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“He was sitting on a rock and everybody told him, ‘It’s a rock, it’s not going to hatch,’” Griffard tells the *Post*. “And all of a sudden, in his mind, it hatched and he has a chick.”

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/eagle-who-thought-rock-was-an-egg-finally-has-a-chance-to-be-a-dad-180982034/?spMailingID=49856683&spUserID=OTYyNTc5MzkyMTQyS0&spJobID=2721554221&spReportId=MjcyMTU1NDIyMQS2>

From Ian Zabarte:

DOWNWIND made 10 best desert movies.

<https://collider.com/desert-movies-best-ranked/>

Paulina Bucka's news story I'm in got an Emmy.

<https://www.ktnv.com/news/the-deep-roots-of-the-yucca-mountain-nuclear-waste-fight-and-why-it-continues-to-this-day>

The 10 Best Desert Movies, Ranked

The desert: a landscape so quiet and desolate that it almost seems like a blank canvas on which the filmmaker can project whatever they wish. It has been used in some of [the greatest movies of all time](#) and can adeptly highlight the human condition when placed in extreme situations: *edited*

It's mostly known for road movies and Westerns, but the desert can encompass any genre. *Dune* is self-explanatory, but *Star Wars* isn't, despite Tatooine being one of the most iconic planets in movie history. To qualify, the majority of the narrative must feel like we're in the desert. The best desert movies also put the space to wonderful thematic and dramatic use, demonstrating how this barren landscape is vastly more fruitful than its soil. **These are the best desert movies in cinematic history**, triumphs of the medium that, unlike their setting, are as refreshing today as they were when they premiered.

10 'Downwind' (2023) Directed by Douglas Brian Miller and Mark Shapiro

An extremely recent and overlooked documentary, *Downwind* is sort of an inverse-[Oppenheimer](#). Whereas this year's Best Picture winner conveyed the emotional toll the atomic bomb had on its creator, *Downwind* details the horrible physical toll it's had on the desert land, the Americans who live nearby, and potentially all over the country. In one scene, a man points out how a river carries radiation from a Nevada nuclear testing sight all the way into Death Valley.

Using interviews (which largely range from Las Vegas to St. George, Utah), declassified U.S. government documents, old newspaper stories, and more, *Downwind* illustrates the government's attempts to keep the horrific dangers of its wildly excessive atomic testing quiet. **What words to describe learning that Southern Utah's smaller population was considered expendable in comparison to Southern California's?** Or that, out of 220 people who worked on the set for [The Conqueror, about 110 died of cancer](#) (including **John Wayne**)? This documentary is hard to swallow, but it aptly tells a vital part of this nation's history. [Watch on Tubi](#) Duration 2:35
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[Native Americans Recasting Views Indigenous Life](#)

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/magazine/article/native-americans-recasting-views-indigenous-life>

Minnesota horse track owners upset about appointment of tribal leaders to Racing Commission

<https://www.startribune.com/minnesota-horse-track-owners-upset-about-appointment-of-tribal-leaders-to-racing-commission/600375798/>

[American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association \(AIANTA\)](#)

Five tribal Nations, the [Oglala Oyate](#), [Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe](#), Rosebud Sioux Tribe, [Standing Rock Sioux Tribe](#) and [Crow Creek Sioux Tribe](#), formally signed an agreement with the [U.S. Forest Service - Black Hills National Forest](#) to co-steward the Pactola Visitor Center.



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[Tribes, Forest Service to sign MOU on Pactola Visitor Center](#)

[Five tribal nations will formally sign an agreement on Thursday with the Black Hills National Forest for co-stewardship of the Pactola Visitor Center. Participating tribes include the Oglala, Cheyenne River, Rosebud, Standing Rock and Crow Creek Sioux Tribes.](#)

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**GrantStation**

[Institute for Study Abroad](#)

[\\$1K to Study Abroad? Greet kangaroos and kookaburras in Queensland. Explore incredible biodiversity from a boat on the Uruguay River. Time travel at Culloden Battlefield in Scotland.](#)

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AARP is committed to supporting older entrepreneurs. AARP is collaborating with the NASE as a supporter of the Growth Grants program. The grants are targeting **NASE Members** who are minority business owners aged 45 and older. Through this partnership NASE and AARP are working to provide greater access to capital for business growth.

[Click Here to Learn More!](#)

Apply for a NASE Growth Grant sponsored by AARP today. Three winners will be selected each quarter *through the end of 2024* and awarded a \$4,000 grant to support the growth of their business.

Visit the [Sponsor Showcase](#) to see past winners.

National Opportunities

Grants Advance Innovative Solutions to the Opioid Crisis

The Foundation for Opioid Response Efforts (FORE) aims to find and foster innovative solutions to ending the nation's opioid and drug overdose crisis.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Initiatives Funded

The mission of the American Arbitration Association-International Centre for Dispute Resolution Foundation is to support the prevention and resolution of conflicts by expanding access to alternative dispute resolution in the U.S and internationally.

Support Benefits the Japanese American Community

The JA Community Foundation supports nonprofit organizations in the United States serving the Japanese American and greater Asian American communities.

Grants Available for Rural Post-Secondary Education Research

The ECMC Foundation's Rural Impact Initiative aims to enhance understanding of the challenges of rural post-secondary institutions and learners and to increase completion rates and build the capacity of organizations, institutions, and systems to support rural learners.

Call for Proposals Strengthens Childhood Obesity Prevention Efforts

Through the Addressing Childhood Obesity and Health Inequities call for proposals, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation supports organizations and communities that have been at the forefront of equity-oriented childhood obesity prevention.

Manufacturing Skills Training Programs Supported

The Teshinsky Family Foundation is dedicated to promoting personal liberty, economic freedom, and career opportunities through support, training, and accountability.

One \$100 Million Grant Provided to Solve a Critical Challenge

MacArthur Foundation has launched a new round of its *100&Change* competition, which will award a single \$100 million grant to help solve one of the world's most critical social challenges.

Funding Promotes Responsible Recreational Land Use

The Yamaha Outdoor Access Initiative supports efforts that promote safe, responsible use of off-

highway vehicles, educate the public on proper recreational land use and wildlife conservation practices, and protect access to public lands.

Funds Help Socially Disadvantaged and Veteran Farmers and Ranchers

The Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers and Veteran Farmers and Ranchers Program assists underserved farmers and ranchers, military veteran farmers and ranchers, and beginning farmers and ranchers with owning and operating farms and ranches.

Pool Safety Efforts Supported

The Pool Safety Grant Program's purpose is to provide state and local governments with assistance to help implement enforcement and education programs, with the goal of preventing drowning and drain entrapments of children in pools and spas.

Regional Opportunities

Grants Sustain Traditional Arts in California

The Alliance for California Traditional Arts promotes and supports ways for cultural traditions to thrive now and into the future.

Support Enhances Education for Minnesota Children and Youth

The mission of the Ciresi Walburn Foundation is to serve as a catalyst for creative, innovative, and societal-changing programs and policies to promote education and equitable opportunities for all of Minnesota's children and youth.

Community Investment Program Benefits Railroad Communities

The CSX Community Investment Program provides support for organizations in the communities where the company's employees live and work, primarily in the Eastern, Southern, and Midwest regions of the United States.

Grants Available for Nonprofits Serving LGBTQ+ Texans

Texas Pride Impact Funds seeks to enrich the lives of LGBTQ+ Texans for generations to come.

Funding Promotes Climate Solutions in Georgia

Drawdown Georgia is a statewide initiative to identify and scale climate solutions in Georgia.

Ohio Nonprofit Organizations Supported

The mission of the Kettering Fund is to support scientific, medical, social, and educational studies and research carried on within Ohio.

Grants Enhance Texas Public Libraries

The Ladd and Katherine Hancher Library Foundation supports public libraries serving the state of Texas.

Efforts Improving the Quality of Life in Maine Funded

The Fisher Charitable Foundation provides grants to nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations in Maine.

Federal Opportunities

Program Supports STEM Learning Opportunities

The Innovative Technology Experiences for Students and Teachers (ITEST) program supports

applied research and development that provides pre-K-12 students with access to learning opportunities using technology integral to a high-quality education in STEM.

Funds Available to Assist Low-Income Homeowners

The Rural Housing Preservation Grant program provides grant funds to assist very low- and low-income homeowners in repairing and rehabilitating their homes in rural areas.

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**The Hanger Foundation** supports organizations that directly and positively impact people with physical challenges in need in the United States. For the current grant cycle, the Foundation is seeking grant applications focused on empowering people through rehabilitation and support services for related illnesses or trauma (stroke, sports injuries, combat-related injuries), and athletic programs, social activities, and events for individuals with physical challenges, with a special emphasis on amputees/people with limb difference. [Learn more](#) about the funding guidelines and application process.

**SAFE Credit Union's Community Impact Program** works to develop new ways to benefit communities served by the Credit Union, including Alameda, Amador, Butte, Contra Costa, El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba counties in California. SAFE's philanthropy focuses on education and youth leadership, including youth, high school, and higher education; health and wellness; and current and former military personnel. [Learn more](#) about the funding guidelines and application process.

**The Berggruen Institute** is a global network of thinkers navigating change through ideas. The Berggruen Prize for Philosophy and Culture is a \$1 million award given annually to an individual whose ideas have profoundly shaped human self-understanding and advancement in a rapidly changing world. [Learn more](#) about the Prize guidelines and nomination process.

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Approximately \$150 million is available to eligible Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) to carry out affordable housing activities for the benefit of low-income American Indian and Alaska Native families. In accordance with **the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2024, HUD will prioritize grant applications that spur housing construction and rehabilitation.**

Applicants will have until **11:59:59 p.m. EDT on Thursday, August 29, 2024**, to submit applications. If you are unable to submit your application electronically, you may request a waiver in accordance with Section IV.A. of the NOFO.

HUD will provide information on NOFO training opportunities in the near future. Applicants are encouraged to participate in the training before applying for funding. To find additional information about the NOFO and training materials please visit our Codetalk website (www.hud.gov/codetalk), where materials will be posted as they become available.

I strongly encourage your community to apply for the IHBG Competitive Grant. If you have questions about the NOFO, please contact IHBGCompetitiveProgram@hud.gov or your Area ONAP office.

Waewaenen (Thank you) for your continued partnership and collaboration in serving Indian Country.
Sincerely, Heidi J. Frechette, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Native American Programs

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## **EPA Announces Two Awards Totaling \$2 Million to Santo Domingo Pueblo for Waste Management**

[The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced](#) community grant for \$1.5 million and an Environmental Justice Government to Government Award for \$539,452 to **Santo Domingo Pueblo**, totaling \$2,039,452. The \$1.5 million grant is for planning and engineering design activities associated with improvements to the Domingo, Galisteo, and Main Village lift stations as part of the comprehensive Santo Domingo wastewater distribution system project. The \$539,452 grant will educate residents on the dangers of open dumps and remove several open dumps within Tribal lands.

**Santo Domingo Pueblo** secured over \$2 million through the Inflation Reduction Act and the Appropriations process to build a wastewater treatment plant and remove open dump sites. This new investment will help leaders of the Pueblo address pollution, make their communities safer, and protect the health and well-being of families. Santo Domingo Pueblo identified the need for a long-term and efficient wastewater system to manage wastewater across Pueblo lands. With this \$1.5 million grant funding, the Pueblo will plan and design a centralized wastewater treatment plant that will improve wastewater infrastructure across the territory. The estimated duration of this project is 14 months.

With the Environmental Justice Government to Government grant, **Santo Domingo Pueblo** plans to clean up 11 non-hazardous waste open dump sites and conduct six free trash weeks, three tire amnesty events, and two open dump community workshops. The grant will also fund outreach efforts to 2,000 community members to ensure residents understand proper waste disposal methods and the hazards of open dump sites, including soil and water contamination, to eliminate the practice of open dumping.

**IHBG Formula Census Challenge Deadline Date Change** The IHBG regulation at 24 CFR §1000.336(d) requires that Tribes and TDHEs submit documentation supporting Census challenges by March 30th to be considered for the upcoming fiscal year allocation. However, because the Census data used for computing the FY 2025 IHBG formula allocation was not available until September 29, 2023, HUD is **extending the Census Challenge deadline to July 29, 2024**. This extension provides Tribes and TDHEs with a similar amount of time as they had in prior fiscal years to review their Census data. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is regulatorily required to provide this information annually to all IHBG eligible Indian Tribes and their Tribally Designated Housing Entity (TDHE). HUD is posting the FY 2025 Needs Data information on-line at: <https://ihbgformula.com/2025-needsdata/>.

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Renewables Are Running Behind

A new global energy report from the Energy Institute has found that [fossil fuel consumption climbed to a record high last year](#) – but so did the use of renewable energy. Juliet Davenport, the president of the Energy Institute, said the report had revealed “another year of highs in our energy-hungry world” including the consumption of fossil fuels, which rose by 1.5%.

Overall, fossil fuels made up 81.5% of the world’s primary energy last year, down only slightly from 82% the year before, while wind and solar power climbed by 13% last year to reach a new record. Gas use remained steady in 2024 while consumption of coal climbed by 1.6% and oil demand rose by 2%. Also, for the first time, more coal was used in India than in Europe and

North America combined. In Europe, fossil fuels fell to below 70% of primary energy use for the first time since the Industrial Revolution.

Chemtrails Over A Lot Of Country Clubs

- According to a new study published in Environmental Research Letters on Wednesday, the February 2023 train derailment in East Palestine, Ohio, [spread “hazardous” pollution across 16 states](#). The pollution ultimately spread across 540,000 square miles or 14% of the U.S. land area, according to the study.
- Eleven of the derailed cars were transporting hazardous materials, five of which contained vinyl chloride, a highly volatile colorless gas produced for commercial uses. Researchers estimate that 110 million residents, or one-third of the nation's population, were impacted by pollution.

[The Senate just passed a critical clean energy bill to pave the way for more nuclear](#) (CNN)

Institute of American Indian Arts - MFA in Creative Writing Mentors

The writers who serve as MFA Mentors are outstanding for both their level of literary achievements and for their teaching records and abilities. These accomplished authors bring careful attention and diverse writing styles and voices to the mix.

<https://iaia.edu/explore-programs/creative-writing-mfa/mfa-mentors>



will celebrate your role models this Father's Day!

The graphic features a dark red background with a gold banner on the left containing the date 'JULY 2 2024 10AM MDT'. The Aianta logo, a stylized sun with a cross, is positioned above the text 'AIANTA American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association'. To the right, a white pill-shaped box contains the text 'WEBINAR SERIES'. The main title 'FASHION TOURISM IN INDIAN COUNTRY' is in large white letters, with the subtitle 'REPRESENTING A UNIQUE INTERSECTION OF CULTURAL HERITAGE, CREATIVE EXPRESSION AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY' below it. A gold pill-shaped box contains the registration link 'REGISTER: HTTPS://BIT.LY/AIANTA-24WEBINARJUL2'. At the bottom, five circular portraits of speakers are shown with their names and affiliations: Savannah Sparvier (AIANTA), Mona Perea (Southwestern Association for Indian Arts), Twila True (True Family Enterprises), Peshawn Bread (Filmmaker + Creative Director + Designer + Model), and Loren Aragon (Towering Stone).

[American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association \(AIANTA\)](#)

Join us July 2 for our free webinar: Fashion Tourism in Indian Country!
Fashion tourism in Indian Country represents a unique intersection of cultural heritage, creative expression and economic opportunity. It involves visitors traveling to Indigenous communities specifically to experience, purchase and learn about traditional and contemporary Indigenous fashion. Two fashion designers will discuss how fashion can be developed and promoted in Indian Country to draw tourists into your community. They will share how fashion shows featuring traditional regalia and contemporary designs by Indigenous designers attract buyers and tourists. Events like the Santa Fe Indian Market and the Heard Museum Guild Indian Fair & Market fashion shows have become highlighted events drawing designers and buyers from across the country. Register now to secure your spot! <https://bit.ly/AIANTA-24WEBINARJUL2>
Check out the Facebook event page here: <https://bit.ly/4bYuM5f>

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**[Band pauses water rules on nontribal land](https://replica.startribune.com/infinity/article_popover_share.aspx?guid=6c9231d9-0ba7-4ae2-ba39-ecccd86dd1e2&share=true)**  
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Franklin Pierce's First State of the Union Address December 5, 1853

This is the first residential State of the Union address that does NOT specifically mention Indians. It is, however, an entertaining treatise on foreign relations, fiscal status of USA, declining revenue in Post Office, wanting to connect Union by railroad, etc. Read it at

https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Franklin_Pierce%27s_First_State_of_the_Union_Address

Franklin Pierce - Second State of the Union - December 4, 1854

“In connection with this subject I recommend a change in the laws, which recent experience has shown to be essential to the protection of the Government. There is no express provision of law requiring the records and papers of a public character of the several officers of the Government to be left in their offices for the use of their successors, nor any provision declaring it felony on their part to make false entries in the books or return false accounts. In the absence of such express provision by law, the outgoing officers in many instances have claimed and exercised the right to take into their own possession important books and papers, on the ground that these were their private property, and have placed them beyond the reach of the Government. Conduct of this character, brought in several instances to the notice of the present Secretary of the Treasury, naturally awakened his suspicion, and resulted in the disclosure that at four ports—namely, Oswego, Toledo, Sandusky, and Milwaukee—the Treasury had, by false entries, been defrauded within the four years next preceding March, 1853, of the sum of \$198,000. The great difficulty with which the detection of these frauds has been attended, in consequence of the abstraction of books and papers by the retiring officers, and the facility with which similar frauds in the public service may be perpetrated render the necessity of new legal enactments in the respects above referred to quite obvious. For other material modifications of the revenue laws which seem to me desirable, I refer you to the report of the Secretary of the Treasury. That report and the tables which accompany it furnish ample proofs of the solid foundation on which the financial security of the country rests and of the salutary influence of the independent-treasury system upon commerce and all monetary operations.

The experience of the last year furnishes additional reasons, I regret to say, of a painful character, for the recommendation heretofore made to provide for increasing the military force employed in the Territory inhabited by the Indians. The settlers on the frontier have suffered much from the incursions of predatory bands, and large parties of emigrants to our Pacific possessions have been massacred with impunity. The recurrence of such scenes can only be prevented by teaching these wild tribes the power of and their responsibility to the United States. From the garrisons of our frontier posts it is only possible to detach troops in small bodies; and though these have on all occasions displayed a gallantry and a stern devotion to duty which on a larger field would have commanded universal admiration, they have usually suffered severely in these conflicts with superior numbers, and have sometimes been entirely sacrificed. All the disposable force of the Army is already employed on this service, and is known to be wholly inadequate to the protection which should be afforded. The public mind of the country has been recently shocked by savage atrocities committed upon defenseless emigrants and border settlements, and hardly less by the unnecessary destruction of valuable lives where inadequate detachments of troops have undertaken to furnish the needed aid. Without increase of the military force these scenes will be repeated, it is to be feared, on a larger scale and with more disastrous consequences. Congress, I am sure, will perceive that the plainest duties and responsibilities of Government are involved in this question, and I doubt not that prompt action may be confidently anticipated when delay must be attended by such fearful hazards.

The bill of the last session providing for an increase of the pay of the rank and file of the Army has had beneficial results, not only in facilitating enlistments, but in obvious improvement in the

class of men who enter the service. I regret that corresponding consideration was not bestowed on the officers, who, in view of their character and services and the expenses to which they are necessarily subject, receive at present what is, in my judgment, inadequate compensation.

The valuable services constantly rendered by the Army and its inestimable importance as the nucleus around which the volunteer forces of the nation can promptly gather in the hour of danger, sufficiently attest the wisdom of maintaining a military peace establishment; but the theory of our system and the wise practice under it require that any proposed augmentation in time of peace be only commensurate with our extended limits and frontier relations. While scrupulously adhering to this principle, I find in existing circumstances a necessity for increase of our military force, and it is believed that four new regiments, two of infantry and two of mounted men, will be sufficient to meet the present exigency. If it were necessary carefully to weigh the cost in a case of such urgency, it would be shown that the additional expense would be comparatively light.

With the increase of the numerical force of the Army should, I think, be combined certain measures of reform in its organic arrangement and administration. The present organization is the result of partial legislation often directed to special objects and interests; and the laws regulating rank and command, having been adopted many years ago from the British code, are not always applicable to our service. It is not surprising, therefore, that the system should be deficient in the symmetry and simplicity essential to the harmonious working of its several parts, and require a careful revision.”

https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Franklin_Pierce%27s_Second_State_of_the_Union_Address

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**Franklin Pierce’s Third State of the Union    December 31, 1855**

“The Army during the past year has been actively engaged in defending the Indian frontier, the state of the service permitting but few and small garrisons in our permanent fortifications. The additional regiments authorized at the last session of Congress have been recruited and organized, and a large portion of the troops have already been sent to the field. All the duties which devolve on the military establishment have been satisfactorily performed, and the dangers and privations incident to the character of the service required of our troops have furnished additional evidence of their courage, zeal, and capacity to meet any requisition which their country may make upon them. For the details of the military operations, the distribution of the troops, and additional provisions required for the military service, I refer to the report of the Secretary of War and the accompanying documents.” .....

“The report of the Secretary of the Interior will engage your attention as well for useful suggestions it contains as for the interest and importance of the subjects to which they refer.

The aggregate amount of public land sold during the last fiscal year, located with military scrip or land warrants, taken up under grants for roads, and selected as swamp lands by States is 24,557,409 acres, of which the portion sold was 15,729,524 acres, yielding in receipts the sum of

\$11,485,380. In the same period of time 8,723,854 acres have been surveyed, but, in consideration of the quantity already subject to entry, no additional tracts have been brought into market.”

“Information has recently been received that the peace of the settlements in the Territories of Oregon and Washington is disturbed by hostilities on the part of the Indians, with indications of extensive combinations of a hostile character among the tribes in that quarter, the more serious in their possible effect by reason of the undetermined foreign interests existing in those Territories, to which your attention has already been especially invited. Efficient measures have been taken, which, it is believed, will restore quiet and afford protection to our citizens.”

This address has substantial rhetoric devoted to states rights and “the problem”.

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Franklin Pierce’s Fourth State of the Union Address - December 1856

Opening devoted to a long essay on slavery; another section on Treaty with Great Britian, other foreigh relations and the Isthmus of Panama..

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“The aggregate sales of the public lands during the last fiscal year amount to 9,227,878 acres, for which has been received the sum of \$8,821,414. During the same period there have been located with military scrip and land warrants and for other purposes 30,100,230 acres, thus making a total aggregate of 39,328,108 acres. On the 30th of September last surveys had been made of 16,873,699 acres, a large proportion of which is ready for market.

The suggestions in this report in regard to the complication and progressive expansion of the business of the different bureaus of the Department, to the pension system, to the colonization of Indian tribes, and the recommendations in relation to various improvements in the District of Columbia are especially commended to your consideration.

The report of the Postmaster-General presents fully the condition of that Department of the Government. Its expenditures for the last fiscal year were \$10,407,868 and its gross receipts \$7,620,801, making an excess of expenditure over receipts of \$2,787,046. The deficiency of this Department is thus \$744,000 greater than for the year ending June 30, 1853. Of this deficiency \$330,000 is to be attributed to the additional compensation allowed to postmasters by the act of Congress of June 22, 1854. The mail facilities in every part of the country have been very much increased in that period, and the large addition of railroad service, amounting to 7,908 miles, has added largely to the cost of transportation.”

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