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Morning Glory Pool

This Yellowstone hotspot is known for its delicate blue water, created by the thermophilic bacteria that thrive in its searing heat. More recently, its bacteria have shifted to the edges, creating a red and yellow ring around the pure blue center. The pool's original name, Convolutus, was bestowed in 1883 by the wife of an assistant park superintendent after the Latin word for the morning glory flower its color resembles.

https://www.atlasobscura.com/places/morning-glory-pool?_kx=7f1X_QqLbWXEK-WrshkdW1JpNQRDL7kJxHOciLDFDSE.UUnqkC

OFFICIALS TO CEDAR CITY: KEEP YOUR PIPES OUT OF OUR AQUIFERS

PHOTO: Rapid development in Cedar City is causing water officials to make poor judgments in pursuit of a v and Nevada. The BLM is poised to release one of the final permitting document before Thanksgiving this year



Cedar City is attempting to achieve what Vegas could not: tapping deep waters that are, ultimately, the remains of ancient Lake Bonneville and a mix of more recent freshwater resources. Much of these waters are non-renewable resources that are 10,000 years in age or older. They are waters that are connected throughout several valleys. Once they are gone, they won't come back.

Specifically, the project wants to tap the headwaters of a connected aquifer network known as the Great Salt Lake Desert Inter-Basin Flow System. Over time, there would indeed be impacts to the eponymous lake. But, according to [USGS](#) modeling, the project imminently

triggers aquifer drawdown far beyond the epicenter of groundwater pumping in Pine Valley. It is reasonable to expect immitigable impacts to desert springs and groundwater tables in the valleys surrounding Great Basin National Park. Even models paid for by the project proponent show a degradation to water supplies in the region.

How can federal regulators let that happen?

Short answer: They shouldn't.

Unfortunately, we must meet the moment and demand accountability. We've been [actively opposing](#) this permitting effort since 2020 alongside rural governments, tribal nations, and NGOs. Our pleas are not hyperbole. Consider a recent response from county governments that appeared in [Deseret News](#).

In late October, a multi-county, multi-state coalition of rural government officials from Nevada and Utah sent a letter to the Central Iron County Water District to put them on notice that the pipeline proposal is a dangerous salvo in a far-reaching water war (see the letter below).

Iris Thornton, an attorney representing Beaver County and GBWN, wrote to the water district on behalf of the multi-government coalition opposed to the project:

"... Iron County [must] reconsider spending millions of local, state, and federal dollars on a project that is unlikely to solve its water problems and would only push them several years down the road, harming its neighbors in the process and ensuring conflict. Asking your residents and taxpayers statewide to shoulder the cost of a project with a high likelihood of failure is more than unsound policy. It is a political mistake that could haunt Iron County for years to come. Instead, we encourage pursuit of a true, lasting solution."

The USGS data are compelling because they highlight what many folks who live in the region already know: There is more water on paper than exists underground. Things are drier than they once were. The assumptions about water availability in the region, derived in the mid 20th Century, no longer apply. Officials in Iron County and Cedar City are blindly relying on outdated, cherry-picked information to support their efforts for Phase 1 of what is a three-phase water grab.

Notwithstanding the costs to the water supply and communities surrounding Great Basin National Park, the costs to residents of Cedar City will be astronomical. According to data from the project proponent, ratepayers can expect a 300-700 percent increase in their monthly water bills. That is an analysis based on data derived prior to COVID-era inflation. The costs are likely to be higher.

We will soon be announcing a public education effort in Cedar City to help raise awareness. And we will be offering avenues to help all of you participate in this process with us.

Good neighbors don't want to harm those closest to them. We believe that most people in Cedar City don't want to see harms in Utah's West Desert and Eastern Nevada. But they need to let their misguided officials at the water district know that this isn't the right choice for their pocketbooks.



YouTube

[https://www.youtube.com > watch?v=iT1pGXj2_hk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iT1pGXj2_hk)

[Utah Water Pipeline Proposal will Harm Tribal Rights, Communities](#)

Water officials in Iron County want a massive **pipeline** to siphon **water** away from remote deserts for sprawl in Cedar City without considering **tribal water** rig...

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### [Foia: Cedar City Pipeline and Water Grab Rearing Its Ugly Head Near ...](#)

The project will also **harm** the **water rights** of the Indian Peaks Band of Paiute and local agricultural producers. Regarding **tribal water** matters, documents reveal that as of late last year the BLM had made zero progress on resolving **tribal water** issues. **Utah** has a long history of disregarding the Indian Peaks Band.

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Utah Rivers Council

[https://utahrivers.org > lake-powell-pipeline](https://utahrivers.org/lake-powell-pipeline)

[Lake Powell Pipeline — Utah Rivers Council](#)

The Lake Powell **Pipeline** is a massive proposed diversion of the Colorado River to provide municipal **water** to Washington County in southwest **Utah**. These municipal **water** users are among the most wasteful **water** users in America, using more than twice the national average of **water**, per-person.

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Axios

<https://www.axios.com › local › phoenix › 2025 › 05 › 20 › federal-land-utah-water-pipeline-concerns-lake-powell>

### **Proposed federal land sale stokes concerns over Utah water pipeline**

May 20, 2025A proposed sale of federal land to local governments in **Utah** is raising concerns that it could help pave the way for a controversial **water pipeline** from Lake Powell. The big picture: The Lake Powell **Pipeline** is a proposed 143-mile duct that would transport 86,000 acre-feet of **water** annually from the lake into southwestern **Utah**.

#### **Pot farms put tribal cultural resources at risk.**

“On the eve of the 30-year anniversary of California voters legalizing medical uses of marijuana in November 1996, and the 10-year anniversary of the 2016 initiative allowing non-medical uses, it’s fair to say that the social experiment’s results have been mixed. California’s legal cannabis industry continues to grow; it was valued at about \$5.37 billion in 2023 and was projected to maintain a compound annual growth rate of 9.4% through 2030. Consumption is continuing to increase, although wholesale prices are down 57% on average from their peak in late 2020, according to the state Department of Cannabis Control. But the industry continues to face competition from clandestine producers who bypass state regulations and taxes, poking a hole in the long-held belief that legalizing marijuana would create a steady stream of tax revenue for state governments to use for their favorite programs. ... ” [Read more from the Western Farm Press.](#)

#### **Eastern Sierra Land Trust permanently protects Antelope Lake in Mono County**

“Eastern Sierra Land Trust (ESLT) has permanently protected Antelope Lake, a 205-acre property in Adobe Valley, Mono County, safeguarding essential wetland and sagebrush habitats and honoring generations of Northern Paiute cultural connection. This conservation easement ensures the permanent protection of rare alkali meadows, wetlands, and wildlife migration corridors that support mule deer and a wide range of migratory bird species. The property is part of the Adobe Valley Important Bird Area and provides an essential water source for wildlife in an otherwise arid region, making its conservation significance exceptional. In addition to these ecological values, the easement formally guarantees Tribal access in perpetuity for traditional cultural activities and stewardship. A collaborative and adaptive stewardship plan, developed jointly by the landowner, Eastern Sierra Land Trust, and the Utu Utu Gwaitu Paiute Tribe of Benton, will guide long-term management. This plan ensures that conservation actions honor cultural relationships to the land, respond to changing ecological conditions, and support shared stewardship of this ecologically and culturally important place. ... ” [Read more from the Sierra Wave.](#)

## **Five Native tribes are coming together to protect a California cultural landscape**

“Chuckwalla National Monument is more than an epic expanse of towering rocks, hidden canyons, ghost flowers, smoke trees and its namesake lizard. One of America’s newest protected public lands is a birthplace, a crossroads, a beloved relative and a historical document to the tribes of the California desert. Stretching across 624,000 acres from the Coachella Valley to the Colorado River at the state’s border with Arizona, this landscape possesses a spirit and energy that flow through every object, every living thing and every molecule of air within it, according to tribal members. When an ecosystem is so ingrained in your psyche, so essential to your culture and so central to the stories you tell about your reason for being, you have no choice but to safeguard it. This is the galvanizing sentiment behind the recent creation of an unprecedented commission for California that brings together five tribes to advise the U.S. government on the management of a monument that holds specific meaning to each and is a treasure to all. ...” [Read more from the LA Times.](#)

**Young rodeo athletes are the next generation of Navajo cowboys:** "At the annual Indian National Finals Rodeo (INFR), the older generation watches from the stands to see what the young athletes have learned. Elders pass their experience on to junior and rookie cowboys, who compete for a shot at a world title. Navajo athletes are heavily represented in the INFR. Nearly 37% of all qualified athletes at this year’s rodeo are from the Navajo Nation. Children are inspired by watching their older relatives participating in the rodeo." ([KNPR](#))

## **How I found hope while reporting on a metal fest**

Peek behind the scenes at the challenges and joy of covering Fire in the Mountains  
by B. “Toastie” Oaster

**Extract:** “I’ve wanted to do a story on Indigenous metal for a while. I was curious why so many Native people, including me, gravitate towards the genre. I had my own theories, but I wanted to know what other fans have to say. In 2023 I asked Native black metal band Blackbraid if I could follow them on the Western leg of their tour, hoping to interview Indigenous metalheads at shows in Salt Lake City, Seattle and Portland. I was hoping to find enough Indigenous metal fans there to get a decent reflection of the culture. But Blackbraid didn’t want any press on tour with them — which made sense to me, even if I was disappointed. Where else could I find a bunch of indigenous metalheads to interview?



## Presidential Actions

### FOSTERING THE FUTURE FOR AMERICAN CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Executive Orders

November 13, 2025

Veterans Day, 2025

Proclamations

November 10,

250th Anniversary of the Founding of the United States Marine Corps  
2025

Proclamations

November 10,

Anti-Communism Week, 2025

Proclamations

November 7, 2025

Nomination Sent to the Senate Nominations & Appointments

November 6, 2025

Nominations Sent to the Senate Nominations & Appointments November 5, 2025

With Upper, Lower basin states still snagged, feds give them more time to craft Colorado River plan: "Nevada and six other Colorado River states failed to reach a broad agreement Tuesday on how to share the river's dwindling water supply, missing a federally-imposed deadline after days of intense closed-door negotiations. Despite missing the deadline, the Department of the Interior and the Bureau of Reclamation indicated states would be given additional time to continue negotiations after making 'collective progress.'" (Nevada Current)

## **BOOK LAUNCH**

**Tammi 'tetevini, "Ne Hakannai Kimmakkante?"**

**Little Brother asks, "where Did I Come From?"**

**Tuesday, December 2, 2026**

**5:30pm - 7:30pm**

**Wells Fargo Auditorium, Mathewson - IGT Knowledge Center, University of Nevada, Reno**

**Refreshments will be served.**

**Free Parking available in the Whalen Parking Complex.**

**Written by Antoinette Cavanaugh, BA, MA, MS**

- Join us for the launch of Tammi 'tetevini, "Ne Hakannai Kimmakkante?" by Antoinette Cavanaugh.
- This bilingual edition book of Western Shoshoni and English explores Indigenous survivance, language, and storytelling through the lenses of ontology and epistemology.  
Evening to include:  
A discussion on the significance of the work  
A reading from "Tammi 'tetevini, "Ne Hakannai Kimmakkante?"  
Moderated Q&A session  
Book signing - copies will be available for purchase

- Antoinette Harney Cavanaugh is a member of the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation where she spent most of her youth. She holds a BA from Boise State University and a MA from the University of Nevada, Reno. She is currently pursuing her PhD at the University of Nevada, Reno in Human Development and Family Science with a focus on higher education.



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The Land Back movement is exactly what it sounds like: Native Americans want their land ... back. But it's also a whole lot more than that. In this episode of Crash Course Native American History, we explore what the Land Back movement does, how it works, and what it means for our shared future on this planet. ...

From: Minneapolis Institute of Art <miagen@updates-artsmia.org>

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November Mia Monthly



Native American Heritage at Mia

Celebrate Native American Art

Celebrate and honor the rich and diverse cultures, traditions, histories, and artistic achievements of Native people. Explore the history of [Native American Art at Mia](#).

Explore



Artist Talk: Kent Monkman

Cree artist Kent Monkman presents a public lecture at Mia in connection with the exhibition of his 2009 painting *Death of Adonis*. A member of ocêkwi sîpiy (Fisher River Cree Nation) in Manitoba, Monkman explores themes of colonization, sexuality, loss, and resilience—the complexities of historic and contemporary Indigenous experiences—across painting, film, performance, and installation.

In this lecture, Monkman delves into his artistic influences and the narratives that shaped works like *Death of Adonis*. He'll touch on themes including the Hudson River School tradition of romanticized American landscapes, the near destruction of buffalo on the Plains in the 19th century, and contemporary Indigenous efforts to restore buffalo populations through campaigns such as the Buffalo Treaty.

Monkman will wrap up his talk with a preview of works from his latest series “Knowledge Keepers,” which depicts Indigenous children in residential “schools,” or work camps. These paintings show how stolen moments of intimacy, comfort, and tenderness between the children become acts of resistance, fierce hope, and cultural resilience.

RESERVE FREE TICKETS

Saturday, November 22

2-3 pm



Film Screening: *Indian Horse*

Honor Native American Heritage at Mia with this special screening of *Indian Horse* (2017). Based on the novel by Ojibwe author Richard Wagamese, this film follows the life of Saul Indian Horse, a Canadian First Nations boy who survives Canada’s residential school system through his gift as a hockey player.

Following the film, join us for a Q&A with Ajuawak Kapashesit, the lead actor of *Indian Horse*, and Robert Pilot, co-founder and host of Native Roots Radio.

This film is not rated; run time is 1 hour, 41 minutes.

Note: This film contains content that some may find distressing related to the Canadian residential school system, including depictions of abuse, addiction, and racism.

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Photo Study Picks: Native American Heritage at Mia [Read More >](#)

The Personalities Behind Mary Sully’s “Personality Prints” [Read More >](#)

Exploring the Concept of Hózhq’ During Native American Heritage Month [Read More >](#)

The Object Podcast: The Box That Mary Left [Listen >](#)

**Why Sean Sherman’s latest cookbook ‘Turtle Island ’is essential reading**

[https://www.startribune.com/why-sean-shermans-latest-cookbook-turtle-island-is-essential-reading/601507363?utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=essential\\_minnesota&utm\\_term=Essential%20Minnesota?utm\\_source=email](https://www.startribune.com/why-sean-shermans-latest-cookbook-turtle-island-is-essential-reading/601507363?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=essential_minnesota&utm_term=Essential%20Minnesota?utm_source=email)



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For Duckwater fans of Kay McNeer

Hey, sending along a pic of Sandy , the Reading dog, Sally, Sandy's Mom, Kay, Sandy's Nanny and Lynn the Library Director.

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**Much is happening along the front range of Colorado.** Biggest news for the Tribal community is that Denver Voters passed a big bond, within the bond is a provision that provides \$20 million dollars to build a American Indian Cultural Embassy near Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge. Many Tribes and other partners along with the City of Denver will embark on this wonderful project. Earlier this year, Colorado Springs, CO Pioneer Museum and the three Ute Tribes collaborated in creating a permanent exhibit to tell the story of the Ute Indians heritage. In late September, City of Denver sponsored and hosted a Fall Tribal Convening over a three day period, many speakers, panels and artists contributed to inform both tribal and non-tribal attendees a host of tribal subjects and present day issues related to indigenous affairs. Many tribal voices across the inter mountain and Great Plains were heard from. Next year plans are in the works. As for me, I still continue my Ute language work, I work with many organizations across the Colorado front range and am expanding into our Rocky Mountain towns. Because Colorado is celebrating their statehood (150 years) I have been asked to talk about Ute history and ancestral understanding are our Ute heritage to the land. So I am finding that my Ute knowledge and experience from my public land management career a valuable perspective.

**Donald Whyte, Ute Mountain Ute**

## **City of Denver and County of Denver; 2025 Fall Tribal Convening**

Here is a video capturing one of the many presentations that happened this fall in Denver.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=zMZCSko6KPs>

## **PRESS RELEASE: Environmental Groups Send Trump Administration Legal Notice for Killing Endangered Species**

San Francisco Baykeeper, the Center for Biological Diversity, and Friends of the River issue a notice of intent to sue the Bureau of Reclamation for killing and harming winter-run Chinook Salmon, Central Valley Steelhead, and Green Sturgeon in the San Francisco Bay-Delta watershed.

<https://mavensnotebook.com/2025/11/14/press-release-environmental-groups-send-trump-administration-legal-notice-for-killing-endangered-species/>

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Northern California tribes join forces to restore Eel River in response to anticipated PG&E dam removal

“Two Northern California tribes announced Wednesday that they signed a treaty last month, committing to jointly restore the Eel River and its fish populations. Leaders from the Round Valley Indian Tribes in Mendocino County and the Yurok Tribe in Del Norte and Humboldt counties met at the Eel River Canyon Preserve in Trinity County last month to sign the “Treaty of Friendship.” The agreement commits the tribes to restoring the river and rebuilding its declining fish populations as PG&E moves to decommission the Potter Valley Project hydroelectric system’s Scott Dam in Mendocino County and Cape Horn (also known as Van Arsdale) Dam in Lake County. According to the tribes, the dams have long damaged the Eel River ecosystem and blocked access to critical fish habitat. ... ” [Read more from the Mendocino Voice](#).

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## **Arizona's Hualapai Valley now a 'de facto transfer basin 'for out-of-state investors and corporate farms**

“When controversial Las Vegas developer Jim Rhodes abandoned plans for a sprawling community near the northwestern Arizona city of Kingman nearly two decades ago, the vast swaths of land he’d purchased were mostly surrounded by open desert. Instead of walking away from his investment, Rhodes applied for a group of industrial-scale agriculture wells that could

reach the largely untapped groundwater in the Hualapai Valley Basin. The move alarmed some Mohave County leaders, who saw an emerging challenge for the region's water supply. "We knew that something was going on. We knew that we needed to do something," recalled former state Rep. Regina Cobb, R-Kingman, who started coordinating with local officials to study the impacts of high-volume pumping. ... Today, more than 99% of the cropland in the basin is owned or controlled by out-of-state farming operations or investment funds, the Arizona Center for Investigative Reporting found through a monthslong analysis of parcel data, well applications and corporation documents. ... " [Read more from the Arizona Center for Investigative Reporting](#)