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Sierra Foothill Conservancy is with Bridget Fithian and

Sierra Foothill Conservancy and [AICMC a.k.a Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation](#) are thrilled to announce the **rematriation** of 96-acres of ancestral homelands back to the Tribe for the first time

in 175 years! By working together to conserve the “Big Rock Property”, the partners have permanently protected the land’s significant cultural and natural abundance. SFC facilitated the purchase of this unique privately held land on behalf of the Tribe. The land is now in full ownership of the SSMN. The Tribe plans to reintroduce traditional land stewardship practices such as cultural burning and native plant tending to further protect and enhance its unique ecological and cultural features. SFC and SSMN look forward to collaborating on the restoration and return of access for gathering by the tribal community.

The partners have immense gratitude to the [Wildlife Conservation Board](#) (WCB) for making this acquisition possible with funding from their Acquisition Funding Program. We also extend our thanks to the Regelson family for their vision to return the land to the Tribe. The Big Rock Project makes a significant contribution to the State of California, WCB, and 30x30 goals for land and water conservation. This project is a poignant example of how land trusts, landowners, Tribes and state agencies can partner together to realize shared visions for the conservation of our natural heritage and the return of traditional land stewardship. For full article, visit <https://sierrafoothill.org/.../Big-Rock-Press->

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**The Office of Indigenous Relations at the University of Nevada, Reno seeks a Manager, Indigenous Relations** to lead the development, implementation, and evaluation of special projects and programs. This role will play a key part in supporting tribal outreach, communication, and project management under the direction of the Indigenous Relations Director.

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## **The cost of the federal worker purge on U.S. Forest Service and in Nevada**

Here are some staggering numbers to consider.

According to the [U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), there were around 184,000 Nevadans working in government in October of last year. Some reports have said about 22,600 of those were working for the federal government, which would comprise about 1.5% of the state’s total labor force. Of these, many work to manage Nevada’s public lands, which make up more than 80% of the state’s land mass. These civil servants work to assist Nevada’s farmers and ranchers, who work the land on approximately [6.1 million acres](#) in Nevada.

As the purges continue, the number of federal workers will shrink, leaving an economic and environmental void in their wake, as well as more competition for fewer jobs in the private sector.

Sierra Nevada Ally contributor Hannah Truby wrote about the impact this mass purge of federal staff is having on our public lands and the communities that depend on these jobs.

[Read the story >>](#)

[More: \(From The Daily Yonder\): Federal Layoffs Will Hurt Rural Counties >>](#)



**Attn: OK/US Native Americans,**

**OK Native's please be informed Riverside Indian Boarding School located in Anadarko, OK was contacted this morning from (DOGE) that ALL faculty, facilities & Admin were only allowed to spend \$1.00 per day. This will affect the whole entire School. This means the transportation services, to and from Regional Game play-offs, IHS facilities Dr's emergencies, dental, emergencies, food, water, electricity, and the daily necessities needed for ALL students will be cut- off. The gas cards have already been cut-off. I have been in contact with Sen. Mullins office in OKC unfortunately, he is in Washington D. C. this week. The OKC Field Office Repr., fr Senator Mullins office are on the phone with (BIE) Bureau of Indian Education. Re: Riverside Indian School. Please pray for our RIS Indian school children and faculty! I have contacted Channel 9 News about**

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[Athena Brown · Nevada tribes—where r u with this???!?](#)

[A list of BIA agency closures was sent out on facebook and Western and Eastern agencies are slated for closure in August 2025.](#)

[Chacoosiwah IE Howlingcrane ·Here's the list of BIA closures - from Indian Landowners FB group: BIA OFFICE CLOSURES](#)

[We appreciate any information you can add. Not sure if the entire agency is closing or just a portion. This is going to be devastation to Indian Country.](#)

BIA - Show Low, AZ 1/6/2026

BIA Law Enforcement- Fredonia, AZ 6/30/2025

BIA Western Region??? Phoenix 8/31/2025

BIA Northern California Agency? Redding CA. 8/31/2025

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Feb 5, 2025 ... **American** Indians and Alaska **Natives** are disproportionately at risk of developing Diabetes and related health conditions. As a means of ...

[Koin and Tribalhub Partner to Enhance Technology Access for ...](#)

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Jul 17, 2024 ... **Native American** tribes, tribal governments, health facilities ... After 25 years of service dedicated to **Native American** and Alaska Native ...

Jun 1, 2022 ... American and **Native American** communities on Friday June 10 and Saturday June 11 at the Student Union on the West Charleston CSN campus. From ...

[Nevada Needs Learning & Emotional Recovery for Students - NBM](#)

Nevada Business Magazine › 2022/03 › nevada-needs-learning-and-emotional...

Mar 1, 2022 ... Math proficiency rates for African American dropped from 18.8 to 10.8 percent; and **Native-American** students dropped from 21.3 to 12.2 percent.

[Nevada Roots: The Making of Nevada - Nevada Business Magazine](#)

Nevada Business Magazine › 2022/02 › nevada-roots-making-of-nevada



Feb 1, 2022 ... Nevada's roots in business and industry began with the **Native American** tribes that resided in the region initially.

[James Su Joins Nevada State Bank as Vice President, Corporate ...](#)

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Oct 10, 2018 ... In his role as gaming relationship manager, he specializes in serving corporate and **Native American** casino operators throughout the United ...

### [Golden Entertainment to Acquire Gaming Business in Montana](#)

Nevada Business Magazine > 2016/04 > golden-entertainment-to-acquire-seco...

Apr 19, 2016 ... **Native American** locations with contracts that comprise approximately 350 gaming devices. "When considered with our January acquisition in ...

### [Country in the Park Returns to Mountain's Edge](#)

Nevada Business Magazine > 2016/04 > country-in-the-park-returns-to-mount...

Apr 22, 2016 ... In addition, attendees can explore the 80-acre park's Old Western village, **Native American** play structures, archeological dig area, splash ...

### [Mountain's Edge Welcomed New Park with Special Blessing from the Las Vegas Paiute Tribe — Plaque Commemorating Original Las Vegas Inhabitants Unveiled — October 10, 2016 In "Press Release Wire"](#)

### **Missed this:**

### [Grand Opening of New Native Wellness Center on February 7 ...](#)

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February 5, 2025 By JB Public Relations

Built and managed by the Las Vegas Paiute Tribe, the wellness center will serve 10,000 urban Indians from multiple tribes across Clark County. The Las Vegas Paiute Tribe (LVPT) will be celebrating the grand opening of their new wellness center. This center was specifically designed to provide a safe and healthy environment to promote a proactive healthy lifestyle for Las Vegas Paiute Tribal Members and participants in the Special Diabetes Program for Indians as well as other urban tribal community members within the Clark County service area.

American Indians and Alaska Natives are disproportionately at risk of developing Diabetes and related health conditions. As a means of combatting this pernicious disease while promoting community health and well-being, the LVPT – a tribe with 48 registered members – is opening its wellness center to the approximately 10,000 urban Indians who reside across Clark County.

Event Details:

When: February 7, 2025, 10am – 12pm.

Where: 1257 Paiute Circle LV, NV 89106

What to expect:

- Blessing the new space and ceremonial opening
- Remarks from the Las Vegas Paiute Tribal Council Chairman Benny Tso
- Comments from Health and Human Services Director, Fabian Solis
- Lawmakers in attendance including Mayor Shelley Berkley, and City Councilmembers Nancy E. Brune and Shondra Summers-Armstrong

If you would like to attend or have another member of your press team present, please contact Fantha Tate, [ftate@lvpaiute.com](mailto:ftate@lvpaiute.com) for media details.

#### About the LVPT Wellness Center

The LVPT Health and Wellness Center provides a safe and healthy environment to promote a proactive healthy lifestyle for the Special Diabetes Program for Indians participants and community members.

The Wellness Center sits on a 1.25 acre parcel within the boundaries of the Las Vegas Paiute Tribal land. It offers a spacious 16,000 sqft multi-use gym with a wide range of equipment to accommodate all fitness levels and a convertible court space housing a regulation basketball court with options for volleyball or other group sports and activities.

Along with the dynamic gym, the center includes a 3,500 sqft outdoor courtyard for an array of activities, and a teaching kitchen to promote healthier cooking options with classes and expert support. The Health and Wellness center program includes guided exercise provided by a licensed fitness training specialists in yoga, meditation, HIIT exercises, Fit Challenges, Zumba classes and a variety of additional fitness activities.

The LVPT staff include trained specialists focused on diabetes prevention and diabetic management. This team includes a diabetes coordinator, a registered dietitian nutritionist, a diabetes program assistant, a gym attendant and an activities coordinator.

This team also coordinates with the LVPT Health and Human Services and the Health and Human Services Director (Fabian Solis) to provide wrap-around support and cultural and holistic approach to wellness.

The LVPT has also offered the center to serve as an emergency shelter for the community, should it be needed after an adverse event.

Fiscal support for the wellness center came from Special Diabetes Program for Indians, a Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant, Tribal Transportation Program (TTP) grant and LVPT Health and Human Services' 3 rd party receivable funds including Medicaid and private insurance. Groundbreaking for the wellness center site started on August 24 th of 2023, with construction beginning soon after on September 5 th of that year. The year-long construction project was completed on October 31, of 2024. Doors will open to the community.

## Voyage Media

Could your story be exactly what Netflix, Amazon, Disney+, HBO, or Hulu is looking for? Discover how people like you (with little experience and no connections) are getting their stories made into movies and TV shows!

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

[Could Your Story Be A Movie?](#)

## Colossal Cinematic Showcase

**The Colossal Cinematic Showcase is now accepting submissions** for the May 4, 2025 Showcase - Two hours of short films on the Big Screen! We are developing a program of short videos, 1 minute to 20 minutes long. We are looking for short narratives, documentaries, animations, and music videos. Maximum length is 20 minutes and the shortest movie we've screened was 47 seconds. We don't care where or when your movie was shot. We don't care if it's

Accepting short narratives, animations,  
documentaries, & music video  
submissions for the 5/4/25  
Colossal Cinematic Showcase  
until 11:59PM (Mountain Time) on  
March 2, 2025!!!



been shown somewhere else. If you ... \_\_\_\_\_

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

[Colossal Cinematic Showcase](#)

[COLOSSAL CINEMATIC SHOWCASE presents a 2-hour screening of short movies on the big screen in May and November of each year. We are a Red Carpet event, so dre...](#)

## **Facing growing pains, Sparks looks towards a possible toll road**

The new road, connecting Spanish Springs to USA Parkway, would be the only toll road in the state.

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Amargosa Valley residents to feds: No more mining claims

By: [Jeniffer Solis](#) - February 28, 2025 11:54 am



Residents of Amargosa Valley and surrounding communities support mining ban at BLM public meeting Feb. 27, 2025. (Photo: Jeniffer Solis/Nevada Current)

Residents of Amargosa Valley and surrounding communities urged the federal government Thursday to move forward with a mining ban that would protect thousands of acres surrounding the Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge.

After intense local backlash to a proposed mining project in the valley, the Department of Interior announced in January they would [launch a public review](#) to consider whether or not to pull nearly 270,000 acres of public land adjacent to the wildlife refuge from mining for the next two decades.

There are currently 791 active mining claims in the Amargosa Valley, according to the Bureau of Land Management's Pahrump Office.

Over the next two years, the decision on whether to enact the 20-year mining ban will be made under the Department of the Interior's Secretary Doug Burgum, who recently called on federal land managers to "[suspend, revise, or rescind](#)" a series of conservation policies, including mining bans in sensitive locations.

During a public meeting Thursday, residents urged federal officials to ban water-intensive mining in the valley, which they say could imperil their already dwindling water source — the Amargosa River.

More than a hundred people packed into the small Amargosa Community Center to express their support for the mining ban.

Claire Watkins, who played volleyball at the community center as a student, said Amargosa Valley should not have to bear the burden of lithium mining.

"As I see it, this river kept me alive, and I think we should repay the favor," Watkins said during the meeting.

Conservation groups and local residents expressed hope the Trump administration would ultimately agree to impose the mining ban, despite political uncertainties.

Earlier this month, a BLM public meeting for a proposed oil and gas leasing ban in Nevada's Ruby Mountains was canceled the same day thousands of federal workers were indiscriminately fired, including several [National Park Service employees](#) in Nevada.

"This is our chance to prove that the American Experiment still works, that regardless of party or politics, people can come together and work toward a common sense solution that benefits many people instead of just few," said Mason Voehl, the executive director of the Amargosa Conservancy.

The proposed mining ban in the Amargosa Valley has broad support from state and federal lawmakers, Tribal governments, local residents, conservation groups, and surrounding businesses.

The Timbisha Shoshone Tribe, Amargosa Valley Town Board, Beatty Town Board, Nye County Water District, Nye County Board of County Commissioners, Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, and the entire Nevada congressional delegation have backed the proposed mining ban.

"I'll be honest, this was the first time a coalition like this in my career has ever been all on the same page. So it's kind of cool," said Nicholas Pay, the field manager for the BLM Pahrump Office.

One year ago, the tight-knit community of Amargosa Valley learned that Canada-based lithium company Rover Critical Minerals was gearing up to drill exploratory boreholes in the valley — a move they say would negatively impact groundwater essential for local communities and wildlife.

The Amargosa River travels just under the surface for most of its 185-mile course. In the stretches of the river that reach the surface — like the Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge — the river supports endemic species that depend entirely on springs fed by groundwater aquifers, including the Devil's Hole pupfish.

A federal mineral withdrawal would not dissolve previous mining claims, but it would greatly reduce mining companies' interest in developing claims they already have in the area, say supporters of the ban.

Nye County Commissioner Bruce Jabbour, whose commission district includes most of the proposed mineral withdrawal area, said implementing a mining ban will not be easy, but strong community involvement has helped the proposal come a long way.

"We're very sensitive to what's happening, and we want to help, and we want to hear your voice," Jabbour said.

“Without the water this will become yet another Nevada ghost town, which we cannot afford. We can’t allow that to happen,” he continued.

Jack Hamm, a resident of Pahrump, said he holds copper mining claims in the proposed withdrawal area and would “be honored to relinquish” them to further protect the Amargosa Valley.

“Whatever impact that has pales in comparison to the impact of allowing mining in the Amargosa,” said Hamm, who also serves as a board member at the Goldwell Open Air Museum.

“My view, the protection of the Amargosa is nonnegotiable, and this withdrawal must be passed,” Hamm continued.

Claudia Bowker, a resident of Amargosa Valley, said she was among a few people who might avoid being directly impacted — given her location and water availability — but remains “adamantly against any kind of mining here.”

“I don’t want to see my neighbors have to put tens of thousands of dollars to drill deeper wells. I don’t want to see my neighbors lose their property value because they’re too close to mine. I don’t want to see my neighbors have to pack up and move,” Bowker said.

“I am 100% against any kind of mineral extraction in Amargosa Valley, for not only just the next 20 years, but the next century. Forever,” she continued.

Public comments for the proposed mineral withdrawal will be open until April 15. The BLM Pahrump office is collecting additional data and information that could be included in a report to the Department of the Interior.

“We all know how important this valley is,” Pay said.

“We’re going to put together a package that tells a story, and we will provide a recommendation to my leaders, and then we go from there. I am super excited about this process,” Pay said.

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**Student Loan Borrowers Can't Apply for Income-Driven Repayment Plans Right Now. Here's What Experts Say Is Next**

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