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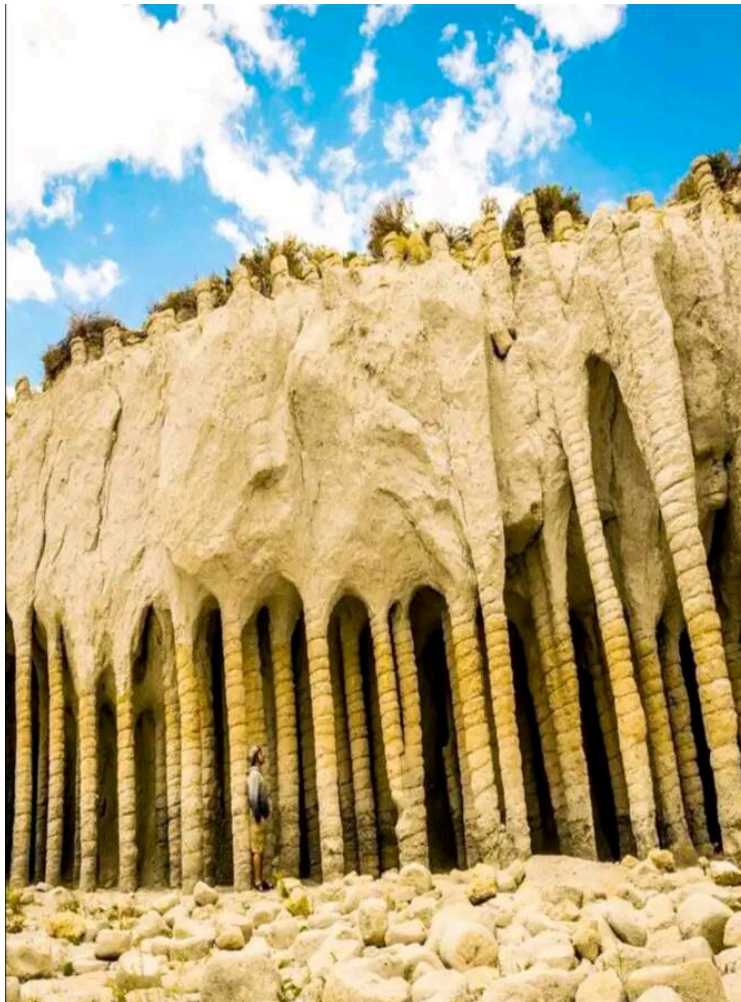
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The Crowley Lake Columns, located in California's Eastern Sierra region, are a stunning geological formation resulting from ancient volcanic activity. Towering up to 20 feet, these hexagonal or pentagonal columns formed through molten lava cooling and contracting. They offer a captivating glimpse into Earth's geological history and natural forces at work.

Be a SUSI Ambassador

Calling all undergrad and graduate students! NNIC is seeking a total of 10 SUSI ambassadors for our two SUSI programs this summer.

SUSI Ambassadors are undergrad or graduate students from a nearby college, such as the University of Nevada, Reno or Truckee Meadows Community College. Students who participate in the SUSI Ambassadorship receive training and experience in leadership, planning, teamwork and citizen diplomacy.

Ambassadors are an integral part of the SUSI program and act as cultural liaisons, peer mentors, friends, and leaders during the international participants' time in Reno. As a SUSI Ambassador, you can learn new skills, have fun, make friends, build your resume, and support NNIC's mission to inspire cross-cultural friendship and understanding on campus and in our community.

Contact susi@nnic.org for more information!

[Learn More & Apply](#)



“On the Road Again”
This time, with Miss Indian World.

NEED A PART TIME JOB THIS SUMMER?

Apply to be a SUSI Student Ambassador and receive a \$1,000 stipend after the program for contributing 10 hours/week for five weeks.

WHAT IS SUSI?

The Study of the U.S. Institutes **aka SUSI** are short-term academic exchange programs for groups of undergraduate leaders, educators, and scholars from around the world. Every summer at the University of Nevada, Reno, the Northern Nevada International Center (NNIC) administers two different SUSI programs.

SUSI MCCAIN

John McCain's study of the U.S. Institutes on the Rule of Law and Public Service (SUSI McCain) aims to provide a better understanding of the people, culture, democracy, the judicial system and institutions of the United States.

SUSI GSL

The Study of the U.S. Institutes for Global Student Leaders, on Climate Change and the Environment (SUSI GSL) aims to provide a better understanding of the people, culture, democracy, communicating climate change science and institutions of the United States.



REQUIREMENTS

- Must be a current undergraduate or graduate student
- Provide self-transportation to/from events
- Attend a mandatory orientation and training on June 7th
- Plan social activities with the participants on the weekends and evenings.
- Act as cultural liaisons and peer mentors.
- Must be available during the following program dates:
 - SUSI McCain – June 19 to July 26, 2024
 - SUSI GSL – June 21 to July 24, 2024

IMPORTANT DATES

- May 20 - Student Ambassador Application Deadline
- May 29 to June 5 - Interviews Conducted
- June 6 - Ambassadors Selected
- June 7 - Ambassador Orientation & Training



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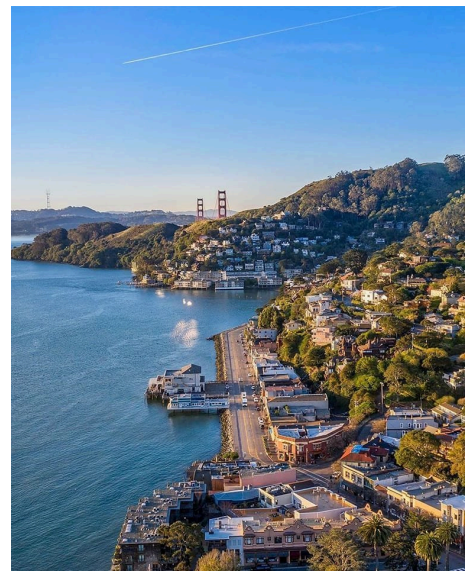
[Rick Mora's Awakening](#)

For over 3,000 years, before white settlers arrived, Native Americans known as the Coast Miwok occupied the stretch of shoreline and hills that is now Sausalito. They were peaceful hunter-gatherers whose shell mounds, artifacts and burial “middens” still reside under the surface of our modern-day town. However, in 1775 the Miwoks’ tranquil way of life was forever changed when the Spanish ship San Carlos arrived carrying the first European explorers to enter by sea what is now called San Francisco Bay. From the small willow trees growing along the stream banks of this area, they called it Saucito (little willow), a name that later evolved into “Saucelito,” and ultimately “Sausalito.”

Before the Europeans came to California, the Coast Miwok people were the inhabitants of what we now call Marin and southern Sonoma Counties. They knew and blended with this bountiful land for thousands of years, developing a rich economy based on gathering, fishing and hunting. Village communities of 75 to several hundred people developed in sheltered places near fresh water and plentiful food. "Kule Loklo" (meaning "Bear Valley") is a recreated village. It stands where no village ever was, but where one might have stood.

The ocean provided food year-round. Crab, clams, mussels, abalone, limpets and oysters were some of the seafood gathered by the women in the tidal zones. Cleaned of meat, the shells were also fully utilized. Abalone shells were made into beautiful ornaments. The Washington clam was one of the most important shells; these were ground into circular, flat disk beads with a hole drilled in the middle. Strings of these beads were the main trade item (money) and were used extensively through Northern California.

The Miwok creation story and narratives tend to be similar to those of other natives of Northern California. Miwok had totem animals, identified with one of two moieties, which were in turn associated respectively with land and water. These totem animals were not thought of as literal ancestors of humans, but rather as predecessors.







[Have a listen to our own Taylor Patterson discussing the significance of East Las Vegas on City Cast's podcast!](#)

As we greet another Earth Day, **it's a moment for deep reflection on our sacred duty to honor and safeguard Mother Earth.** [The City Cast Las Vegas podcast](#) recently illuminated a pressing concern that speaks directly to our hearts. In the shadows of Las Vegas lie the Sunrise and Frenchman Mountains, landscapes that are not merely picturesque but are imbued with the spirit of our ancestors. These lands are a tapestry of rich biodiversity, sacred sites of our people, and geological wonders like the Great Unconformity. Yet, despite their profound significance, they remain unprotected, exposed to the harms of littering, vandalism, and disregard.

In an [enlightening episode](#), City Cast co-host Sarah Lohman ventured to these sacred mountains, engaging with champions of the land. Dr. Steve Rowland, a geologist from UNLV, Bertha Gutierrez of the Conservation Lands Foundation, and our own Taylor Patterson from Native Voters Alliance, illuminated the path toward preservation. They voiced a united call for the creation of an East Las Vegas National Monument, not only to honor the ecological and historical essence of the land but also to nurture the community of East Las Vegas through accessible natural spaces.

 [Your support is a testament to our ancestors' resilience](#) 

[Listening to their conversation](#), it's evident that protecting our transcends the act of conservation. It's an affirmation of our commitment to community, to the sanctity of Indigenous lands and stories, and to the cultivation of sustainable practices that respect the land. As Earth Day unfolds, let it be a catalyst for our collective efforts to champion the protection of the East Las Vegas National Monument. It's a call to safeguard the sacred ground under our feet and the legacy we will pass on to future generations.



Color Palette Competition 2024

Tired of staring at the same old color schemes? Us too! That's why we've teamed up with [Perception](#) to bring you the latest innovation to our color picker. Just a few mood words like *dreamy* or *playful*, and you can generate stunning color combos for your next creative project, directly within Playbook. With our 2024 Color Palette Competition, we invite YOU to explore your wildest color dreams and maybe even win \$\$\$ prizes!

Our theme: "Sunday Morning" ☀️

Whether it's the soft pastels of a sunrise or the rich hues of your favorite cold brew, we want to see your interpretation of that 'Sunday morning' feeling. Create a unique moodboard using colors and images that captures the essence of those Sunday moments.

Prizes:

- 🏆 1st Place: \$500
- 🥈 2nd Place: \$350
- 🥉 3rd Place: \$100

Important dates:

- Open for submissions: April 10th, 2024
- Close for submissions: May 10th, 2024 @ 11:59PM EST
- Winners announce on May 20th, 2024

Submission:

- One (1) board entry per participant
- Your moodboard should have at least 4 different colors along with images and any other visual elements (*If you use images or artwork not your own, make sure to give credit to the original creator*)

Need some inspiration? Get started with these examples! [Example 1](#) | [Example 2](#) |

💡 Tip: Open the link and select 'Add to Playbook' to use these as a starting point for your own moodboard!

Rose Miron, "Indigenous Archival Activism: Mohican Interventions in Public History and Memory" (U Minnesota Press, 2024)

New Books in Native American Studies

The past several decades have seen a massive shift in debates over who owns and has the right to tell Native American history and stories. For centuries, non-Native actors have collected, stolen, sequestered, and gained value from Native stories and documents, human remains, and sacred objects. However, thanks to the work of Native activists, Native history is now increasingly repatriated back to the control of tribes and communities. *Indigenous Archival Activism: Mohican Interventions in Public History and Memory* (U Minnesota Press, 2024) takes readers into the heart of these debates by tracing one tribe's fifty-year fight to recover and rewrite its

history. Rose Miron tells the story of the Stockbridge–Munsee Mohican Nation and its Historical Committee, a group composed mostly of Mohican women who have been collecting and reorganizing historical materials since 1968. She shows how their work is exemplary of how tribal archives can strategically shift how Native history is accessed, represented, written, and, most important, controlled. Based on a more than decade-long reciprocal relationship with the Stockbridge–Munsee Mohican Nation, Miron’s research and writing are shaped primarily by materials found in the tribal archive and ongoing conversations and input from the Stockbridge–Munsee Historical Committee. Miron is not Mohican and is careful to consider her own positionality and reflects on what it means for non-Native researchers and institutions to build reciprocal relationships with Indigenous nations in the context of academia and public history, offering a model both for tribes undertaking their own reclamation projects and for scholars looking to work with tribes in ethical ways. Jen Hoyer is Technical Services and Electronic Resources Librarian at CUNY New York City College of Technology. Jen edits for Partnership Journal and organizes with the TPS Collective. She is co-author of What Primary Sources Teach: Lessons for Every Classroom and The Social Movement Archive. Learn more about your ad choices. Visit megaphone.fm/adchoices Support our show by becoming a premium member! <https://newbooksnetwork.supportingcast.fm/native-american-studies> Listen on Apple Podcasts: <https://pod>

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Biden-Harris Administration Announces New Interagency Effort to Support Tribal Water and Sanitation Infrastructure

WASHINGTON — The Department of the Interior’s Bureau of Reclamation and Indian Health Service (IHS) today announced a new [Memorandum of Understanding](#) to further develop safe drinking water and community sanitation infrastructure projects across Indian Country. Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water and Science Michael Brain made the announcement at the White House’s first-ever Clean Water Summit, alongside Indian Health Service Deputy Director Benjamin Smith and Yakama Nation Chairman Gerald Lewis. Reclamation Commissioner Camille Calimlim Touton also spoke on a panel at the event to uplift Reclamation’s investments in climate and drought resilience across the West.

Through the Memorandum of Understanding, the agencies will collaborate to complete studies, planning and design to be used in constructing domestic water infrastructure projects. The collaboration is aimed at accelerating completion of such facilities in Tribal communities. The MOU follows President Biden’s Executive Order 14112, which directs federal agencies to work together to remove barriers and streamline Tribal access to resources.

“At the Interior Department, we know that having modern water infrastructure is not only crucial to the health of our kids and families – it’s also important for economic opportunity, job creation and responding to the intensifying effects of climate change,” said **Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water and Science Michael Brain**. “Through this new agreement, and historic resources from President Biden’s Investing in America agenda, we are taking a significant stride towards ensuring essential water and sanitation infrastructure throughout Indian Country.

“This Administration’s all-of-government approach allows us to leverage funds from historic investments through President Biden’s Investing in America Agenda to go even further for Tribal communities,” said **Commissioner Camille Calimlim Touton**. “Reclamation is pleased to work with the Indian Health Service in exploring opportunities for projects with the Yakama Nation and other Tribes to initiate implementation of this MOU.”

A potential pilot project under this agreement has been identified on the Yakama Reservation in Washington State. After an IHS engineering investigation confirmed high levels of arsenic in the water system of the small community of Georgeville, the Yakama Nation and IHS agreed to construct a treatment system to remove arsenic from the water supply using Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding. The MOU allows the Bureau of Reclamation to provide technical support for this and future projects.

“Having access to safe and reliable water systems is an essential matter of public health,” said **Indian Health Service Director Roselyn Tso**. “Unfortunately, far too many Native American communities are still awaiting these basic services. The Indian Health Service appreciates the Biden Administration’s historic multi-billion-dollar investment in water and sanitation infrastructure in Indian Country. This agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation will accelerate completion of these critical projects and reduce barriers for our tribal nations to partner with our agencies.”

In 2022, Reclamation joined the Federal Infrastructure Task Force to Improve Access to Safe Drinking Water and Basic Sanitation to Tribal Communities. With new resources provided through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act, the Bureau has committed significant funding towards Tribal water infrastructure projects. Earlier this month, the Bureau made \$320 million [available](#) for Tribal domestic water supply projects, as part of an overall \$550 million allocated through the Inflation Reduction Act and as part of President Biden’s Justice40 Initiative for domestic water assistance for disadvantaged communities. The Indian Health Service is currently in its third year of funding water and sanitation projects through a \$3.5 billion investment from the Biden-Harris administration, and today announced allocation decisions of \$700 million in Fiscal Year 2024.

President Biden’s Investing in America agenda represents the largest investment in climate resilience in the nation’s history and is providing much-needed resources to enhance Western communities’ resilience to drought and climate change, including providing significant resources towards expanding access to clean water in Tribal communities. The [Bureau of Indian Affairs](#) has also dedicated \$250 million from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law towards repairing

Tribalwater infrastructure – including dams, irrigation, and water sanitation systems.



EPA Announces Online Collection of Environmental Justice Resources

The Environmental Justice Clearinghouse will help the public access tools and resources as part of President Biden's ambitious environmental justice agenda.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced the [Environmental Justice Clearinghouse](#), a first-of-its-kind online collection of resources related to environmental justice. Directed by President Biden's [Executive Order on Revitalizing Our Nation's Commitment to Environmental Justice for All](#), the Environmental Justice Clearinghouse will help the public access federal and non-federal resources online as part of the Biden-Harris Administration's ambitious environmental justice agenda.

"Delivering on the Biden-Harris Administration's ambitious environmental justice agenda requires shared dedication to building strong relationships and solution-oriented programs. The Environmental Justice Clearinghouse is a transformative resource guide built to help us accomplish our agency-wide environmental justice goals," **Theresa Segovia, Principal Deputy Assistant Director for The Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights**. "Having an online, easily accessible library of information will ensure that resources from across the country are at the fingertips of all environmental justice stakeholders and advocates. And it will only be made stronger with suggestions from the American people."

EPA's Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights will continue to add information to the clearinghouse on a rolling basis and welcomes input and any submissions from the public for review and potential inclusion.

The preliminary resources listed on the Environmental Justice Clearinghouse were submitted by agencies from across the federal government, including funding opportunities, screening and mapping tools, and technical assistance. The Environmental Justice Clearinghouse features searchable categories to simplify results for the public to ensure a more efficient and accessible process for accessing information related to environmental justice.

"President Biden tasked the entire federal government with breaking down barriers to resources and information that help communities pursue environmental justice. EPA's Environmental Justice Clearinghouse will be a helpful online tool that compiles multiple sources of information so that everyone interested in environmental justice will be able to find resources on one

website,” said **Dr. Jalonne L. White-Newsome, Federal Chief Environmental Justice Officer for the White House Council on Environmental Quality.**

Visit EPA’s website to view the Environmental Justice Clearinghouse or [submit a potential resource](#).

Background

On April 21, 2023, President Biden signed [Executive Order 14906 Revitalizing Our Nation’s Commitment to Environmental Justice for All](#), which included the establishment of the Environmental Justice Clearinghouse to be a public, internet-based, whole-of-government clearinghouse composed of culturally and linguistically appropriate and accessible materials related to environmental justice including:

- Information describing the activities of the members of the White House Environmental Justice Interagency Council to address issues relating to environmental justice.
- Information on technical assistance, tools, and resources to assist communities with environmental justice concerns in building capacity for public participation.
- Copies of training materials developed by the White House Environmental Justice Interagency Council or its members to help individuals and employees understand and carry out environmental justice activities.
- Any other information deemed appropriate by the EPA Administrator, in coordination with the [White House Environmental Justice Interagency Council](#).

Learn more about [environmental justice at EPA](#).

Read about the [White House Environmental Justice Interagency Council](#) and the Biden-Harris Administration’s whole-of-government commitment to environmental justice.

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### **USDA Rural Development Highlights Nevada Energy Opportunities to Western Governors’ Association**

**Phoenix, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024**--USDA Rural Development Nevada (USDA RD-NV) State Director Lucas Ingvaldstad today spoke to assembled Western governors and Federal representatives at the Western Governors Association’s Western Prosperity Forum. Invited to discuss emerging energy opportunities available to farmers, ranchers, and small businesses, State Director Ingvaldstad highlighted recent investments in Nevada via the [Rural Energy for America Program \(REAP\)](#) and the [Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program \(HBIIP\)](#). The State Director also called attention to the recent announcement of REAP and HBIIP awards nationwide, [made in recognition of Earth Day by USDA Deputy Secretary Xochitl Torres Small](#).

“We were proud to discuss today how USDA RD ensures that rural and Tribal communities can both participate in and benefit from the clean energy economy, as well as the historic investments made by the Biden-Harris Administration through the Inflation Reduction Act,” said Ingvaldstad. “Whether in Nevada or in any other state, investments in infrastructure through REAP and HBIIP help families and businesses cut costs, save money at the pump, join new markets, and modernize their rural communities for a better quality of life for the decades to come.”

Attendees at the Western Prosperity Forum included Arizona Governor Katie Hobbs, USDA Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment Homer Wilkes, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Associate Director for Science Yulia Carroll, Governor of the Gila

River Indian Community Steven Roe Lewis, and U.S. Department of Energy Stakeholder Engagement Lead Toniqua Hay.

Recent investments in supporting emerging energy opportunities for Nevada farmers, ranchers, and small businesses include:

**Nevada Lithium Circular Economy Conference held at University April 8 and 9:**

Over 300 participants gathered at the University of Nevada, Reno, for the Nevada Lithium Circular Economy Conference, aiming to foster innovation and economic growth through a statewide initiative named Recharge Nevada. ([unr.edu](http://unr.edu))

**USPS commits to rerouting Reno-area mail despite bipartisan pushback and mail ballot concerns:**

Despite objections from Nevada lawmakers, USPS will proceed with rerouting Reno-area mail to Sacramento, raising concerns about mail ballot processing speeds in this crucial swing state. ([apnews.com](http://apnews.com))

***Couldn't resist including this pic***

The photograph that is making the world go around. One of the last two white rhino



specimens left on the planet, monitored 24/7 by a military so that poachers don't kill it. With this photo, taken at a nature reserve in central Kenya, Matjaz Krivic won the award for "Best Travel Photographer 2022".

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