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Many thanks to the Still Pictures Branch at the National Archives for all of their work describing and making these photographs available in the Catalog for us all to access and appreciate. You can read more about these photographs in the [Unwritten Record blog](#).

Unearthing Indigenous Land Dispossession in the Founding of the University of California — Meeting of historian and journalist

Snagging aside, it takes a lot to get a cynical old lady excited about something, but Friday's seminar at the Phoebe Hearst Museum was a stellar event. The organization, the presenters, and the material were not only excellent, but inspiring. Wahoo to the emergent generation who know how to utilize sophisticated technology alongside their deep understanding and articulation of tribal history, culture and spiritual life.

If you missed it, you lose. Hopefully you will find the recording. If not, here are some rough notes:

Read Entangled Pasts: Land-Grant Colleges and American Indian Dispossession by Margaret A. Nash <https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/history-of-education-quarterly/article/entangled-pasts-landgrant-colleges-and-american-indian-dispossession/79E42113A0A51B21903DFB1229F7DE88>

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Read the High Country News series by Ahtone and Lee on Land Grab Universities: <https://www.hcn.org/issues/52.4/indigenous-affairs-education-land-grab-universities>
Check out <https://www.landgrabu.org/> for more info.

For an example of how this data can be used - see a map of the Morrill Act parcels that were sold specifically to fund the University of California, along with parcels in California sold to fund universities in other states. You can turn on a layer from Native-lands.ca to show overlap with Indigenous territories by contemporary names. Made by Andy Lyons, Program Coordinator, Informatics and GIS Statewide Program (IGIS), UC Division of Agriculture & Natural Resources <https://arcg.is/1mr01e>

The connected history of the Morrill Act and the Osage people: https://www.voxmagazine.com/the-connected-history-of-the-morrill-act-and-the-osage-people/html_11b57a2a-8578-11ea-a686-c376c2b46d17.html

Cornell University and Indigenous Dispossession Project: <https://archaeology.cornell.edu/cornell-university-and-indigenous-dispossession-project>
Hack the Gates: <https://hackthegates.org/>
NAISA Journal: <https://www.naisa.org/journal/>

The full interactive map and associated information can be found at <https://www.landgrabu.org/>

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Thank you to our cosponsors: California Center for Native Nations <https://ccnn.ucr.edu/>

Thank you to our cosponsors: UC Davis Native American Student Programs <https://www.ucdavis.edu/admissions/undergraduate/community/native-american-organizations/>

Thank you to our cosponsors: The Center for Race and Gender <https://www.crg.berkeley.edu/>

Thank you to our cosponsors: Native American Staff Council <https://stafforg.berkeley.edu/organizations/staff-organizations/nasc>

Please see full speaker bios at: <https://cejce.berkeley.edu/speaker-bios>

Thank you to our cosponsors: UC Davis Department of Native American Studies <https://nas.ucdavis.edu/>

Thank you to our cosponsors: Rupert Costo Chair in American Indian Affairs

Thank you to our cosponsors: Riverside-San Bernardino Native American Community Council

If you're not registered for part 2 yet, do that here (it will also be live streamed): <https://berkeley.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcud-ygrD8pHNcNKbrqiCAxli7xbQMzbJtZ>

Thank you to our cosponsors: American Cultures Engaged Scholarship Program <https://americancultures.berkeley.edu/collaborate/american-cultures-engaged-scholarship>

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Thank you to our cosponsors: Phoebe A. Hearst Museum of Anthropology <https://hearstmuseum.berkeley.edu/>

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For UCB students doing research on Native American issues: <https://crnai.berkeley.edu/mini-grants>

one of the attendees is recommending that: For anyone else who plans to take this issue up, your tribal NAGPRA and THPO officers have tons of resources to assist with broadening knowledge of tribal territorial boundaries. The websites for those program offices have contact info for those experts. <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nagpra/databases.htm> + https://www.nps.gov/history/tribes/Tribal_Historic_Preservation_Officers_Program.htm

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The article just referenced: <https://www.hcn.org/articles/indigenous-affairs-the-land-grant-universities-still-profiting-off-indigenous-homelands>

From attendee Veronica Pasfield: I'm a NAGPRA Officer and the SE tribes' STARR Alliance have worked out solutions on Removal and reburial of ancestors. There is a panel on this at the AAIA/U Denver Repatriation Conference 10/26-28. Info here https://www.indian-affairs.org/repatriation_conference.html

from Mishuana Goeman: For information on the connection you can see the recent views on this at Carrying Our Ancestors Home www.coah-repat.com. UCLA connected repatriation of land and ancestors...

Gregg Castro suggests: California Indian History Curriculum - <https://www.csus.edu/college/education/engagement/california-indian-coalition.html>

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BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — A federal judge ruled Friday that President Donald Trump's leading steward of public lands has been serving unlawfully, blocking him from continuing in the position in the latest pushback against the administration's practice of filling key positions without U.S. Senate approval.

U.S. Interior Department Bureau of Land Management acting director William Perry Pendley served unlawfully for 424 days without being confirmed to the post by the Senate as required under the Constitution, U.S. District Judge Brian Morris determined.

The ruling came after Montana's Democratic governor in July sued to remove Pendley, saying the former oil industry attorney was illegally overseeing an agency that manages almost a quarter-billion acres of land, primarily in the U.S. West.

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According to the article, Pendley has been removed from his position at least until after an appeal. Check out how sketchy this Pendley guy sounds:

Pendley's actions included approval of two sweeping land resource management plans in Montana that would open 95% of federal land in the state to oil and gas development, attorneys for Bullock contended in court filings.

Pendley) [MOVED the BLM main office](#) from DC to Colorado into a building that also houses Chevron, which meant many employees left because the shift was onerous

Pendley also tried to skirt his own time limit on unconfirmed Department heads by saying he was now “Deputy Head” of the Bureau, that the Head job would remain unfilled, and that all the duties of the Head we’re now those of the deputy. The judge wasn’t buying it

Three enormous cheers for the Democratic Governor of Montana, Steve Bullock, who brought the original lawsuit, as well as to the Federal U.S. District Judge, Brian Morris, who made a wise decision. —The Daily Kos

**Federal Judge Ousts Trump's Top Public Lands Chief** *Kirk Siegler, NPR*  
Siegler writes: "A federal judge in Montana has ousted President Trump's top public lands official. The ruling blocks William Perry Pendley from continuing to serve as the temporary head of the Bureau of Land Management, a post he has held for more than a year." [READ MORE](#)

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**Native American capital among 11 most endangered historic sites**

In Virginia, members of the Monacan tribe are embroiled in a battle over plans to build a water pumping station on a site they believe is their ancestral capital.

Read in National Geographic: <https://apple.news/ATTQA7yYWTVm7qVcmhR5CPQ>  
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**Trump Administration Advances Plan to Cut Protections for Largest National Forest** *Gabrielle Canon, Guardian UK*  
Canon writes: "The Trump administration has announced it will move forward with a plan to roll back regulations protecting millions of acres in America's largest national forest from logging, sparking an outcry from environmental advocacy organizations, Alaskan tribal nations, and fishermen." [READ MORE](#)

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**Join the Nevada Commission for Women**  
**Tuesday, September 29, 2020, at 1 pm**

What: Nevada Commission for Women Meeting  
When: Tuesday, September 29, 2020, at 1:00 PM  
Where: Teleconference (Please see meeting agenda for phone number)  
For meeting information, please visit the Nevada Commission for Women's website:  
<http://admin.nv.gov/Boards/Women/Meetings/2020/meetings/>

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**Val Taylor: “Who in the world would choose to live out here?”**

Voices from Eastern Nevada  
[https://sierranevadaally.org/2020/09/24/val-taylor-who-in-the-world-would-choose-to-live-out-here/?fbclid=IwAR1R12EoHMxxctT-jKS\\_t2sO9kY6j9WA4XGjhe-LnXmE0htO10sx1nx32eA](https://sierranevadaally.org/2020/09/24/val-taylor-who-in-the-world-would-choose-to-live-out-here/?fbclid=IwAR1R12EoHMxxctT-jKS_t2sO9kY6j9WA4XGjhe-LnXmE0htO10sx1nx32eA)



## [Alleged Pesticide Spraying of organic farm in Fallon highlights the differences between organic and conventional agriculture](#)

Francis Scott Fitzgerald in St. Paul, Minnesota (1896), who said, "The test of a first-rate intelligence is the ability to hold two opposed ideas in the mind at the same time, and still retain the ability to function."

**Eureka wants to bar public from talks when mining projects are under environmental review**                      **Sam Metz**    **Associated Press**



Andy Barron...rgj file photo

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### **Mining county asks lawmakers for open meetings law exemption**

**By Sam Metz, Associated Press/Report for America Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2020 |**

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Federal law allows agencies to deliberate over draft documents away from the public eye to facilitate frank discussions before they're released. Agencies like the Bureau of Land Management that oversee public land in Eureka County require local governments to sign non-disclosure agreements if they want to participate in drafting environmental reviews.

The non-disclosure agreements conflict with Nevada's Open Meeting Law, Tibbitts said. The law requires state and local government bodies to allow the public to observe most government decision-making and to post notices of meetings at least three days in advance.

However, the non-disclosure agreements prevent local governments from holding public meetings while assessments are being drafted. By doing so, Tibbitts said, they limit local officials' ability to relay the concerns of constituents and get them involved in a key decision-making phase of the reviews.

An exemption would “allow local officials the flexibility to do the job they were elected to do, which is represent local interests,” Tibbitts said.

“Once the documents are drafted, it's hard to affect any real change,” he added.

Open government advocates and environmentalists who often worry about the political power of the state's mining industry testified against the proposal and said it would subvert the purpose of the Open Meeting Law, which is to ensure the public can participate in their government's decision-making process.

Nevada Press Association Executive Director Richard Karpel said it was essential for the public to be able to observe and participate in the pre-decision phase of any government action.

“If this passes, it’s just going to be people from the federal government and people from Nevada governments discussing issues with the citizens of the state having no idea what they’re talking about,” he said.

Members of the Great Basin Resource Watch, a Nevada-based environmental nonprofit, have frequently fought the expansion of mining operations in rural Nevada. They're currently opposing the [Mount Hope Molybdenum Mine](#), which they allege will use excessive amounts of groundwater and damage the surrounding environment.

The organization's Executive Director John Hadder said he was unconditionally supportive of transparency but also understood why Eureka County felt stuck between Nevada's Open Meeting Law and federal non-disclosure agreements.

“Under the current law, they wouldn’t even have a meeting at all,” he said.

*Sam Metz is a corps member for the Associated Press/Report for America Statehouse News Initiative. [Report for America](#) is a nonprofit national service program that places journalists in local newsrooms to report on uncovered issues.*

[Map of Federal Land Ownership - Nevada](#)

[Map of Federal Land Ownership - Nevada \(by county\)](#)

[Map of Federal Land Ownership - United States](#)

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## [The Shuar Arutam Will Not Be Divided by Canadian Mining Company Solaris Resources](#)

**The company has led a divisive public relations campaign in attempts to manufacture consent for the Warintza mining project Carlos Mazaband 9.25.20**



Amazon Watch, together with local and international organizations, has supported the Indigenous resistance by the Shuar Arutam (PSHA) against large-scale extractive projects such as mining in the Ecuadorian Amazon. These projects have the potential to cause irreversible impacts on the environment, local Indigenous communities, and their culture. The harm caused by such projects is well-documented. In fact, Ecuador's [first large-scale mining project](#), "Mirador," is a tragic example of the damage mining can create on Shuar Arutam territory. Since its inception, the project has caused mass deforestation, contaminated headwaters, displaced Indigenous communities, and it has led to the breakdown of social agreements within the communities because organizational structures have been co-opted.

In recent months, the Canadian mining company Solaris Resources, Inc., licensee of the Warintza project, has launched an aggressive public relations campaign in an attempt to coerce communities to allow the extractive project to move forward on Shuar Arutam territories.

The PSHA are resisting these strategic attacks by the mining company, but the fight is rigged. They are up against a company with significant economic power and resources. This is why we need international solidarity for their cause and to amplify their campaign, "[The Shuar Arutam](#)



[Have Already Decided: No Mining in Our Territories.](#)" We have an opportunity to learn from the past and make history so that mining projects can never again cause displacement, pollution, and the violation of Indigenous rights on Shuar Arutam territory.

### **The history of the Shuar Arutam and mining concessions**

The [territory of the Shuar Arutam people](#) is made up of 45 communities located in the Cordillera del Cóndor, the border area between Ecuador and Peru, whose mountains are home to a unique and fragile ecosystem of biological importance with high levels of biodiversity and endemic species. Those mountains are the source of three important Amazon rivers – the Santiago, the Zamora, and the Coangos.

The Shuar Arutam people have a collective assembly decision-making structure, in which all communities participate and resolutions are passed to be fully executed by the Governing Council, a body of representatives that is democratically-elected.

From the beginning of its organizational history, PSHA has formally rejected extractive projects in its territories, particularly mining projects that have remained a constant threat. Despite their staunch opposition, the Ecuadorian government is advancing several large-scale mining projects which now cover 50 percent of their ancestral territory. Current mining projects on their territory are the San Carlos-Panantza project by Chinese firm Ecuacorrientes SA (currently paused after a conflict between the military and several Shuar communities who were forcibly evicted from their homes for the construction of a workers camp), the Lost Cities-Cutucu project by Aurania Resources and a local subsidiary, and the [Warintza Project](#) by Canadian-based Solaris Resources, Inc.

### **Solaris Resources' divide and conquer tactics**

The Warintza project has caused serious internal conflicts within PSHA, as Solaris Resources is using divisive community relations tactics to manufacture consent for its project. The company secretly established direct relationships with two communities, without authorization from the Assembly and the Governing Council. By doing this, Solaris is circumventing and disrespecting the organizational structure of PSHA, with the aim of establishing a "strategic alliance" by offering economic benefits that fragment PSHA's social fabric and weaken its intra-community relations.

In March of this year, at a PDAC conference (the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada), Solaris Resources, Inc. presented the results of [an alleged "prior consultation"](#) that it had obtained through this "strategic alliance." The announcement was publicly questioned and rejected by PSHA because this process lacked legality and legitimacy. The process did not follow the constitutional mandate of the Ecuadorian state's guarantee of the right to free, prior, and informed consent (FPIC) in coordination with PSHA. It requires respecting PSHA's traditional decision-making structure in order to obtain FPIC, as indicated by national and international standards on the collective rights of Indigenous peoples.

To further promote this illegitimate "strategic alliance," Solaris Resources has been using a communications campaign to position its Community Social Relations program as "successful

and innovative." On September 8th, the company announced to its shareholders that an "Agreement for Cooperation, Benefits, and Access for the Warintza Project" had been signed by the Shuar Centers of Warintza and Yawi.

In response to this announcement, the Shuar Arutam people issued a direct response in an [open letter](#) addressed to the CEO and shareholders of Solaris Resources, S.A.:

"This 'Strategic Alliance' is not an 'innovative relationship' as Solaris portrays it. It is the same strategy that many mining and oil companies have used to advance their projects, while side-stepping and disrespecting the legitimate and traditional Indigenous organizational structures."

"We demand that Solaris Resources, Inc. abstain from continuing to manipulate our communities since we see that their activities are causing social impacts in our communities like provoking much tension and conflict and rupturing our social fabric. We demand that the company immediately leave our territories. In the event that you do not comply with our wishes, we will exercise our constitutional right to resistance and take other measures (Article 98)."

### **The Shuar Arutam need you to support their resistance**

It is urgent to demonstrate to executives and shareholders that the practices of their company are not innovative, but instead reproduce the same colonialist model extractive companies have used for decades to violate Indigenous land rights and evade the faithful compliance of the rights established in the constitution of Ecuador and international human rights treaties.

The Shuar Arutam People call for the solidarity of the national and international community to support their struggle for the defense of life, forests, water, their territory, their culture, and their rights. You can support the demands of the Shuar Arutam by taking action. [Tell Solaris Resource to immediately withdraw from Shuar Arutam territory, cease physical activities, and end its conflict-inducing public relations activities!](#) [READ MORE](#)



**[This beer company will pay you \\$50,000 to travel to U.S. National Parks](#)**

They say if you love your job, you'll never work a day in your life. Well, it seems Michelob Ultra might have that job — at least for one lucky beer lover. (click on box below)



## Pentagon Used Taxpayer Money Meant for Masks and Swabs to Make Jet Engine Parts and Body Armor

Aaron Gregg and Yeganeh Torbati, *The Washington Post*

Excerpt: "A \$1 billion fund Congress gave the Pentagon in March to build up the country's supplies of medical equipment has instead been mostly funneled to defense contractors and used for making things such as jet engine parts, body armor and dress uniforms." [READ MORE](#)

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We know this is an unprecedented back-to-school season and many of us are dealing with all sorts of challenges, whether because of virtual, hybrid or in-person school, COVID, wildfires or the tremendous weight of the daily news and the coming election.

We write you today to offer opportunities and resources that we hope can serve to support you and help build community in the tumultuous days ahead.

There are two free online worldwide screening opportunities and broadcasts on Maine and Vermont Public television coming up!

*First Light & Dear Georgina*

Wed. Sept. 30th at 7:30 pm ET / 4:30 pm PT

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