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Lake Mead, the largest reservoir in the nation, had shrunk so low in 2022 there were concerns it'd reach deadpool, cutting off hydropower and water to millions downstream. (Kirk Siegler/ NPR)

<https://laist.com/news/climate-environment/colorado-river-conservation-drying-salton-sea>

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Building Indigenous political power this Indigenous Peoples' Day

From "Judith LeBlanc, Native Organizers Alliance Action Fund"
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This Indigenous Peoples' Day marks a significant moment in our journey -- a day of reflection and recognition that has been reclaimed through the power of Native organizing. Thanks to persistent Native grassroots efforts, more states and cities are recognizing today as Indigenous Peoples' Day. Under President Biden's leadership, it has been federally recognized through proclamation for the past three years as well, but is not yet officially a federal holiday.

However, we're facing right-wing attempts to reinforce a racist narrative about the history of the United States. **In response to President Biden's proclamation, Donald Trump's Vice Presidential pick JD Vance wrote: "*Indigenous Peoples' Day is a fake holiday created to sow division*" and praised Christopher Columbus for "*discover[ing] a new continent*."**

As Senator, JD Vance has also opposed Tribal leaders' attempts to change the names of historic sites. Trump and Vance also want to seize federal land in another attempt to steal Indigenous homelands. While Trump was in office, he worked with corporate polluters to try to block climate progress and dismantle crucial environmental laws that safeguard not just Native communities but the future of every community.

Today, under President Biden's administration, we've helped secure transformational Tribal-federal co-management agreements. As original stewards of our ancestral lands and waters, Tribal Nations have the right to co-manage federal lands with the same decision-making rights as federal agencies. This is not only about Tribal sovereignty but also about climate justice and environmental justice for all.

With climate change fueling more powerful and destructive storms, we must urgently implement traditional Indigenous stewardship practices and ecological knowledge of living in balance with the natural world.

As Indigenous peoples have always done, we're standing for sovereignty, economic justice, and saving Mother Earth. With your support, Native Organizers Alliance Action Fund is engaging more Native communities in the political process to overcome racist voter suppression and create better conditions for all disenfranchised groups to be heard. Together, we're building a much more deeply inclusive multi-racial democratic political system where everyone can participate in the decisions that impact our lives

Here at Native Organizers Alliance Action Fund, we're holding the U.S. government accountable for honoring our inherent treaty rights, including our right to self-determination, our right to protect Mother Earth as our ancestors have, and our right to vote.

With your support, we successfully defeated Republicans' latest voter suppression scheme in Congress. Representatives removed the *SAVE Act* (a law that would require voters to prove their citizenship in order to vote) from must-pass government spending bills.

We're keeping the pressure on to protect this victory and continuing to help Natives overcome barriers to voting such as limited access to polling places, language barriers, discrimination, and requirements for residential addresses and photo IDs.

Right now, our Natives Vote campaign is training and supporting 160 Fellows who are working with 34 Native organizations and Tribal Nations to register, educate, and turn out Native voters in 12 key states where the Native vote can swing elections.

Our past campaigns to turn out Native voters in battleground states have gotten more Natives elected and appointed to public office, where they're advocating for long-underrepresented Native communities. This year, we're endorsing a number of Native candidates running for county, state, and federal office in Alaska, Arizona, Kansas, New Mexico, and South Dakota.

Across Turtle Island, we're expanding partnerships with Indigenous-led movements fighting for self-governance and permanent protections for sacred places. Our growing ecosystem of Tribal leaders, traditional leaders, and community organizers is aligned and rooted in a values-led relationship with Mother Earth.

Your support helps build Indigenous political power to co-manage our ancestral lands and waters, which is a major pathway to end the domination of fossil fuels, mitigate the impact of climate change, and ensure our inherent sovereignty to be full participants in decision-making about our territories, rights, freedoms, and ways of life.

We're also pushing for world peace and an end to militarism, especially as we see how U.S.-funded wars are devastating people and Mother Earth. Native history includes nation-building, surviving attempts of genocide, and pushing for sovereignty as the U.S. government stole our lands and tried to destroy our culture. We are standing beside the broad majority of people in this world who want an end to war and believe we must save Mother Earth from destruction

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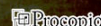
Both Republicans and Democrats are trying to marshal Native American voters in Arizona, which could prove decisive to winning the key state.

Read in NPR: https://apple.news/Am4E4Pn3kT8ug_KDRN_ID_A



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GOLDEN AGE (60+) - 1ST \$1,000, 2ND \$700, 3RD \$500

MEN'S TRADITIONAL, GRASS, FANCY
WOMEN'S TRADITIONAL, JINGLE, FANCY

SENIOR ADULTS (35-59) - 1ST \$1,000, 2ND \$700, 3RD \$500

MEN'S NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN TRADITIONAL, GRASS, FANCY, CHICKEN
WOMEN'S NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN TRADITIONAL, JINGLE, FANCY

JUNIOR ADULTS (18-34) - 1ST \$1,000, 2ND \$700, 3RD \$500

MEN'S NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN TRADITIONAL, GRASS, FANCY, CHICKEN
WOMEN'S NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN TRADITIONAL, JINGLE, FANCY

TEENS (13-17) - 1ST \$700, 2ND \$500, 3RD \$300

BOY'S TRADITIONAL, GRASS, FANCY
GIRL'S, TRADITIONAL, JINGLE, FANCY

JUNIORS (6-12) - 1ST \$500, 2ND \$300, 3RD \$100

BOY'S TRADITIONAL, GRASS, FANCY
GIRL'S, TRADITIONAL, JINGLE, FANCY

FARRELL "Wahpos" TOP OF THE SKY

Tule River 2024 Celebration

Womens Jingle Special
Prizes - TBA

Host hotel: Holiday Inn, Porterville, CA - Must call (559) 782-1200 and give code "powwow" for discounted rate

*** ADDITIONAL EVENTS AND SPECIALS MAY BE ADDED ***

Committee not responsible for accidents, theft, divorces or lack of travel funds - Princess and Vendor Information: Email yokutwmn@gmail.com
Camping will be available

Can you use a Tribal ID to vote?

Indigenous voters hold immense power, especially in battleground states like Arizona. But **not every state accepts Tribal ID as a form of voter ID**, and that can lead to confusion at the polls.

VoteRiders has put together a state-by-state resource for voters who want to use a Tribal ID to vote. This Indigenous People's Day, will you share these resources with your friends, family, and networks to ensure that all Indigenous voters have the information they need to cast a ballot with confidence.

For a description of voter ID/acceptance of tribal ID laws, state by state, click below

LEARN MORE

Voter ID laws are part of a broad, well-funded, and deliberate effort to block millions of Americans from the voting booth. Every year, millions of voters either can't vote because they lack the required ID or stay home because they are confused about whether they need an ID to vote.

This is especially true of Indigenous voters, who face a web of confusing and changing laws with regard to Tribal IDs. Only 16 of the 38 states with voter ID laws explicitly accept Tribal ID.

If you or anyone you know needs help securing a voter ID, please reach out to VoteRiders. We provide free help navigating complex bureaucracy, making appointments, and covering the fees and transportation.

Time is running out to get an accepted ID in time to vote on November 5. **Encourage everyone you know to do an ID check today and make sure they have what they need to make their voice heard.**

"Kiayna at VoteRiders" <info@voteriders.org>



Ceroke, Loretta Fajardo [Posted on January 12, 2021](#) by [NWHF](#).

Native American of the Cuiyui Ticutta band of the Northern Paiute Tribe, Loretta grew up on the Pyramid Lake reservation. As both her parents worked, she spent much of her early life living with her grandmother, where she learned the skill of 'beading.' Schooling was both at Nixon and Pyramid Lake, with high school in Fernley. Loretta was the first native Miss Nevada Day Princess during the 1952 Nevada Day activities in Carson City. It was then that she met actors Ronald Reagan [later U.S. President] and Montgomery Clift. Although she grew up with many native customs, she chose not to continue them with her own children while living in Carson City. She considers her children the greatest achievement in her life.

<https://nevadawomen.org/ceroke-loretta-fajardo/>



Emm-Smith, Cheri – Schurz, Lyon

Native American, Cheri Emm-Smith was born in Schurz, Nevada. A graduate of the University of Nevada, Reno, and Arizona State University, College of Law she is presently (2017) serving as Yerington Municipal Court Judge, as well as engaged in private practice. Cheri has served as District Attorney of Mineral County and Deputy District Attorney of...

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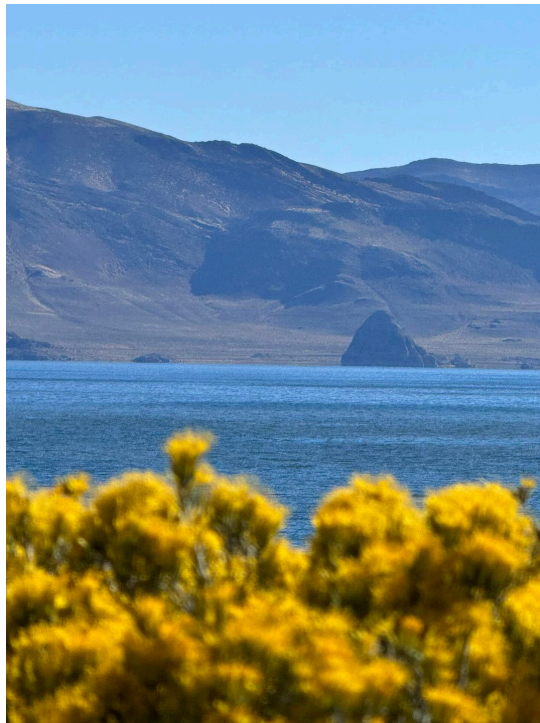
<https://nevadawomen.org/emm-smith-cheri-schurz-lyon/>

Be sure to check out more bios at the Nevada Women's History Project. (PS they are looking for a videographer to do more interviews).

Janet Davis

The one word that comes to mind as we celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day is the word resilient. We are a strong, proud people because of those that came before us. We fought to be here on the land that we still have. we are cui-ui ticutta, from Pyramid Lake. We have a beautiful lake, mountains and land that we call home. We are truly blessed. I am grateful for my family, because of all of them, I grew up to be who I am today. Take the time to count your blessings, be grateful we are still here today, on our land we call home. Yes, we are resilient and we are still here!

Happy Indigenous Peoples Day! 🙌❤️ *(In some worlds, every day is Indigenous People Day)*





[Voice Of Native American](#)

[California Association for Environmental & Outdoor Education - AEOE](#)

Fabulous learning opportunity from one of our partners: 4 Seasons of Indigenous Learning, offered by [The Outdoor Learning School & Store](#). It serves to support participants in deepening their understanding of Indigenous knowledge and perspectives while strengthening connections with the local Land and supporting more respectful, reciprocal relationships.

AEOE's community can get 20% off using this code: CERT20

<https://outdoorlearning.com/4-seasons-of-indigenous.../>

[#TraditionalEcologicalKnowledge](#) [#EnvironmentalEducation](#) [#OutdoorLearning](#)



Climate Change Reveals Secrets of Our Ancestors Hidden in Ice

<https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-024-03336-y>

[Old Native American Photos](#) · [Native Encampment](#)

In the mid-1600's the Ojibwa east of Lake Superior began to move westward, and by the late 1770's, Ojibwa settlements circled Lake Superior. One of these settlements was located on the Kaministiquia River. Eye-witness accounts of Fort William in the early 1800's usually mention a Native encampment east of the palisade. A painting dated 1805 shows clusters of dome-shaped wigwams huddled at the south-east corner of the Fort; illustrations from the Hudson's Bay Company period (after 1821) depict conical tepees and wigwams.

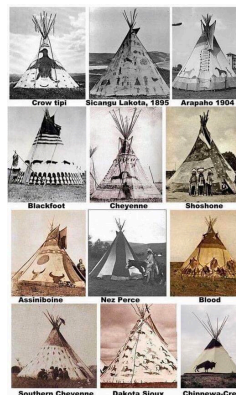
These habitations reflect the culture of a people continually adapting to their environment as they had for thousands of years. Ojibwa family groups moved through these woodlands around Lake Superior in a seasonal round that included fishing, hunting, and gathering, and trade gatherings with other Native groups. With the coming of the Europeans, many Ojibwa incorporated the demands of the fur trade: trapping fur-bearing animals, and more prolonged contact with trading posts to supply pelts and other services.

The Ojibwa inhabiting the western Lake Superior region were also known as the Saulteaux, or Chippewa, while to the north were the Cree. Probably both tribes were represented at Fort William during the Rendezvous when Natives from surrounding areas came to trade their furs and exchange their labour and produce for commodities available at the Indian Shop. While most Natives departed for their hunting grounds as summer ended, some stayed behind to participate in winter activities of the fort.

During the NWC period, there were probably about 150 Ojibwa living in the Kaministiquia district. A number of Ojibwa names appear quite regularly in the Fort William transaction records, probably the members of the Ojibwa community adjacent to the fort. It is probable that they based their operations at Fort William, but continued to undertake seasonal journeys and encampments for the purpose of harvesting maple sugar, wild rice, snaring rabbits, fishing, and hunting game. One of these expeditions might last weeks or even months, so the Ojibwa population at Fort William was constantly in flux.

In addition to their own activities, the Ojibwa at Fort William supported the operation of the post. Women worked in the kitchen and canoe sheds, as well as the farm, and received payment in the form of trade goods. Men might be engaged in hunting or fishing for the NWC, and any other service in labour or expertise that the company might require.

As producers, the Ojibwa were integral to the needs of the NWC at Fort William. The transaction records show the quantity of provisions and materials supplied to the post and its personnel: bark, wattap and spruce for canoe-building, snowshoes, moccasins, skins, maple sugar, berries, wild rice, and fresh game.





Reminder! Join us in Anchorage Alaska for the EPA Environmental Leadership Summit in Collaboration with WHIAANHPI!

On October 22nd, EPA's [Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights \(OEJECR\)](#), in conjunction with the [White House Initiative on Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders \(WHIAANHPI\)](#) will host an environmental leadership Summit in Anchorage, Alaska.

The morning will run from 10AM – 1PM and will provide opportunities for community leaders, and potential grant applicants to:

- Learn more about historic funding opportunities and technical assistance made available through President Biden's Investing in America agenda.
- Meet with peers to develop new or deeper community-based partnerships and cultivate ideas for confronting the climate crisis and advancing environmental justice in your community.

The afternoon will run from 11:30AM – 4PM and will focus on the next generation of environmental leaders and OEJECR will work with emerging leaders on:

- Employment opportunities and workforce development in the environmental and climate justice field;
- Brainstorm how to confront the climate crisis and advance environmental justice in your community; and
- Share examples and experiences in environmental and climate justice.

Read the more detailed agenda and register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/epas-environmental-leadership-summit-tickets-1015712823397>

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### Trump throws tantrum after Harris shows support for Native Americans

[https://www.dailykos.com/stories/2024/10/14/2276809/-Trump-and-right-wingers-bash-Harris-for-Indigenous-Peoples-Day-support?detail=emaildkre&pm\\_source=DKRE&pm\\_medium=email](https://www.dailykos.com/stories/2024/10/14/2276809/-Trump-and-right-wingers-bash-Harris-for-Indigenous-Peoples-Day-support?detail=emaildkre&pm_source=DKRE&pm_medium=email)

*"History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be unlived, but if faced with courage, need not be lived again." – [Maya Angelou](#)*

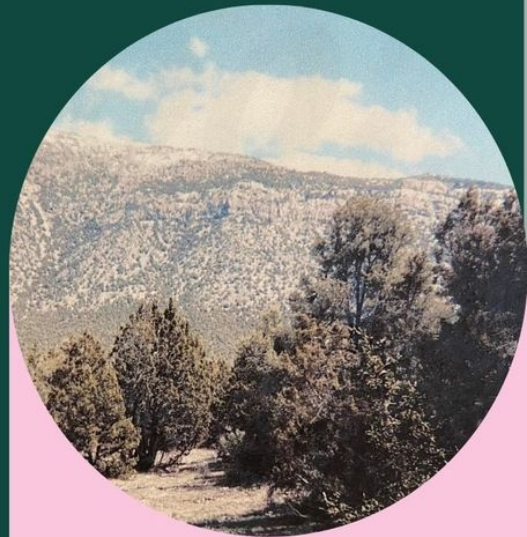


# Te-Moak Tribal Communities and Local Newe People: Newe Nahtsu and Diccup Fall Harvest and Gathering Trip

When: October 19, 2024

Time: 7:00 am

Where: Meet at the Elko Smoke Shop to car caravan. If you have any room in your car - let us know for those who need a ride. For more information, call Chet Stevens or Fermina Stevens.



## Tuba/ Pine Nut Picking

An essential and integral food for the Newe. This tree is used for food and medicinal purposes.



## Avi/ Kaeolinite

A white clay that is used for healing power and protection. Avi is an important source of white paint and is used for other medicinal purposes. Often times, it is mixed with water for the healing affects.



## Dutumbi/ Indian Tea

Dutumbi, or Ephedra, is used as a beverage and medicine. The Shoshone used a steeped tea made from the twigs as a regulator for kidney or sometimes bladder disorders, as well as utilizing as a tonic and blood purifier.



## Bisape/ Ocher

Bisape or red ocher is medicinal material that is smudged onto the face or body and used to strengthen spirituality. This medicine rock has powerful healing properties for the spirit and soul.

Nanewe, please join Chet Stevens and Noowuh Knowledge Center for the food and medicine gathering. Lunch will be provided but bring your own water, snacks and essentials for outdoors activities. Note: For Te-Moak Community and Shoshone only.



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### Calendar:

#### October 22-24, 2024: 2024 Tribal EPA & US EPA Region 9 Annual Conference

Hosted by the [Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians](#) and the [US Environmental Protection Agency](#)  
Keep an eye on the **conference website** [Tribalepa.com](https://tribalepa.com) as more information is added.

#### Dec. 3-5, 2024: Oklahoma Native Assets Coalition– “Building Assets for Generations in Indian Country”

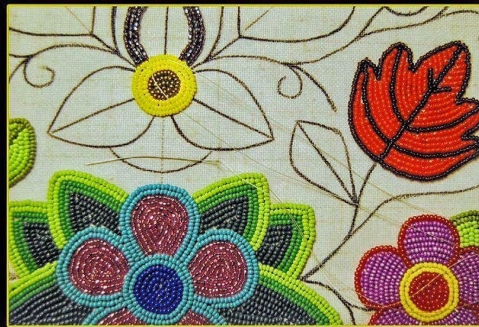
The Oklahoma Native Assets Coalition, Inc., a national Native-led nonprofit, invites you to attend our national 2024 conference and philanthropic listening and matchmaking session. The events will be held in Oklahoma City from December 3–5, 2024. To ensure expenses do not hinder participation, especially for those employed by Tribal governments or Native-led nonprofits, the registration fee will be set at \$100 for all three days.

To register for the conference, go to: <https://bit.ly/ONACConference24>

#### April 27-29, 2025: National Tribal Housing Ecosystem Summit – Boise, Idaho

The National Tribal Housing Ecosystem Summit, April 27-29, 2025 will be held at the Boise Centre in Boise, Idaho. Join voices from across the tribal community to discuss improving housing affordability, homeownership, and local economies. Hear from speakers and tribal leaders from across Indian Country, who bring great experience, expertise, and dedication to tribal communities, including:

- [PoQueen Rivera](#), Pueblo of Pojoaque Tribe, Executive Director, White House Council on Native American Affairs
- [Wizipan Garriott](#), Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior
- [Donald "Del" Laverdure](#), Crow Nation, Ties the Bundle Clan, Legal and Political Strategist
- [Lakota Vogel](#), Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, Executive Director, Four Bands Community Fund



Some of the most brilliant minds  
I've come to know are the minds  
of beadworkers...

~Biskakone