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If an Owl Calls Your Name



The Colorado River fills Glen Canyon, forming Lake Powell, the nation's second-largest reservoir. The reservoir could drop to a new record low in 2026 if conditions remain dry in the Southwestern watershed. (Alexander Heilner/The Water Desk with aerial support from LightHawk)

<https://mavensnotebook.com/2025/12/10/daily-digest-12-10-noaas-denial-of-endangered-status-for-salmon-sparks-talk-of-legal-challenge-with-a-target-on-their-bellies-can-californias-sturgeon-survive-land-iq-insights/>

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Access over 10 million government documents: Launched by Benjamin Charles Germain Lee, assistant professor at the University of Washington, and Kyle Deeds, assistant professor at Boston University, GovSpace is a [database that documents the federal government's online presence](#) at the end of each presidential administration going back to 2004.

Foilies nominations are now open!

It's that magical time of year again. Brought to you by the Electronic Frontier Foundation and MuckRock, [The Foilies](#) call out institutions and individuals most determined to block access to public information.

Submissions are open! So, transparency fans, now's the time to shine some light on agencies, organizations and individuals trying to keep public information in the dark.

Secretive New Mexico Data Center Plan Races Forward Despite Community Pushback

To power the growing demand for AI, New Mexico is gearing up to build a data center with a city-sized carbon footprint.

https://truthout.org/articles/secretive-new-mexico-data-center-plan-races-forward-despite-community-pushback/?utm_source=Truthout&utm_campaign=f2d102403a-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2025_12_10_09_37_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_bbb541a1db-1a57586844-654259769

Arizona Calendar

December 13-14 - 48th Annual S'edav Va'aki Museum Indian Market and Young Artist Market (formerly Pueblo Grande Indian Market), 4619 E. Washington in Phoenix. For more info check their [website](#).

December 20 - Phoenix Indian Medical Center (PIMC) Holiday Art Fest and Health Fair, 10 am-4 pm (Health Fair 10 am-2 pm), 4212 N. 16th Street in Phoenix.

December 20-21 - Ak-Chin's Masik Tas 2025 Open Rodeo, Ak-Chin Circle Arene in Maricopa. For more info, click [here](#).

December 27-29 - Holidays at the Heard, 10 am-2 pm, at the Heard Museum. Free. For more info, click [here](#).

January 9-10 - Phoenix Indian Center's Annual Keshjéé' Navajo Shoe Game held at Phoenix Indian Center, 4041 N. Central Avenue, Building B, in Phoenix.

January 14, 2026 - 31st Annual Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day at the Arizona State Capitol. Free. For more info, click [here](#).

February 13-20 - Home Base (in partnership with San Carlos Apache Healthcare Corporation) Intensive Clinical Program for Native veterans. Home Base covers all travel, food, and lodging related costs. For more info, <https://HomeBase.org/NativeCPS> or call 833-865-0500. Registration deadline, January 29.

Lost to time



The great Maya Snake Kingdom remained relatively undisturbed until gum harvesters in Mexico led an American botanist to them in 1931. **Here's what was found in its remnants.**

Native American Programs and Enrollment Information at ASU, UA, and NAU -
For more information click [here](#).

Strong Hearts Native Helpline - Strong Hearts Native Helpline is a safe, anonymous and confidential domestic, dating and sexual violence helpline that offers culturally-appropriate support and advocacy for American Indians and Alaska Natives. For one-on-one advocacy, click on the Chat Now icon <https://www.strongheartshelpline.org/> or call 1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483).

Veterans Benefits Administration - VA makes it easier to buy a home on Tribal land through the Native American Direct Loan. For more information click [here](#).

[Automatic draft registration, recruiting tweaks included in NDAA](#)

Provision intended to make it easier for military to find young people
[rollcall.com/2025/12/08/automatic-draft-registration-recruiting-tweaks-included-in-ndaa/?](https://rollcall.com/2025/12/08/automatic-draft-registration-recruiting-tweaks-included-in-ndaa/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2025-12-08&utm_term=news)
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**How a Death Valley shrub can help engineer [heat-resistant crops](#).**

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Some Library of Congress holdings (There are 2,278,430 on line; 2,278,430 total)

Research Guide

[Indigenous Peoples of the Americas: A Guide to Resources at the Library of Congress](#) This guide provides an overview of resources at the Library of Congress that relate to Native communities in the continental United States, Alaska, Hawaii, Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, and the Caribbean.

- **Date:** 2023-11-07

Book/Printed Material

[\[Indian Affairs \(1815-1827\)\] American state papers](#)

- **Contributor:** United States. Congress Date: 1998
- **Resource:** [Indian Affairs \(1815-1827\) - PDF, Text - 908](#)

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[\[Indian Affairs \(1789-1814\)\] American state papers](#)

- **Contributor:** United States. Congress Date: 1998
- **Resource:** [Indian Affairs \(1789-1814\) - PDF, Text - 948](#)

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Article

4015) Indian Land Cessions in the United States, 1784-1894 is in U.S. Congressional Serial Set, Number 4015, which contains the second part of the two-part Eighteenth Annual Report of the Bureau of American Ethnology to the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, 1896-1897.



[Century Presentations](#) This section includes extra exploration for the Century of Lawmaking previously named Special Presentations. Collections include The Making of the U.S. Constitution, Timeline, Revolutionary Diplomatic Correspondence, Indian Land Cessions, the Louisiana Purchase, Journal of the Congress of the Confederate States of America, the Impeachment Trial of President Andrew Johnson, and Presidential Elections and the Electoral College.

[American state papers](#) "Documents, legislative and executive, of the Congress of the United States ... selected and edited under the authority of Congress"--V. 1, p. v. Originally published: Washington : Gales and Seaton, 1832-1861. Includes indexes. Also available in digital form on the Library of Congress Web site.

- Book/Printed Material

- **Contributor:** United States. Congress Date: 1998
- **Resource:** [Military Affairs \(1836-1837\) - PDF, Text - 565](#)

Book/Printed Material

- **Contributor:** United States. Congress Date: 1998
- **Resource:** [Military Affairs \(1837-1838\) - PDF, Text - 561](#)

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- **Contributor:** United States. Congress
- **Date:** 1998
- **Resource:** [Commerce and Navigation \(1789-1815\) - PDF, Text - 62](#)

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[\[Commerce and Navigation \(1815-1823\)\] American state papers](#)

- **Contributor:** United States. Congress
- **Date:** 1998
- **Resource:** [Commerce and Navigation \(1815-1823\) - PDF, Text - 42](#)

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[\[Post Office \(1790-1833\)\] American state papers](#)

- **Contributor:** United States. Congress
- **Date:** 1998
- **Resource:** [Post Office \(1790-1833\) - PDF, Text - 17](#)

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[\[Military Affairs \(1789-1819\)\] American state papers](#)

- **Contributor:** United States. Congress
- **Date:** 1998
- **Resource:** [Military Affairs \(1789-1819\) - PDF, Text - 189](#)

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[\[Finance \(1802-1815\)\] American state papers](#)

- **Contributor:** United States. Congress
- **Date:** 1998
- **Resource:** [Finance \(1802-1815\) - PDF, Text - 55](#)

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[\[Military Affairs \(1832-1836\)\] American state papers](#)

- **Contributor:** United States. Congress
- **Date:** 1998
- **Resource:** [Military Affairs \(1832-1836\) - PDF, Text - 115](#)

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[\[Public Lands \(1827-1829\)\] American state papers](#)

- **Contributor:** United States. Congress
- **Date:** 1998
- **Resource:** [Public Lands \(1827-1829\) - PDF, Text - 203](#)

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[\[Public Lands \(1834-1835\)\] American state papers](#)

- **Contributor:** United States. Congress
- **Date:** 1998
- **Resource:** [Public Lands \(1834-1835\) - PDF, Text - 220](#)

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[\[Finance \(1789-1802\)\] American state papers](#)

- **Contributor:** United States. Congress
- **Date:** 1998
- **Resource:** [Finance \(1789-1802\) - PDF, Text - 69](#)

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Article

[Indians for Indians collection](#)

Indians for Indians radio program Collection of sound recordings of the radio program, "Indians for Indians," hosted by Don Whistler. Recorded at WNAD, Norman, Oklahoma, August 1943-October 1950. Includes Cheyenne, Sac, Fox, Kiowa, Ft. Sill Apache, Creek, Seminole, Comanche, Caddo, Pawnee, Ponca, Taos Pueblo, Mescalero Apache, Arapaho, Osage, Oto, Iowa, Navajo, Shawnee, Wichita and other participants speaking and performing dance songs, victory songs, war dance songs, love songs, oral...

- **Contributor:** Wnad (Radio Station : Norman, Okla.) - Whistler, Don
- **Date:** 1943

Photo, Print, Drawing

[Indians. Indian with raised hand](#) 1 negative : safety ; 8 x 10 in. | Photo shows Deer Nose, Crow (Source: Indian Sign Language Council of 1930, short film)

- **Contributor:** Horydczak, Theodor **Date:** 1920-01-01

Photo, Print, Drawing

[Indians. Two seated Indians I](#) 1 negative : safety ; 8 x 10 in. | Photo shows Bitterroot Jim, Flathead (Source: Indian Sign Language Council of 1930, short film)

- **Contributor:** Horydczak, Theodor **Date:** 1920-01-01

Photo, Print, Drawing

[Indians. Two seated Indians II](#) 1 negative : safety ; 8 x 10 in. | Photo shows James Eagle, Arickaree (Source: Indian Sign Language Council of 1930, short film)

- **Contributor:** Horydczak, Theodor **Date:** 1920-01-01

Book/Printed Material

[American Indian history and related issues](#)

American Indian studies Catalog Record - Electronic Resource Available A list of links to information about the history and culture of the Native American experience in North America as well as that of the Indian people in Central America and Mexico.

- **Contributor:** California State University, Long Beach. American Indian Studies Program - Johnson, Troy R. **Date:** 2000

Photo, Print, Drawing

[Indians. Man in military uniform and Indian](#) 1 negative : safety ; 8 x 10 in. | Photo shows Hugh L. Scott [retired general](Source: Indian Sign Language Council of 1930, short film)

- **Contributor:** Horydczak, Theodor **Date:** 1920-01-01

Collection

[Winnebago Indians at home and Indian burial grounds](#) 3 photoprints (postcards) : gelatin silver ; 9 x 14 cm. or smaller. | Indian family in front of log cabin dwelling and in front of wickiup, with Anglo man writing in large flat book ("U.S. Census taking"); Indian burial ground showing low wooden structures in field.

- **Contributor:** Hocking Bros **Date:** 1911

Photo, Print, Drawing

[Indians--Carpenters](#) 1 photographic print : gelatin silver. | Young men, possibly Potawatomi, in carpentry class at Haskell Indian Junior College.

- **Date:** 1900-01-01

Photo, Print, Drawing

[Chef der Blut Indianer. Kriegs Chef der Piekan Indianer. Kutana Indianer Chef des Indiens Sangs. Chef de guerre des Indiens Piékanns. Indien Koutané = Chief of the Blood-Indians. War-chief of the Piekann ...](#) 1 print : aquatint with engraving ; plate mark 360 x 490 mm. | Print shows half-length portraits of a man from the Blood Indians, a man from the Piekann Indians, and a man from the Koutani Indians, posed as though they were conversing amongst themselves.

- **Contributor:** Bodmer, Karl - Hürlimann, Johann **Date:** 1839-01-01

Book/Printed Material

[The Spokane Indians](#)

Spokane Indians Catalog Record - Electronic Resource Available Forewords by Steve M. Egesdal and George Hill. Includes bibliographical references (p. 774-832) and index.

- **Contributor:** Ross, John Alan - Egesdal, Steven M. - Hill, George **Date:** 2011

Collection

[Makah Indians](#) 10 photoprints : gelatin silver ; 25 x 20 cm. or smaller. | Makah Indian whalers, with whaling boat pulled up on shore at Neah Bay, Washington; women carrying large baskets on their backs; women weaving baskets.

- **Contributor:** Curtis, Asahel **Date:** 1910

Photo, Print, Drawing

[Pottowatomie Indians](#) 1 photographic print. | Group portrait of Potawatomi Indians, including men, women, and children, gathered for a special occasion at Rush Lake Mission near Watervliet, Michigan, Sept. 4, 1906. Wis-Ki-Ge-Amatyuk, hereditary Principal Pipe carrier and ritual leader of the Potawatomi Indians, sits at center holding traditional Potawatomi pipes. Wis-Ki-Ge-Amatyuk was also known by his American name, John Buckshot. The young boy sitting at his...

- **Date:** 1906-01-01

Photo, Print, Drawing

[Pontiac Indian](#) 1 photographic print. | Indian, wearing headdress, seated on front of 1934 Pontiac convertible.

- **Date:** 1934-01-01

If any of the above has whetted your appetite, have a great weekend!

- [Newspaper 2,094,373](#) [Book/Printed Material 94,830](#) [Legislation 41,659](#)
- [Periodical 16,530](#) [Photo, Print, Drawing 13,160](#) [Web Page 4,750](#)
- [Manuscript/Mixed Material 11,375](#) [Film, Video 1,855](#) [Audio Recording 1,321](#)
- [Personal Narrative 1,171](#) [Web Archive 876](#) [Map 483](#)
- [Notated Music 210](#) [Software, E-Resource 174](#) [3D Object 143](#) [Event 30](#)

Despite federal funding cuts, UNR works to continue local food business center

by Jeniffer Solis, Nevada Current December 9, 2025 By: ThisIsReno Dec 10, 2025

Federal funding for local food production was hit hard earlier this year when the Trump administration cut several agricultural programs supporting home-grown food and farm businesses.

Despite those cuts, the University of Nevada, Reno says the local food systems built with Biden administration support before funding was stripped away are here to stay.

In September, the U.S. the Department of Agriculture (USDA) eliminated a \$360 million Biden-era program that provided funding for 13 food business centers across the country to bolster rural development and build stronger food-supply networks in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The University of Nevada, Reno Extension lost [\\$3 million in federal funding](#) – which included direct grants to farmers and food businesses – when the program was cut three years ahead of schedule.

But the Southwest Regional Food Business Center – serving California, Arizona, Nevada and Utah – created foundational infrastructure that strengthened Nevada’s local food system during its two year run, and UNR is determined to build on it.

“It built a collaboration around four states and those partnerships don’t just go away because the money went away,” said **Staci Emm, the Nevada state leader for the region’s food business center.**

While Nevada lost more than half of the \$5 million initially awarded through the local food program, the impacts of that funding have been significant, said Emm.

The Southwest Regional Food Business Center was able to help 170 Nevada businesses increase food production capacity and provided nearly \$350,000 in direct grants to 18 farmers and food businesses in the state.

In Clark County alone 37 small and mid-sized food and farm businesses were provided technical assistance, including marketing, startup help, networking, and grant application support. Food businesses in the county were awarded more than \$90,000 in capacity building funding.

Federal funding from the program reached every congressional district in Nevada, with the majority of capacity building funds – more than \$212,000 – going to Congressional District 2, which covers nine counties in northern Nevada.

About 80% of direct funds helped small and mid-sized food and farm businesses in Nevada pay for processing, packaging, and labeling equipment that will expand their reach and market for years to come.

Another 30% of direct funding went to improving transportation systems in Nevada for home-grown produce and meats.

Those impacts are expected to grow, said Becky DeForest, a grant writer for the food business center.

“We experienced some contracting delays from USDA and now more projects have been approved to move forward, so we hope to have more impacts to report in the next several months,” said Deforest.

Emm, the Nevada state leader for the region’s food business center, also works as a rancher and said one of the biggest impacts was the infrastructure funding for small meat processing businesses.

The Nevada Department of Agriculture, with the assistance of the Southwest Regional Food Business Center, established the first State Meat Inspection Program to reduce wait times and expand market access for local producers to reach local markets.

The program will help expand the number of in-state USDA inspected slaughter facilities, said Emm. Nevada only has four located in the state, all in the Northwestern region, forcing many producers to travel over 250 miles to process their animals.

One of the big success stories of the Southwest Regional Food Business Center is CattleBros Steak and Seafood.

Ryan Avila, founder of CattleBros Steak and Seafood, was able to scale his business with the help of the center by launching a marketing plan with website subscriptions, upgrade packaging, and streamline logistics.

Avila found out about the center’s technical assistance program earlier this year and was one of 44 food business owners to participate in a 10-week virtual course hosted by the University of Nevada, Reno Extension through the Southwest Regional Food Business Center.

After completing the technical assistance program Avila was awarded \$10,000 in funding to capitalize on training the center provided.

“These funds help level the playing field for small, independent businesses like ours,” Avila said.

UNR is now looking at different ways to restructure the center by emphasizing what worked best, including the technical assistance and direct grants to farmers and ranchers.

In the two and a half months after the USDA cut funding Emm said her team worked around the clock to submit grant applications to cover the technical assistance funding UNR lost.

“We probably won’t find out if we’re funded till 2026, but I’m very proud of my team, because we were able to submit grant (applications) for over \$6 million to keep all of our programs going,” Emm said.

The center’s arrival on the scene was fortuitous for a state challenged by high food insecurity, vast geographic distribution, and fragmented infrastructure. Local farmers struggle to compete with large out-of-state producers, who offset long-distance transportation costs through economies of scale. Yet, having a local supply of produce is important for the state’s food security, and consumers and restaurants alike are seeking more fruits and vegetables produced locally.

“The center was an excellent start, and I think it showed us what works really well and what didn’t work,” Emm said.

Emm said the importance of local producers became even clearer during the pandemic which exposed the fragility of regional food systems and left many Nevadans vulnerable to hunger. At its peak, nearly 30% of households in the state were food insecure, compared with 21% nationally, with underserved communities being hit hardest.

Way to go, Staci!



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["If An Owl Calls Your Name - Wisdom of the Ancestors" Mending the wounds of forced assimilation, Indigenous elders, healers, and activists from the Esk'etemc, Gitxsan, and Wet'suwet'en territories share a legacy of resilience and ancestral wisdom.](#)