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Protesters opposing the Thacker Pass lithium mine were surveilled for years by the FBI, local law enforcement and private security, records show.

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**Ready to explore the future of AI and tribal sovereignty?**

**Join us for Wiring the Rez: AI in Indian Country!**

[Register Today!](#)

Agenda coming soon!

**Friday, September 26, 2025 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. MST**

**Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, ASU**

W.P. Carey Foundation Armstrong Great Hall, BCLS 141 and 644

**Reception Thursday evening**

**Join us for a one-day conference on AI and Indigenous Communities**

*In-person only | No virtual option available*

The Center for Tribal Digital Sovereignty, the Indian Legal Program, and the American Indian Policy Institute invite you to ASU Law for an **insightful and transformative conference** exploring the intersection of artificial intelligence and Indigenous communities.

This one-day event will convene thought leaders, legal experts, and innovators to examine the opportunities and challenges AI presents for Indian Country. Attendees will engage in informative sessions, panel discussions, and networking opportunities designed to **promote digital sovereignty** and strengthen understanding of AI's role in tribal nations' futures.

**Contact us: [ilp@asu.edu](mailto:ilp@asu.edu)**

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Read NCAI's Statement on the Passage of the DOI Appropriations Bill

NCAI applauds the House Appropriations Committee's passage of the FY 2026 Interior appropriations bill, which includes significant levels of funding for Tribal Nations. These investments support essential services like health, education, justice and more. We urge the Senate to follow suit and match this strong commitment to Indian Country.

NCAI Responds to Executive Order 14224: Designating English as the Official Language of the United States

[Read the Full Statement](#)

On July 14, the Department of Justice issued guidance to enforce President Trump's [Executive Order 14224](#), designating English as the official language of the United States and revokes protections for people with limited English proficiency.

For Tribal Nations, this is a direct threat. Native languages — once banned by federal policy — are core to identity and survival. This order undermines decades of revitalization work and violates the United States' trust responsibility.

NCAI strongly opposes EO 14224 and calls on Congress and the Administration to exempt tribal governments from the order's only mandates and to consult directly with Tribal Nations on any actions impacting language rights.



NCAI Condemns President Trump's Call to Reinstate Harmful Mascot Imagery

In response to President Donald Trump's public threat to block a new stadium deal unless the Washington Commanders reinstate their former name and his demand that the Cleveland Guardians also revert back, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) unequivocally opposes any effort to revive racist mascots that demean Indigenous communities.

[Read the Full Statement](#)

BAY NATURE

PRESENTS

Ohlone Skies Planetarium Show, plus Q&A with Creators **Vincent Medina and Louis Trevino** **Oakland | August 29 | 7:00–9:30pm**



Join Bay Nature and Ohlone Tribal leaders Vincent Medina and Louis Trevino for an exclusive, in-person Q&A discussion and planetarium viewing of *mur taaraxtak—Ohlone Skies* on Friday, August 29 from 7pm–9:30pm at the Chabot Space & Science Center in Oakland.

"After more than a year of development with our Ohlone people and our fantastic partners at the Chabot Space and Science Center in Oakland, history was made: the premiere of the first-ever Ohlone planetarium show, *mur taaraxtak—Ohlone Skies*," writes Vincent in **Bay Nature's Summer 2025 issue**. "Our goals with *mur taaraxtak* were to build respect for and understanding of our Ohlone people and our intimate knowledge of the astronomical beings above us. We wanted to elevate the specificity of our culture: to teach that the East Bay is an ancient place and that the Ohlone people have always been right here in our beloved, gorgeous homeland."

Following the planetarium show, Bay Nature editor-in-chief Victoria Schlesinger will moderate a Q&A discussion with Louis and Vincent, after which attendees will have the opportunity to stargaze through the Chabot Space & Science Center's telescopes, weather permitting.

Tickets are selling fast! Tickets are \$40 for members and \$50 for non-members.

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Relatives,

Thank you for your support, prayers, and continued solidarity. After two long days of hearings in June, more witnesses will take to the stand **on Friday, August 1, 2025**. **Help us pack the courthouse!**

This hearing has revealed the patterns of practice by the Rapid City Police Department (RCPD) and inconsistencies in the 10 witness statements. The statements demonstrate that police officers are destroying body camera footage and not following their body camera and audio policies; evidence shows that officers are turning audio and camera on and off during on-site calls.

Natives living in South Dakota know that the (in)justice system is rigged against us. The incarceration rates alone prove that; in South Dakota, Native Americans make up 9% of the state population, but 41% of people in jail and 33% of people in prison (Vera Institute, 2019). The intergenerational targeting of Black, Brown, and Native relatives has been met with no accountability or justice.

The truth is this isn't an isolated incident, Nick Tilsen isn't the only one on trial here, ALL natives are on trial. If you haven't already, **please sign the petition below to demand the charges against Nick Tilsen be dropped.**

Pennington County Courthouse

315 St Joseph St,
Rapid City, SD

Schedule of Events

- ✗ 7:45am - Meet at the Courthouse
- ✗ 8:00am - Prayer Circle
- ✗ 8:30am - Go through security together
- ✗ 9:00am - Court begins
- ✗ Lunch - TBA



**If you are nearby, please show up in a good way for our brother. Sadly, individuals wearing AIM, NDN, or Landback clothing will not be allowed to enter the courthouse.*

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

‘Glimmer of hope’ in Colorado River negotiations is now gone, researcher says

“After a promising step in talks about the future of the Colorado River, the seven states that use its water appear to be hitting more hurdles. They’re arguing over exactly how much water each state will get from the shrinking river. A few weeks ago, researcher John Fleck at the University of New Mexico said he saw a “glimmer of hope” in those negotiations. But now, that glimmer is gone. Fleck says states are falling back into rivalries that go back more than a century, and they’re afraid to make compromises. “This new method has a lot of promise, but as we work out the details, we’re seeing that those old problems are surfacing again, and the negotiations as a result, just don’t seem to be going as well as we had hoped they were,” Fleck said. ... ” [Read more from KJZZ](#).

The West’s data centers suck (water and power)

“This May, STaX Capital Partners applied for a permit to install turbines fueled by methane from oil wells on Alaska’s North Slope. The temporary facilities would serve as a proof of concept for a much larger gas-fired power plant — with an output equal to that of the state’s largest coal-fired plant — all of whose electricity would go to a planned bitcoin-mining data center located nearby. The Alaska-based company told *Northern Journal* it hopes to “create the playbook for sustainable, at-scale Bitcoin mining in Alaska.” But “sustainable” bitcoin mining is an oxymoron, given the enormous amounts of power and water data centers consume. The massive server banks that run nearly every aspect of our digital world churn away in warehouse-like buildings in Phoenix, Las Vegas, rural Washington and Wyoming, each gobbling as much electricity as a small city to process AI queries, cryptocurrency extraction and other aspects of our increasingly cloud-based society. The harder they work, the hotter they get, and the more power and water they need to cool off. ... ” [Read more from High Country News](#).

‘When the water goes away, it goes away’ — NV’s desert wildlife can’t keep up with drought

“It’s been five years since Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) staff specialist Joe Bennett spotted 20 dead bighorn sheep near a guzzler while flying over Southern Nevada. The manmade water source had run dry, and the sheep, reliant on it for water, had died within 40 feet of the failed water source. “It was the worst day of my career,” he said. “The next day, we were hauling water.” The situation was, on one hand, an anomaly — Southern Nevada’s bighorn sheep are highly adapted to the region’s harsh climate, and they’ve largely avoided illnesses plaguing other sheep herds across the state. On the other hand, the death of dozens of sheep represented what climate, wildlife and other experts say they are seeing day after day across the Southern Nevada desert — desert-adapted wildlife feeling the toll of abnormally dry conditions carrying on season after season, and not enough relief through monsoons. ... ” [Read more from the Nevada Independent](#).

Queen Creek water deal could spur 15K homes

“State water officials have approved the first-ever legal transfer of water from rural Arizona into one of the state’s “active management areas” that have restrictions on growth. The Department of Water Resources will allow Queen Creek can take up to 5,000 acre-feet a year, sufficient to build about 15,000 homes. Buckeye will be allowed to withdraw up to 5,926 acre-feet of water a year from the Harquahala Basin in western Arizona for up to 110 years. That is enough to serve

more than 17,000 homes. All this comes two years after DWR refused to issue any permits for new subdivisions in some areas of both communities after concluding they lacked the legally required 100-year supply of water. ... ” [Read more from the East Valley Tribune](#).

Why is there no State of the Union Address by President Garfield?

The **1881 State of the Union address** was delivered by [Chester A. Arthur](#), the 21st [president of the United States](#), on December 6, 1881. This address, Arthur's first, came shortly after the assassination of President [James A. Garfield](#), which he described as an "appalling calamity" that profoundly affected the nation. Arthur contrasted the sorrow of Garfield's death with the nation's continued prosperity, citing bountiful harvests, thriving industries, and peaceful foreign relations. "To that mysterious exercise of His will which has taken from us the loved and illustrious citizen... we bow in sorrow and submission," Arthur said, highlighting Garfield's legacy as a source of national unity and admiration.^[1]

Arthur addressed several foreign policy and domestic matters. He noted the resolution of the [Fortune Bay](#) claims with [Great Britain](#) and ongoing negotiations on an international copyright convention. He praised the participation of American exhibitors in global expositions in [Melbourne](#) and [Sydney](#) as examples of growing national competitiveness. Domestically, Arthur emphasized the need for legislation to better manage [Native American affairs](#), suppress lawlessness on the frontier, and revise internal revenue laws to reduce taxation burdens. He also highlighted the importance of public health measures, education reform, and the continued reduction of the [national debt](#) as priorities for his administration.^[1] Wikipaedia

[The American Presidency Project](#) at UC Santa Barbara has an excellent (advanced) search engine with which to explore many facets of each presidency.
www.presidency.ucsb.edu/advanced-search (click on “terms”)



Indian Country Today

The Yurok Tribe has reclaimed 47,000 acres along the Klamath River, including the Blue Creek watershed, restoring balance to their homelands after decades of damming and deforestation.



Watch the whole interview at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TY0eYgLUr6U>



Reported by Stewart Huntington



[Yurok Tribe](#)



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This is all about non-Indigenous environmentalism. Keywords here are 'thousands of years' samples.. Now, in about 100 years the peninsula known as Florida is being inundated by careless development, huge invasive species destroying the habitat for natural creatures, Gulf waters, and wildlife, destruction by oil drilling and massive oil spills...

The Chicxulub crater is a clear indication of how nature corrects. Mankind's feeble contribution leading to sea rise is an acute self-destructive phase in contrast. In geologic time the memory of this hominid's machinations will be undetectable. Perhaps only a layer of plastic similar to the iridium layer will be detectable. Sigh. Enjoy what you can of the incredible beauty of this planet, like the Indigenous peoples example. 🌿

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## **Tahoe Daily Tribune Archives**

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A good example of why one needs to use different search terms, especially



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"Destany "Sky" Pete, a member of the Shoshone and Paiute Tribes from the Duck Valley Indian Reservation in Idaho and Nevada, discovered that her tribe's current health issues were linked to a lack of traditional foods, including the forgotten recipe for toishabui, or chokecherry pudding. Intrigued by the potential health benefits of chokecherry pudding, particularly its purported cancer-fighting properties, Sky decided to conduct a scientific experiment to verify these claims. She enlisted the help of biochemistry professor Dr. Ken Cornell at Boise State University, who specializes in cancer cell research.

Dr. Cornell tested four types of chokecherry specimens on uterine sarcoma cancer cells. Remarkably, only one sample – **the traditional chokecherry pudding – successfully inhibited cancer cell growth.** Within just 24 hours, the cancer cells began to die. Sky noted that the success of the pudding was due to the inclusion of the crushed chokecherry pits, which were a critical component of the recipe. The community celebrated this breakthrough, as it provided scientific evidence of another herb's potential in treating cancer. Sky's experiment earned the First Grand Prize at the 2017 Elko County Science Fair in Nevada, surpassing over 440 other projects. She plans to continue her research by testing other types of cancer cells for a longer period."



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## NATHPO Announces 2025 Protecting Native Places Grant Recipients

Washington, D.C., July 22, 2025 – The National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (NATHPO), is excited to announce the recipients of its 2025 Protecting Native Places Grants. This year marks a historic expansion of the program, with the number of recipients and size of the grants significantly increasing.

NATHPO first established this grant program in 2022 because public lands management has traditionally excluded the involvement of Native peoples and recognizing the interconnectedness of efforts to protect Indigenous culture and the natural world. Thanks to partners like The Wilderness Society (TWS) and the Wilburforce Foundation, as well as the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), NATHPO has been able to provide direct support to dozens of THPOs in their efforts to protect and manage Tribal cultural places, increase the role of Tribes in management and stewardship of culturally significant areas, and address racist and offensive place names.

In 2025, NATHPO was able to vastly expand the size and scope of the program, [thanks to a three-year grant from the Mellon Foundation](#). The number of THPOs receiving grants increased to 25 this year, and the size of the awards rose from \$5,000 to \$40,000.

**“Tribal Historic Preservation Officers spend their days performing the sacred work of protecting sacred places and cultural resources,”** said NATHPO Executive Director Dr. Valerie Grussing. **“NATHPO is proud to provide direct support for that work through our Protecting Native Places grants. We are grateful for the support of the Mellon Foundation, without which we could not have expanded the reach and strength of that support, and we look forward to continuing and growing this program in the years to come.”**

Protecting Native Places provides grants of \$40,000 to NATHPO Member THPOs, issued through an application process managed by NATHPO staff and Board members. Recipients can use the funds to support their work to ensure Tribal cultural resources and places are managed and protected, including the incorporation of traditional knowledge, from upgrading mapping technology and document preservation to building structures and creating opportunities for education on Tribes’ connection to and the importance of preserving ancestral lands.

2025 is the fourth year NATHPO has awarded Protecting Native Places grants to Member THPOs. If you or your organization are interested in supporting this work and helping grow the Protecting Native Places Grant program, please contact [Melissa@nathpo.org](mailto:Melissa@nathpo.org). The 2025 Protecting Native Places grant recipients include:

Blackfeet Nation  
Cahuilla Band of Indians  
Catawba Indian Nation  
Eastern Shawnee Tribe  
Elnu Abenaki Tribe  
Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria  
Fort Belknap Indian Community  
Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma  
Jamul Indian Village of California

Kiowa Tribe  
Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma  
Pit River Tribe  
Pueblo de Cochiti  
Pueblo de San Ildefonso  
Quapaw Nation  
Reno-Sparks Indian Colony  
Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan  
Samish Tribe  
Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe  
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma  
Stockbridge-Munsee Community  
Timbisha Shoshone Tribe  
Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California  
White Mountain Apache Tribe

Who we are – NATHPO is a national non-profit 501(c)(3) membership organization, founded in 1998, of Tribal preservation leaders protecting culturally important places that perpetuate Native identity, resilience, and cultural endurance. Connections to cultural heritage sustain the health and vitality of Native peoples. We provide guidance to preservation officials, elected representatives, and the public about national historic preservation legislation, policies, and regulations. We promote Tribal sovereignty, develop partnerships, and advocate for Tribes in governmental activities on preservation issues. For more information visit our website at [www.nathpo.org](http://www.nathpo.org).



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