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Used by Western Shoshone thousands of years ago, the volcanic rock-formed Toquima



Cave was used 1,500 to 3,000 years ago as a rock shelter, storage hut, and gathering place. While there are hundreds of spectacular petroglyph sites in the Silver State, what you'll find in Toquima Cave are pictographs—drawings as opposed to carvings. Thanks to the cave's orientation, the pictographs inside Toquima Cave have remained remarkably protected and pristine—employing red, yellow, black, and white pigments—are considered to be the best examples of pictographs in the continent.

This could be the oldest evidence of fire-making

A new study pushes back the advent of fire-making by more than quarter of a million years.

Based on a pile of archaeological evidence, researchers think that Neanderthals were deliberately lighting fires as a site in England around 400,000 years ago.

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https://www.nationalgeographic.com/science/article/oldest-fire-making-neanderthals-ancient-humans?rid=C38947501E68571D7AA5496FBC02C266&cmpid=org=ngp::mc=crm-email::src=ngp::cmp=editorial::add=Daily_NL_Thursday_Discovery_20251211

Lesley Hawley

Got to watch our dad, uncle, their cousins and old team honored tonite. The alumni games were awesome too. Glad to see them praised while still here. Did you all know the Schurz Warriors played against the old Harlem Globetrotters and the Washington Wizards?!? Yup they were that good. They traveled all over the northwest...



Shari De

Went to Schurz to partake in the honoring of the original Warriors. My dad, my Uncle Al and their cousins Wes, Noonie and Harvey made the walk across the gymnasium to their seats. Then the next of kin representing their legendary ball players for Gordie, Lester, Delbert, and Doug. Ronnie Baxters and Wilfred Kinerson family and Johnnie Gutierrez were not in attendance but Johnnie sent a bio that was read. Haley and gym crew you did an awesome job and I sure appreciate it.

Also, I hit the court as a Schurz Eagle Alumni... I did a Johnnie Jr. Sky hook in warm ups, 3 rebounds, 2 assist and scored on a put back! We got T'd up for illegal substitution right off the bat by our ref lol Bubba!! Loved playing with these gals and did some announcing. Again thanks Haley!! It was so fun getting out there with my sisters and the youngins. "Once an Eagle, always and Eagle!" Schurz Eagles are the mightiest!! Forgot to say the Royalty Devyn and Hallie (lil cousins) , our neice Kyah and the rest of the dancers leading our Warriors into the gym.

What's next for NV

Energy's Greenlink after feds reject initial environmental analysis?

The federal Bureau of Land Management has remanded reports for the transmission project back to the Nevada office for "clarification, further planning."

Amy Alonzo

<https://thenevadaindependent.com/article/whats-next-for-nv-energys-greenlink-after-feds-reject-initial-environmental-analysis>

Response to quiz questions:

“You are killing me with the exam questions!”

“I think I failed the test. I am not sure I even got 50% right. “

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**The 26 Most Important Ideas For 2026**

**Modern trends and history lessons—across culture, politics, AI, economics, science, and the long story of progress. But first: an announcement!**

[Derek Thompson](#) [Dec 10, 2025](#)

[https://www.derekthompson.org/p/the-26-most-important-ideas-for-2026?utm\\_source=join1440&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_placement=newsletter&user\\_id=66c4c6935d78644b3ab73873](https://www.derekthompson.org/p/the-26-most-important-ideas-for-2026?utm_source=join1440&utm_medium=email&utm_placement=newsletter&user_id=66c4c6935d78644b3ab73873)



## Presidential Actions

- [Restricting and Limiting the Entry of Foreign Nationals to Protect the Security of the United States](#) [Proclamations](#) December 16, 2025

- [Bill of Rights Day, 2025](#) [Proclamations](#) December 15, 2025

[DESIGNATING FENTANYL AS A WEAPON OF MASS DESTRUCTION](#)  
[Executive Orders](#) December 15, 2025

- [Protecting American Investors from Foreign-Owned and Politically-Motivated Proxy Advisors](#) [Executive Orders](#) December 11, 2025

[Ensuring a National Policy Framework for Artificial Intelligence](#)  
[Executive Orders](#) December 11, 2025

[Addressing Security Risks from Price Fixing and Anti-Competitive Behavior in the Food Supply Chain](#) [Executive Orders](#) December 6, 2025

- [National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, 2025](#) [Proclamations](#) December 5, 2025

[Aligning United States Core Childhood Vaccine Recommendations with Best Practices from Peer, Developed Countries](#)  
[Presidential Memoranda](#) December 5, 2025

[Honoring the Memory of Specialist Sarah Beckstrom, West Virginia Army National Guard](#) [Proclamations](#) December 4, 2025

[America 250: Presidential Message on the Anniversary of the Monroe Doctrine](#)  
[Proclamations](#) December 2, 2025

[Nominations Sent to the Senate](#) [Nominations & Appointments](#) [December 1, 2025](#)

*whitehouse.gov/presidentialactions is getting more difficult to monitor. Despite media reporting many signed documents, they are not always posted immediately.....or at all.*

### **8th Address to Congress (State of the Union) by Ulysses S. Grant Dec. 5, 1876**

Address includes his reflections on coming to office without prior experience during a time when the nation was healing from war and reconstruction. Report includes thoughts about Army and Navy status, deficit of \$6M in the Post Office, immigration and emigration, birthright citizenship and a rundown of various foreign affairs summarized as “happily free during the past year from the complications and embarrassments which have surrounded some of the foreign powers.”

**President Ulysses S. Grant's 8th (and final) State of the Union**, delivered in **December 1876**, focused heavily on the ongoing efforts to achieve peace with Native American tribes, addressing the conflict in the Black Hills, and emphasizing the need for humane Indian policies, while also highlighting national prosperity, mineral wealth, and calls for civil service and specie payment reforms, showcasing his administration's efforts and challenges as his term concluded.

“The answer is simple: The first immigrants to the Black Hills were removed by troops, but rumors of rich discoveries of gold took into that region increased numbers. Gold has actually been found in paying quantity, and an effort to remove the miners would only result in the desertion of the bulk of the troops that might be sent there to remove them. All difficulty in this matter has, however, been removed--subject to the approval of Congress--by a treaty ceding the Black Hills and approaches to settlement by citizens.

The report of the Secretary of War shows that the Army has been actively employed during the year in subduing, at the request of the Indian Bureau, certain wild bands of the Sioux Indian Nation and in preserving the peace at the South during the election. The commission constituted under the act of July 24, 1876, to consider and report on the "whole subject of the reform and reorganization of the Army" met in August last, and has collected a large mass of statistics and opinions bearing on the subject before it. These are now under consideration, and their report is progressing. I am advised, though, by the president of the commission that it will be impracticable to comply with the clause of the act requiring the report to be presented, through me, to Congress on the first day of this session, as there has not yet been time for that mature deliberation which the importance of the subject demands. Therefore I ask that the time of making the report be extended to the 29th day of January, 1877.

The subject of Indian policy and treatment is so fully set forth by the Secretary of the Interior and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs\*\*, and my views so fully expressed therein, that I refer to their reports and recommendations as my own.”

In accordance with the resolution of August 15, 1876, the Army regulations prepared under the act of March 1, 1875, have not been promulgated, but are held until after the report of the above-mentioned commission shall have been received and acted on.”

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“By the act of August 15, 1876, the cavalry force of the Army was increased by 2,500 men, with the proviso that they should be discharged on the expiration of hostilities. Under this authority the cavalry regiments have been strengthened, and a portion of them are now in the field pursuing the remnants of the Indians with whom they have been engaged during the summer.

The estimates of the War Department are made up on the basis of the number of men authorized by law, and their requirements as shown by years of experience, and also with the purpose on the part of the bureau officers to provide for all contingencies that may arise during the time for which the estimates are made. Exclusive of engineer estimates (presented in accordance with acts of Congress calling for surveys and estimates for improvements at various localities), the estimates now presented are about six millions in excess of the appropriations for the years 1874-75 and 1875-76. This increase is asked in order to provide for the increased cavalry force

(should their services be necessary), to prosecute economically work upon important public buildings, to provide for armament of fortifications and manufacture of small arms, and to replenish the working stock in the supply departments. The appropriations for these last named have for the past few years been so limited that the accumulations in store will be entirely exhausted during the present year, and it will be necessary to at once begin to replenish them.”

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**\*\*Report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs 1876**

— (*Interesting how different repositories summarize the same document differently. sdc*):

**Report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs 1876**

**CSUMB Digital Commons**

<https://digitalcommons.csUMB.edu> > [hornbeck\\_usa\\_2\\_e](#)

Detailed report on the *efforts by the US government* to civilize, educate and provide moral training to the original inhabitants.

**Report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs**

**U.S. Department of the Interior (.gov)** <https://www.doi.gov> > [sites](#) > [doi.gov](#) > [files](#)

In my last annual *report* I recommended legislation on the part of *Congress* authorizing negotiations with the *Indians* of this agency, having for their object.

**Report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, 1876**

**University of Oklahoma College of Law Digital Commons**

<https://digitalcommons.law.ou.edu> > [viewcontent](#)

*Congress* still failing to pass the annual appropriation bill, a similar emergency existed in August, which was again met by a temporary relief bill, but ...

**Annual report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, for the ...**

**University of Wisconsin–Madison** <https://search.library.wisc.edu> > [digital](#) > [pages](#)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS TO THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR FOR THE YEAB 1876. WASHIINGTON: GOVERNIENT PRINTING OFFICE. 1876.. 4 ...

**Doc #4 Commissioner of Indian Affairs Annual Report for ...**

[amazon.com](#)

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*Indian Affairs Annual Report for 1876*. The ... Government to fulfill what the Indians consider its solemn pledge. In view ...

**And AI told me:**

The 1876 Annual Report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to Congress detailed the government's efforts to assimilate Native Americans through education, reservation policies, and land management, heavily focusing on the ongoing Sioux War (post-Custer's Last Stand) and efforts to manage tribes like the Nez Perce, highlighting challenges with starvation, hostile groups, and implementing new reservation systems, serving as a critical historical record of U.S.-Indian policy during Reconstruction.

## ***Key Themes & Contents:***

- **Assimilation & Civilization:** Reports detailed initiatives to teach farming, white customs, and moral training, often through schools on reservations.
  - **Reservation Allotments:** Discussed efforts to survey and allot reservation lands, aiming for individual ownership, though often leading to conflict.
  - **The Sioux War (1876):** A major focus, covering military actions, the role of the Sioux Commission, and consequences of delayed supplies leading to increased hostility.
  - **Other Tribes:** Included specific reports on the Nez Perce Commission, Apache and Navajo issues in the Southwest, and managing various tribes in different territories.
  - **Statistical Data:** Provided population figures, land usage, and government expenditures.
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### **Trump administration plans to break up largest federal climate research center**

OMB Director Russell Vought said the National Science Foundation "will be breaking up" the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Colorado.

[https://www.nbcnews.com/science/climate-change/trump-administration-break-climate-research-center-nca249668?utm\\_source=firefox-newtab-en-us](https://www.nbcnews.com/science/climate-change/trump-administration-break-climate-research-center-nca249668?utm_source=firefox-newtab-en-us)

### **Salmon Return To Klamath River Basin, Get Illegally Snagged Joe Albanese**

For the first time in decades, salmon have returned to the Klamath River Basin. Recent dam removals have reopened hundreds of miles of historic spawning grounds, allowing salmon to migrate freely for the first time in generations. But unfortunately, some of them met a snag hook in a closed area.

A Klamath Falls Fish and Wildlife Trooper [cited an angler for illegally taking Chinook salmon](#) from Spencer Creek, marking the first criminal salmon case in the area since salmon returned to the Klamath Basin.

The [Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife](#) (ODFW) tipped off troopers after witnesses reported an individual actively fishing and provided photos showing the unlawful harvest. Although the angler had fled the scene before officers arrived, sharp-eyed witnesses supplied a vehicle license plate that led troopers straight to the suspect on Highway 66.

During the stop, the passenger admitted to fishing. He told the officers he didn't think wardens would be working due to the federal government shutdown. That gamble didn't pay off. He surrendered two Chinook salmon along with his rod and reel, and was criminally cited on the spot. The fish were turned over to ODFW, while the driver received a warning for aiding the offense.

### **Infractions Aplenty During Oregon's Salmon Season**

Oregon's fall [salmon](#) fisheries draw anglers from across the Northwest, offering the chance to connect with some of the state's most iconic fish. But not everyone plays by the rules, as seen with the spate of enforcement actions by Oregon's Fish and Wildlife Troopers.

### **Closed Waters and Repeat Offenders: Eagle Creek**

At Eagle Creek near Portland, a Fish and Wildlife Trooper observed three subjects fishing in an area closed to angling. Two of the individuals were actively attempting to snag Coho salmon. Both had already been warned earlier in the year for fishing in a closed stream on nearby Tanner Creek.

This time, the consequences were more serious. The two repeat offenders were issued criminal citations for Fishing in a Closed Area and Snagging. The third subject received a violation citation. Two rod-and-reel setups were seized as evidence.

### **Prohibited Gear and Over-Limits: Eagle Creek Mouth, Columbia River Zone**

Fish and Wildlife Troopers from The Dalles responded to reports of snagging and anglers exceeding daily limits at the mouth of Eagle Creek within the Columbia River Zone. Upon arrival, troopers observed two individuals fishing with prohibited gear, treble hooks attached to non-buoyant lures, commonly associated with “twitching” techniques that can result in foul-hooked fish.

When contacted, one angler was found in possession of three adult hatchery Coho salmon, including one measuring 21 inches, while the second had retained one adult wild Coho. Both admitted the fish had been hooked in the gill plate rather than the mouth, though they denied intentionally snagging them. None of the four Coho had been properly tagged, and all were taken using illegal gear.

The fish were seized and later donated to the Salvation Army Food Pantry. One subject was cited for take and possession of snagged game fish, exceeding the daily catch limit, and failure to immediately validate a harvest card, along with receiving five additional warnings. The second subject was cited for take and possession of snagged game fish and for take and possession of a non-adipose fin-clipped (wild) Coho, and received three additional warnings.

### **Rogue River Report Leads to Citation: Finley Bend**

On the Rogue River at Finley Bend, a Central Point Fish and Wildlife Sergeant responded to reports of multiple anglers snagging fish, including one individual clearly documented on video repeatedly foul-hooking salmon. After conducting surveillance, the Sergeant contacted the angler and personally observed a salmon being brought to shore tail-first, a strong indicator of snagging.

The subject retained the fish and failed to immediately validate his harvest card. As a result, he was cited for angling by a prohibited method and for retaining a foul-hooked fish. The seized salmon was later donated to Wildlife Images for educational use.

### **“We Didn’t Know It Was Closed”**

In another Eagle Creek incident, a trooper from The Dalles contacted two subjects angling at the mouth of the creek within the Columbia River Zone, which was closed to all salmon angling at the time. The anglers stated they were unaware of the closure and reported catching and tagging what they believed was a hatchery Chinook salmon. The fish was later identified as a hatchery Coho, not a Chinook.

One subject was cited for Angling Closed Season [sic] and warned for Take/Possession of Fish Closed Season and Fail to Properly Validate Harvest Card [sic]. The second subject received a warning for Angling Closed Season. The seized salmon was donated to the Hood River FISH Food Bank.

### **Few Issues on the Lower Siletz River**

During a boat patrol on the lower Siletz River, a Newport Fish and Wildlife Sergeant and an Albany Fish and Wildlife Trooper contacted 88 salmon anglers amid high catch rates and found the majority to be compliant and cooperative. Only three citations were issued; one for exceeding the daily bag limit of wild Coho salmon and two for failing to properly validate harvest cards after retaining wild Coho, including leaving the species code blank. In addition, 14 warnings were issued for various license and tagging violations. One Coho salmon was seized during the patrol and later donated to a local senior center.

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## **Tribal Stewardship Policy Toolkit Updates and Reminders**

Osiyo Everyone,

Wado and thank you for joining us for the Tribal Stewardship Policy webinars in the past few months. I am writing to provide an update and a few reminders on upcoming events related to the Policy and Toolkit.

**Tomorrow, December 19, is the first session of a new monthly virtual lunch series: A History of Native California.** You can [register here](#). Through this ten-session monthly series, each webinar will focus on one chapter of Professor William Bauer's book, [We Are the Land: A History of Native California](#). You'll hear about Native California history and have the opportunity to hear directly from the author and ask questions.

**We have officially updated the [Tribal Stewardship Policy and Toolkit webpage](#).** You can read the draft Policy, associated appendices, and find a summary of the feedback we received during the first comment and consultation period on this webpage.

The second comment and consultation period is currently open on the revised draft of the Policy and appendices. **Comments are requested by January 9, 2026.** Please email us written comment to [tribalaffairs@resources.ca.gov](mailto:tribalaffairs@resources.ca.gov).

**We have also launched the [Tribal Stewardship Policy Toolkit search page](#).** Use this page to explore existing toolkit entries by Policy priority. The toolkit will continue to grow--we recommend you bookmark the page for future use! We've already uploaded several toolkit entries, where you can find past webinar recordings and additional tools and resources related to topics in tribal stewardship. As of today, the following toolkit entries are live, and more are on the way:

- [Senate Bill 310 Cultural Burn Agreements](#)
- [Basics of Property Law for Tribal Stewardship](#)

- [Ancestral Land Return of School Lands to Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone Tribe: A Case Study](#)
- [Training: Rematriation of Ancestral Lands](#)
- [Navigating State Grants for Tribal Stewardship](#)

Thank you for your partnership in this work and wishing you a very happy New Year.

My very best,

Geneva E. B. Thompson (Cherokee Nation) (she/her) ([What's This?](#))

Deputy Secretary for Tribal Affairs, California Natural Resources Agency

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The California Conservation Corps is committed to helping young adults find their career and educational pathways. Our training opportunities can lead to meaningful careers in the field of natural resources. However, that’s not the only benefit of committing to a year of service with the CCC.

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*Ed note: In addition to compter/transmission issues lately, my cell died and techs could not transist contact list to the new one. This means I do not have your number.....and if you want me to able to call you, please send it. sdc*