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Decolonization is not a process of returning to the past. It's about reclaiming past traditions to heal while building a better future.



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[Native American author Tommy Orange selected as the next Future Library writer](#)
[The Pulitzer prize-shortlisted novelist behind books including There There and Wandering Stars](#)
[will pen a manuscript that won't be published until 2114](#)

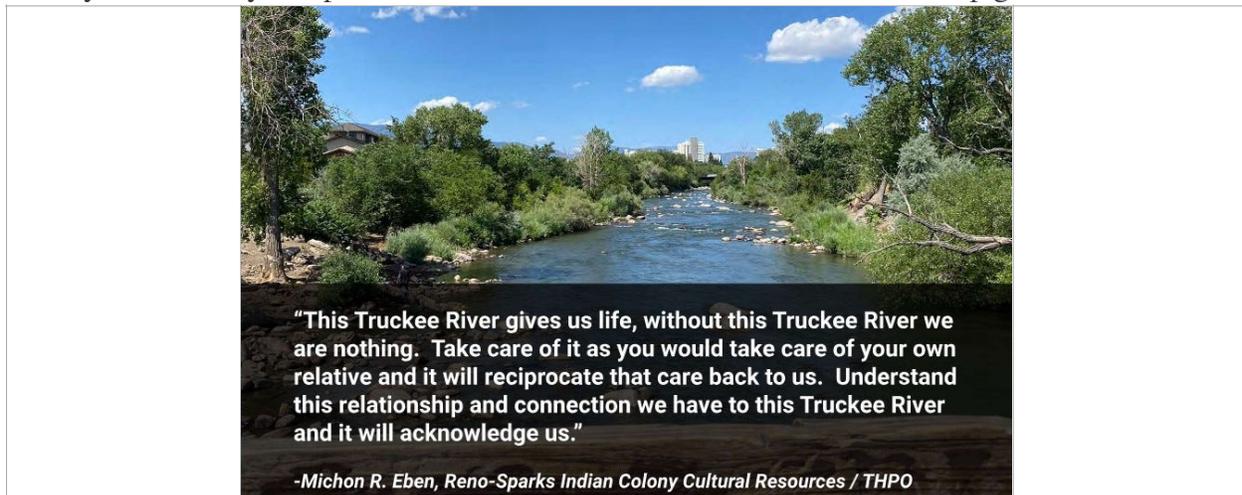


[Native Indian Spirits](#)

World's Largest TeePee, which stood over the 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary. Was brought to Medicine Hat, Alberta by a Medicine Hat business man ,Amerigo Nella "Rick" Filanti, who saved it from being shipped to China as scrap metal. He also had to put up his own authentic Picasso to finish the deal as collateral. It stands proudly on sacred Indigenous land on the edge of a Buffalo Jump. I was blessed to be an interpreter here. Each drum (large circular objects along the entire bottom rung) has the original art work of Indigenous artists. Medicine Hat Alberta

‘We Were Expendable’: Downwinders From World’s 1st Atomic Test Are on a Mission to Tell Their Story <https://www.rsn.org/001/we-were-expendable-downwinders-from-worlds-1st-atomic-test-are-on-a-mission-to-tell-their-story.html>

Item D. 6 - Presentation, discussion, and potential approval of the Truckee River Vision Plan prepared by Dig Studio with regard to the cohesive plan of the Truckee River corridor and adjacent land. This item includes a [Staff Report](#), [Graphic Summaries](#), and the [Final Truckee River Vision Plan](#). Staff is recommending that Council approve the plan “and direct staff to pursue project opportunities outlined in the implementation plan and bring identified projects forward when action can be taken.” There is A LOT here (the plan is 223 pages long), so if this interests you, better start reading. A major recommendation involves partnering with Washoe County and the City of Sparks to create a Truckee River Park District to help generate funds.



From Maven’s Notebook: Water, water, water

Hearing officer pauses Delta tunnel deadlines amid tribal and community concerns

“Restore the Delta, alongside the Delta Tribal Environmental Coalition Partners — including Buena Vista Rancheria, Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, Little Manila Rising, and the Environmental Justice Law and Advocacy Clinic at Yale Law School — joined forces with partner environmental groups, Delta water districts, commercial fishing organizations, and Delta counties to present a compelling case at the recent pre-hearing conference concerning the [Delta Conveyance Project](#). The conference, held at the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), highlighted numerous conflicts that hinder the ability of protestants to respond effectively and prepare a case for the formal hearings. ... ” [Continue reading from Restore the Delta](#).

US water reservoirs are shrinking and becoming less reliable

“Major water reservoirs across the continental United States are experiencing longer, more severe, and more variable periods of low storage than several decades ago, a new study reports. The problems are most severe in the western and central United States, but reservoirs in the eastern and southeastern United States are not immune, the study finds. Overall, reservoirs are less reliable and more vulnerable to climate change than they used to be. The findings, which update critical information about water storage, should improve water forecasting, helping water managers at national, regional and local levels make more informed decisions about the timing and volume of water release. The study appears in *Geophysical Research Letters*, which

publishes high-impact, short-format reports with immediate implications spanning all Earth and space sciences. ... ” [Read more from the American Geophysical Union.](#)

What’s the best strategy for restoring Klamath Salmon to the Upper Klamath River Basin?

Felice Pace writes, “The train is rolling to get more federal funding to restore salmon to the Upper Klamath River Basin. Here’s why I think that is a bad idea: If ESA-listed salmon are restored by the federal government to the Upper Basin they will be an “experimental population” and could be removed at any time by a decision of the federal Interior Department. That could actually happen and may be likely if Trump becomes president. In contrast, if the ESA-listed salmon are allowed to repopulate the Upper Basin on their own, they will retain the protection of the federal ESA until they are fully recovered and safe in the Upper Basin. ... ” [Read more from the KlamBlog.](#)

New project will help train Nevada’s next water innovators

“To many, being literate on water issues is a necessity for residents of Las Vegas or any Western city. In an effort to expose more young people to STEM jobs — particularly those that will help prolong water resources in the West — the Environmental Protection Agency announced on Tuesday that it had awarded the Desert Research Institute a \$1 million grant to develop new curriculum. Working with both the Southern Nevada and Truckee Meadows water authorities, the institute will develop a topical, three-year program aimed at students from sixth to 12th grade. It will be available digitally, with the goal of extending water literacy beyond the boundaries of the Silver State, researchers said in a statement. ... ” [Read more from the Las Vegas Review Journal.](#)

Solar-paneled canopies over canals catching on in Southwest

“An intensifying but unseen force is stealing precious water from rivers in the arid West, but it’s hardly a thief in the night. The midday sun is one of the more aggressive guzzlers of the Colorado River. Between its High Rockies headwaters and its Sonoran Desert delta, 1 to 2 million acre-feet of water evaporates each year in the Colorado River Basin. That’s a big gulp in a watershed where seven thirsty U.S. states and northern Mexico skirmish for their share of an overallocated, shrinking water supply. And the evaporation will only increase as the Southwest grows hotter and drier. To cut their losses, a growing number of Western water managers want to install solar-paneled canopies over canals and even flotillas of solar panels on reservoirs to turn the sun’s rays into electricity before they hit the water. ... ” [Read more from Western Water.](#)

Battle lines drawn in West over public lands

“Utah has unleashed the latest salvo in an ongoing battle over federally managed Western lands, petitioning the U.S. Supreme Court to end Bureau of Land Management control over about 18.5 million acres in the state. The [suit](#) filed Aug. 20 asks the high court to address whether the federal government can simply hold unappropriated lands within a state indefinitely, which the state argues the BLM is doing under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act. The lawsuit would not affect the millions of “appropriated” acres already designated as national parks, monuments, wilderness areas, forests, tribal lands or military properties, state officials [said](#). ... ” [Read more from the Western Farm Press.](#)

. Native Americans: The true history ·

The aerial perspective of Lake Kootenay, Canada, unveils a captivating underwater geoglyph intricately woven into its surroundings. The existence of this enigmatic pattern evokes a sense of wonder, prompting questions about its origin and the implications of its presence. The duration of its submersion in the lake and the potential symbolism or function of this geoglyph raise intriguing inquiries. This remarkable find beckons us to delve into the hidden mysteries concealed beneath the waters, inviting a deeper examination of our aquatic landscapes.



[Native American Pride ·](#)

This dugout canoe was found on the banks of the Red River! It dates to the 14th Century! At 34 feet in length, it is the **largest Native American canoe ever discovered in Louisiana!** Larto Lake is connected to the Red River through Big Larto Bayou, which is where the dam is located. One can just imagine Native Americans paddling on Larto Lake and the surrounding streams in such a dugout canoe! These water bodies served as liquid highways! There certainly were plenty of cypress trees around to use as building material. The cypress wood was impervious to insects and rot, as evidenced by this canoe which is over 700 years old!
By Trevor Fry

Nevada at the Epicenter of the New Energy Transition August 28, 2024

[PURCHASE TICKETS HERE](#)

*****Please note, we spoke to our venue and added more seating to this event. If you tried to register last night, and could not due to our selling out of seats - we have a limited number available as of 2:30 p.m. Friday.*****

NCET is proud to present a distinguished panel discussion focusing on Northern Nevada's pivotal role in the electric vehicle-lithium battery transition. Recognized as "the Loop," our region has garnered designation as an energy technology hub by the Federal Government.

Moderated by Caleb Cage, Executive Director of the Nevada Battery Coalition, the session will commence with a concise overview of the local lithium industry landscape, followed by a thorough exploration through an engaging question and answer segment with our esteemed panel.

The North America lithium battery market is estimated to be over \$20 billion and is anticipated to grow at a rate of approximately 20 percent from 2024 to 2032. The growing demand for electric vehicles and the increasing adoption of renewable energy storage solutions are propelling the market growth.

Your ticket grants access not only to this timely discussion but also to a wonderful lunch at Tamarack Junction, facilitating invaluable networking opportunities and the chance to engage directly with key figures driving the lithium transition in Northern Nevada.

- Laura Granier | Partner | Holland & Hart
- Tim Crowley | Vice President Government and External Affairs | Lithium Americas
- Dwayne McClinton | Director, Governor's Office of Energy | State of Nevada
- Rahul Harkawat | Founder, CEO | Quantum Copper
- Jim Hodge, Ph.D. | Sr. Vice President of Power Sources | Lithion Battery
- Alexia Sober | Sr. Manager Community Relations | Comstock Inc.

Alexia Sober is a Senior Manager at Comstock Inc., overseeing community relations. Alexia also serves as Program Manager for the Emerging Leaders Odyssey Decalogue Program. In addition, Alexia conducts environmental research on mercury contamination in mining sectors. As the Secretary for the Comstock Foundation for History and Culture, Sober plays a crucial role in managing board operations.

Ms. Sober graduated with honors from the University of Nevada, Reno, with a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology, focusing on Historical Archaeology and Museum Studies. She is celebrated as a visionary leader committed to fostering positive, sustainable change in her various roles and engagements.

Owner of Canvas Cafe, a successful restaurant in Virginia City, Nevada, Alexia has significantly increased footfall within the first year. Sober has past experience as an Archaeologist at the Great Basin Institute and Chambers Group Inc.

AUTISM AWARENESS

HELP CHEYNA GET TO NEW YORK

Rural Nevada native, Cheyna Burton, will be running to raise awareness for autism.

NEW YORK MARATHON	NOV 3 2024
FALLON, NV COMMUNITY MEMBER	FALLON PAIUTE-SHOSHONE TRIBAL MEMBER

Through this journey Cheyna hopes to encourage others to reach their full potential. For more information on Autism Speaks visit autismspeaks.org

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DNA evidence confirms that Australia's indigenous culture is one of the most ancient in the world, tracing their origins back to Africa. The first genome sequence of an Aboriginal person reveals that they left Africa around 60,000 - 75,000 years ago. This genetic study highlights that Aborigines are descendants of the first humans to migrate out of Africa, suggesting they may possess the oldest continuous culture on Earth.

Indigenous Australians were the first modern humans to navigate an unexplored region of Asia and Australia, according to Professor Eske Willerslev of the University of Copenhagen, who led the study. "Their journey was truly remarkable, requiring exceptional survival skills and courage," he says. This discovery was made possible by analyzing a century-old lock of hair given to an anthropologist by an Aboriginal man, leading to insights about the ancestors of Aboriginal Australians. [#amuolgemditgeneration](#)



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> **Tree study suggests** ancient humans began migrating into the South Pacific as early as 50,000 years ago; timing of when humans reached modern-day Australia remains an open debate ([More](#))

PYRAMID LAKE PAIUTE TRIBE



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Current Vacancies: August 23, 2024

CL: 100 SKILLED/SPECIALIZED/INDUSTRIAL

CL: 112 CHILDCARE PROVIDER	\$15.37 - \$16.95/hr.	OC	OPEN UNTIL FILLED
CL: 146 WATER OPERATOR 2 (PUD)	\$25.55 - \$29.59/hr.	FT	OPEN UNTIL FILLED
CL: 180 DELIVERY DRIVER/WAREHOUSE WORKER	\$20.55 - \$22.66/hr.	FT	OPEN UNTIL FILLED

CL: 200 CLERICAL AND RELATED

CL: 217 MUSEUM ATTENDANT	\$15.37 - \$16.95/hr.	OC	OPEN UNTIL FILLED
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CL: 300 PARAPROFESSIONAL AND RELATED

CL: 306 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TECH. I	\$18.52 - \$20.42/hr.	FT	OPEN UNTIL FILLED
CL: 347 IT TECHNICIAN II	NEG (\$42,744.00 - \$47,132.80)	FT	OPEN UNTIL FILLED
CL: 361 FIREFIGHTER/AEMT	\$19.11 - \$21.08/hr.	OC	OPEN UNTIL FILLED
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CL: 392 MUSEUM ASSISTANT	\$16.53 - \$18.23/hr.	PT	OPEN UNTIL FILLED

CL: 400 – PROFESSIONAL

CL: 403 PAYROLL SPECIALIST	NEG (\$49,420.80 - \$54,496.00)	FT	OPEN UNTIL FILLED
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CL: 432 ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALIST	NEG (\$45,968.00 - \$50,710.40)	FT	OPEN UNTIL FILLED

CL: 500 MANAGEMENT

CL: 501 HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGER	NEG(\$66,060.80 - \$72,841.60)	FT	OPEN UNTIL FILLED
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GS300 PARAPROFESSIONAL AND RELATED

GS 306 PROBATION OFFICER	\$19.11 - \$21.08/hr.	FT	OPEN UNTIL FILLED
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GS400 PROFESSIONAL

GS 403 RANGER 1	\$27.47 - \$30.30/hr.	FT	OPEN UNTIL FILLED
GS 443 POLICE OFFICER-1	\$27.47 - \$30.30/hr.	FT	OPEN UNTIL FILLED

TO APPLY: Applications may be obtained online at or from the PLPT Human Resources Office at the Tribal Administrative Building – 208 Capitol Hill Road in Nixon, NV 89424; Call 775-574-1000 ext. 1132 or Email: hrrecruiter@plpt.nsn.us

Preference in filling vacancies is given to qualified Indian candidates in accordance with the Indian Preference Act (Title 25, U.S. Code, Section 472 and 473). However, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe is an Equal Opportunity Employer, and all qualified applicants will be considered in accordance with the provisions of Section 703(l) of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, amended in 1991.

Breaking News: Nevada's Massive Solar Farm Now Online

In a major milestone for renewable energy, the largest solar and battery storage system in the United States has officially come online in Clark County, Nevada. The Gemini project, a behemoth of a solar farm spanning approximately 5,000 acres, is now fully operational and capable of meeting around 10% of Nevada's peak energy demand.

According to Primergy Solar and Quinbrook Infrastructure Partners, the developers behind this massive undertaking, Gemini has "broken the mold" with its historic amount of solar power and battery storage capacity. As Primergy CEO Ty Daul proudly declared, "Gemini broke the mold with a historic amount of solar and (battery storage), backed by the largest tax equity financing of its kind."

The significance of Gemini extends far beyond its impressive statistics, however. This project marks a major step forward in the transition towards renewable energy sources, with solar power now generating over 20% of U.S. electricity.



How Did Ice Age Humans Kill Huge Animals Like Mammoths? Probably Not by Throwing Spears, Study Finds

New research theorizes that hunters used pikes planted in the ground—with their sharp tips pointing upward—to impale approaching wildlife using the creature's own weight and

momentum

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/how-did-ice-age-humans-kill-huge-animals-like-mammoths-probably-not-by-throwing-spears-study-finds-180984958/?spMailingID=50103966&spUserID=OTYyNTc5MzkyMTQyS0&spJobID=2762367516&spReportId=Mjc2MjM2NzUxNgS2>

How America's First Banned Book Survived and Became an Anti-Authoritarian Icon

The Puritans outlawed Thomas Morton's "New English Canaan" because it was critical of the society they were building in colonial New England

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/how-americas-first-banned-book-survived-and-became-an-anti-authoritarian-icon-180982971/>

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NCAI's Get Out The Vote Regional Webinars Start on Monday!

Dear NCAI Members,

The [National Native Get Out The Vote \(GOTV\)](#) Campaign regional webinars are kicking off off this **Monday, August 26**, and we invite you to join us in this crucial initiative! As we approach the federal elections, these webinars are key to mobilizing American Indian and Alaska Native voters across the country. NCAI's GOTV Campaign is a non-partisan effort aimed at increasing voter participation in Indian Country.

Your participation will help ensure that every Native voice is heard and that our communities are fully engaged in this election. By attending these webinars, you'll gain access to:

- Exclusive insights into voter mobilization strategies tailored for Tribal Nations.
- Practical resources including toolkits, financial support opportunities, and ways to engage your community.
- Inspiration and guidance from trusted Native leaders and voices who are committed to strengthening our political influence.



“Before I was six years old, my grandparents and my mother had taught me that if all the green things that grow were taken from the earth, there could be no life. If all the four-legged creatures were taken from the earth, there could be no life. If all the winged creatures were taken from the earth, there could be no life. If all our relatives who crawl and swim and live within the earth were taken away, there could be no life. But if all the human beings were taken away, life on earth would flourish. That is how insignificant we are.”

Russell Means, Oglala Lakota Nation (November 10, 1939 – October 22, 2012)



**Join us at our Ice Cream Social with
Special Guest Speaker:
Tyrie Merrill,
from the winning team, “Smoke Jumper”, in
‘Race to Survive, New Zealand’.**

**Thursday, September 12, 2024
12:30 pm
Pyramid Lake Museum
709 State Street, Nixon, Nevada**



Tyrie with his mother, Charlotte Merrill.

Late arrival

You're Invited to the Event

Building State Evaluation Capacity Through Peer Learning Cohorts - Applying for Technical Assistance

[Register Now](#)

The capacity to plan for, design, and conduct evaluations takes appropriately allocated resources, expertise, technical assistance (TA), and tools to create over time. This session will highlight the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration's (ETA) efforts and those of two state workforce agencies (SWAs) to expand or build evidence and implement evaluations as required by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014.

Along with representatives from Indiana and Wisconsin, presenters will share insights about the evaluation and research community of practice, describe lessons learned from past Evaluation Peer Learning Cohorts (EvalPLC), and provide information about the next round of applications for the 2024 EvalPLC. Session topics will include:

- An overview of the Evaluation and Research Hub (EvalHub) and WIOA evaluation TA resources.
- Lessons learned and benefits of participating in a peer-learning cohort to build or expand evaluation capacity for SWAs and other WIOA core partners.
- A conversation about the objectives, structure, and options for capstone activities and the schedule for the 2024 EvalPLC.

Attendees will learn about ETA's efforts to provide evaluation dissemination and TA through the EvalHub and EvalPLC; receive information about past cohort experiences from state representatives; and hear about the application process, key dates, and expectations for SWAs to participate in the 2024 EvalPLC TA offering.

Registration for this event is limited and seating is on a first-come, first-served basis; please register today.

[Register Now](#)

Presenter(s):

Ellie Hartman, Ph.D, Chief Evaluation Officer, Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development

April Gilman, Director, WIOA Title I, Workforce Programs and Services, Indiana Department of Workforce Development

Wayne Gordon, Director, U. S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Policy and Research

Moderator(s):

Gloria Salas Kos, Senior Program Analyst, U. S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Policy and Research

Kara Conroy, Evaluation Peer Learning Cohort Lead, Dissemination and Technical Assistance Project

Date: Thursday, August 29, 2024

Time: 2:00 PM-3:00 PM ET

Length: 1 hour