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<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/crime/two-men-face-up-to-10-years-in-jail-after-toppling-140-million-year-old-rock-format>



83-year-old Colorado fisherman is back, defiant, seeking arrest and support in fight for freedom to wade in the Arkansas River

Roger Hill fighting for “right to wade” in Colorado rivers

<https://www.canoncitydailyrecord.com/2024/09/02/fisherman-rivers-access-colorado/>

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*This is a very interesting and full of history - worrh time. However, does not include the “hows”, financial plans, etc., so reading the comments is also a must.*

**Return the National Parks to the Tribes**

David Treuer / The Atlantic

<https://www.rsn.org/001/return-the-national-parks-to-the-tribes.html>

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‘It’s complicated’: Old Farmer’s Almanac predicts wet, mild winter, but meteorologists question forecast

National Weather

Service predicts wet, cool winter (*but what say the pinenuts?*)

<https://www.mercurynews.com/2024/09/03/its-complicated-old-farmers-almanac-predicts-wet-mild-winter-but-meteorologists-question-forecast/>

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**Scientists make breakthrough discovery with the power to permanently change plastic pollution: 'Transforming ... pollutants into valuable, reusable chemicals'**

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/tech/scientists-breakthrough-discovery-power-permanently-133000212.html>

## Scholarships with October 16 - Scholarships

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| <a href="#">Balanced Man Scholarship - Stevens Institute of Technology</a>                | \$2,000   | October 16, 2024 |
| <a href="#">BEA Abe Voron Award</a>                                                       | \$3,000   | October 16, 2024 |
| <a href="#">BEA Edward O. Fritts Award</a>                                                | \$1,000   | October 16, 2024 |
| <a href="#">BEA Founders Award</a>                                                        | \$1,500   | October 16, 2024 |
| <a href="#">BEA John Bayliss Award</a>                                                    | \$3,500   | October 16, 2024 |
| <a href="#">BEA Library of American Broadcasting Foundation Award</a>                     | \$3,000   | October 16, 2024 |
| <a href="#">BEA Peter B. Orlik Award</a>                                                  | \$3,500   | October 16, 2024 |
| <a href="#">BEA Richard Eaton Foundation Award</a>                                        | \$4,000   | October 16, 2024 |
| <a href="#">BEA Vincent T. Wasilewski Award</a>                                           | \$4,000   | October 16, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Luce Scholars Program</a>                                                     | Varies    | October 16, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Bruce Fishkin Scholarship Fund</a>                                            | \$50,000  | October 17, 2024 |
| <a href="#">College JumpStart Scholarship</a>                                             | \$1,000   | October 17, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Heisman High School Scholarship</a>                                           | \$10,000  | October 17, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Chick-fil-A Remarkable Futures™ Scholarships</a>                              | \$2,500   | October 18, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Daniels Scholarship Program</a>                                               | \$304,236 | October 18, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Flinn Scholarship</a>                                                         | \$130,000 | October 18, 2024 |
| <a href="#">SVC Foundation College Scholarship</a>                                        | \$5,000   | October 18, 2024 |
| <a href="#">The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. National High School Essay Contest</a>     | \$5,000   | October 18, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Annual Sphinx Competition</a>                                                 | \$50,000  | October 20, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Rossiter Family Scholarship On Behalf of William J. Rizzo, Jr.</a>            | \$10,000  | October 20, 2024 |
| <a href="#">WSU Polatajko Family Scholarship for Students of Eastern European Descent</a> | \$2,000   | October 20, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Legacy Lab Scholarship</a>                                                    | \$15,000  | October 21, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Saatchi Diversity Scholarship</a>                                             | \$10,000  | October 21, 2024 |
| <a href="#">WSOS Career and Technical Scholarship</a>                                     | \$1,500   | October 21, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Fund Your Future PAVE Student Aid Program</a>                                 | \$1,000   | October 23, 2024 |
| <a href="#">New York State Senate Undergraduate Program</a>                               | \$8,800   | October 25, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Point Foundation BIPOC Scholarship</a>                                        | \$1,500   | October 26, 2024 |
| <a href="#">The National Housing Endowment/Lee S. Evans Scholarship</a>                   | Varies    | October 26, 2024 |
| <a href="#">WTS Beverley Swaim Staley Leadership Legacy Scholarship</a>                   | \$3,500   | October 28, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Care4Kiddos Fundraising Scholarship</a>                                       | \$1,000   | October 29, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Albert &amp; Ethel Herzstein Charitable Foundation Scholarship</a>            | \$4,000   | October 30, 2024 |
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| <a href="#">Alma Exley Scholarship</a>                                        | \$5,000   | October 31, 2024 |
| <a href="#">BAEF Fellowships for Belgians</a>                                 | \$100,000 | October 31, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Belgian American Educational Foundation</a>                       | \$34,000  | October 31, 2024 |
| <a href="#">BG Foundation</a>                                                 | \$1,000   | October 31, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Combating Campus Issues Scholarship</a>                           | \$1,000   | October 31, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Deloitte HBCU Emerging Leaders Scholarship</a>                    | \$10,000  | October 31, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Doc Cohen Franchising Scholarship</a>                             | \$3,000   | October 31, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Fred DeLuca Foundation Scholarship</a>                            | \$2,500   | October 31, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Infinitus Dream Scholarship Fund</a>                              | \$3,000   | October 31, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Knoji Corporate Responsibility &amp; Brand Values Scholarship</a> | \$1,500   | October 31, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Mel C. Marshall Student Scholarship</a>                           | \$500     | October 31, 2024 |
| <a href="#">National Rice Month Scholarship Contest</a>                       | \$5,000   | October 31, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Pennsylvania Society of Public Accountants Scholarships</a>       | \$3,000   | October 31, 2024 |
| <a href="#">PinkRose Breast Cancer Scholarship</a>                            | \$1,000   | October 31, 2024 |
| <a href="#">SC Wildlife Federation Scholarships</a>                           | \$500     | October 31, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Steel Root Scholarship</a>                                        | \$10,000  | October 31, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Students of the Year - Middle Tennessee</a>                       | \$2,000   | October 31, 2024 |
| <a href="#">VFW Voice of Democracy Competition</a>                            |           |                  |

<https://www.rgj.com/story/news/2024/08/26/foreign-teachers-having-an-outsized-impact-in-one-rural-county-school-district/74954344007/>



• **Charles F. "Chuck" Sams III**

**Charles F. "Chuck" Sams III** is 19th director of the National Park Service. Sams is Cayuse and Walla Walla and is an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation in Northeast Oregon, where he grew up. He also has blood ties to the Cocopah Tribe and Yankton Sioux of Fort Peck. Sams most recently served as Oregon Governor Kate Brown's appointee to the Pacific Northwest Power and Conservation Council where he held a position as a council member from March to December of 2021. Prior to the NW Council, he served as executive director for the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

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| <p><b>Categories</b></p> <p><b>Water in Arizona:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People/Pets</li> <li>• Nature/Wildlife</li> <li>• The Built Environment</li> </ul> <p><b>*Special Category:</b><br/>Borders</p> | <p><b>Special Category: Borders</b></p> <p>Use the WRRC 2025 Annual Conference theme, <u><a href="#">Shared Borders, Shared Waters: Working Together in Times of Scarcity</a></u>, to inspire your photographs.</p> <p>One winner, one runner-up, and one honorable mention will be chosen from each category.</p> <p>*"Borders" category images can be from any location.</p> |
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## WRRC 2024 Photo Contest Now Open!

The WRRC is excited to announce our 2024 Photo Contest. This year, we're returning to the broader theme—Water in Arizona. We invite you to showcase your talent by capturing anything from nature and wildlife to industry and agriculture, including people at play and at work. It's totally up to you. Just make sure your picture relates to water and it's in Arizona!\*

Check out [last year's winners](#).

### Deadline is Dec. 20, 2024

<https://wrrc.arizona.edu/opportunities/photo-contest/wrrc-2024-photo-contest>



• Located in the Sacred Valley of Peru, the **Maras Salt Mines are an ancient site where salt has been harvested for over 2,000 years.** The mines consist of over 5,000 small, terraced salt pans that run along the mountainside. The salt is collected from a natural underground stream that fills the pans with mineral-rich water. As the water evaporates in the sun, it leaves behind salt crystals.

The Maras Salt Mines predate the Inca Empire, making them one of the oldest known salt-producing sites in the world. The Incas controlled the mines and used salt as a major resource for trade and preservation. Remarkably, the traditional methods of harvesting salt in Maras have been preserved and are still used by local families today.



These salt mines are not only an important historical site, but also a living part of the local culture, with ancient practices continuing into the modern world. The Maras Salt Mines provide a unique glimpse into the past, showing how ancient civilizations used natural resources in ways that are still relevant today. that are still relevant today.

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Tuve'hongnöm Creations is a Native/Indigenous woman owned and operated small business based in the Southwest. Specializing in Fine Indigenous Art for ALL.



[Tuvehongnom Creations](#)

Seeking Native artists for the October boxes, really would love to include any Alt Indigenous brands/business for the Halloween boxes I'm looking for items like pins, cups, tote bags, stickers, earrings etc! I haven't found an artist to highlight for October yet so please help me out by sharing this I included some pics of last year's Halloween boxes as an example
If you're interested send us a message this is open to any and ALL Indigenous artists in the U.S. & CANADA it doesn't matter if your business just started either, were happy to work with you.

A pink rectangular advertisement with a black border. At the top left is a circular logo with a woman's face and the text 'TUVE'HONGNOM CREATIONS'. The main text reads: 'Want to be Featured in Monthly Subscription boxes? If you're interested in having your jewelry, skin care products or accessories included in one of the future EOTMC boxes please contact us! Tuve'hongnöm wants to include more Indigenous artists and businesses 💜 www.tuvehongnomcreations.com'



Lawmakers seek bills to end 'use it or lose it' water law, expand water rights retirement

program

By: [Nevada Current](#)



Nevada lawmakers may address legislation that would deem water conservation a beneficial use, effectively upending traditional "use it or lose it" water law. (Photo Credit: Colton Brunson, Water Commissioner, Nevada Division of Water Resources)

By Jeniffer Solis, [Nevada Current](#)

Nevada's limited water resources and wide open public lands will continue to be the source of legal and political battles for state lawmakers next year — whatever the outcome of November's election.

When state lawmakers meet in Carson City next February, they will be asked to consider several — likely contentious — bills related to groundwater, agriculture, and public land use during their four-month legislative session.

On Friday, the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources voted to advance a number of bill draft requests that could deeply affect the state's water use, including a bill that would essentially overturn Nevada's "use it or lose it" water law.

Bill draft requests (BDRs) are not official bills, they are requests by lawmakers for a draft of the proposed bill they can further amend and discuss during the legislative session.

The most substantial BDR coming out of the committee would revise water law to encourage water conservation by allowing a water right holder to conserve their water under a water conservation plan without losing their water right. Under the proposal, water conserved under a conservation plan would be considered appropriated water, or water that is already being put to beneficial use.

The bill would substantially change Nevada water law, which states that water users can't hold on to water rights if they do not intend to use it productively in a timely manner.

During the Friday interim meeting, several members of the committee were reluctant to advance the bill draft request.

"We all know we have to address water and water conservation, but this particular bill is so encompassing," said Republican Sen. Pete Goicoechea, who represents rural Senate District 19. "I really want to see some language before I vote to bring a bill like that forward and some of the ramifications that could come out of a bill like that."

Washoe Republican Assemblyman Rich DeLong said he did not think next year's legislative session was the right place to debate such a massive change in Nevada water law.

"I just don't think the discussions have matured far enough to be able to put together a BDR," DeLong said. "I just think it's too soon to do this."

Democratic Assemblywoman Natha Anderson of Sparks, vice-chair of the Assembly on Natural Resources, said the bill was an important first step in putting language on the table and starting a conversation about reworking Nevada water law.

"It's important that we start here, so that we can have that conversation and work on it throughout the next session. I don't think our state is getting in any better position, water-wise, if we wait," added Reno Democratic Assemblywoman Selena La Rue Hatch during the Friday hearing. "We need to get started as soon as possible."

Three-fourths of Nevada is currently experiencing abnormally dry conditions, with parts of the northwest corner of the state hitting moderate drought this summer, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor.

In several parts of the state, significantly more groundwater is extracted than is returned to aquifers each year, leading to declining water levels. About 56 of the state's water basins are currently over-pumped, according to data compiled by the Legislative Counsel Bureau's Research Division.

The Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources also voted to advance two bill draft requests for bills that would create and expand state programs to buy water rights from over-appropriated groundwater basins.

One of the bills would establish a dedicated account for the Voluntary Water Rights Retirement Program, which was allocated \$25 million in funding last year to address groundwater conflicts by purchasing groundwater rights from private landowners in over-pumped and over-appropriated basins. The bill draft request was recommended by the Las Vegas Valley Water District and Jeff Fontaine, the executive director of the Humboldt River Basin Water Authority.

The program has [proved more successful](#) than anticipated. While the program is only available to landowners in about half of Nevada's counties, water rights sellers offered to sell a total of \$65.5 million in water rights in a matter of months — about \$40 million more than available funding.

The other water purchasing bill— recommended by Goicoechea— would create the Nevada Water Buy-Back Initiative for the purpose of purchasing and retiring water rights in over-appropriated groundwater basins over the long term.

Another water conservation bill draft request advanced by the committee Friday would extend the state's time limit on temporary conversion of agricultural water rights for wildlife purposes from three to ten years.

The Walker Basin Conservancy, a conservation group focused on Walker Lake, spoke in support of extending the time limit.

“The future of Walker Lake and the Walker River depends on Nevada statute extending the time period for temporary conversions. It will provide more flexible management tools for our region,” said Peter Stanton, the executive director of the Walker Basin Conservancy.

Part of protecting and managing Nevada's groundwater is collecting better data on Nevada's intricate network of groundwater aquifers, said lawmakers. The committee voted to advance a bill draft request for a bill that would appropriate \$1 million to the Division of Water Resources to update baseline science to improve the understanding of groundwater availability across the state.

Water managers in Nevada currently rely on water budget estimates developed 50 to 70 years ago, raising major concerns about the accuracy of groundwater availability, according to the Nevada Division of Water Resources. That uncertainty has become an even larger issue, as

Nevada faces escalating economic growth and development pressures, including [lithium mining](#) and [solar development](#).

<https://thisisreno.com/2024/08/lawmakers-look-for-bills-to-end-use-it-or-lose-it-water-law-expand-water-rights-retirement-program/>

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## Rez Ball

On Netflix Sept. 27

Director Sydney Freeland co-wrote the screenplay of this coming-of-age sports drama with [Reservation Dogs](#) co-creator Sterlin Harjo—and LeBron James stepped in to produce. Based on *Canyon Dreams* by journalist Michael Powell, this underdog story follows a high school basketball team made up of students from a Native American reservation in Chuska, N.M., competing for the state championship after losing their star player.

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<p><u>This could be America's grandest trail yet</u></p>
<p>When completed, the Great American Rail Trail will take hikers and bikers clear across the country, helping to revitalize small towns along the way.</p>
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## RESTORE THE DELTA: Delta Tribal Environmental Coalition challenges legality of Delta Conveyance Project in new petition

<https://mavensnotebook.com/2024/09/04/restore-the-delta-delta-tribal-environmental-coalition-challenges-legality-of-delta-conveyance-project-in-new-petition/>

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The U.S. Is Standing in the Way of Repatriating the Bodies of Native Kids Who Died at the Carlisle School

At “residential schools,” Native children were plucked from their homes and forced to abandon their culture, their customs, and their very identities in a process that was almost always brutal. Read in Esquire: <https://apple.news/AdEHDrWY0RC-aW6RhX6C1hQ>

From: YES! - A Better World Today <yesnewsletters@yesmagazine.org>

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Subject: **Why We Must Defend Public Libraries**



How a Native elections official is breaking down voting barriers in Arizona

Gabriella Cázares-Kelly knows the obstacles voters in remote and Indigenous communities face to participate in elections — and she's tackling them her way.

https://19thnews.org/2024/09/how-a-native-elections-official-is-breaking-down-voting-barriers-in-arizona/?utm_source=pocket-newtab-en-us

Indigenous Peoples of the Americas: A Guide to Resources at the Library of Congress

This guide provides an overview of resources at the Library of Congress that relate to Native communities in the continental United States, Alaska, Hawaii, Canada, Mexico, South America, and the Caribbean.

This guide brings together resources at the Library of Congress that relate to Indigenous communities in the Americas. Follow the links at left to explore research guides, digital collection material, Story Maps, and event video recordings. The resources listed in this guide are selective rather than exhaustive, and we encourage you to explore the [overview guides listed on the Research Guides page](#) to gather more details about Library of Congress holdings related to Native peoples in specific formats and on certain topics.

The Library of Congress has long treasured and preserved Native American collections in a variety of formats. We acknowledge that some of these collections were acquired without the full consent of their communities of origin. Today, the Library is dedicated to building vibrant partnerships with Native American communities; providing respectful, consultative, and appropriate access to historic Native American materials; promoting innovative scholarship on Native American collections; collecting contemporary Native

American works; and cultivating and celebrating distinguished achievements by Native American scholars and creators.


Located near the confluence of the Potomac and Anacostia rivers, the Library of Congress is built on land that is part of the homelands of the Nacotchtank (Anacostan), Piscataway Conoy, Pamunkey, and Manahoac people. Indigenous peoples, including members of these nations, still live and practice their teachings and cultures here today. The Library honors these stewards of the land, and all of the Indigenous peoples of the United States, who are the first peoples, including those in the region where the Library now provides its services. The Library works to interact with these groups in a responsible and respectful way.

<https://guides.loc.gov/indigenous-peoples-resources?loclr=blogsig>

[Feds plan to open 32M acres of public land for solar development across 11 western states](#)

Federal land managers Thursday released an updated roadmap for solar energy development across 11 western states, a plan that opens about 32 million acres of federal lands to utility-scale solar development.

<https://thisisreno.com/2024/08/feds-plan-to-open-32m-acres-of-public-land-for-solar-development-across-11-western-states/>



The Elouise Cobell Dissertation Writing-Year Fellowship provides a \$30,000 stipend to support American Indian and Alaska Native scholars in completing their dissertation for a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Doctor of Education (EdD), or Doctor of Science (ScD). Eligible applicants must be enrolled full-time and intend to dedicate the majority of the fellowship period to writing and defending their dissertation.

From LV Business Mag (*tee-hee...nod to traditional architecture in SW*)

Local designers talk outdoor kitchens

It's essential to consider the outdoor cooking space's location in relation to the house and whether there will be shade, a pool, or misters present along with heaters for the cold winter season.