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## **Bureau of Land Management prepares for major wild horse gather in Nevada**

## **The Bureau of Land Management will begin a wild horse gather in Nevada's Triple B Complex on Nov. 1, 2024, aiming to manage the herd size and protect rangeland health.**

Starting around November 1, 2024, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will initiate a significant wild horse gather in [Nevada's](#) Elko and White Pine counties. According to [a BLM press release](#), this operation will take place in and around the Triple B Complex, a vast area spanning 1,608,530 acres of both public and private lands, located roughly 60 miles north of Ely.

Here's some more information about the operation.

### **November's wild horse gather: When, where, and why**

The BLM aims to manage the burgeoning wild horse population by gathering up to 2,255 horses, with plans to remove as many as 2,155 that are deemed excess. Part of the strategy includes treating up to 50 mares with the GonaCon vaccine, a population control measure, before releasing them alongside 50 stallions back into their natural habitat. Helicopter-assisted methods will be employed for the gather.

Robbie McAboy, Ely District Manager, emphasized the necessity of these operations, stating, "We conduct gathers like this to ensure that rangeland and wild horse health are not at risk due to herd overpopulation." McAboy added that the operations are carried out with a strong commitment to safety and humane practices.

The Triple B Complex encompasses the Antelope Valley, Maverick-Medicine, and Triple B Herd Management Areas (HMAs). The combined Appropriate Management Level (AML) for these areas is set between 482 and 821 wild horses. A March 2023 survey estimated the current population to be 3,319, indicating a number more than four times the high end of the AML.

The gather seeks to mitigate the degradation of public lands caused by excess horses, aligning with the 1971 Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act. It also aims to achieve the Standards for Rangeland Health as outlined by the Northeastern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council.

With limited water and forage resources, reducing overpopulation is crucial for both immediate and long-term sustainability. The BLM prioritizes humane and efficient gather operations, utilizing the best science and handling practices as per the Comprehensive Animal Welfare Policy.

Horses removed during the gather will be transported to the Palomino Valley Center Wild Horse and Burro Corrals in Sparks and the Indian Lakes Off-Range Wild Horse and Burro Corral in Fallon. Once there, they will undergo veterinary checks to prepare for the BLM's adoption and sale program.

### **Attend in-person or learn more**

The public is invited to observe the gather, provided safety guidelines are adhered to and operations are not disrupted. Interested individuals must RSVP by calling 775-296-0679 by 5:30 p.m. the evening before their planned visit. Confirmation of the schedule will be provided by 9 p.m.

This gather follows the DOI-BLM-NV-E030-2017-0010-EA Antelope and Triple B Complexes Gather Plan Environmental Assessment, approved on December 21, 2017. More details are available at <https://go.usa.gov/xSYnE>.

Visit [the BLM website](#) for ongoing updates and reports. For further inquiries, contact Ben Noyes, Wild Horse and Burro Specialist, at (775) 289-1800 or via [email](#).

To learn more about adopting or purchasing a wild horse or burro, visit [www.blm.gov/whb](http://www.blm.gov/whb).  
Read More [Here](#)      Read More [Nevada News](#)

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## **EJ Webinar Series for Tribes and Indigenous Peoples: 10.3.24**

EPA's Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights (OEJECR's) EJ webinar Series for Tribes and Indigenous Peoples will hold the next webinar on October 30<sup>th</sup> entitled, "Cumulative Impacts: How Tribes and EPA are Considering Cumulative Impacts to Advance EJ for All." A panel of speakers will follow to offer their perspectives on current efforts to consider cumulative impacts and how advancing our understanding of cumulative impacts can help protect human health and the environment.

**Webinar Title:** Cumulative Impacts: How Tribes and EPA are Considering Cumulative Impacts to Advance EJ for All.

**Date:** October 30, 2024

**Time:** 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm EDT

**Register here:** [https://usepa.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_Gn\\_kLwIxR5CKq77ZrFukqQ](https://usepa.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_Gn_kLwIxR5CKq77ZrFukqQ)

### **Webinar Agenda:**

1. EPA Mindful Moment
2. EPA's OEJECR Updates
3. Recognition of Native American Heritage Month
4. EPA's Efforts to Advance Consideration of Cumulative Impacts with
  - Charles Lee, OEJECR Senior Advisor
  - Andrew Geller, Supervisory Biologist, Office of Research and Development
5. Tribal Perspectives on Cumulative Impact with
  - Renee Keezer, Pesticide Coordinator, White Earth Nation's Division of Natural Resources
6. Questions and Discussion with Panelists
7. Adjourn

Please note that the webinar is planned to be recorded and is expected to be available on the following EPA website a few weeks after the webinar:

<https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/environmental-justice-Tribes-and-Indigenous-peoples>.

For questions about this webinar or the EPA EJ Webinar Series for Tribes and Indigenous Peoples, please contact Andy Bessler, EPA OEJECR Tribal Stakeholder Coalition Coordinator at [bessler.andy@epa.gov](mailto:bessler.andy@epa.gov).

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## **THIS JUST IN ... California's floodplains at the heart of landmark agreement: State and federal agencies unite to address climate resilience through landscape-scale investment**

<https://mavensnotebook.com/2024/10/23/this-just-in-californias-floodplains-at-the-heart-of-landmark-agreement-state-and-federal-agencies-unite-to-address-climate-resilience-through-landscape-scale-investment/>

*An extremely well done essay that anyone dealing with tribal water rights should read. sdc*

## **Water Rights in California Indian Country**

This section of the Study discusses the doctrine of federal reserved water rights for Indian lands was first enunciated by the United States Supreme Court in *Winters v. United States*.<sup>1</sup> The doctrine is based on the principle that both Indian tribes and the federal government possess the power to reserve water rights for the use of Indians on reservations. The nature of the reserved water rights associated with California Indian reservations depend upon an analysis of the purposes for the establishment of each reservation. Discussion of Public Domain Allotments and Aboriginal Rights are also covered.

<https://water.calindian.org/water-rights-in-californias-indian-country/>

## **California's Dying Lakes: Efforts underway to 'Keep Tahoe Blue'**

"Lake Tahoe — the largest freshwater alpine lake in North America — is world-famous for its clear blue water, but the lake faces a multitude of threats requiring constant care and vigilance to keep it that way. "We're more than a bumper sticker," said Laura Patten, the Natural Resource Director at the League to Save Lake Tahoe, better known as Keep Tahoe Blue. "We really rely on the science to figure out what is happening in the lake." Patten and other scientists studying Lake Tahoe say climate change and recreation pose the biggest threats to the lake in the 21st century. Longer and hotter periods of heat, more extreme fire seasons, and erratic precipitation patterns in the winter all play a part in Tahoe's water quality. "We need to think about how are we going to plan for that potential climate future of Lake Tahoe," said Patten. "If we're seeing different patterns in precipitation, in smoke and ash and wildfire, how are we seeing these different pressures impact the lake?" ... " [Read more from Channel 10.](#)

## **Tribes won't be paid for unused water through a federal fund. Colorado lawmakers want that to change.**

"Colorado elected leaders this week rallied behind two tribal nations who are willing to forgo future water use in exchange for payment through a new federal conservation fund meant to address drought in the Colorado River Basin. At issue is whether the tribes' proposal is eligible for the funding under federal rules. The Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute tribes would like funding for a program that pays tribes to save water by not developing it for future use. Federal officials say the tribes' proposal doesn't fit the parameters of the new conservation fund. This week, Colorado Gov. Jared Polis and U.S. Senators John Hickenlooper and Michael Bennet

called on the bureau to change its mind. “We write to urge you to ensure that the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Ute Mountain Ute Tribe have the opportunity to apply for funding programs that address drought and water supply management in the Colorado River Basin, including through upcoming drought mitigation funding under the Inflation Reduction Act,” the lawmakers wrote in a joint letter released Tuesday. ... ” [Read more from the Colorado Sun](#).

**SEE ALSO:** [Dems call on Reclamation to pay tribes unable to use Colorado River](#), from E&E News

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## Nevada Tribal Reservation Canvass Program: Initiative Summary

<https://secure.actblue.com/donate/tribal-outreach>

(The link is hosted by the TX Dems Act Blue . But all contributions through this link go directly to the Nevada Native Voter Canvas.

They do update me so I know the funds are being received.)

### Overview

This initiative aims to mobilize Nevada’s Native voters by conducting a statewide canvass of the 28 Tribes, Band, and Colonies. In partnership with Blue Action, we will launch a “Tribal Reservation Canvass” tour starting October 19, 2024, continuing through Election Day on November 5, 2024. Our goal is to engage Native voters, ensuring their voices are heard in support of Democratic candidates, including Vice President Harris and Governor Walz, Senator Jacky Rosen, and other down-ballot Democrats.

### The Need

Despite the significant role that Native voters play in Nevada, current federal campaign funding does not cover outreach to Tribal reservations, leaving a large number of potential votes untapped. This program is the only initiative specifically designed to canvass Tribal communities across the state. Without it, thousands of Native votes may be left on the table. With over 91,000 eligible Native voters here, and the race so very tight, it’s important to reach everyone.

### Planned Activities

- **Statewide Canvassing:** Our team will door-knock [Each of Nevada’s reservations](#), engaging directly with Native voters and providing them with important voting information.

- **Democratic Candidate Info Nights:** In addition to canvassing, we will host several candidate information nights on key reservations. These events will feature catered dinners and serve as an opportunity for voters to learn more about Democratic candidates and their platforms.

The funds are being used for staff, car rentals, gas, rooms, food and gotv events in these communities. It’s huge distances to cover.

You can follow the VOTE truck now through their facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61567402592378&mibextid=LQQJ4d>.

I personally sent them \$1,000 because it’s a long standing issue for me. But all help is welcome. --V



**Follow-up on Texas book banning/censorship:**

Dear Friends,

Thank you for signing my petition. With your help, we've already reached people who care deeply about the importance of Indigenous history. I'm glad to say the county has reversed its decision and moved Linda's book back to the nonfiction section. We still have work to do to find equal balance in how Native Americans are portrayed, but this is a positive step and a win for truth.

With your help, we made progress today. Steven

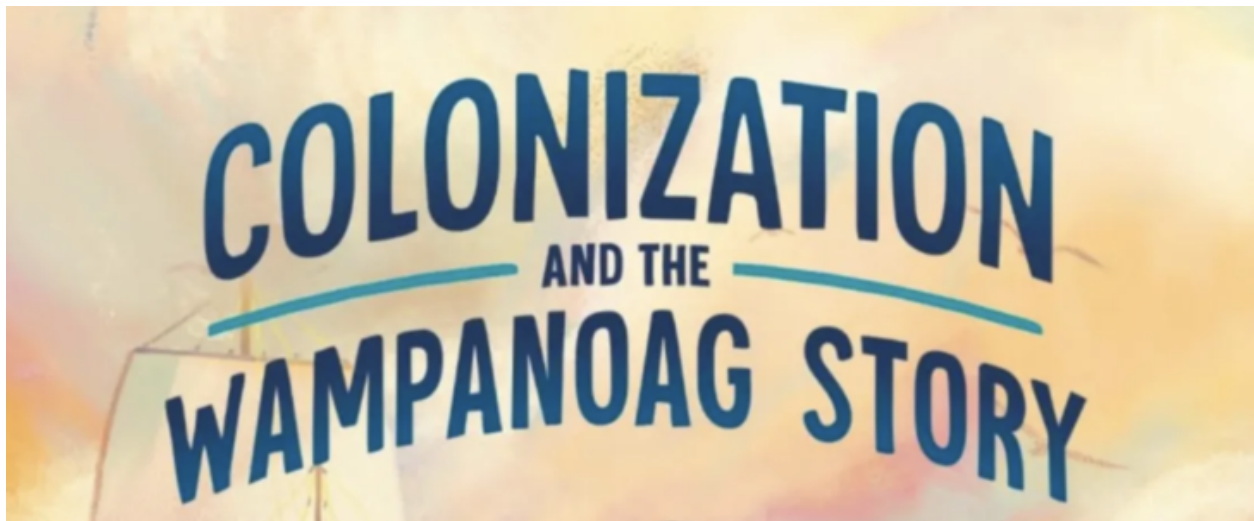
*Note: 3,900 people had signed the petition at "press time". sdc*

**To: Texas Montgomery Library Services**

## **Save Indigenous History**

Campaign created by

Steven Peters < <a href="mailto:reply@petitions.moveon.org">reply@petitions.moveon.org</a> >
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A Texas county has mandated public libraries move a well-regarded children's book documenting the mistreatment of Native Americans in New England — *Colonization and the Wampanoag Story* — from the "non-fiction" section to "fiction." The decision was made after the government of Montgomery County, under pressure from right-wing activists, removed librarians from the process of reviewing children's books and replaced them with a "Citizens Review Committee." *Colonization and the Wampanoag Story* was "challenged" by an unknown person on September

10, 2024. The Committee responded by ordering that the book be moved to the fiction section of public libraries in Montgomery County by October 17, 2024, according to public records obtained by the Texas Freedom To Read Project shared with Popular Information.

The author of *Colonization and the Wampanoag Story* is Linda Coombs, a "[historian from the Wampanoag Tribe](#)." Coombs spent three decades working at the [Wampanoag Indigenous Program](#), an initiative to preserve the history of the Wampanoag people. The book is published by Penguin Random House, which [describes the book](#) as "the true story of the Indigenous Nations of the American Northeast, including the Wampanoag nation and others, and their history up to present day."

*Colonization and the Wampanoag Story* tells the real story of the brutalization of the Wampanoag people by European settlers. An excerpt:

*Certain ship captain began kidnapping Wampanoag men and those of other tribal nations along the coast. Sailors invited them aboard their ships under the pretense of trading, then lifted anchor and sailed away. The men were prisoners, stolen from their families and homes.*

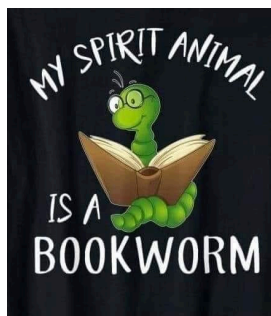
*They were taken to England and Spain to be sold into slavery and paraded through the streets as "novelties," something for the people of Europe to gawk at as curiosities — not as human beings. Imagine how these men must of felt when they realized their situation: they would never see their children, parents, wives, relatives or communities and homelands again. What a terrible shock for all their families when they realized their men were gone — just disappeared forever.*

This is fact, not fiction. Please join us in letting Montgomery County in Texas know history told in the voice of Indigenous people should never be censored.

### **Why is this important?**

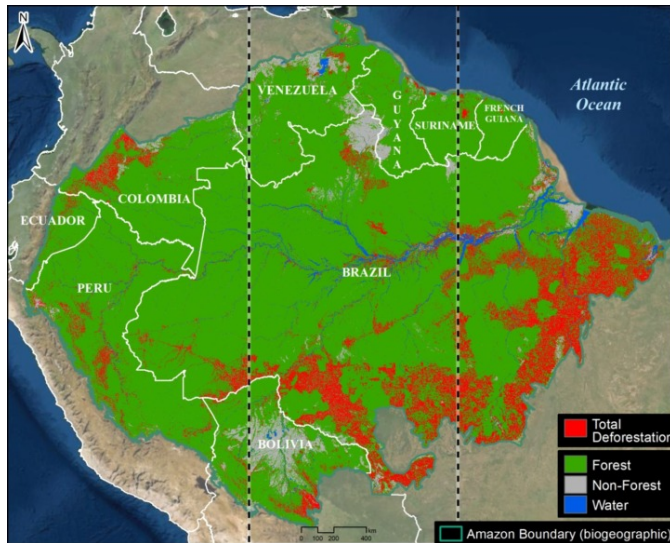
For too long, the voices of Indigenous people have been pushed to the margins of history books and distorted into harmful stereotypes. This book finally allows history to be told to our children and families across the Country with balance and perspective that can only come from the very people who derive from it. History should never be censored and certainly never reclassified as fiction. When we understand our past and can tell it with a fair and open mind, we become more compassionate and free to move forward in a better way.

<https://sign.moveon.org/petitions/save-indigenous-history>



(still love this guy)

## MAAP #164 Tipping Point October 3, 2022



Base Map. Total Amazon forest loss. Data: ACA/MAAP.

It is increasingly reported that the largest rainforest in the world, the **Amazon**, is rapidly approaching a **tipping point**.

As repeatedly highlighted by the late **Tom Lovejoy** (see Acknowledgements in full report), this tipping point is where parts of the rainforest will convert into drier ecosystems due to disrupted precipitation patterns and more intense dry seasons, both exacerbated by deforestation.

The Amazon generates much of its own rainfall by recycling water as air passes from its major source in the Atlantic Ocean. Thus, high deforestation in the eastern Amazon may lead to downwind impacts in the central and western Amazon (see Background section in full report).

The scientific literature indicates this tipping point could be **triggered at 25%** Amazon forest loss, in conjunction with climate change impacts.

The literature, however, is less clear on the critical first part of the tipping point equation: **how much of the Amazon has already been lost?**

There are numerous estimates, including 14% forest loss cited in the recent Science Panel for the Amazon report, but we did not find any actual definitive studies specifically addressing this question.

Here, we directly tackle this key question of how much of the original Amazon has been lost to date.

First, we present the first known rigorous estimate of **original Amazon biome forest** prior to European colonization: over **647 million hectares** (1.6 billion acres; see Image 1 below).

Second, we estimate the accumulated **total Amazon forest loss**, from the original estimate to the present: over **85 million hectares** (211 million acres; see Base Map in full report).



Combining these two results, we estimate that **13%** of the original Amazon biome forest has been lost.

More importantly, however, focusing on just the eastern third of the Amazon biome, we estimate that **31%** of the original forest has been lost, above the speculated tipping point threshold. This finding is critical because the tipping point will likely be triggered in the eastern Amazon, as it is closest to the oceanic source of the water that then flows to the central and western Amazon.

## Original Amazon Forest

Image 1 shows the first known estimate of original Amazon forest prior to European colonization. Note that we use a broader biogeographical definition of the Amazon that covers nine countries (the Amazon biome) rather than the strict Amazon watershed.



**Image 1. Original Amazon biome forest. Data: ACA/MAAP.**

This represents the most rigorous effort to date to recreate the original Amazon. For example, we attempted to recreate original forest lost to historic dam reservoirs.

The map has just three classes: Original Amazon forest, Original non-forest (such as natural savannah), and Water.

We found that the original Amazon forest covered over **647 million hectares** (647,607,020 ha). This is equivalent to 1.6 billion acres.

Of this total, 61.4% occurred in Brazil, followed by Peru (12%), Colombia (7%), Venezuela (6%), and Bolivia (5%). The remaining four countries (Ecuador, Guyana, Suriname, and French Guiana) make up the final 8%.

Comparing today's map of forest loss with the extensive recreation of the original Amazon biome paints an impactful picture of the history and current trajectory of deforestation on a grand scale.

Follow the link below to read the full report. <https://www.maaproject.org/amazon-tipping-point/>

## Trump's impact on Indian Country over four years

From legal decisions to on-the-ground policies, Indigenous lawyers describe the administration's tactics as an "onslaught" removing federal protections of land and wildlife.

[Anna V. Smith](#)

<https://www.hcn.org/articles/indigenous-affairs-trumps-impact-on-indian-country-over-four-years/>

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*Project 2025 - In case you haven't taken or don't have time to read the full report.....don't say you didn't know.....sdc*

<https://www.democrats.senate.gov › imo › media › doc › project2025 native1.pdf>  
[How Project 2025 will destroy Native communities - Senate](#)

How **Project 2025** will destroy Native communities: The extreme Republican plan would drastically reduce resources and for tribal governments, destroy sacred Native sites, and disregard Native sovereignty in favor of profit. Jeopardizes Native healthcare by destroying Indian Health Services in favor of private, for-profit healthcare providers.

<https://thehill.com › changing-america › opinion › 590866-2025-is-the-point-of-no-return-indigenous-elders-warn>

[2025 is the point of no return, indigenous elders warn](#)

2025 is the year another administration is set to come into play. 2025 is around the corner. ... It may not be too late to listen to the Native **Americans** the Dine Navajo or the Pueblo that the ...

<https://ethnicmediaservices.org › politics › elections-24 › whos-at-risk-under-project-2025>  
[Who's at Risk Under Project 2025? | EMS - ethnicmediaservices.org](#)

Oct 8, 2024 "**Project 2025** is an effort to privatize public things, like health care protections and utility services, which are already price-gouging **Americans**," said Sulma Arias, executive director of People's Action Institute, at a Friday, October 4 Ethnic Media Services briefing about **Project 2025**. "We don't have to wait until these measures ...

<https://thecynicalenvironmentalist.substack.com › p › project-2025-environmental-impacts-248>  
[Project 2025: Environmental Impacts Part IV \(Bureau of ... - Substack](#)

Aug 5, 2024 "Native **Americans** for Sovereignty and Preservation (NASP) proudly announces a significant partnership with **Project 2025**, championed by The Heritage Foundation. This collaboration is a testament to NASP's profound capabilities in navigating the intricate landscape of Indian Country and the bureaucratic challenges that often stifle progress."

<https://www.factcheck.org> > 2024 > 09 > a-guide-to-project-2025

### [A Guide to Project 2025 - FactCheck.org](https://www.factcheck.org)

Sep 10, 2024The book calls on the Department of Health and Human Services to protect "the health and well-being of all **Americans**," beginning at conception, and to end mandatory health insurance coverage ...

<https://www.americanprogress.org> > article > disappearing-parks-how-project-2025-would-decrease-protections-for-nature

### [Disappearing Parks: How Project 2025 Would Decrease Protections for ...](https://www.americanprogress.org)

Nearly 7 in 10 **American** Indian or Alaska Native communities in the greater Las Vegas area are more nature deprived than the national average. ... The threat that **Project 2025** poses to **American** ...

<https://www.durangoherald.com> > articles > chaco-canyon-buffer-zone-in-the-crossfires-of-project-2025

### [Chaco Canyon buffer zone in the crossfires of Project 2025](https://www.durangoherald.com)

Sep 20, 2024Native **American** tribes that consider Chaco sacred, including the Pueblos and the Hopi, were key advocates whose work led to the withdrawal of mineral leasing around the park. What **Project 2025** ...

<https://thefulcrum.us> > governance-legislation > project-2025-department-of-interior

### [Project 2025: Department of Interior - The Fulcrum](https://thefulcrum.us)

Aug 2, 2024These proposals, combined with securing the nation's borders to protect tribal lands, suggest a significant shift in how the federal government interacts with Native **American** tribes. A critical examination. **Project 2025** presents a vision for the Department of the Interior that aligns closely with the priorities of the Trump administration.

*Reminds me of the 50's.....many do not know that President Eisenhower's two signature pieces were the Federal Highways Act and the Indian Termination Act. The first was a result of his (on site in the European theatre of war) seeing Hitler winning the war because of the ability to move men and material quickly over the Autobahn. The second was in deference to a community of Repub politicians and business interests who were appalled at the public outing of many of them through the Indian Claims Act. If one studies the documents of the 59's, one can see the ties of many from those of the 50's to those of the present. Fun (and sad) research! sdc*

*PS. not without specific ties to Nevada*