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<https://rollcall.com/2024/09/03/house-readies-to-help-bald-eagle-soar-as-national-bird/>

## **Manitou Cliff Dwellings**

## **Manitou Springs, Colorado**

These faux-cliff dwellings allow visitors to climb around on a replica archaeological site.



The Manitou Cliff Dwellings, located a few miles west of Colorado Springs, Colorado, is a fake Indian village built to resemble the much more famous ruins of Mesa Verde National Park.

This tourist destination, now over 100 years old, began with a Colorado Springs journalist-turned-historic-preservationist named Virginia McClurg. In 1889, after a couple of visits to the still largely unexplored Mesa Verde country, McClurg and fellow preservationist Lucy Peabody founded the Colorado Cliff Dwellers Association. Their goal was to protect Mesa Verde from vandals and pothunters by turning it into a national park.

Fast forward a decade. After two unsuccessful attempts to get a national park bill passed through Congress, McClurg gave up the fight. She opted instead to try gaining support for turning Mesa Verde into a state park. However, Peabody continued promoting the national park idea and soon the women cut ties with one another.

Mesa Verde did indeed become a national park in 1906, leaving McClurg on the wrong side of history. In response, she retreated to Colorado Springs, hired men to haul over a million tons of rock from demolished cliff houses near Mesa Verde, and had them rebuild the ruins beneath a red rock cliff just north of Manitou Springs. Hence, the Manitou Cliff Dwellings.

Visit today and you will witness something you would never see at Mesa Verde: kids climbing over walls and traipsing through the dwellings themselves. Unlike archaeological sites within the national parks, visitors are welcomed and encouraged to touch the ruins. They are held together with cement, anyway.

Oddly enough, and despite the 100-year-plus history of the Manitou Cliff Dwellings, many visitors leave wondering if what they just saw was real or not.



[Anne Louise Willie](#)

I was in Whiteriver on Friday taking a break from our food stand and checking out the jewelry sellers as the tribal fair begins. I ran into former Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez. He is running for a U.S. congressional seat for northeastern Arizona. The November elections will be here before you know it; your vote counts...

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*“You can have flaws, be anxious and even be angry, but don’t forget that your life is the greatest business in the world. Only you can stop it from failure. You are appreciated, admired and loved by many. Remember that being happy is not having a sky without storms, a road without accidents, a job without effort, relationships without disappointments.*

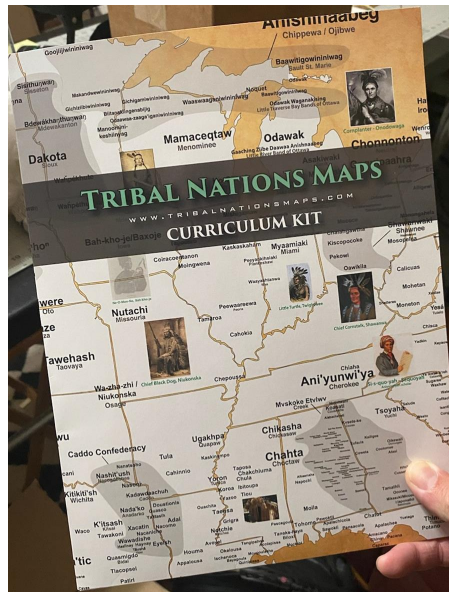
*“Being happy is to stop feeling a victim and become the author of your own destiny. It's going through deserts, but being able to find an oasis deep in your soul. It's to thank God every morning for the miracle of life. It's kissing your children, cuddling your parents, having poetic moments with your friends, even when they hurt us.*

*“To be happy is to let live the creature that lives in each of us, free, joyful and simple. It's having maturity to be able to say: "I made mistakes". Having the courage to say "I'm sorry". It's having a sensitivity to say "I need you". Is having the ability to say "I love you". May your life become a garden of opportunities for happiness... that in spring I can be a lover of joy and in winter a lover of wisdom.*

*"And when you make a mistake, start over. Because only then will you fall in love with life. You will find that being happy doesn't mean having a perfect life. But she uses tears to irrigate tolerance. Use your defeats to train your patience.*

*"Use your mistakes with the serenity of the sculptor. Use pain to tune into pleasure. Use obstacles to open the windows of intelligence. Never give up ... Above all, never give up on the people that love you. Never give up on happiness, because life is an amazing show. "*  
**POPE FRANCIS**





<https://www.tribalnationsmaps.com > store > c73 > Lesson Plans > Curriculum Kits.html>

### **Lesson Plans/Curriculum Kits - TRIBAL NATIONS MAPS**

Comprehensive Tribal maps of the Native American and First Nations, Inuit Nations of North America, Tribes of South America , Central America, Caribbean, Indigenous , Native, Aboriginal , Indian Tribes ... Tribal Nations Curricu

<https://americanindian.si.edu > nk360>

### **Home | Native Knowledge 360° - Interactive Teaching Resources**

Native Knowledge 360° is the National Museum of the American Indian's national initiative to inspire and promote improvement of teaching and learning about American Indians. Discover standards-compliant, interactive teaching resources and lesson plans for all grade levels.

<https://www.niea.org > virtual-resources-for-parents-and-teachers>

### **Culturally-Based Curriculum - National Indian Education Association**

This platform helps educators to build stronger writers through interest-based curriculum, adaptive exercises, and actionable data. Applicable to all grade levels and Higher Ed. This 100% free platform is designed for educators, learners, and families to empower every voice in the classroom and at home.

### **Reclusive tribe kills loggers allegedly encroaching on their land**

Two other loggers in the attack were missing and another was injured and rescue efforts were underway, a rights group said.

Read in CBS News: [https://apple.news/AFRK\\_n6STRVGNIgItCNia9w](https://apple.news/AFRK_n6STRVGNIgItCNia9w)



## **Tanka Fund introduces new video series called "Bringing the Buffalo Home"**

The first episode of "Bringing the Buffalo Home" is focused on the next generation of young Native Buffalo ranchers and Tanka Fund's work to recruit and support them. Through training and partnerships, the fund helps young rancher partners like Brendan Siers of Double S ranch expand Buffalo operations, emphasizing the economic, cultural, and ecological benefits of revitalizing Buffalo ranching among Native communities.

The series is a followup to our recent video celebrating Tanka Fund's first 10 years, "The Buffalo Return: A Decade of Healing and Renewal."

**VIEW NEW VIDEO:** [Bringing the Buffalo Home: The Next Generation of Young Native Ranchers](#)

**VIEW PREVIOUS VIDEO:** [The Buffalo Return: A Decade of Healing and Renewal](#)

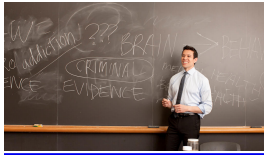
## AmeriCorps Seniors

Grow your organization and its impact with the support of the AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP Program.



## Dana Foundation

Watch the new NeuroSociety Story featuring Dana Career Network Founder Francis Shen! Hear how Shen's career evolved from pursuing law to pioneering the field of neurolaw, and how that experience motivated him to develop opportunities for others interested in how neuroscience intersects with other disciplines. #NeuroSocietyStories #neurosociety #publicengagement #neurolaw University of Minnesota Twin Cities MGH Center for Law, Brain & Behavior



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**Brian Sandoval @Pres\_Sandoval**

**Reno was just ranked the 9th most educated city in the U.S. by Forbes. This ranking exemplifies our community's commitment to education and the priority we put on higher education. We truly live in a special place! #GoPack**

From forbes.com (check out your area!)

## **9. Reno, Nevada**

- Bachelor's completion rate for ages 25+: 61.39%
- Ages 25+ with graduate degrees: 26.24%
- Racial gap in bachelor's degree attainment: -17.36%

Surrounded by ski resorts and Lake Tahoe scenes, Reno is Nevada's second-largest city after Las Vegas. Reno, celebrated as the "biggest little city" in the world, also stands out for its educated residents.

In spite of its elevated high school dropout rate of 10.75%, 61.39% of Reno adults hold bachelor's degrees and 26.24% have graduate degrees. That's impressive enough to land Reno



We've bought into the idea that education is about training and "success," defined monetarily, rather than learning to think critically and challenge. We should not forget that the true purpose of education is to make minds, not careers. A culture that does not grasp the vital interplay between morality and power, which mistakes management techniques for wisdom, which fails to understand that the measure of a civilization is its compassion, not its speed or ability to consume, condemns itself to death.

~ Chris Hedges ~

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*Any follow-up on this 2022 article?*

**'The Theft of Our Land': In Newsom's \$100M Landback Proposal, Indigenous Advocates See Progress — and Have Questions**

<https://www.kqed.org/news/11908716/the-theft-of-our-land-in-newsoms-100m-andback-proposal-indigenous-advocates-see-progress-and-they-have-questions>



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[2news.com](https://www.2news.com)

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Acting Secretary Julie Su continued her Good Jobs Summer tour to promote the Department of Labor's [Good Jobs](#) Principles and meet with workers who are benefitting from the Biden-Harris administration's investments in the United States' roads and bridges, manufacturing base and clean energy economy. In Phoenix she visited the Fresh Start Women's Foundation, WB's grantee through the [Women in Apprenticeship and Nontraditional Occupations \(WANTO\) grant program](#), and met a group of women who received training, financial counseling, legal services and other resources and are now working in high-paying fields.

- [Read about the good clean energy jobs](#) being created by federal investments
- [Access a toolkit](#) on helping workers with disabilities get ahead through good jobs

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- The Biden administration announced yesterday that [it finalized a plan to expand solar energy](#) on federal land. The U.S. Bureau of Land Management's plan identified 31 million acres across Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming.
  - The areas have high solar potential and won't interfere with wildlife or plant habitats, making it easier to get permits. "We've been really pushing ourselves to use our executive authority wherever possible to improve the federal permitting process," White House Deputy Chief of Staff Natalie Quillian said in an interview.



## Navajo Nation's Bold Move on Uranium Transport Stirs Attention



**Navajo Nation has strengthened its uranium transportation laws, sparking debate over environmental protection and tribal sovereignty.**

### At a Glance

- Navajo Nation approved emergency legislation to strengthen tribal law regulating radioactive material transport
- The action responds to the revival of uranium mining near the Grand Canyon
- New law mandates advance notification, transport fees, and emergency preparedness plans
- Navajo President Buu Nygren signed the legislation, emphasizing protection of tribal lands and resources

### Strengthening Tribal Laws for Environmental Protection

The [Navajo Nation](#) has taken decisive action to bolster its tribal laws governing the transportation of uranium across its lands. This move comes in response to growing environmental and health concerns, particularly following the revival of uranium mining operations near the Grand Canyon. The emergency legislation, approved by tribal lawmakers and signed by Navajo President Buu Nygren, aims to provide robust regulation and oversight of uranium transit through Navajo territory.

[President Nygren](#) emphasized the importance of this legislation in a letter to lawmakers, stating, “The purpose of this legislation is to provide for the protection, health and safety of the Navajo Nation and its people and our precious resources such as our water.” This statement underscores the tribe’s commitment to safeguarding its community and natural resources from potential harm associated with uranium transportation.

### Key Provisions of the New Legislation

The updated law introduces several crucial requirements for companies transporting uranium ore

through Navajo lands. These include mandatory advance notification of uranium ore shipments, payment of transport fees, and the filing of comprehensive emergency preparedness plans. These measures aim to enhance safety standards and ensure that tribal authorities are fully informed and prepared for any potential incidents.

“At the end of the day, we want Navajo leadership and Navajo citizens to be comfortable with modern uranium ore transport and to understand that it poses no risk to human health or the environment,” said [Curtis Moore](#), a company spokesman. “And, we are willing to go above-and-beyond applicable federal and state laws to make that happen.”

### **Historical Context and Future Implications**

The Navajo Nation’s history with uranium mining is complex and fraught with environmental and health concerns. In 2005, the tribe banned uranium mining on its lands due to widespread contamination and health issues resulting from past mining activities. However, the transportation of uranium was not prohibited in 2012, leading to the current situation where ore can be transported through Navajo territory.

[Navajo Attorney General Ethel Branch](#) highlighted the significance of this new legislation, stating, “That’s part of why the (Navajo) Nation needed to respond so strongly here, to push back and ensure that our community doesn’t continue to get disproportionately burdened with radiation and uranium-based waste and contamination.” This statement reflects the tribe’s determination to prevent further environmental degradation and protect public health.

### **Balancing Economic Interests and Environmental Concerns**

The strengthening of uranium transportation laws by the Navajo Nation highlights the ongoing challenge of balancing economic interests with environmental and public health concerns. While uranium mining and transportation can provide economic opportunities, the Navajo Nation’s history of environmental contamination from past mining activities has made the tribe cautious and proactive in its approach to regulating these activities.

Energy Fuels Inc., the company involved in the uranium mining near the Grand Canyon, has expressed willingness to work with the Navajo Nation to address concerns and exceed federal and state safety standards. This cooperative approach may serve as a model for future interactions between Native American tribes and resource extraction companies, emphasizing the importance of dialogue, transparency, and mutual respect in addressing complex environmental and economic issues.

As the Navajo Nation continues to grapple with the legacy of past uranium mining and the current challenges of regulating its transportation, this new legislation represents a significant step towards asserting tribal sovereignty and protecting the health and well-being of its people and lands. The success of these measures will likely be closely watched by other Native American tribes and environmental advocates across the country.

[https://conservativeinsider.org/navajo-nations-bold-move-on-uranium-transport-stirs-attention/?utm\\_placement=CInewsletter](https://conservativeinsider.org/navajo-nations-bold-move-on-uranium-transport-stirs-attention/?utm_placement=CInewsletter)

## Historical Notes

- 1776 Sep 11** The Mexican Dominguez/Escalante exploring expedition enters what is now Utah.
- 1850 Sep 2** President Millard Fillmore signs bills organizing New Mexico and Utah territories; California admitted to the Union as a state.
- 1851 Mar 2** Most of Nevada becomes part of Utah Territory.
- 1857 Sep 11** Mountain Meadow Massacre.
- 1864 Sep 10** The Reese River Reveille reported on growing anger by Native Americans at white destruction of the tribal food supply. "White man no good - cut down all pine nuts [trees]."
- 1865 Sep 12** Soldiers killed 35 Indians in the Quinn River Indian War battle.
- 1872 Sep 12** The "Great Paiute Reserve" (Malheur Reservation -2,285 mi sq - 1.8M acres) proclaimed. The boundaries were soon reduced, first because of pressure by settlers to increase grazing land, and then due to the discovery of gold.
- 1879 Sep 11** The Idaho Enterprise complains "**Sally W.**, the corpulent queen of the Paiutes, has just been paid \$75 per month as interpreter for the prisoners (at Ft. Vancouver)."
- 1911 Sept 12** **Snake**, the daughter of **Indian Mike** reported to have "escaped" from the Stewart Indian School.
- 1911 Sep 11** A week after discovery of **Ishi**, reportedly last Yahi survivor, California federal official said they would not negotiate a treaty with him.
- 1934 Sep 15** The US Public Works Administration announced an acceleration of plans to construct or improve tribal hospitals around the nation, including the Western Shoshone Agency unit.
- 1963 Sep 13** In remarks to NCAI meeting in Bismarck, Atty Gen Robert Kennedy said the treatment of tribes by the US government was a "national disgrace".
- 1972 Sep 13** The Burns Paiute Colony designated a reservation. Originally 10 acres allotted in 1897, 760 acres parcel added in 1935 under National Industrial Recovery Act of June 26, 1933 Sec208.
- 1980 Sep 11** US District Court dismisses lawsuit that sought to return Blak Hills to tribal hands. (Ogalala Sioux Tribe vs. United States 1980).
- 2005 Sep 9** NRC approves a high level nuclear waste repository at Goshute.