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David Wise (Ojibwe), co-owner of Native Wise LLC, discovered his ancestral connection to Chief Buffalo during a work project that became a personal calling. Guided by a dream, he and his wife Patra began raising Buffalo to restore cultural ties and community healing. Since acquiring their ranch in 2021, they've grown their herd from 12 to 47 and now host youth programs and community gatherings centered around the Buffalo.

Key Points:

1. **Ancestral Calling:** David Wise traced his lineage to Chief Buffalo and was inspired by a dream to "bring back my namesake," sparking a deeper mission.
2. **Buffalo Restoration:** The Wises received their first Buffalo in 2022 and now have 47, integrating traditional agricultural practices into ranch life.
3. **Cultural Renewal:** Native Wise emphasizes reconnecting with heritage through Buffalo caretaking and the return of the Ojibwe Spirit Horse.
4. **Community Involvement:** The ranch hosts tribal visitors and youth programs to educate and engage the next generation.
5. **Healing Impact:** David believes Buffalo are spiritual animals that foster community healing and cultural revival through presence and gatherings.

Read full story below.

What began as a work project for David Wise turned into a personal journey that uncovered his family roots and revealed a deep calling to care for Buffalo.

David (Ojibwe), co-owner of Native Wise LLC—a family-owned farm and ranch he operates with his wife Patra—was born and raised on the Fond du Lac Reservation. He said he traced his heritage back to Chief Buffalo, also known as Kechewaishke, a prominent Ojibwe leader of the Lake Superior Chippewa in the 19th century.

“I was immersed in researching his life and legacy, and one night I had a dream—it was Chief Buffalo telling me to ‘Bring back my namesake.’ This sent me on a journey which brought us to our partnership with Tanka and receiving our first Buffalo in 2022,” he said. “We were able to fulfill a literal dream that I think would make my ancestors proud.”

Native Wise strives to incorporate traditional agricultural knowledge into all aspects of food production, Buffalo stewardship, and the return of the Ojibwe Spirit Horse to its homelands. Currently, they have 47 Buffalo on their ranch, including seven new calves born this year. The Wises started with 12 and have grown their herd every year since—though not without challenges, especially when it comes to building infrastructure to support the Buffalo.

They purchased the ranch in 2021 and had to remove the old, broken-down cattle fencing on the land to begin constructing new electric fencing designed specifically for Buffalo. “We hire help as we can and rely on family members to help get fencing in,” David said. “It is a long, community-supported process.”

What has been most rewarding for the Wises in caretaking Buffalo has been the connection to that very community. Tribal members often visit the ranch and spend time with the animals. Native Wise also hosts youth classes to teach young Natives about the significance of Buffalo—how to care for them, and what they have meant to Indigenous people, both historically and today.

“Through this journey, we have learned that Buffalo are powerful, spiritual animals that have the ability to bring communities together. Buffalo were taken from us around the time we were placed on these reservations,” he said. “Bringing them back to our communities is a chance to renew our connection to our ancestors, our culture, and restore our sense of community. Having the Buffalo has encouraged many gatherings here on the ranch, which fosters positive interactions with youth and elders on a regular basis. Buffalo are healing, and they are definitely doing their part to heal our community.”

[MORE ON NATIVE WISE LLC](#)

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## **Amy Alonzo, environmental reporter for the Nevada Independent had a particularly compelling issue:**

*Final bill tally* — When my last newsletter came out, many bills had cleared the session but were still awaiting signatures by Gov. Joe Lombardo. In good news for Nevada’s environmental and energy advocates, all the bills I was watching as of the last newsletter were signed — here’s a recap of what got the green light:

- [AB96](#), requiring Washoe and Clark counties to create formal heat plans.
- [SB260](#), establishing protections for outdoor workers when air quality is poor due to wildfire smoke.
- [SB36](#) and [AB104](#), establishing the Nevada Voluntary Water Rights Retirement Program.
- [AB458](#), enabling property owners to install rooftop solar on affordable housing properties, thereby expanding net metering access to low-income renters.
- [AB452](#), directing state energy regulators to investigate how fuel and purchased power costs are passed on to ratepayers and to potentially adopt fuel cost sharing, a move that could lead to NV Energy bearing some of the financial risk when natural gas price spikes.
- [SB442](#), a bill requiring public utility companies such as NV Energy to publish quarterly data broken down by ZIP codes on the number of customers it disconnects each month due to nonpayment.

And, worth a second mention, Lombardo had already signed [SB19](#), allowing the state to enter into two interstate wildfire compacts.

*Egg-xemption over* — Nevada’s temporary allowance for the sale of non-cage-free eggs in response to rising egg prices and limited supplies caused by avian bird flu “egg-spined” on June 20. All eggs sold in the state must once again be sourced from cage-free hens.

Egg prices have dropped an average of \$1.37 per dozen in the state since the order was issued Feb. 20, according to the Nevada Department of Agriculture.

Nevada passed legislation in 2021 requiring all eggs sold in the state to come from cage-free hens; [AB171](#) was passed and signed early this session permitting two temporary suspensions of the cage-free regulations for a maximum of 120 days each per calendar year.

*Investigation approved* — State energy regulators have unanimously determined a full investigation into NV Energy is warranted after the utility was found to have overbilled tens of thousands of customers as far back as 2001.

With overbilling running into the tens of millions of dollars, the utility never reported its mistake to state energy regulators, instead opting to issue partial refunds to certain customers, capping those refunds at six months’ worth of payments. Despite having overcharged customers \$17 million between 2017 and 2024, with an unknown number of overcharges in the years between 2001 and 2017, the utility issued only about \$2 million in refunds.

[AB452](#), which I mentioned above, also requires customers to receive full refunds, along with interest, if they are overbilled.

*Not so clear* — After declining steadily through the late 1990s, Lake Tahoe’s long-term clarity is stuck in limbo.

Long-term trends show annual Secchi depths — the depth at which scientists can see a white disk lowered into the lake — have leveled off, despite efforts to increase the lake’s clarity. The most recent measurements, taken in 2024, show clarity levels down to 62.3 feet, down from the previous year’s depth of 68.2 feet, according to a [report](#) released earlier this month.

Scientists have tracked Tahoe’s clarity since the mid-20th century, following the Tahoe basin’s development boom. Research points to sediment as the main factor in declining visibility.

### ICYMI:

[Nevada’s infrastructure](#) among best in the nation, but report IDs looming challenges

Indy Explains: How [NV Energy’s proposed pricing switch](#) could affect your power bill

How a [resolution backing public land sales](#) for housing died in the Nevada Legislature

Officials brace for [fire season](#) as Nevada is ‘abnormally dry’

GOP push to [sell off public lands](#) revived in Senate. Here's how it could affect Nevada

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I recently discovered Montana Public Radio’s podcast [The Wide Open](#), about the past, present and future of the Endangered Species Act. Once I found it, I quickly binge-listened to the first four episodes. Definitely worth a download!

The river that came back to life: a journey down the reborn Klamath — a great read from [The Guardian](#).

From [NPR](#): Faced with rising temps, Las Vegas is embracing a simple climate solution: More trees. *And yet trees that used to shade the patio at the Bellagio were cut down to make room for the Formula One Las Vegas Grand Prix grandstands.* sdc

And just for fun, also from [The Guardian](#): A Henderson man has converted his house to a free dinosaur theme park.

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### **NYTimes: A Better Way to Get Around in the Amazon: Solar-Powered Canoes**

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### **Native News Online ·**

On Wednesday (6.25), Governor Gavin Newsom and the California Jobs First Council announced \$15 million in grants to 14 Native American tribes, tribal coalitions, and tribally led organizations across California. These investments aim to drive economic growth, expand job training, support business development, promote environmental stewardship, and fund research and development initiatives.

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Boys and Girls Club teens work and manage their own food truck: "There's over 100 teens taking part, said Allen Taylor, director of the Life and Workforce program. Almost every member of the program signed up to help with the food truck. Every week a new group comes in to learn how to manage the truck. It all started with the culinary program at the club. Teaching teens how to work and manage a real kitchen while getting a chance to feed the other members of the club."
(Via KUNR)

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### Trump's 'big beautiful bill' could put Indian Health Service at risk

Jun 10, 2025Lawmakers from both parties said Thursday that President Donald Trump's budget would put care for millions of Native Americans at risk should the government shut down. The Indian Health Service, which is the federal agency responsible for providing health services to Native Americans and Alaska Natives, is already struggling due to staff and spending cuts, members have said. While Trump's ...

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Trump budget proposes deep cuts to Native American programs

May 2, 2025Trump's FY2026 budget proposal cuts \$617M from BIA programs, eliminates tribal loan guarantees, and reduces education construction by \$187M while increasing drinking water funding by \$27M and creating a new rural financing program.

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<https://www.nihb.org> > house-passes-reconciliation-bill-including-ai-an-protections-for-tribal-medicaid

### House Passes Reconciliation Bill, Including AI/AN Protections for ...

May 22, 2025On May 22, 2025, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 1, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, which advances the budget reconciliation process. The legislation includes an exemption for American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) individuals eligible for services through the Indian health system from Medicaid community engagement/work requirements ...

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The One, Big, Beautiful Bill - The White House

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## Trump's 'beautiful' bill spans 1,116 pages. Here's what's inside it

Republicans continue to make progress on President Donald Trump's big bill of tax breaks, spending cuts and beefed-up border security, though considerable divisions remain as Speaker Mike Johnson attempts to bridge the differences in his conference.

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## Further Extending the TikTok Enforcement Delay

Presidential Actions, Executive Orders

June 19, 2025

Implementing the General Terms of The United States of America-United Kingdom Economic Prosperity Deal      Executive Orders      June 16, 2025

- Text of a Letter from the President to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate Presidential Memoranda June 23, 2025
- Presidential Permit Authorizing the City of Eagle Pass, Texas, to Expand and Continue to Maintain and Operate a Vehicular and Pedestrian Border Crossing at the Camino Real International Bridge Land Port of Entry  
Presidential Memoranda      June 20, 2025

Presidential Permit Authorizing the City of Laredo, Texas, to Expand and Continue to Maintain, and Operate a Vehicular Border Crossing at the Laredo-Colombia Solidarity International Bridge Land Port of Entry  
Presidential Memoranda      June 13, 2025

Stopping Radical Environmentalism to Generate Power for the Columbia River Basin      Presidential Memoranda      June 12, 2025

She's unelected, unknown — and has the power to veto Trump's 'big, beautiful bill.' Who is the Senate parliamentarian?      <https://www.yahoo.com/news/shes-unelected-unknown--and-has-the-power-to-veto-trumps-big-beautiful-bill-who-is-the-senate-parliamentarian-211912622.html>

## **SCOTUS allows Trump admin. to take steps to implement end to birthright citizenship**

The Supreme Court has just announced the birthright citizenship case opinion, with a 6-3 ruling, following party lines. This means Trump's executive order curtailing birthright citizenship will be allowed in certain states but not others. MSNBC

Legal Correspondent Lisa Attorney Chuck Rosenberg Michigan Assistant Litman join Ana Cabrera to noting Justice Ketanji “an existential threat to the



Rubin, former U.S. and University of Professor of Law Leah break down the ruling, Brown Jackson called it rule of law” in her dissent.

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- [Executive orders relating to Indian reservations : from May 14, 1855 to July 1, 1912 by United States. President](#)

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Indian reservations

A natural result of land cessions by the Indians to the United States Government was the establishment of reservations for the natives. This was necessary not only in order to provide them with homes and with land for cultivation, hut to avoid disputes in regard to boundaries and to bring them more easily under control of the Government by confining them to given limits* This policy which has been followed in Canada under both French and English^ control, and also to some extent by the colonies, was inaugurated by the United States in 17 S 6 , It may be attributed primarily to the increase of the white population and the consequent necessity of confining the aboriginal population to narrower limits. This involved a very important, even radical, change in the habits and customs of the Indians, and was the initiatory step toward a reliance upon agricultural pursuits for subsistence* Reservations in early days, and to a limited extent more recently, were formed chiefly as the result of cessions of land; thus a tribe, in ceding land that it held by original occupancy, re↵ served from the cession a specified and definite part thereof, and such part was held under the original right of occupancy, but with the consent of the Government, as it was generally expressly stated in the treaty defining the bounds that the part so reserved was "allotted to" or "reserved for" the given Indians, thus recognizing title in the Government. However, as time passed, the method of establishing reservations varied, as is apparent from the follow↵ ing return, showing the method of establishing the various reservations given by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs in his report for 1S90: By Executive

Order, 16; by Executive Order under authority of Congress, 5; by act of Congress, 28; by treaty, with boundaries defined or enlarged by Executive Order, 15; by treaty or agreement and act of Congress, 5; by unratified treaty, 1; by treaty or agreement, 51 *

The setting aside of reservations by treaty was terminated by the act of March 3^d 1871, which brought transactions with the Indians under the immediate control of Congress and substituted simple agreements for solemn treaties. By sundry subsequent laws the matter has been placed in control of the President. Reservations established by Executive order without an act of Congress were not held to be permanent before the general allotment act of February 8, 1887, under which the tenure has been materially changed, and all reservations, whether created by Executive order, by act of Congress, or by treaty, are permanent* Reservations established by Executive order under authority of Congress are those which have been authorized by acts of Congress and their limits defined by Executive order, or first established by Executive order and subsequently confirmed by Congress. The Indian titles which have been recognized by the Government appear to have been (1) the original right of occupancy, and (2) the title to their reservations, which d

Colorado River managers present plan to share water based on supply, not demand

“The seven states that share the Colorado River are floating a new concept for how water could be shared in the future, marking forward progress after a long standoff between the Upper Basin and Lower Basin states. Officials from Colorado laid out the proposal, which they are calling a supply-driven approach, at a meeting of the Interbasin Compact Committee (IBCC) in Grand Junction on Wednesday. The amount of water released from Lake Powell would be based on a percentage of a three-year rolling average of the “natural flow” at Lee Ferry, the dividing line between the Upper Basin (Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming) and the Lower Basin (Arizona, California and Nevada). The natural flow is what would flow past Lee Ferry if there weren’t any Upper Basin dams or diversions. A supply-driven approach adds a measure of annual variability, meaning that in dry years there would be less water released from Lake Powell and therefore less available for Lower Basin use. Exactly how much of the natural flow would be released to the Lower Basin is one of the big unanswered questions of the concept, still to be fleshed out. ...” [Read more from Aspen Journalism](#).

Colorado River Basin states inch forward in high-stakes negotiations as deadlines loom

“Colorado River Basin states are almost, sort of, close to a small compromise in their negotiations that focuses on matching reservoir releases more closely to the river’s actual flow. Colorado water watchers seem to be rolling with it — so far. Top negotiators in Colorado and six basin states offered a glimpse into the high-stakes talks for the first time in months during several water meetings this week. The states are negotiating how to manage the future water supply for 40 million people once the existing rules expire in 2026. The opposing sides in the negotiations — four Upper Basin states, including Colorado, and three Lower Basin states — are setting aside legal posturing in favor of a tentative compromise that gives each basin a win and loss. They’ve spent a lot of time getting here, Becky Mitchell, Colorado’s lead negotiator, said during an Interbasin Compact Committee meeting in Grand Junction on Wednesday. ...” [Read more from the Colorado Sun](#).

Tree in Yemen

How to cool off in the Colorado River's Black Canyon

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There's no shortage of scenic views when kayaking in the clear waters of the Colorado River on the Black Canyon Water Trail. (Aleza Freeman)

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### Three Things in Trump's Budget That Aren't Getting Enough Attention

They might affect the bill's fate... if more people learn about them and speak up. Pete Buttigieg

These are just a few examples. My broader point is that learning about these less-famous parts of the bill, alongside the blockbuster harms like the deficits and Medicaid cuts, is urgent. There are good resources available to better understand its contents, **including [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#).**

Some might think this is depressing, that knowing about these additional harms just makes the big picture even more discouraging. I think we should take them as propulsion. This administration and its Congressional enablers are not the unstoppable steamroller they would like you to think they are. The truth is that they have repeatedly shown that they will, well, chicken out on a bad policy if they face enough public opposition. (To take an example from this context, the bill originally also included a tax break on indoor tanning services, but Republicans were so embarrassed when it came to light that they've since abandoned it.)

It matters that we get the word out about these provisions. It can change what happens next, not based on Congressional inside baseball but based on public opinion. That work falls to us, not them. We, the people, can make our voices heard on this - and if Representatives and Senators don't listen, then it will be up to us to make sure they are held accountable.