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Arch in the Alabama Hills near Lone Pine

by Bucky Harjo

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Webinar: Adapting to Climate Change – Tribes and Indigenous Peoples’ Adaption Plans

Tribes and Indigenous Peoples across the country are constructing plans to adapt to climate change. This webinar will focus on the issues Tribes across diverse geographical regions face due to climate change, including disproportionate impacts, and what strategies they are utilizing to address these issues. The webinar will also discuss the experiences Tribes have had developing and implementing their adaptation plans, including the challenges they faced and ways they addressed these challenges, as well as approaches for involving the public in the development of their plans. Last, the presenters will share how their Tribes, Tribal communities, and/or Indigenous communities are working with the Federal Government and other stakeholders to support their efforts to adapt to climate change.

Date: January 25, 2024

Time: 2:30 PM ET – 4:00 PM ET

Register here: https://usepa.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_iGMZt5A-T2WT43uHezx_1w

Presenters:

- Marjorie Connolly, Environmental Programs Director, Climate Change Coordinator, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Towaoc, CO
- Kenneth Weitzel, Natural Resource Specialist, Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes, Hoonah, AK
- Brett Ramey, Climate Resilience Planner, Ioway Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, Kansas City, KS
- Vicky Salazar, U.S. EPA Office of Policy, Office of Administrator.
- Aren Wang, Extern, US EPA Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights.
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EPA Moderators:

- Andy Bessler, Stakeholder Coalition Coordinator, U.S. EPA Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights
- Amanda Cronin, Program Analyst, U.S. EPA Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights

This free webinar is part of the U.S. EPA Environmental Justice Webinar Series for Tribes and Indigenous Peoples. This webinar series is intended to build the capacity of Tribal governments, Indigenous peoples, and other environmental justice practitioners by discussing priority environmental justice issues of interest to Tribes and Indigenous Peoples.

Please note that the webinar is planned to be recorded and is expected to be available on the following EPA website a few weeks after the webinar: <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/environmental-justice-Tribes-and-Indigenous-peoples>.

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### **You're Not Imagining It: Google Search Results Are Getting Worse, Study Finds**

<https://gizmodo.com/google-search-results-are-getting-worse-study-finds-1851172943>

**Mars to invest \$237M in new factory for Nature's Bakery:** Nature's Bakery, founded in Reno, Nevada, is set to expand with a new Mars Inc. factory in Salt Lake City. The \$237 million investment will create 190 jobs and reflects the brand's significant growth since its 2011 inception. ([bizjournals.com](http://bizjournals.com))



[Bitterwater for Redhouse](#)

Another big night for [#ReservationDogs](#) [#PaulinaAlexis](#) at the [#CriticsChoiceAwards](#) 2024 She & the cast are nominated for several awards tonite. Wishing them allllll the best!! Paulina is wearing a custom dress created by yours truly [Bitterwater](#) for Redhouse

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### [After 31 Years, Feds Move Ahead with Plans to Introduce Grizzlies to Bitterroot Mountains](#)

In 1993, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service designated the Bitterroot Mountains as one of six grizzly bear recovery zones in the Lower 48. Now, they're trying for a second time to act on those plans.

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### [Environmentalists call on Biden admin to tank natural gas project amid nationwide arctic blast](#)

Environmental activists are calling for the Biden administration to invoke rarely-used powers to strike down the approval of a major natural gas project in the Pacific Northwest.

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### [Philippine Eagle: The Bird That Lays 1 Egg Every 2 Years](#)

The Philippine eagle is about as heavy and as tall as a Harpy eagle, but the IUCN has declared the species to be critically endangered, due to habitat loss.

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### [The US Supreme Court is about to unleash a major weapon against climate action](#)

Overturning 'Chevron deference' would make it much harder to crack down on emissions.

[US unveils solar energy plan for western public lands](#)

The announcement is part of the Interior Department's push to site more renewable energy facilities on federal lands, a cornerstone of President Joe Biden's goal to decarbonize the U.S. electricity grid by 2035 and combat climate change. The draft plan published on Wednesday would update an Obama-era policy that established special zones for solar projects in six states - Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico and Utah.

**As bird populations dwindle, what happens to other creatures, including humans?**

The numbers come from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology by way of The Washington Post, which recently published an article with interactive features that let a reader see what's happening in his or her vicinity. Make windows safer.

**Biden admin abruptly reverses proposal opening public lands to foreign ownership after GOP opposition**

The Securities and Exchange Commission said in a filing Wednesday that it would block a proposal that would have opened public lands to private ownership.

*Return to the rez?*

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[https://currently.att.yahoo.com/news/theyre-getting-ready-downfall-america-104501699.html?.tsrc=daily\\_mail&uh\\_test=1\\_11](https://currently.att.yahoo.com/news/theyre-getting-ready-downfall-america-104501699.html?.tsrc=daily_mail&uh_test=1_11)

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<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2024/jan/15/british-library-cyber-attack-staff-users-analysis>





[Powwow Trail](#) ·

[Spirit of Powwow](#) · ·

Cool Ojibwe needle set made from moose antler. About 120 years old.

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## **You won't see America the same way after this travel experience**

*"Transformative Experiences" is a seven-part series focusing on how travel can change the lives of those open to the experiences that new places can bring. If you'd like to contribute to our future reporting and share your experience as a source, you can [click here to fill out this quick form](#).*

Travelers don't have to go far to experience a completely different culture.

“There are [574 \(federally recognized\) tribes](#) across the nation and our Native Hawaiians, all unique and diverse in their own right,” said Sherry Rupert, CEO of the nonprofit [American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association](#) (AIANTA), which partners with tribes and Indigenous-led tourism businesses around the country.

“We're connected to the land,” said Rupert, who is Paiute and Washoe. “And I think when people come to Indian country, they get a feeling of that because we have tribal tour guides who can tell these stories that have been passed on for generations to them.”

[Seeing the land from an Indigenous perspective](#) can change the way travelers see other things, too.

### **Relearning history**

For Juli Thorson, of Troy, Idaho, that began right in her backyard.

“I have lived in the heart of [Nez Perce](#) country for most of my adult life, and I've always been very, very interested in it,” she said of the Idaho-based tribe.

But Thorson said she didn't have a doorway in until 2019 when she took the first of several trips with [Nez Perce Tourism](#), a Native-owned and [tribe-certified company](#).

“Like a typical American going to school in the ‘60s and the ‘70s, I learned all kinds of history, but it was from the colonial standpoint,” Thorson said. “You know, [Lewis and Clark](#) discovered, for instance, the part of America that I live in now, and yet it had been inhabited by people for tens of thousands of years.”

Visiting a memorial battlefield and [Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests](#), she learned about the tribe’s long-standing connection to land, its relationship to its resources, and its perspective on being pushed off the land generations ago.

“That switch from how the invaders saw to how the people saw it, who lived here in the first place, was really a big one,” she said. She said experiencing the land from a Nez Perce point of view changed a lot of things for her. “It put a focus on where I took my vacations, how I spent my recreational funds, what I did with my learning time ... you name it.”

### **Reconnecting with roots**

Native perspectives weren’t entirely new to Jeremy Spence, a tribal member of [Choctaw Nation](#) of Oklahoma, the third-largest Native American tribe in the U.S.

He was introduced to Choctaw history in his early years. “We actually utilized tribal services, and that was part of that immersion of history. You were taught a lot of these things through just even their health service programs.”

But after moving away when he was young and returning a few years ago, “it really was as an adult that I’ve been able to connect to the impact and the real story behind a lot of these things that I just casually had heard about.”

One place that has helped him reconnect is the [Choctaw Cultural Center](#) in Durant, Oklahoma, where Spence now manages the Durant Area Chamber of Commerce. The center offers interactive exhibits and experiences ranging from a living village to a cafe that serves traditional Choctaw foods.

“They’ve been so mindful and thoughtful of allowing people to be a part of the learning experience,” he said. “Like: ‘Come and do this. It’s OK that you don’t know. We’re OK with that.’”

### **Caring for the land**

Ramiro Leon, of Riverside, California, likes to visit Hawaii a couple of times a year, but he hadn’t really learned much about Native Hawaiian culture until a trip with [Ho‘omau O‘ahu Tours](#), a Native Hawaiian-owned company whose mission is to “cultivate, educate, and perpetuate our history and culture to all who inhabit and visit these islands.”

“When I would travel, prior, to Hawaii, it was more as a tourist, doing the stuff that’s at the hotel, at the resort, and this time was more actually understanding,” Leon said.

On a circle tour of the island, he and his family learned about [the history](#) and [cultural significance](#) of various places. On a separate hands-on [Malama experience](#) at a kalo or Hawaiian

taro patch, they learned about the root's importance and how it's traditionally and sustainably farmed.

“Actually being able to see it being made, tasting it fresh, you're able to appreciate what it does, what they use it for,” he said. Kalo is used to make poi, a staple dish.

In Hawaiian, malama means to care for, preserve or protect, and Leon said he was struck by the way Native Hawaiians cared for the land and “how they use the resources of the land to make ends meet, for the longest time.”

He's already planning his next trip back and said he was looking forward to other Native-led travel experiences.

“Most people have been to the [Grand Canyon](#) or to these other [iconic places](#), but they've not yet experienced tribal communities near those parks or in the great outdoors,” said Rupert, from the American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association. “They have the opportunity to do that and to really have an experience that can transform the way that they see culture, the way that they see nature, really the way that they see life.

"They can have those life-changing experiences in Indian country. “

Travelers can find specific experiences broken down by region on the association's consumer website, [NativeAmerica.travel](#).

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/travel/2023/12/19/native-tourism-travel-indigenous/70911211007/>

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To work at the Olelo Room at Aulani Resort, staff must be proficient in the Hawaiian language. The resort now employs 21 Hawaiian speakers.



A Virginia tribe says racism wiped their Native identity from historic records.
[/www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/a-virginia-tribe-says-racism-wiped-their-native-identity-from-historic-records-nearly-a-century-later-they-re-still-fighting-for-recognition/ar-BB1gZGyf?ocid=socialshare&pc=HCTS&cvid=131ab11a6aba48cb9c64bbf07ab582eb&ei=81](https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/a-virginia-tribe-says-racism-wiped-their-native-identity-from-historic-records-nearly-a-century-later-they-re-still-fighting-for-recognition/ar-BB1gZGyf?ocid=socialshare&pc=HCTS&cvid=131ab11a6aba48cb9c64bbf07ab582eb&ei=81)

[Gold miners bring fresh wave of suffering to Brazil's Yanomami](#)

Brazil is losing the upper hand in its battle to save the Yanomami Indigenous people, who are dying from flu, malaria and malnutrition brought into their vast, isolated Amazon rainforest reservation by resurgent illegal miners. A year after President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva declared a humanitarian crisis among the Yanomami and vowed zero tolerance for illegal mining, environmental enforcers warn that Brazil is jeopardizing last year's hard-won progress, when about 80% of roughly 20,000 wildcatters were ousted from the Portugal-sized reservation. As the Brazilian military has rolled back its support for the government crackdown, the gold-seeking miners have come back, they say, making fresh incursions into Yanomami land.

‘Treasure hunt’ excavation causes potentially irreversible damage to Utah archeological site

<https://news.yahoo.com/treasure-hunt-excavation-causes-potentially-204759973.html>

U.S.KTVX

[“Impossible to calculate”: Prospector accused of damaging 1,000-year-old historical site in southern Utah ST, GEORGE, Utah \(ABC4\) — “We couldn’t believe what we were seeing,” said Washington County Sheriff’s Office Sgt. Darrell Cashin. In November 2023, a concerned citizen called the Washington County Sheriff’s Office reporting potential vandalism and property destruction at an archaeological site near Fort Pearce in Washington County, Utah. When officials arrived, they said they \[...\]](#)

[Bill Gates explains how AI will change our lives in 5 years](#)

<https://news.yahoo.com/finance/news/bill-gates-explains-ai-change-144546686.html>

The largest dam-removal in the U.S. has begun — and the stakes are high

The next big phase of the Klamath River Dam removal started this week. It's the largest dam removal in U.S. history and is expected to last through 2024.

Read in NPR: <https://apple.news/A75604dd7Tk-Oj8VEGdeDEw>

The *Deseret News* dives into the **commonalities between the incredibly saline Great Salt Lake and Salton Sea**, including the smell of rotten eggs.

Could the Bureau of Land Management’s Public Lands Rule help protect wildlife corridors? *Inside Climate News* examines both sides of the argument.

Will California do what Nevada didn’t? The *San Francisco Chronicle* looks at extreme heat protections proposed for California’s indoor workers.

Inside Climate News reports on **how Arizona is grappling with Colorado River water shortages**.



[Eastern California Museum](#)

Gorgeous photo of a Paiute tule house taken by Forbes. (INF 498)

[Forest Service pulls right-of-way permit that would have allowed construction of Utah oil railroad](#)

The U.S. Forest Service on Wednesday withdrew its approval of a right-of-way permit that would have allowed the construction of a railroad project through about 12 miles (19 kilometers) of roadless, protected forest in northeastern Utah. The decision affecting the Ashley National Forest follows a U.S. appeals court ruling in August that struck down a critical approval involving the Uinta Basin Railway, a proposed 88-mile (142-kilometer) railroad line that would connect oil and gas producers in rural Utah to the broader rail network. "It's a victory for the Colorado River and nearby communities that would be threatened by oil train accidents and spills, and for residents of the Gulf Coast, where billions of gallons of oil would be refined," said Ted Zukoski, an attorney at the Center for Biological Diversity, one of several groups that has sued over the project.

[Montana Supreme Court upholds landmark climate ruling that said emissions can't be ignored](#)

Montana's Supreme Court has rejected an attempt by the state's Republican governor to block a landmark climate ruling that said regulators must consider the effects of greenhouse gas emissions when issuing permits for fossil fuel development. Justices, in a 5-2 Tuesday decision, declined the request from Gov. Greg Gianforte and three state agencies to block the August ruling from District Court Judge Kathy Seeley while an appeal by the state is pending before the high court. Seeley ruled a state law that prohibited agencies from considering the effect of emissions runs afoul of the state constitution's requirement "to maintain and improve a clean and healthful environment."

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UC Berkeley to offer new Master of Climate Solutions ([UC Berkeley](#))

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[Osage nation wins big as judge rules wind farms on tribal land must be dismantled](#)

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/osage-nation-wins-big-as-judge-rules-wind-farms-on-tribal-land-must-be-dismantled/ar-BB1h0fYb?ocid=socialshare&pc=HCTS&cvid=4bc761acb1714aa4bc5b99f1a64b1174&ei=82>

## HISTORICAL TIDBITS

- Jan 21 1785** Chippewa, Delaware, Ottawa and Wyandot Indians sign the Treaty of Fort McIntosh, ceding present-day Ohio to the United States.
- Jan 22 1867** Nevada Legislature ratifies the 14th Amendment to the US Constitution guaranteeing citizens due process and equal protection of the law and extending the protection of the Bill of Rights - previously a protection against the federal government — to actions by the states.
- 1979** The epic Cheyenne outbreak from Fort Robinson, Nebraska led by Chief Dull Knife came to an end with remaining escaped Cheyenne captured or killed.
- 1912** The Carson City News published an account of the alleged 1911 crimes and arrest of Indian Mike and his deaf mute son, contradicting previous published accounts that portrayed the two as bloodthirsty renegades.
- Jan 23 1882** Helen Hunt Jackson arrives in Rancho Camulos, interviews Blanca Yndart for “Ramona”.
- 1885** Indian Dave, first Native American legally executed in Nevada, hung at Belmont for murder of a Chinese man at Keyser’s Springs.
- 1907** Charles Curtis, later US Vice-President, became the first Native American US Senator.
- Jan 24 1845** The Texas Senate ratified a peace treaty between the Republic and 11 Native tribes.
- 1922** President Harding designated the Lehman Caves (NV) as a national monument.
- 1967** President Johnson’s recommended federal budget contained \$22 million for construction of the USPHS buildings, including \$26,000 for a health center at Stewart Indian School and \$120,000 for personnel quarters at Owyhee.
- 1969** The 5th Annual ITCN Convention was held at the Sparks Nugget, John Dressler, presiding.
- 2006** Juan Evo Morales Ayma sworn in as the first indigenous chief of state of Bolivia.
- Jan 25 1951** Annie Downington and Walter Vorhees appeared in front of the Indian Claims Commission.
- Jan 26 1938** Moapa lands were reduced.
- Jan 27 1825** Congress approves Indian Territory (present-day Oklahoma), clearing the way for forced relocation of the Eastern Indians on the “Trail of Tears”

**1863** Col. Patrick Connor, promising no prisoners, complied with a request from Utah officials, led an attack on a Shoshone village at the intersect of Beaver Creek and Bear River, killing 250. Connor was promoted to general for the action.

**1972** The the Annual ITCN Convention was held in Fallon, Raymond Yowell presiding.

**Jan 28 1954** Congressman Cliff Young (R-NV) introduces HR 7552, the Indian Termination Act. *(Ask me about my interviews with him!)*

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The Proposed Kiba Canyon Range NCA

The TMPLMA includes protection for the proposed Kiba Canyon Range National Conservation Area. Formerly known as Hays Canyon Range, this is a diverse natural area that includes the Wall Canyon Wilderness Study Area, Two Hats and Hays Canyon (lands inventoried for Wilderness), and previously private lands now dedicated to preserving the environment. The range features a variety of landscapes, from high peaks and deep canyons to buttes, rims, and valleys with seasonal lakes and creeks containing the Wall Canyon Sucker and other sensitive species.

Elevations vary from 4,500 to 7,900 feet, and the area is characterized by steep slopes, dense sagebrush, juniper trees, and small aspen groves. The region offers stunning views of the Warner Mountains, Massacre Rim Dark Sky NCA, and the Surprise Valley. It's also known for having some of the darkest skies in the nation, ideal for stargazing.

This area is part of the traditional homelands and life-ways of the Nuumu (Northern Paiute) people. Native American use of this land reaches back countless generations. Archaeological surveys indicate a complex prehistoric settlement pattern in the area, including temporary camps, hunting sites, and petroglyphs. This historical significance adds to the area's value.

To learn more about the proposed Kiba Canyon Range NCA and the other areas that make up the nearly one million acres of land protected under the TMPLMA go to the Explore section of our website!



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Vincent (Vinnie) Gary Garcia Born: September 23, 1954

Returned to His Lord and Savior: January 15, 2024

Celebration of life to be held on Friday January 26th, 2024 at the Elko Indian Colony Gym at 11:00. A traditional feed will be held after the services. Food donations will be greatly appreciated.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Somehow never got a notice for Earl Edward Conklin, Jr. who walked on in November.

Obit at <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/elkodaily/name/earl-conklin-obituary?id=53797955>

Also

Patricia Louise Malotte July 22, 1991 - November 6, 2023

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/elkodaily/name/patricia-malotte-obituary?id=53587887>

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