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Ramon van Meer, the founder of Afina, wanted to see if people would buy a higher-priced, Made-in-USA version of his...

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Asceticism was not solely the “fief of the exalted...”

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Regrowth hinges not just on burn severity, but factors such as drought, erosion and heavy storms, said James Steed, resource program manager at the Nevada Division of Forestry.

But with the right conditions — something Steed called “that Goldilocks area” — significant understory growth at Brown’s Creek could return in 15 years, and dominant conifer trees another 15 years after.

“On a long enough timeline, nature wins,” Steeds said. “It’s a complex system — there’s so much going on. Fire is such a blessing and such a curse.”

hose different levels of fire damage also determine what returns and when, said Kendal Young, natural resource planning staff officer for the Humboldt Toiyabe National Forest.

“The best fires are those fires that have these different mosaics of burn severity — that gives us the greatest diversity when it starts coming back,”

[SF Gate](#) recounts how two female botanists risked everything to raft the Grand Canyon in 1938.

And in another look back at the past, here’s a collection of historic photos of Lake Mead and Hoover Dam compiled by the [The Arizona Republic](#).

Colorado River cuts should be shared basinwide, longtime water experts say in a new report from [The Colorado Sun](#).

Archaeologists Discovered 2,300-Year-Old Swords Featuring Infamous...

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New Nevada law to offer payment for water rights

“Nevada, the driest state in the nation, faces a water crisis in the years to come. To help save the precious resources for future generations, the governor just signed two bills A.B. 104 and S.B. 36 with bipartisan support including a new, statewide program to pay people to voluntarily give up their water rights. One would only need to look to Lake Mead to understand that Nevada’s water supply is dwindling while its population is booming. Now those with entitlements to water, like multigenerational ranchers and farmers, can exchange those rights for money. “In 2022, we really saw Lake Mead hit its all-time low. That was when Lake Mead’s water level actually dropped below intake number one out at Lake Mead, the Southern Nevada Water Authority turned on the low lake level pumping station,” Bronson Mack, Outreach Manager at the Southern Nevada Water Authority described. ... ” [Read more from Channel 5](#).

To quote Mr. o’hara in Gone with the Wind, “Its the land, Scarlett; its the land”. It is also the water. Readers are reminded that many tribes hold the oldest water rights in many jurisdictions, ergo, having senior rights. They don’t need to be given away for small amounts of cash, but leased or retained to support and existing or new opportunity.

UPDATE: Lombardo rejects record number of bills, again

Last week, we were still unsure whether Gov. Joe Lombardo would surpass his 2023 record of 75 vetoes. This week, the Republican’s vetoes reached 86 by Thursday afternoon.

The vetoed bills include one that would have [capped rent increases at 5% for seniors](#) and another that would hold individuals liable for discriminatory housing practices under [a proposed state law](#).

He also rejected [Assembly Bill 388](#), which aimed to expand paid family leave to include both the public and private sectors, increase the timespan from eight weeks to 12, and widen the reasons for taking leave to include bonding with newly placed foster children, medical recovery from certain health conditions and domestic violence, stalking, harassment, or sexual assault. Lombardo’s [veto message](#) stated that the timing was bad and that the effort was “burdensome” and disruptive to business stability.

[Read more on the vetoes](#)

Honoring exceptional **nonprofits, businesses, and public initiatives** that align with [Truckee Meadows Tomorrow’s](#) ten Quality of Life Indicators—recognizing the powerful, positive changes happening across our community.

Finalists will be selected by a review committee and announced at the event.

Nomination Deadline: July 1, 2025

- Quality of Life Impact (10 Awards)
- Community Silver Star (10 Awards)
- Data Champion (Single Award)
- Lynn Atcheson Lifetime Achievement (Single Award)

[Award Details & Submission](#)



Trump Administration Abandons Deal With Northwest Tribes to Restore Salmon

<https://www.propublica.org/article/trump-salmon-columbia-river-tribes-deal>



Two Idaho Tribes come together to bless land for future casino

The Shoshone-Paiute and Coeur d'Alene tribes agree to build future casino south of Boise
<https://www.kivitv.com/news/local-news/in-your-neighborhood/ada-county/two-idaho-tribes-come-together-to-bless-land-for-future-casino>

How conservation icon David Attenborough holds onto hope

In a new film, the legendary 99-year-old confronts the destruction of the ocean—to inspire us to save it.

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/environment/article/ocean-david-attenborough-marine-conservation>

One of Berkeley's hottest music acts is a band of city librarians

Kids are flocking to parks and Freight & Salvage to hear librarian Michael Kwende read silly books with perfect rhythm, backed up by his bookish bandmates.

<https://www.berkeleyside.org/2025/06/12/story-time-band-berkeley>

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## The Australian Town Where People Live Underground

In one unusual outback town, everything is subterranean – from churches to campsites. As the world heads for 2.7C (4.9F) of global warming, should we be heading underground?

[https://getpocket.com/explore/item/the-australian-town-where-people-live-underground?](https://getpocket.com/explore/item/the-australian-town-where-people-live-underground?utm_source=firefox-newtab-en-us)  
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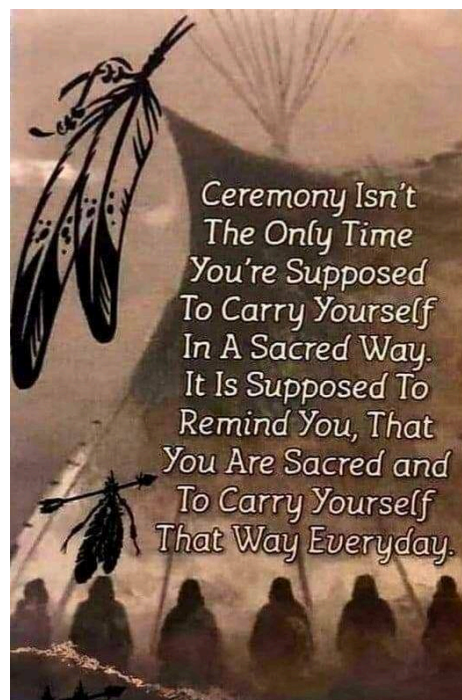
AI Chatbots Are About to Get a Huge Boost—From Libraries

Books and other documents from Harvard University and Boston's public library could be a data bonanza for AI chatbots.

https://www.inc.com/associated-press/ai-chatbots-are-about-to-get-a-huge-boost-from-libraries/91201600?utm_source=firefox-newtab-en-us

134-year-old tortoise becomes first-time father in time for Father's Day

Goliath, a Galapagos tortoise born in the late 19th century, successfully sired his first offspring earlier this month at the Miami Zoo.



Thank you for your support, prayers, and continued solidarity. Your love and support for Nick Tilsen was felt across Turtle Island and beyond. After two long days of hearings, more witnesses still need to take the stand. As a result, the evidentiary hearing will continue on August 1, 2025. We will offer more updates, calls to action, and continue to demand that Pennington County drop the charges leading up to August 1. If you haven't already please sign the petition below to demand that the charges against Nick Tilsen be dropped.

Here are a few ways you can support Nick Tilsen and NDN Collective:

1. Sign this **Petition** (& encourage others to sign)
2. To learn more about the case or to donate visit the **NDN Legal Fund** website
3. Call or email the Pennington County States Attorney's office asking them to drop the charges: Phone: (605) 394-2191 OR send an email using this link: <https://ndnco.cc/pcsa>
4. Share this **information** with a friend or on social media to bring attention to the injustices happening in South Dakota

Related Articles:

- Press Release: [Nick Tilsen's Evidentiary Hearing Continued for Aug 1](#)
- Press Release: [Community Responds to Day 1, Evidentiary Hearing for Nick Tilsen](#)
- Blog: [Resistance in a time of Repression: An Up-Close-and-Personal Q&A with Nick Tilsen](#)

The fight for justice is not over, not only for Nick Tilsen, but all Indigenous leaders being targeted for protecting our peoples' and Mother Earth.

Philámayaye (thank you in Lakota),
NDN Collective

[Drop the Charges](#)

<https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/drop-the-charges-against-nick-tilsen?source=direct> link&

[Indigenous History Kept Alive at the Library](#)

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The Library's American Folklife Center and the Mellon Foundation have teamed up over the past several years to set up a series of grants that help preserve traditions that may otherwise be absent from the national record. For the most recent year, these include dances of the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi, artistic creations of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma and traditional Hawaiian music. These works are then preserved in Library collections for future generations.

History Bits will return Tuesday

The Ten Commandments of Public Lands Resistance *(a little irony here)*

A playbook to hold the line and fight for every last acre.

Will Pattiz and More Than Just Parks

We just [helped stop the largest public land sell-off in US history](#). Not with lobbyists. Not with access. With pressure.

Thousands of you made calls. Shared the post. Spoke up. And at the eleventh hour, Congress backed down.

That didn't happen because of one group or one post. It happened because people showed up – individually, collectively. It's proof that collective action still works. That each of us still has a role to play. That we are not powerless, even now.

If you're new here because of that win – welcome. You're in the right place. What you're reading isn't just a newsletter. It's part of something bigger. If you've been here since the [Ten Theses](#), you already know – this is a movement. And movements need a code.

The following isn't a think piece.
It's not a vision statement.
It's a playbook.

While we may have won an important victory by drawing a line and holding it, the onslaught against our public lands will undoubtedly continue.

And know this. We'll continue to be there for every inch of it. Fighting in the trenches. Naming names. Tracking threats. Calling out sell-offs, loopholes, carve-outs – and rallying people to stop them cold like we did here.

We've dedicated our lives to this work. It's what we do. From pushing back against the latest executive orders to building the [Threatened Public Lands Map](#) so the public can finally see what's at stake – *this is the front line*.

But holding the line takes more than outrage. It takes clarity. It takes a code.

These are the Ten Commandments of Public Lands Resistance – the standards we fight by, the lines we won't cross, and the words we carry into every hearing, comment period, and policy fight that's coming next.

Paid subscribers make this possible. They're the reason we had the reach to rally pressure and help stop that clause before it became law. If you believe this kind of watchdog, fire-starting, hell-raising, field-guide work matters – consider joining them.

And if you know someone who could use a reminder that we still have power – or who just needs a little hope right now – share this with them.

We're just getting started.

The Ten Commandments of Public Lands Resistance

1. You shall not sell what was never yours.

Public land is not inventory. It is not surplus. It is not disposable. Once it's gone, it's gone forever. No backroom deals. No buried riders. No quiet carve-outs. If a politician tries to sell what belongs to all of us, we call it what it is – theft. *We vote accordingly.*

2. You shall not manage a legacy for profit.

These lands were not set aside to balance budgets or to be sacrificed to quarterly gains. They exist to endure. Their worth is measured in what they protect – not what they produce. Public lands are for the public, for the planet, and for the generations not yet born.

3. You shall not starve what you're sworn to protect.

Chronic underfunding is sabotage.

It is a betrayal of our national duty to care for these lands. Public lands return 10 to 1 on investment, but even if they didn't, protection isn't a business model. It's a responsibility.

4. You shall not abandon public servants.

Rangers. Fire crews. Biologists. Trail workers.

They are not overhead. They are defenders of the republic.

Honor them. Fund them. Protect them.

Their work is not overhead. It is the foundation.

5. You shall not privatize the core functions of public lands management.

Private companies answer to shareholders. Public servants answer to the public.

The moment a third party controls access, it ceases to be public.

If you need a smartphone, an app, or a premium pass to enter, the gate has already closed.

Campgrounds, lodges, shuttles, permits, and reservation systems are not side services – they are the operating system of public lands.

And that system must remain public.

6. You shall not extract without paying the price.

Extraction on public land is a privilege – not a right.

No lease shall be granted that degrades our land or waters. A public need must be proven.

No more sweetheart leases. No more subsidized destruction. If you drill, mine, graze, log, siphon water, or extract in any way on public land, you pay full freight and you restore what you break.

Anything else is theft dressed as policy.

We export oil and gas. Until we stop, there is no justification for drilling on our public lands.

7. You shall not reduce national monuments.

The Antiquities Act protects. It does not erase. No president has the authority to shrink what the people have declared worth preserving. Boundaries are not suggestions. They are promises.

8. You shall leave the land better than you found it.

These places are not ours – they are on loan from the future.

We inherited a rare and staggering trust: wild land, open skies, silence that still holds.

Our charge is not to use it up, but to pass it forward – intact or improved.

Every decision must answer to the generations who haven't arrived yet.

The measure is not what we take. It's what we leave behind.

9. You shall not weaken the laws that protect public lands.

NEPA, ESA, FLPMA, NFMA, the Clean Water Act – these are not formalities. They are the last legal line between wild land and permanent damage.

They must be fully enforced, fully funded, and fully out of reach of political whim.

What protects our ecosystems must be written into law, and the law must hold.

10. You shall defend this land like it's yours – because it is.

This is your land. Your legacy. Your fight.

Speak for it. Stand for it. Protect it like your life depends on it – because someone's will.

The line has been drawn. Hold it.

We just proved this kind of pressure works. Help us do it again – become a subscriber.

Print It. Share It. Use It.

These commandments aren't just words. They're a firewall. A line in the sand.

Share them. [Print them](#). Use them. Post them at your trailhead or forward them to the inbox of someone who still believes in this fight.

Because public lands don't stay public by accident.

They stay public because people like you show up again and again and refuse to let them be taken. Because enough people say: not here. Not this time.

The louder we are, the safer our public lands. Share this with someone who needs to know the line is still holding, even if only by a thread.

Until next time, Will



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[Aug. 15 Deadline for Funding Applications](#)

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Reading this week:

The Beginning of San Francisco from the Expedition of Anza 1776 to the City Charter of April 15, 1850 with Biographical and Other Sources

by Zoeth Skinner Eldridge 1912 self published printed by John C. Rankin Co. NYC

Many recounts of “first contact” or continued contact, enslavement, colonization, secularization covers a lot with NM/AZ tribes as well as those that became “Mission Indians”.....very different than most textbooks.



Thanks to your generous support, we're well on our way to meeting the need of more scholars than ever before. That's an incredible milestone - but we're not done yet.

Students like Annalise are counting on us.



With support from the College Fund, she went from **Haskell Indian Nations University** to a **PhD program in ecology and evolutionary biology**. Today, she studies how climate change is affecting deep soil systems and water availability in Indigenous communities.

"I want to be the kind word or gesture that changes the trajectory for other Indigenous scholars," Annalise says. The opportunity to become not only a first generation undergraduate, but to achieve multiple advanced degrees is the type of **transformational outcome** that we at the College Fund work to provide – and we are able to [because of your support](#).

You can help. Now is the perfect opportunity to make a difference, and show students across the nation that “I see you, I support you, and you can do this.”

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Take the Survey

Deadline Reminder: NCAI's VAWA Task Force and UIHI Survey for Related Native Programs

The [“Sacred Responsibility: Protecting Our People” survey](#) is intended for Native programs that primarily offer services related to domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, or other forms of violence. The survey is a collaboration with Urban Indian Health Institute (UIHI), Alaska Native Women's Resource Center, National Indigenous Women's Resource Center, StrongHearts Native Helpline, and Alliance of Tribal Coalitions to End Violence, to better understand the current services and potential impacts of federal funding cuts to Native DV/SA/MMIP programs nationwide.

Information gathered will be used to create a report for Congress, the Trump Administration, Tribal Nations, Tribal Organizations, and Urban Indian Organizations, to advocate for continued federal funding to uphold treaty and trust responsibilities. This snapshot will offer the very first national picture of American Indian and Alaska Natives seeking services, number of unmet requests, and the potential impact of federal funding cuts.

Additional information is available on the survey page. Please refer all questions regarding this survey to info@uihi.org.

Take the Survey



Quokkas, known as the world's happiest animals,