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The practice of eating insects is a longstanding one, encompassing up to 2 billion people worldwide today. Despite being nutritious and environmentally friendly, edible insects have found limited mainstream acceptance—particularly in western societies. **But thanks to sustainable insect farming, that could be changing.**

Deb Haaland Announcement

I'm running for Governor of the great state of New Mexico — my home — to bring change to our state and build a bright future for all who live here. And I couldn't be more excited to have you on board!

(Donation request)

The amount you give doesn't matter. What matters is building a campaign with the support of real people. That's who I am, who I came from, and who I am running to serve.

I am here today because my roots in New Mexico run 35 generations deep. The Pueblo people were the first farmers in the high deserts of New Mexico.

I am here because of my grandfather, who worked for decades as a diesel mechanic on the railroad. Somehow he also kept a field — picking worms off the corn as it grew, like the generations before him.

I am here because of my grandmother, a survivor and a caretaker who woke up every day before the sun. She was the one who gave me my true love of cooking New Mexican cuisine. (She wouldn't let us in the kitchen while she cooked, but I'd perch myself outside and watch her through the window for hours.)

I am here because of my parents and their sacrifice. My mother, a Pueblo woman, served in the Navy. My father, a Marine, received a Silver Star for his service in Vietnam. He now lies in honor at Arlington.

I am here because of my beloved child, who I raised on my own. I started a salsa company to pay the bills, but it still wasn't always enough. We relied on food stamps to get on our feet. I sometimes had to decide between paying rent and buying groceries to feed our family. I will never forget how that felt or the kindness of those who helped us – strangers who became community. When I look at my Somah, I see perseverance, strength and hope.

These are my stories.

These are stories of New Mexicans.

These days, our differences are blown so far out of proportion. We lose sight of a simple fact: we all live in the same state, together. All of us in New Mexico come from love, survival, and sacrifice. We all want to live good lives — and we want even more for our children.

Our president and his billionaire allies look at the lands and the people of this country and think: what can I exploit?

I am running to ask: if we come together in New Mexico, what good can we do for each other and for the next generation?

We have our work cut out for us. The cost of living is crushing our families. Our economy is growing, but we need make sure *everyone* shares in our progress. Our farmers need more. Our families need more. New Mexico's kids need so much more. And we must be good stewards of the Earth, and preserve the rivers, mesas, farmlands, and forests whose beauty sustains our communities.

I am running to do all this and more. I am running to serve all New Mexicans and make sure we're leaving a better future for our children.

[Will you join us today with a grassroots donation?](#) I would be honored to have your support.

Be fierce,
Deb

‘Our territories are being invaded’: [Indigenous community leads protest as Brazil auctions oil licenses near Amazon River](#)

Indigenous people and environmental activists protested outside a luxury hotel in Rio de Janeiro where the auctions to sell oil exploration rights took place. Most of the 172 blocks for sale are located in areas with no current production, such as 47 offshore locations close to the Amazon River and two sites at an inland territory in the Amazon near Indigenous territories. (AP video by Mario Lobão)

[https://apnews.com/video/indigenous-community-leads-protest-as-brazil-auctions-oil-licenses-near-amazon-river-ac76a84aaf77407f8c8f97449a9a9c16?](https://apnews.com/video/indigenous-community-leads-protest-as-brazil-auctions-oil-licenses-near-amazon-river-ac76a84aaf77407f8c8f97449a9a9c16?user_email=e073fe83cf6e594f0fa68c85167471226da0e93d55247b60e6f1153aa19d8ac8)

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[‘It Could Feed the World’: Amaranth, a Health Trend 8,000 Years Old That Survived Colonization](#)

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Into The Deep by Trevor Husband was inspired by the following story:

"Long ago humans lived simply, with families living in caves and wherever they could find shelter. Life was hard and they did their best. One day a strange human arrived, with black and white markings. He told them he was from the blackfish people, and they had seen the humans and wanted to share some of their teachings with them. So one man went with the blackfish to learn their ways.

When they got to the water they both transformed into blackfish (killer whales) and swam down to the village of the blackfish people at the bottom of the ocean. When the human arrived he saw how they lived. There were large longhouses with totem poles out front. The village took care of itself, everyone shared the jobs of hunting, raising children, harvesting and defending the village. Certain families carried the responsibility of managing things and making difficult decisions.

The human saw all this and more and thanked the Blackfish for sharing these teachings with him. He swam back to the shore and transformed back into a man. He shared what he had seen and the people began to live in this way and thrive. They were able to develop art, stories, ceremonies, trade and travel. So we humans must remember to give thanks to the blackfish people for teaching us how to live socially in a good way."

The print shows the human in killer whale form at the top, and the real killer whale below descending to the Blackfish village.

This [limited edition silk screen print](#) titled "**Into The Deep**" by **Trevor Husband** was hand produced by the screen-printing process. It is the only limited-edition printing of this design. The artist has inspected and signed each copy in the edition. The printer has destroyed all trial copies and obliterated the printing stencils.



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Justice Department says Trump can undo monument designations



The president has broad legal authority to fully revoke national monument designations, the Justice Department says in a memorandum that could become the basis to withdraw millions of acres from protected status. [Read more...](#)

Outreach Organizer

Great Basin Resource Watch

June 2025

The Outreach Organizer will oversee and coordinate the outreach program and our community support activities. While the Great Basin is the primary geographic focus of the position, there will be coordination with grassroots and regional allies as well as national and international partners especially in the energy transition mining work much of which involves lithium mining proposals.

Preferred candidates will have with experience in working directly with frontline communities affected by extraction; strong research, writing, and spoken communications skills. The position requires interaction with a wide range of individuals and organizations, and effective interpersonal and diplomacy skills are essential to the job. Given the historical legacy of mining and ongoing environmental injustices incurred by Indigenous, Black, Latinx and other communities of color, candidates must bring a demonstrated commitment to addressing environmental injustices and improving outcomes for communities disproportionately harmed by extraction.

This is a part to full time position (depending upon applicant) that could involve significant travel.

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Partnering with tribes to restore a Delta wetland: Benefits go both ways



Aerial view looking west at Webb Tract and a section of the San Joaquin River part of the Delta in San Joaquin County.. Photo taken May 11, 2023 by DWR

“Five years ago, Plains Miwok cultural practitioner Don Hankins got a surprising invitation from Russ Ryan, a project manager at the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. The agency owns four islands in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta, including one called Webb Tract, and Ryan asked Hankins for help stewarding them from an Indigenous perspective. Hankins was skeptical at first. Metropolitan gets much of its water via the Delta, and he had seen the impact of such water exports firsthand as a child. His family had a place on Old River near Clifton Court Forebay, an expanse of open water near a pumping station that pulls water south from the Delta. “I could see sturgeon and other fish entrained in the forebay,” Hankins recalls. But Hankins feels a deep-rooted responsibility toward the Delta. He was also moved when Ryan visited him at California State University Chico, where he’s a professor of geography and planning. On a walk in Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve, the pair forged a partnership that included bringing tribes into planning a new wetland on Webb Tract from the very beginning. “It’s a game changer,” says Hankins, noting that this is the first time tribes have been integral to a restoration project in the Delta. ... ” [Read more from Maven’s Notebook](#).

Along the Colorado River ...

New Colorado River plan spreads the pain, shares water based on reality of



shrinking flows

“Negotiators for the seven states arguing over diminished Colorado River water are discussing an option they hope will end their deadlock, one that Arizona officials say would focus less on who gets what and more on what the river can realistically provide. They’re calling it the “supply-driven” solution, Arizona Water Resources Director Tom Buschatzke said, and it links the required water deliveries out of Glen Canyon Dam to what might naturally be flowing downstream at Lees Ferry if the dam weren’t there. The Rocky Mountain states upstream from there would have to let that amount pass, and the Southwestern states would have to live within its limits. It’s intended as a fair way of adapting — and shrinking — the region’s use of a river whose flow was once thought to exceed 15 million acre-feet of water a year but, in the last 25 years, has averaged 12.4 million. Each acre-foot contains about 326,000 gallons, or enough to supply a few households for a year. ... ” [Read more from Arizona Central](#). | [Read via Yahoo News](#).

The Colorado River “psst psst” scheme emerges into public view: the “Supply Driven” concept

“Arizona yesterday finally moved the super-secret idea at the heart of current Colorado River negotiations out of the shadows. The idea is deceptively simple: base Lake Powell releases on a percentage of the three-year rolling average of the Colorado River’s estimated “natural flow” at Lee Ferry. Allocate water based not on a century-old hydrologic mistake, but rather based on what the river actually has to offer. It presents an attractive alternative to the increasingly baroque and unproductive shitshow that had taken over interstate negotiations. It has the great virtue of each basin getting out of the other basin’s business – one clean, simple number. But establishing the right percentage remains the hard part. Make the percentage too high and the Upper Basin will have to cut users with pre-Compact water rights. Make the percentage too low and Lake Powell fills up while Central Arizona goes dry. ... ” [Read more from the Inkstain blog](#).

As Colorado River talks continue, Trump taps former CAP boss to lead Reclamation Bureau

“President Donald Trump has nominated former Central Arizona Project General Manager Ted Cooke to lead the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, the agency that manages water in the West and is currently seeking a negotiated deal to share the Colorado River’s water among seven states. Cooke led the CAP from 2015 through 2022, when Brenda Burman, Reclamation commissioner during Trump’s first term, took his place. The CAP delivers Colorado River water to Arizona’s most populous communities. Cooke’s former colleagues within Arizona praised his appointment and said his knowledge of the entire Colorado River watershed and its struggles to deal with climate change will benefit everyone in the West. “He understands the dynamics across the basin in a way that will be really helpful in finding equity in outcomes from all of us in the seven (river) states,” Arizona Water Resources Director Tom Buschatzke said. ... ” [Read more from Arizona Central](#).

SEE ALSO: [Ted Cooke tapped to run Bureau of Reclamation amid pivotal Colorado River talks](#), from the Colorado Sun

Governor Hobbs meets with top federal water official, reinforces Arizona’s leadership on Colorado River future

“Yesterday, Governor Katie Hobbs met with Acting Assistant Secretary for Water and Science Scott Cameron, the Trump Administration’s lead official overseeing Colorado River negotiations, to directly reinforce Arizona’s priorities in shaping a fair and lasting water agreement across the seven basin states. Following the meeting, Governor Hobbs addressed the Arizona Reconsultation Committee (ARC), a group of state water leaders tasked with defining Arizona’s role in the post-2026 Colorado River operating framework. This is the first appearance of a Governor at the ARC, highlighting the importance of these critical negotiations for Governor Hobbs. Hobbs emphasized her commitment to fighting for Arizona’s fair share of Colorado River water and dedication to the Arizona businesses and residents who rely on the vital resource. “Arizona has always risen to the moment to solve its water challenges, and under my leadership, we will do so again,” said Governor Katie Hobbs. “Our state has already made real sacrifices, but we will not shoulder this burden alone. We need a balanced deal that includes real commitments from all basin states.” ... ” [Read more from the Arizona Office of the Governor.](#)

Tribes are hopeful Trump’s staffing, spending cuts won’t slow progress on securing water rights

“While Arizona, neighboring states, the federal government and Mexico are negotiating over a dwindling supply of water from the Colorado River, another key stakeholder is tribes. Thirty of them in all, trying to either ratify their rights or safeguard their allocations of the West’s most precious water resource. Beyond being seen and heard in the room where water decisions are handled, tribes are also having to navigate unprecedented institutional shifts from the Biden administration back to President Donald Trump that, in turn, potentially hinder their sovereignty. More than two-thirds of the Colorado River Basin tribes are from Arizona. They all need to negotiate with the U.S. to essentially get what they want. Unlike states, tribes were historically excluded from these dialogues, but lately their engagement in defining the future of the Colorado River has been celebrated. “All of those tribes are in very different places,” said Scott Cameron, currently the top-ranking Interior Department official on Colorado River matters. “And there’s no one size fits all, and what’s going to work for one tribe is probably going to not work for most of the other 30.” ... ” [Read more from KJZZ.](#)

Spring runoff in one western Colorado valley is worse this decade than the Dust Bowl era

“Water engineer Bob Hurford has a chart he often shares with communities in the Gunnison River Basin to drive home the seriousness of the region’s water conditions. It shows that the basin’s runoff in the 2020s, so far, is worse than the Dust Bowl era of the ’30s. “That’s the position that everybody’s in right now,” said Hurford, Colorado Division of Water Resources division engineer for the Gunnison River area. The western Colorado river basin spans mountainous, agricultural regions and communities like Crested Butte, Gunnison, Paonia, Montrose, Olathe and Delta. Snowpack in the basin this year was near normal — when based on 30 years of data. The 100-year look was much more bleak, Hurford found. ... ” [Read more from the Colorado Sun.](#)

Federal downsizing, local consequences



“Earlier this year the Trump Administration slashed staffing of federal agencies, including those that manage federal lands around the country and in California and the Eastern Sierra. Nationwide, the Administration has cut ten percent of the US Forest Service workforce. The Inyo National Forest, home to Mono Lake and the third largest National Forest in California, covering nearly two million acres, has lost positions up and down the agency from maintenance positions to wildlife biologists to recreation staff. The Inyo has long suffered from declining budgets and resource allocations, and the agency was stretched thin before the firings, buyouts, and voluntary early retirements. Now, with the recent loss of permanent staff in addition to the ongoing freeze on all seasonal staff hiring, the Eastern Sierra will experience a year entirely without wilderness rangers, trail maintenance staff, off-highway vehicle rangers, and interpretive and front desk staff at visitor centers. ... ” [Read more from the Mono Lake Committee.](#)

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### More words from Steven Crowchild

**Never miss an opportunity to speak from the heart, stand tall and represent for our people**



### [Tonya Crowchild](#)

So proud of my cousin Tsuut’ina Nation Minor Chief [Steven Crowchild](#) lelelelele Trumps Arrival to our Treaty 7 Territory. He reminded Trump that we are the First People’s of this land and we were here before Treaty, before Canada and before Alberta.

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Well.....that was intense to say the least. When I woke up on Father's Day, I did not anticipate that I would come face to face with world leaders, and one certain individual who has caused much pain, suffering, and sorrow in this world. However, all individuals who I greeted have great influence and ability to prevent suffering and protect the interests of our future generations in terms of water, because water is life.

I knew I would be welcoming delegations, but I had no idea they were world leaders and that I was going to be broadcast live for the world to see. Thank creator, I decided to wear my treaty suit, new medal, old medal, regalia, and protection.

As a Tsuut'ina person, I spoke my language to all of them. I welcomed them and reminded everyone that this is native land. I also tried to remind each and every one of them about the importance and being good leaders and protecting water for future generations.

When it came to that one individual, I almost didn't stay. I was filled with rage and I knew by then, that the world was watching. I was going to go home, because I didn't want to do anything to bring negativity to my people. However, I consulted with some close people, and based on wise feedback I stayed. Visibility is key, diplomacy is important. There was no one else there.

I prayed and tried my best to observe everything. I prayed to creator, my grandmothers, grandfathers, and my mom. I asked them to guide my words and actions in that moment. As I stood on the tarmac next to my good friend Jyoti, I watched Trump approach each delegate before me, and I thought of those suffering around the world, my son, my nation, my ancestors, and waited for him to approach.

Instead of war, I chose peace. Instead of hate, I chose love. Instead of hostility, I tried my best to show humanity. He was just another person, like the ones I greeted before him (some would say a horrible person and we all know many reasons why). I felt strong with my feather hat, which I received a transfer for yesterday, my treaty suit, my beadwork, and good medicine. I stood taller than him as a proud Tsuut'ina. Close as it gets.

I spoke my Tsuut'ina language. I showed him my treaty medal and told him it's older than Canada and that this is native land. I spoke for my elders, babies, and future generations, and spoke for peace and protecting water for future generations. I tried to say as much as I could, as wisely as I could, while representing with honour and dignity. Whether he listened or not, time will tell.

I don't care if it was anyone else, in fact, I wish I was someone else. But I'm glad that the world got to witness a treaty suit, treaty medal, beautiful beadwork, precious feather hat, and us. I take assurance in knowing a message of protecting water and peace was spoken to world leaders.

My baby boy Tsisga and my people were visible on the world stage, and we are not going anywhere. Despite the hardships, and colonial violence, we will always persevere and continue to exist on these lands as nations. It felt extra special standing taller as a proud two-spirited person with dignity and pride, as we have existed on these lands as well since time immemorial and will continue to exist. As long as the sun shines, grass grows, water flows, and winds blow."

- [Supreme Court clears the way for temporary nuclear waste storage in Texas and New Mexico](#)

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[Nevada wildlife officials airlift bighorn sheep as drought threatens state animal:](#)

["The reason for the relocation is a lack of available food and water for the herd, with drought being the common denominator. In just one year, dry conditions have significantly worsened across Nevada. While only a small area was abnormally dry in June 2024, now most of the state is experiencing all four levels of drought extremes."](#)
[\(Via KTNV\)](#)

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Mur taraaxtak, in Chochenyo, means “the night sky.” Vincent Medina writes about creating the first-ever Ohlone planetarium show, which is on at the Chabot Space and Science Center—and what it meant to see its premiere. **Free Preview »**



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The P’urhépechas were one of the only indigenous groups in Mexico the Aztecs failed to conquer – but despite that feat, they were nearly lost to history.

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