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Great Basin National Park on Sept. 22, 2019. (Amy Alonzo/The Nevada Independent)

- [**Federal cuts leave rural Nevada farmers and the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe in the cold**](#) [Lucia Starbuck](#)

August's episode of Purple Politics Nevada with Lucia Starbuck focuses on how federal cuts are impacting farmers, tribes, and food banks.

For 26 minute video coverage of this:

<https://www.kunr.org/2025-08-15/federal-cuts-leave-rural-nevada-farmers-and-the-pyramid-lake-paiute-tribe-in-the-cold>

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- One family farm in Fallon stays rooted in hope while facing federal funding cuts: "A majority of farms in the United States are considered small, and Nevada is no different. Many provide food right back to the local community. But it's becoming increasingly more difficult for them to survive. That's the case for one family-operated farm in Fallon."

<https://www.kunr.org/2025-08-25/one-family-farm-in-fallon-stays-rooted-in-hope-while-facing-federal-funding-cuts>

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[**Rural Communities, Tribes Sue EPA Over \\$2.8 Billion in Canceled Funding for Flood Mitigation and Resilience Projects**](#) By [Julia Tilton The Daily Yonder](#)

The sudden withholding of federal funds poses an existential threat to projects that have been in the works for years in communities across the U.S.

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**Mayors are making climate action personal. It's working.**

As the Trump administration boosts fossil fuels and rolls back regulations, mayors are greening their cities — in more ways than one

<https://sierranevadaally.org/2025/08/23/mayors-are-making-climate-action-personal-its-working/>

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[**'It's crunch time' to save Lake Mead as negotiations stall, Nevada leader says**](#)

Lake Mead is the foundation for life in Southern Nevada, but it's clearer than ever that the Colorado River system is headed for turbulence.

As November deadline nears, Colorado River states ‘nowhere close to an agreement



“Amid tense negotiations over the Colorado River’s future, Nevada leaders came together Thursday to focus on the state’s strategy to meet the climate and drought crisis threatening Lake Mead and the Hoover Dam. Democratic Rep. Susie Lee, whose district falls within the boundaries of Lake Mead and half of the Hoover Dam, brought together regional water and hydropower leaders to highlight mounting needs the state faces during her third annual Southern Nevada Water Summit at the Springs Preserve. Before water was piped from the Colorado River to Las Vegas, the burgeoning community relied entirely on groundwater from the Las Vegas Springs located on the site where the Springs Preserve now sits. That water soon dried up after demand from the growing city depleted the aquifer. Now water managers are working to ensure Lake Mead – which provides nearly 90% of the city’s water – does not meet the same fate. ...” [Read more from the Nevada Current.](#)

‘It’s crunch time’ to save Lake Mead as negotiations stall, Nevada leader says

“Lake Mead is the foundation for life in Southern Nevada, but it’s clearer than ever that the Colorado River system is headed for turbulence. In addition to water, time is in short supply to strike a seven-state consensus deal for the Colorado River, said Rep. Susie Lee, D-Nev., on Thursday at her third annual Southern Nevada Water Summit. The most recent projection for Lake Mead shows the reservoir dropping below its historic lows by summer 2027, a fact underscoring the idea that all 40 million people that the Colorado River serves will need to live with less. “It’s crunch time for the negotiators,” Lee told the crowd of about 50. “There’s a lot of places where I don’t see eye-to-eye with this current administration, but we do agree on this much: The best path forward for the Colorado River system is one that is jointly chartered and agreed upon by the basin states and the tribes, not one that is imposed upon us living in the West by Washington, D.C.” ...” [Read more from the Las Vegas Review Journal.](#)

SEE ALSO: [Nevada warns of tough choices as Colorado River deadline approaches](#), from the Las Vegas Sun

How Karuk ceremonial leader Ron Reed used Western science to take down the Klamath dams

“The Karuk people have lived in the thickly forested mountains along the Klamath River in Northern California for so long that they simply say since time immemorial. Chinook salmon were intrinsic to their way of life. For thousands of years and hundreds of generations, the tribe feasted on the throngs of fish that rushed upstream to lay eggs. Then, about 100 years ago, European settlers built four hydroelectric dams on the upper reaches of the river, blocking access to prime spawning grounds and pushing the river’s once-bountiful salmon runs toward extinction. Karuk ceremonial leader and dipnet fisherman Ron Reed embarked on a quest to help his tribe free the Klamath from the dams nearly 25 years ago. But the divide between his Indigenous knowledge and Western science seemed insurmountable. “I used to speak from the heart—I didn’t have the scientific vocabulary I have now,” says Reed. ...” [Continue reading from Robin Meadows at Maven’s Notebook.](#)

‘Answer to our ancestors’ prayers’: These teens paddled all 310 miles of the undammed Klamath River

“Ninety-year-old Lavina Bowers began to cry as she searched the thick morning fog for her 17-year-old great-granddaughter, Keeya Wiki. Keeya’s mother, Geneva Wiki, stood by Bowers, clutching her grandmother’s arm. “Crying is healing,” Geneva said. The two women were standing on a sand spit near the village of Rekwoi, commonly known as Requa, on the Yurok Reservation along the rocky California coast of Del Norte County. As they craned forward near the shoreline, they made out a faint, uniform line. It was about 30 kayakers bobbing forward in unison. A group of Indigenous youths, ages 13 to 20, they represented tribes from the entire Klamath River Basin. Among them was Keeya. Behind them was a fleet of boats, rafts and other kayaks paddling toward the sandy banks where the Klamath River meets the Pacific Ocean. ...” [Read more from the San Francisco Chronicle.](#)

Ed note: the story of the taking down on the Klamath Dam has inspired many such projects in other areas of the country.

The story of the teens continues to show up in press around the world. sdc

This overlooked California desert road hides a secret from the ice age

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/this-overlooked-california-desert-road-hides-a-secret-from-the-ice-age/ar-AA1JSU8r?ocid=socialshare&cvid=509183bc303c4068c04140f51379f152&ei=4>



Scholarships with September 30 Deadline

\$2,000 No Essay CollegeVine Scholarship	\$2,000	September 30, 2025
AASA Education Administration Scholarship	\$2,500	September 30, 2025
AAUW American Dissertation Fellowship	\$25,000	September 30, 2025
American Australian Association Arts Scholarships and Grants	\$30,000	September 30, 2025
American Australian Association Graduate Education Scholarship	\$40,000	September 30, 2025
American Australian Association Veterans Scholarships	\$40,000	September 30, 2025
Coca-Cola Scholars Program Scholarship	\$20,000	September 30, 2025
Colonel Nate Smith Scholarship	\$2,000	September 30, 2025
CREW Inland Empire Foundation	\$5,000	September 30, 2025
D.O.O.R.S Diversification Of Our Research Scientists	\$5,000	September 30, 2025
Doodle for Google Scholarship	\$55,000	September 30, 2025
Dr Pepper Tuition Giveaway	\$100,000	September 30, 2025
Dreambound Scholarship	\$500	September 30, 2025
Empower College Scholarships Program	\$20,000	September 30, 2025
Georgia Engineering Foundation Scholarships	\$5,000	September 30, 2025
Heartfelt Dreams Foundation Nursing Scholarship	\$5,000	September 30, 2025
Justice Solutions Group Future Mentors Scholarship	\$2,500	September 30, 2025
L. Ron Hubbard Illustrators of The Future Contest	\$5,000	September 30, 2025
L. Ron Hubbard Writers of The Future Contest	\$5,000	September 30, 2025
Live Poets Society of New Jersey - National High School Poetry Contest	\$500	September 30, 2025
Montgomery County Medical Society (MCMS) Scholarship	\$2,500	September 30, 2025
Myrtle Siegfried, MD and Michael Vigilante, MD Scholarship Fund	\$2,500	September 30, 2025
National Parent Volunteer Association Scholarships	\$1,000	September 30, 2025
Northwestern University QuestBridge National College Match Scholarship	Full-Tuition	September 30, 2025
Plains Anthropology Society Native American Student Award	\$1,000	September 30, 2025
Regions Riding Forward Scholarship Contest	\$8,000	September 30, 2025
SparkForce, The FMA Foundation Scholarships	\$2,000	September 30, 2025
Sport Clips Scholarship	\$5,000	September 30, 2025
The Home Depot Foundation Path to Pro Scholarship		

[R.Mitchell Gauthier](#) [Westlake/Oak Glen Park](#)

One of my friends told me about **a powerful lesson** in her daughter's school class recently. They're learning about the Salem Witch Trials, and their teacher told them they were going to play a game. "I'm going to come around and whisper to each of you whether you're a witch or a regular person. Your goal is to build the largest group possible that does NOT have a witch in it. At the end, any group found to include a witch gets a failing grade." The teens dove into grilling each other. One fairly large group formed, but most of the students broke into small, exclusive groups, turning away anyone they thought gave off even a hint of guilt. "Okay," the teacher said. "You've got your groups. Time to find out which ones fail. All witches, please raise your hands." No one raised a hand. The kids were confused and told the teacher he'd messed up the game. "Did I? Was anyone in Salem an actual witch? Or did everyone just believe what they'd been told?" And that is how you teach kids how easy it is to divide a community. Shunning, scapegoating and dividing destroys far more than they protect. There's plenty of it going around. Do not allow the ruling elite to divide and destroy us. We must remain united against those who would do so.. Author Unknown, R.m

University of Nevada, Reno studying cover crops to boost soil health and drought resilience (pizenswitchtimes.com) — Researchers at the University of Nevada, Reno are studying cover crops to improve soil health and drought resilience, addressing significant agricultural challenges in the region. Their findings aim to support sustainable farming practices in Nevada's dry climate.

(Worn out at Numaga?) September Powwows

Sep 5 - 7 [Table Mountain Rancheria Pow Wow 2025](#) [Friant CA](#)

Honoring Beverly J. Hunter All are Welcome! Free Admission Free Parking Arts & Crafts Vendors \$50K in cash prizes Drum Contest...

Sep 5 - 7 [Moosomin First Nation Competition Pow Wow 2025](#) [Moosomin First Natio SK](#)

Grand Entries: Friday 7:00pm Saturday 1:00pm & 7:00pm Sunday 12:00pm Head Staff: Host Drum: Young Spirit MCs: Donny Speidel - Saskatoon, SK;..

Sep 6 [49th Annual Honolulu Intertribal Pow Wow 2025](#) [Honolulu HI](#)

Free admission. Everyone welcome! Bring your own chairs & blankets. 9am - Native Hawaiian Blessing, music & performance, followed by Grand...

Sep 6 - 7 [AAIWV Pow Wow 2025](#) [Morgantown WV](#)

Saturday 10:00am-6:00pm Sunday 10:00am-5:00pm Intertribal Pow Wow Family friendly event Tent camping available All Drums and Dancers welcome. Arena Director: RedBear Deyell...

Sep 6 - 7 [45th Annual Metaksonekiyak Community Days 2025](#) [Littleton ME](#)

The Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians will hold its annual Metaksonekiyak Community Days celebration -- formerly known as Recognition Day -- over two days again...

Sep 6 - 7 [43rd Annual Nipmuck Pow Wow 2025](#) [Holland MA](#)
11:00am - 5:00pm Traditional & Contemporary Food Authentic Drumming & Dancing Indian
Crafts & Jewelry Drums: Walking Bear Singers; Blackstone Valley Singers...

Sep 6 - 7 [47th Annual Nanticoke Indian Pow Wow 2025](#) [Milton DE](#)
Saturday - September 6th, 2025 10am - 7pm 2 dance sessions, Grand Entry at 12pm Sunday -
September 7th, 2025; 10am - 7pm Church service...

Sep 6-7 [Grand Valley American Indian Lodge 64th Annual Traditional Pow Wow 2025](#) [Grand Rapids MI](#)
Traditional pow wow featuring dancing, food and a wide variety of vendors. Family friendly.
Service animals only. Grand Entry times are:...

Sep 6 - 7 [Cliff Castle Casino Intertribal Pow Wow 2025 **CANCELLED**](#)
[Camp Verde AZ](#)

Sep 6 - 11 [The Water Is Life Cruise: Celebrating Northeastern Woodland Clans, Sunksqás, Clan Mothers and Female Chiefs 2025](#) [Miami FL](#)
The World Alliance of Indigenous Peoples Water Is Life Cruise Event is a celebration of
Northeastern Woodland Indigenous Clans, and the Sunksqás,...

Sep 12 - 14 [Mendota Mdewakanton 28th Traditional Wacipi Pow Wow 2025](#) [Mendota MN](#)
Where: St Peters Church in Mendota MN 55150 across the river from Mpls / St Paul
Airport. By Fort Snelling & Pike...

Sep 12 -14 [Trail of Tears Pow Wow 2025](#) [Kimberling City MO](#)
Friday and Saturday Pow Wow Located 12 miles south of Branson, Missouri on the banks of
Table Rock Lake. We will...

Sep 12 - 14 [Sycuan Pow Wow 2025](#) [El Cajon CA](#)
Please see all of the attached flyers for more information and details, including a full schedule,
about the activities during the weekend!...

Sep 12 - 13 [4th Annual Southwest Native Community Pow Wow 2025](#) [Butte MT](#)
The 2-day 4th Annual Pow Wow will have contest dancing in all categories, 50/50, silent
auction, raffle drawing, and arts & crafts...

Sep 13 [12th Annual Santee Indian Tribe Pow Wow 2025](#) [Holly Hill SC](#)
The Santee Indian Organization of SC, one of South Carolina's State Recognized Tribes,
formally invite you to come on out and help...

Sep 13 [Wichita Kansas Intertribal Warrior Society 2025 Annual Dance](#) [Wichita KS](#)
Outside Dance and should be amazing weather. Arrive early and bring your chair! Gourd Dance:
2pm Supper Break: 5pm Grand Entry: 6pm...

Sep 13 [Gathering of the People Arts & Crafts Fair 2025](#) [Canton MA](#)
The North American Indian Center of Boston and The Massachusetts Tribe at Ponkapoag are having a 1 day Arts and Crafts Fair...

Sep 13 [20th Annual Totah Drums of Fall 2025](#) [Farmington NM](#)
20th Annual Drums of Fall Competition Pow Wow Event starts at 11 am and lasts till 8 PM or whenever the night...

Sep 13 [Nause-Waiwash Band of Indians 33rd Annual Native American Festival 2025](#)
[Vienna MD](#) \$10 entrance fee; Children ages 4 & under are free. Group Rates available - call ahead 410-228-0216 Open 10:00am-6:00pm. Grand Entry 12:00pm...

Sep 13 - 14 [Return to Gnadenhütten Intertribal Native American Festival and Pow Wow 2025](#)
[The Hofford Mill 500 Bridge St...](#) [Weissport, PA](#)

Sep 13 - 14 [North American Indian Center of Boston Pow Wow 2025](#) [Canton MA](#)
Save the Date! Head Staff TBA Day Monies for first 50 dancers registered

Sep 19 - 21 [Saulteaux First Nation Pow Wow 2025](#) [Cochin/Jackfish Lake SK](#)
Grand Entries: Friday 7:00pm Saturday 1:00pm & 7:00pm Sunday 12:00pm Noon Host Drums: Daily Picks MCs: Hal Eagletail - Tsuutina, AB; Sheldon...

Sep 19 - 21 [Prescott Pow Wow 2025](#) [Prescott AZ](#)
This is our 18th Annual Social Pow Wow. We invite the public and surrounding areas to be part of the celebration. Come...

Sep 19 - 21 [Mahkato 53rd Annual Traditional Pow Wow 2025](#) [Mankato MN](#)
53rd Annual Traditional Mahkato Wacipi Honoring the 38 Dakota Location: Dakota Wokiksuye Makoce (Land of Memories Park), 100 Amos Owen Lane,...

Sep 19 - 21 [2025 San Manuel Pow Wow](#) [San Bernardino CA](#)
Free Admission! Family Friendly! Remember to bring your lawn chairs & blankets! Enjoy spectator contests and prizes. San Manuel Pow Wow is...

Sep 20 [Lipan Apache Tribe of Texas Veterans Pow Wow 2025](#) [Corpus Christi TX](#)
The Lipan Apache Tribe of Texas is proud to host its Veterans Pow Wow on the beautiful coast of Texas. This special...

Sep 20 - 21 [Nottoway Tribe of Virginia Pow Wow 2025](#) [Surry VA The](#)
Nottoway Indian Tribe of Virginia Inc. is hosting its annual Pow Wow beginning on Saturday, September 20 and Sunday, September... .

Sep 21 [Honolulu Intertribal Pow Wow 2025](#) [Honolulu HI](#)
9:00am-Sunset Join us for a full day beneath the shade of Lē‘ahi, as we gather in the spirit of aloha, unity,...

September:

United Tribes Technical College Pow Wow/San Manuel Pow Wow/Sycan Pow Wow/Morongo
Thunder and Lightning

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## History Bits

- 1492 Sept 3** Columbus left the Canary Islands en route to the Caribbean where he landed on an island, believed to be San Salvador (still under debate).
- 1620 Sept 6** Pilgrims oppressed in their practice of their religion set sail for America where they would be free to oppress others in their practice of religion.
- 1838 Sept 2** Birthday of **Lydia Kamekeha Lilliuokalani**, last sovereign before annexation of Hawaii by the United States.
- 1862 Sept 1** **Fort Ruby** established
- 1877 Sept 7** **Crazy Horse** assassinated by federal agents.
- 1882 Sept 4** Charles D. Gibbs read a paper at the Academy of Sciences in San Francisco on the pre-history Carson City footprints.
- 1910 Sept 2** The earth opened and swallowed the Virginia City post office.
- 1913 Sept 4** Anaho Island National Wildlife Refuge in Pyramid Lake was established.
- 1936 Aug 31** The U.S. Indian Bureau announced it was acquiring 2100 acres of land on the south fork of the Humboldt River for fifty Native American family homesites.
- 1949 Sept 3** Tribal leaders from four states ended a meeting in Elko at which they decided not yet to participate in a federal program that removed reservations from federal control.
- 1953 Sept 7** The *Nevada State Journal*, over a story about Stewart, Nevada, ran this headline: "People Who Say Those Things About Stewart Indian School Should Be in Mental Asylums".
- 1981 Aug 31** Final order of dismissal issued to **Raymond Hoferer, Robert West and Blaine Lockwood** for fishing without State licenses in Washoe Lake.
- 2007 Sept 5** **Fallon Tribal Development Corp** opens Quiznos Sub at Fox Peak Station in Fallon, NV.



## Official Presidential Actions (Orders, Proclamations, Memoranda)

- **[Making Federal Architecture Beautiful Again](#)**  
[Presidential Actions](#), [Executive Orders](#) August 28, 2025
- [Overdose Prevention Week, 2025](#)**  
[Presidential Actions](#), [Proclamations](#) August 28, 2025
- [Labor Day, 2025](#)**  
[Presidential Actions](#), [Proclamations](#) August 28, 2025
- [Use of Appropriated Funds for Illegal Lobbying and Partisan Political Activity by Federal Grantees](#)**  
[Presidential Actions](#), [Presidential Memoranda](#) August 28, 2025
- [Further Exclusions from the Federal Labor-Management Relations Program](#)**  
[Presidential Actions](#), [Executive Orders](#) August 28, 2025
- **[Honoring the Victims of the Tragedy in Minneapolis, Minnesota](#)**  
[Presidential Actions](#), [Proclamations](#) August 27, 2025
- [Fourth Anniversary of the Attack at Abbey Gate, 2025](#)**  
[Presidential Actions](#), [Proclamations](#) August 25, 2025
- [Taking Steps to End Cashless Bail to Protect Americans](#)**  
[Presidential Actions](#), [Executive Orders](#) August 25, 2025
- [Measures To End Cashless Bail And Enforce The Law In The District Of Columbia](#)**  
[Presidential Actions](#), [Executive Orders](#) August 25, 2025
- [Prosecuting Burning of The American Flag](#)**  
[Presidential Actions](#), [Executive Orders](#) August 25, 2025
- [Additional Measures to Address the Crime Emergency in the District of Columbia](#)**  
[Presidential Actions](#), [Executive Orders](#) August 25, 2025
- [Improving Our Nation Through Better Design](#)**  
[Presidential Actions](#), [Executive Orders](#) August 21, 2025
- [Presidential Permit: Authorizing Cameron County, Texas, to Construct, Maintain, and Operate a Pedestrian Border Crossing at the Gateway International Bridge Land Port of Entry](#)**  
[Presidential Actions](#), [Presidential Memoranda](#) [August 20, 2025](#)