county.

### **[FY24 Indian Housing Block Grant Estimates have been published](#)**

The FY 2024 FRF contains the data used to compute your Tribe's IHBG formula allocation estimate for FY 2024, and the estimated formula allocation for your Tribe. This estimate is based on the President's FY 2024 Budget request for the IHBG formula program, with adjustments for repayments of over-funding and under-payments due to data or programming errors. Please



review this document very carefully and report any discrepancies to the IHBG Formula Customer Service Center. All correction requests must be submitted by 8/1/2023.



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Yosemite Mono Lake Paiute Dated 1924 Measures 6 1/4" X 11"

**SW Regional Conference Announcement**

**35<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
NATIVE AMERICAN FISH AND WILDLIFE SOCIETY  
SOUTHWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE**

**August 21-24, 2023  
Palms Casino Hotel  
Las Vegas, Nevada**

Sponsored By:  
**SOUTHWEST REGION - NAFWS**

Hosted By The:  
**Las Vegas Paiute Tribe**

**Hotel Information:  
Palms Casino Hotel**  
A block of 100 Rooms has been set aside at the rate of \$75.00/night w/a 13.389% occupancy tax and a resort fee of \$39.00.  
Reservations can be made by contacting the Hotel at: (702) 942-7777  
Mention: Group Code - 6NFW823 (a \$100 deposit is required when the reservation is made)  
Deadline to make Reservations: July 31, 2023





**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEE:**  
Conference Pre-Registration Fee: \$325.00 (Member) and \$375.00 (w/New Membership)  
Additional Pre-registration Information will be Forthcoming.  
On-Site Registration Fee: \$375.00 (Member) and \$425.00 (w/New Membership).  
Make checks payable to: NAFWS Southwest Region

Workshops-Monday, August 21, 2023

TOPICS TO BE DETERMINED

Poster Session: Agency and Tribal Exhibits  
Regional Conservation Officer Shoot Competition  
Fund Raising – Bring Your Donations  
Contact: Norman Jojola (505) 753-1451 or (505) 927-3494

FOR ADDITIONAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION  
Contact:  
Norman Jojola, Co-Coordinator – (505) 753-1451 or (505) 927-3494  
norman.jojola@bia.gov  
or  
John Nystedt, Co-Coordinator - (928) 556-2160  
john\_nystedt@fws.gov



One of the underreported pieces of the recent debt ceiling deal could be devastating to our environment. As part of the agreement struck between President Biden and some members of Congress, the federal government can now fast-track harmful fossil fuel projects without input from communities.

**We cannot weaken environmental review processes and sacrifice our communities for corporate profits.** Instead, we need *more* Native input -- and free, prior, and informed consent -- in crucial policy decisions that affect our lands and waters. And we've got to hold President Biden accountable to his promises for Nation-to-Nation government consultation with Tribes.

**That's why we're supporting Indigenous communities in the Kuskokwim River region of Alaska who are fighting back against a massive open-pit gold mine, the Donlin Gold Mine.** Approval of this mine would threaten the way of life and crucial food sources for Tribes in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta.

**Despite widespread community and Tribal opposition and the Alaska Department of Health identifying severe health concerns, the federal government -- under the Trump administration -- rubber stamped federal permits for the project.**

**The Trump administration authorized a key *Clean Water Act* permit for the Donlin Gold Mine,** even though their own Environmental Impact Statement revealed that the project would destroy crucial salmon spawning habitats and threaten human health by contaminating the area with poisonous mercury and arsenic.

In the remote region of Alaska where the mine would be built, predominantly Indigenous Yupik, Cup'ik, and Athabascan communities depend completely on traditional and customary uses of the lands, waters, and fish and wildlife resources.

People rely on subsistence fishing in the area, with salmon making up more than 50% of people's annual diets. The traditional process of fishing and preparing the fish is taught from generation to generation, an important part of cultural and Native identity in the region.

The area also stores carbon, so creating a mine (and additional proposed infrastructure like a pipeline for the mine) would release harmful greenhouse gasses.

We must fight back against these attacks on Mother Earth and Native sovereignty.

Here at Native Organizers Alliance Action Fund, we're supporting Native groups on the ground in Alaska and across Turtle Island to defend Native sovereignty and sacred places.

We're pushing for bills such as the *Donald McEachin Environmental Justice for All Act* and the *RESPECT Act*, which would mandate tribal consultation on infrastructure projects affecting Tribal communities.

And we are building toward the standard of free, prior, and informed consent, where Indigenous people must give consent to a project that may affect them or their territories.

Together, we will keep making long-overdue transformational changes in policy and ensuring a multi-racial democracy that will fulfill our long-denied treaty rights

Hawwih (thank you in Caddo), Judith LeBlanc (Caddo), Executive Director



**Pam O. Scott**

Associate Vice President at University o...  
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Only three veterinarians operate in private practice on the Navajo Nation. To address the critical need, the **University of Arizona** and the Navajo Nation will partner to offer scholarships for Diné students who want to become veterinarians. The program will cover tuition for seven students each year and will be available to second- and third-year students, as well as those just entering the university.

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[#beardown](#)  
<https://lnkd.in/epRVSvKD>



**U of A offering full-ride scholarships to Navajo students to fill veterinarian gaps**  
kgun9.com

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**Lisa Grayshield**

Admin 53m ·

2023 Washiw Zulshish Goom Tahnu

Scholarship Application

**Eligibility:** This scholarship is awarded to one Washiw (including descendent of...) college student, (freshman through senior) who is enrolled in the 2023 Spring Semester. Answer the questions below in 1-to-2-pages (11/12-point font) and e-mail it to [wzgtmail@gmail.com](mailto:wzgtmail@gmail.com). Your applications will be reviewed by the WZGT scholarship committee, and a winner will be announced at Waši:šiw 'Itde' on Sunday, July 23, 2023. Must be present to win.

**Deadline to Submit: July 17, 2023 by midnight!**

If you complete your scholarship application on a separate document, be sure to include all information on this form

Last Name: First Name: Middle Initial:

Mailing Address:

City: State: Zip Code:

I am a Washoe Tribal Member: Yes No

I am the descendent of



·Dee Numa

Tina Charlie Basket

(Tina is a Full Blood Yosemite Mono Lake Paiute)

This Basket measures H 10 1/2" " Dia 26 "