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Las Vegas officials vote against reviving Yucca Mountain By **Richard N. Velotta** / RJ

KINGDOMS OF THE SKY: ANDES - Free Public Screening and Mixer

Wednesday - July 11 - 6:30 PM Reno Patagonia Outlet - 130 S. Center Street - Reno

Join KNPB and the Reno Patagonia Outlet for a free preview screening and mixer featuring KINGDOMS OF THE SKY: ANDES.

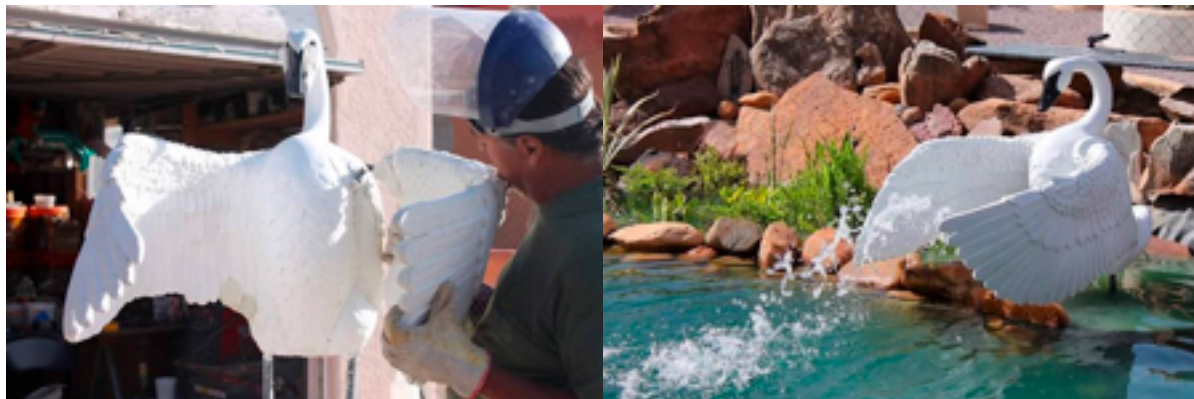
KINGDOMS OF THE SKY is a new three-part series from PBS and the BBC Natural History Unit, telling the story of wildlife and people of the world's greatest mountain ranges. The series airs this July

- on KNPB 5.1: - ROCKIES airs Wednesday July 11 at 8 PM
- HIMALAYAS airs Wednesday July 18 at 8 PM
- ANDES airs Wednesday July 25 at 8 PM

Enjoy a preview of the ANDES episode at the July 11 screening. This episode explores the extraordinary environment of the Andes. The world's driest desert, huge salt lakes and spectacular peaks are all found in the world's longest mountain range.

Please RSVP by email to derekn@knpb.org or call 775.682.7802. www.knpb.org/kingdomsofthesky

Who knew you could make such beautiful art out of concrete? **Native Artist Charles Rencountre** does. So lovely, especially after it was installed in the water. Charles is also the artist that sculpted the famous sitting Native figure at Sacred Stone during the Water is Life protests. Long live Native Art!! (from Louinda Garity)



“But man is a part of nature, and his war against nature is inevitably a war against himself.” – Rachel Carson

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National Funding

General Operating Support for Native Groups

[Native Voices Rising](#)

Native Voices Rising (NVR), a project of Common Counsel Foundation and Native Americans in Philanthropy, is designed to support organizing, advocacy, and voter engagement in American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian communities. NVR provides general operating support grants of up to \$10,000 to strengthen Native-led organizations that are building community leadership and power to improve the well-being of their communities. Grants focus on a wide range of critical issues, from human and civil rights, to reproductive justice, to environmental health and sacred sites protection. Eligible organizations should be rooted in a Native community, led by Native people, hold a vision for change that improves the lives of Native community members, engage large numbers of community members to take action together, and seek to improve the policies and rules that impact the community. The application deadline is August 3, 2018. Visit the NVR website to learn more about the application process.

Nonprofit Theatres Funded Nationwide

[Actors' Equity Foundation: Theatre Grants](#)

The Actors' Equity Foundation is dedicated to supporting the professional theatre community, from emerging artists to seasoned vets, while promoting and investing in theatre and the performing arts. The Foundation's Theatre Grants support nonprofit theatres across the nation that have an established artistic and administrative track record, a history of fiscal responsibility, and have worked to improve the state of the theatre. Grant requests may be submitted from September 1 through October 31, 2018. Visit the Foundation's website to access the Theatre Grant Application Form.

Grants Promote Social and Economic Justice in the U.S. and Canada

[Unitarian Universalist Association: Fund for a Just Society](#)

The Fund for a Just Society, a program of the Unitarian Universalist Association, provides grants to nonprofit organizations in the U.S. and Canada that address issues of social and economic justice. The Fund supports organizations that use community organizing to bring about systemic change leading to a more just society; mobilize with those who have been disenfranchised and excluded from resources, power, and the right to self-determination; and have an active focused campaign to create systemic change. Consideration is given to projects that are less likely to receive conventional funding because of the innovative or challenging nature of the work or the economic and social status of the constituency. The maximum grant amount is \$15,000; however, most grants range between \$6,000 and \$8,000. Requests are reviewed two times per year; the next application deadline is September 15, 2018. Visit the Unitarian Universalist Association website to review the funding guidelines.

Leadership Development Opportunity for Nonprofit Professionals

[Allstate Foundation: Greater Good Nonprofit Leaders Program](#)

The Allstate Foundation is seeking nonprofit professionals to join the Class of 2019 Greater Good Nonprofit Leaders Program starting in October of 2018. Created with Northwestern

University Kellogg School of Management's Center for Nonprofit Management, the program provides a combination of cohort-based academic instruction, one-on-one executive coaching, and a grant for individual development opportunities outside the classroom. The Foundation is interested in supporting a diverse range of leaders from mid-size organizations. Priority consideration will be given to leaders from nonprofits with annual budgets between \$1 million and \$20 million. To make the program unique from other leadership programs, the Foundation will cover all participants' travel and program costs. The application to apply for the Greater Good Nonprofit Leaders Program is open until July 31, 2018. Learn more about this program, including the dates for the in-person sessions, and how to apply on AllstateFoundation.org.

Regional Funding

Oral Health Initiatives in New Jersey and Connecticut Supported [Delta Dental of New Jersey Foundation](#)

The Delta Dental of New Jersey Foundation's mission is to improve the oral health of New Jersey and Connecticut residents by providing charitable contributions to solve oral health care challenges. The Foundation provides S.M.I.L.E. Grants of \$50,000 or more to nonprofit organizations throughout Connecticut and New Jersey that focus on dental care for underserved populations. Currently, the Foundation's funding priorities are to support dental programs that provide access to care for children, developmentally disabled persons, and senior citizens. In addition, the Foundation provides S.M.I.L.E. Mini-Grants of up to \$10,000 to support dental education initiatives, scholarship programs, and dental care programs. The Round One grant application deadline for both programs is August 3, 2018. Grant application guidelines are available on the Foundation's website.

Funds for Community Libraries in Texas

[Ladd and Katherine Hancher Library Foundation](#)

The Ladd and Katherine Hancher Library Foundation supports public libraries serving the residents of the state of Texas. Applying libraries must serve a population of 50,000 or less and be accredited by the Texas State Library. Projects are reviewed for the level of their educational contribution to the community. Grants ranging from \$2,000 to \$40,000 are provided. The application deadline is September 1, 2018. Visit the Foundation's website to download the application form.

Exploration and Renewal Program for Indiana K-12 Educators

[Lilly Endowment: Teacher Creativity Fellowship Program](#)

The Teacher Creativity Fellowship Program, offered by the Lilly Endowment, is a program of renewal that supports lifelong learning among Indiana K-12 educators by enabling them to pursue dreams and passions, explore new areas of interest, expand existing talents, and develop new ones. The program supports opportunities for intentional exploration and reflection that will result in renewed energy, enthusiasm, and creativity in teachers and thereby in classrooms and schools. Indiana principals, assistant principals, classroom/resource teachers, school counselors, and media specialists are eligible to apply. Up to 100 educators will receive fellowship stipends of \$12,000. Applications must be submitted by September 4, 2018. Visit the program's website for application information.

Grants Strengthen Colorado Land Conservation

Great Outdoors Colorado: Habitat Restoration Grant Program

The mission of Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) is to help preserve, protect, enhance, and manage the state's wildlife, park, river, trail, and open space heritage. GOCO's Habitat Restoration Grant Program provides support to nonprofit land conservation organizations, municipalities, counties, political subdivisions of the state (with a land conservation focus), and Colorado Parks and Wildlife. The focus is on habitat restoration projects encompassing all types of ecosystems, from forests and grasslands to rivers and wetlands. Online applications are due August 31, 2018. Visit the GOCO website to learn more about the program and to download the application instructions.

Federal Funding

Funds Available to Support Entrepreneurship

Department of Commerce

The Regional Innovation Strategies Program supports capacity building programs that provide proof-of-concept and commercialization assistance to innovators and entrepreneurs. The program also offers operational support for organizations that provide essential early-stage funding to startups. The application deadline is August 29, 2018.

Program Supports Low-Income Rural Housing

Department of Agriculture

The Rural Housing Preservation Grant program provides support to assist low-income homeowners in repairing and rehabilitating their homes in rural areas. The program also assists rental property owners and cooperative housing complexes in repairing and rehabilitating their units if they agree to make such units available to low-income persons. The deadline for pre-applications is August 9, 2018.

NSHE Responds to White House Policy on Race-Based Admissions July 4, 2018

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As the White House plans on encouraging higher education institutions to adopt race-blind admissions standards, Nevada System of Higher Education Chancellor Thom Reilly noted that Nevada's higher education institutions operate under an open access general admission policy.

“We are a state that has open access for general admission to our public higher education institutions. If you meet the minimal requirements you are accepted into our institutions,” Reilly said. “But one of our main goals is to increase access and graduation rates among all populations, including historically underserved minority groups.”

Reilly added, “As a system we take satisfaction in who we include, not who we exclude. We believe in an inclusiveness mission with broad commitment to access and excellence and that higher education is a pathway to social mobility.”

NSHE takes pride in its diverse student population, including at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, which is ranked by U.S. News and World Report as tied for first place as the most diverse university in the nation.

Across NSHE’s seven degree-conferring institutions more than half of the students enrolled identify themselves as being from a diverse background, which have historically been underserved populations in higher education.

Nevada Board of Regents Chair Kevin J. Page added that Nevada’s economic success is dependent on increased participation in post-secondary education and closing the achievement gap among underserved populations.

“One of our main goals is to create a more inclusive, welcoming environment for our students, which includes encouraging students of all races and cultural backgrounds to pursue a degree or certificate in higher education that will enhance their skills, create better opportunities for themselves and their families, and provide a well-trained workforce for Nevada’s growing economy,” Page said.

[‘Access to Literacy’ Is Not a Constitutional Right, Judge in Detroit Rules](#)

By JACEY FORTIN

Students in failing schools said they were denied an adequate education. A judge agreed conditions were “devastating,” but not unconstitutional.

[‘Oscars’ Academy Invites Irene Bedard, Q'Orianka Kilcher and Tantoo Cardinal](#)

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5 Crazy Ways the House Is Pushing Extreme Drilling on Public Lands Drill pad in Gunnison National Forest, Colorado. *Mason Cummings / The Wilderness Society* By Katherine Arcement

Congress wants us to drill our lands and waters ... or else!

Some members of Congress are trying to rig the system to use [public lands](#) primarily for oil and gas drilling, and they are threatening to silence and punish anyone who objects.

Under the [Trump](#) administration, public lands are being offered up for drilling at higher rates than ever before. Last year the U.S. government offered up 11.8 million acres for lease, or equivalent to Vermont and New Hampshire together. Vital protections for our air, land and water [have been eliminated](#) and public input has been minimized.

New legislation is being considered by the House Natural Resources Committee that would hurry the selling of public lands by punishing states and citizens opposed to drilling. It would also relax safety requirements.

These are five of the worst ideas under consideration:

1. Making citizens pay to protest drilling

Rep. Liz Cheney (R-WY) introduced HR 6087, a bill that would require citizens and groups like

[The Wilderness Society](#) to pay a fee to file comments opposing reckless oil and gas leasing. [Oil and gas](#) companies, however, would not have to pay a fee for expressing interest in these parcels.

Protesting is an important way for citizens to weigh in on projects that could jeopardize [endangered species](#), water and air quality, or present other threats to the public's wellbeing. Under Cheney's bill, protesters would pay per page filed with the government. Given the technical nature of a written protest, it could cost thousands of dollars to submit a protest. Under this bill, last year The Wilderness Society would have spent \$15,000 in filings.

Oil and gas operations on public lands in New Mexico *Mason Cummings / TWS*

2. Rigging the system to benefit polluters

Rep. Steve Pearce from New Mexico introduced HR 6106 and HR 6107, bills that would limit the ability of federal regulators to review environmental, safety or public health impacts of projects. HR 6106 would stop Bureau of Land Management employees from taking a closer look at several types of oil and gas projects—including roads and [pipelines](#)—regardless of the impact they may have.

HR 6107 would similarly bar federal regulators from reviewing certain oil and gas projects regardless of impact. The bill proposes to exempt any project that taps less than 50 percent of the federal mineral resources available, so long as the land surface is owned by another party.

3. Handing out drilling permits as fast as possible

Rep. John Curtis (R-UT) proposed HR 6088, a bill creating a new program for drilling permits on many public lands. It would make it so that after a permit has been filed, a company does not need a site inspection or environmental review to drill. All they have to do is wait 45 days. The only exception is if the Secretary of the Interior personally objects. This idea to rubber-stamp drilling permits would eliminate nearly all scrutiny of public health, safety or environmental impacts of a drill site.

4. Tying our children's education funding to oil drilling

Rep. Scott Tipton's (R-CO) HR 5859 bill would require that we expand onshore energy production to provide funds for education. It would do so by encouraging expansion of drilling on our public lands and incentivizing drilling. The bill would also potentially ignore dangerous consequences on public health, [wildlife](#) habitat, and air and water quality. It creates a false choice between selling out children's wellbeing and funding their education.

5. Handing drilling on public lands over to the states and penalizing states that oppose drilling

Possibly the worst idea yet is the "Enhancing State Management of Federal Lands and Waters" bill. This proposal would allow states to apply to manage an unlimited number of acres of federal lands that were within their borders. It would also exempt oil and gas projects from federal environmental laws and put states in charge of all permitting and project regulation. States would then be forced to continue to drill these lands at increasing intervals, as they would be rewarded for drilling more and penalized or have management stripped from them for drilling less. The

state of Utah could push drilling in the 2 million acres of land illegally eliminated from [Bears Ears](#) and Grand Staircase National Monuments.

This proposal would also penalize states that oppose [drilling off their coasts](#). States that object to too many leases off their coasts could be charged a penalty that could reach billions or even trillions of dollars over the course of ten years. States that go along with the program would be rewarded by larger shares of royalty payments for resources that belong to all of us.

BILL STATUS:

- The "Enhancing State Management of Federal Lands and Waters" proposal was heard in the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources on June 14, 2018. It currently is a draft and could be introduced as formal legislation.
- HR 5859, 6087, 6088, and 6107 have passed the House Natural Resources Committee and now await a vote in front of the entire House of Representatives.
- HR 6106 passed the House Natural Resources Committee on June 6, 2018. It now awaits a vote in front of the entire House of Representatives.

[The Day They Turned Off The Taps](#) By Richard Mills, FNArena, 7/6/18

Imagine a day when the water supply to your city is turned off. Water piped into your house or apartment for drinking, toilets, bathing, dishwashing, laundry, and watering your plants suddenly goes from a gush to a trickle, and then, nothing. From now on, water for all these purposes will need to be purchased from an outside source, because the city no longer has enough to go around, states an official letter delivered to each household.

Milpitas ‘Eagle cam’ gives viewers a glimpse of the wild side

Milpitas has installed an “eagle cam” atop a utility pole to provide live video streaming of the bald eagles that have made home in a tree above a local elementary school. (Screenshot of city of Milpitas YouTube)

By [Joseph Geha](#) | jgeha@bayareanewsgroup.com | Bay Area News Group

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Bird lovers, rejoice. The pair of bald eagles who have fascinated bird watchers ever since they set up a nest in a Milpitas redwood tree last year have gone prime time.

The city of Milpitas has installed an “eagle cam” atop a utility pole to provide [live video streaming](#) of the nesting birds’ activities in the tree at Curtner Elementary School.

While the video quality may not be top of the line, the custom-built device can zoom and tilt to “reasonably render a clear view of the nest,” according to the city.

Two bald eagles made the tree their home in January 2017, [raised a chick](#) that eventually fledged, and then left.

But the couple returned at the beginning of this year to start over, this time raising two young eagles. One of the eaglets fell from the tree last month and got a lot of attention as [officials cared for it](#) and tried unsuccessfully to reunite it with family.



The fallen eaglet was eventually transferred to a [specialty rehab center](#) near Sacramento where it'll remain until it's ready to be released on its own.

“It’s very exciting for both the school children and our entire community, so we wanted to find a way to share this wildlife experience with everyone without causing any risk of disturbance to the eagles themselves,” Councilman Bob Nuñez said in a city press release about the camera.

Bald eagles are a federally protected species. Harassing or disturbing them can result in a penalty of up to \$20,000 and one year in jail.

While wildlife experts say bald eagles typically nest in more remote areas, the ones in Milpitas have given onlookers [a glimpse of the wild](#) roughly 70 feet above the hustle and bustle of an elementary school.

“The nest near Redwood Avenue in Milpitas is about a mile and a half from the marshes on the edge of San Francisco Bay, which is a convenient and attractive feeding ground for the bald eagles and other wildlife,” says the city statement.

The adult birds routinely bring food, including fish, to the nest for their young, and their activities are often chronicled by members of a local Facebook group who photograph and record them.

“We’ve learned from wildlife experts that bald eagles will return to nest in the same place year after year, so we’re hoping that our eagle cam will be in service for community education and enjoyment for a long time,” Deputy City Manager Steve McHarris said.

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Minnesota Approves Controversial Enbridge Pipeline Rebuild

By [Olivia Rosane](#), EcoWatch. Reposted with permission from [EcoWatch](#).

The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) approved a controversial rebuild of Line 3 of the [Enbridge Energy oil pipeline](#) Thursday, as environmental activists and Native American groups vowed to keep fighting, [The Associated Press reported](#).

Opponents are concerned about the need for new [fossil fuel](#) infrastructure and the danger of an [oil spill](#) near vulnerable ecosystems in Minnesota, including areas where Native Americans harvest wild rice, which is sacred to the Ojibwe.

“You have just declared war on the Ojibwe!” Tania Aubid of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe stood and said when the PUC’s decision became apparent.

“What they have done to us today is egregious,” [Honor the Earth](#) executive director Winona LaDuke told [Reuters](#). “They have gotten their Standing Rock. We will do everything that is needed to stop this pipeline.”

Enbridge Energy argued they needed to replace the existing Line 3, which was built in the 1960s and is subject to corrosion and cracking. They currently operate it at half-capacity due to safety reasons. The company said they would continue running the existing unsafe pipeline if a replacement was not approved, [The Associated Press reported](#).

Opponents, including the Minnesota Department of Commerce, said the Midwest didn't need the additional oil from a pipeline replacement since demand will likely fall with the rise of [electric vehicles](#) and [renewable energy](#).

The commissioners seemed to have a hard time making the decision—chairwoman Nancy Langued wiped away tears as she explained her reasoning—and emphasized concerns about the safety of the existing, older pipe_line

“It's irrefutable that that pipeline is an accident waiting to happen,” Commissioner Dan Lipschultz said before the vote. “It feels like a gun to our head ... All I can say is the gun is real and it's loaded.”

All five PUC members voted to approve the rebuild of the current pipeline, which stretches from Alberta, through North Dakota and Minnesota to Enbridge's terminal in Wisconsin. Rebuilds have already finished in Wisconsin and begun in North Dakota and Alberta.

The PUC also voted three to two to approve a modified version of Enbridge's approved route, which will avoid two Native American reservations crossed by the existing pipeline but will cross land belonging to the Fond du Lac Band of Chippewa, though the PUC said the new route would depend on the Fond du Lac Band's agreement.

Tribal groups said Enbridge's plan was the worst possible route and preferred a longer one that went further south, according to Reuters.

Opponents will have 20 days from when the approval order is written to ask the PUC to reconsider its decision, something [White Earth Nation](#) lawyer Joe Plummer told Reuters is very likely. If the decision stands, opponents can then appeal to the Minnesota appeals court.

RELATED: [How Enbridge Helped Write Minnesota Pipeline Laws, Aiding Its Line 3 Battle Today](#)

Main image: [A Line 3 protester with an Expect Resistance sign outside the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission](#). Credit: [Lorie Shaull](#), [CC BY-SA 2.0](#)

Re Andrew Wheeler, new acting EPA administrator

“I have no doubt that Andy will continue on with our great and lasting EPA agenda. We have made tremendous progress and the future of the EPA is very bright!” — President Donald Trump in a [tweeted statement](#) announcing the resignation of Scott Pruitt as leader of the EPA. Andy is Andrew Wheeler, who takes over as the acting administrator.

A former Senate committee staffer, aide to Sen. James Inhofe, and lobbyist for Murray Energy, a coal company, Wheeler [told the Washington Post](#) that there is “enough distance” between him and his former clients that he does not believe that he will be biased in his decisions as the country’s top pollution regulator.