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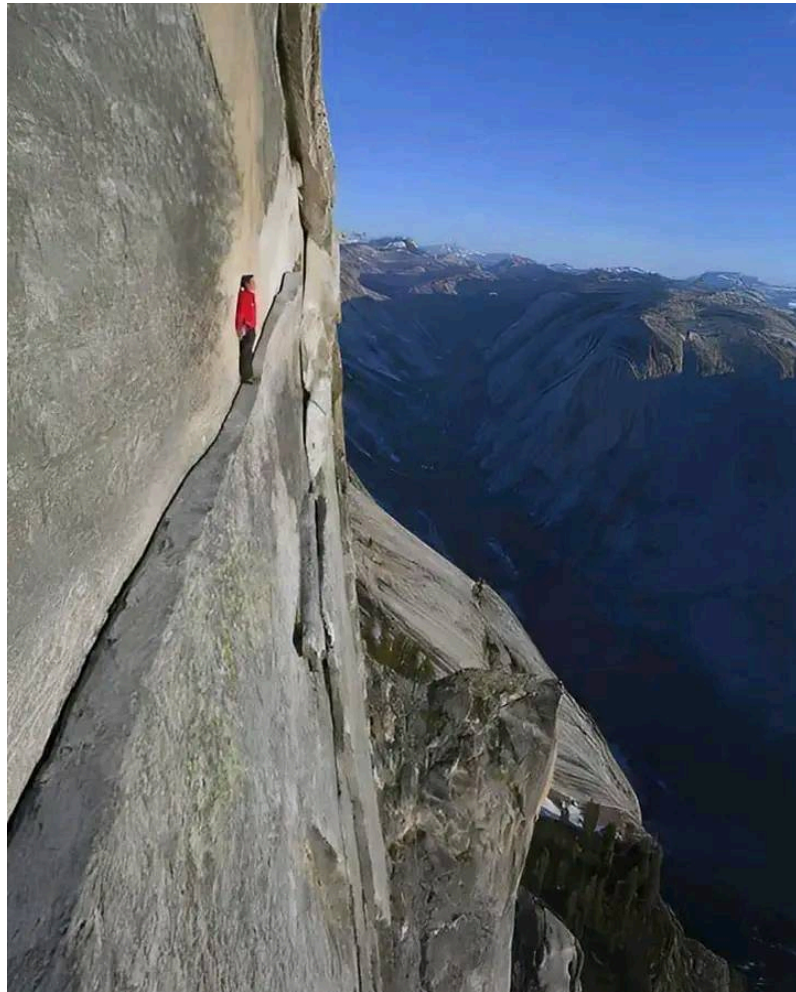
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Ann Hitchcock, National Park Service



The "Thank God Ledge" on the north face of Yosemite's Half Dome is a nerve-wracking, 35-foot-long (10.7 meters) ramp with a width ranging from just 5 to 12 inches (12 to 30 cm). Climbers navigating this narrow path are rewarded with breathtaking views, but the sheer drop below and minimal footing make it one of the most daunting parts of the Half Dome ascent. This ledge is a true test of balance, skill, and nerves for even the most experienced adventurers.

Scope and Contents

The Numa Speakers at McDermitt: Language Retention Video Project contains original tapes made as a part of the documentary video project between June 1995 and June 1996 for language preservation at the Fort McDermitt Paiute-Shoshone Reservation. The videos document storytelling by Northern Paiute elders including Nina Crutcher, Ivie Garfield, Theodore Brown, Birdie Smart, Florine McKee, and Art Cavanaugh. The recordings are primarily in digi-beta...

Dates 1995-2013

Creator

- [Fowler, Catherine S.](#) (Creator, Person)
- [Abel, Harold](#) (Producer, Person)
- [Brady, Harriett](#) (Cinematographer, Person)
- [Smart, Berdie](#) (Interviewee, Person)
- [Crutcher, Nina](#) (Interviewee, Person)
- [Garfield, Ivie](#) (Interviewee, Person)
- [Brown, Theodore](#) (Interviewee, Person)
- [McKee, Florine](#) (Interviewee, Person)
- [Cavanaugh, Art](#) (Interviewee, Person)
- [Crutcher, Betty](#) (Interviewee, Person)
- [Abel, Mona](#) (Interviewee, Person)
- [Abel, Corey, 1946-2010](#) (Interviewee, Person)
- [Crutcher, Ernest](#) (Interviewee, Person)
- [Barton, Sharon](#) (Interviewee, Person)

Language of Materials Indigenous languages represented in the collection: Numu

Conditions Governing Access

Collection is open for research. Some materials may be inaccessible due to format. Materials must be used on-site; advance notice suggested. Access to parts of this collection may be restricted under provisions of state or federal law.

Conditions Governing Use

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Historical Note

The Nimi Storytelling: Tools for Language Preservation grant was a documentary video project that was part of an ongoing effort to preserve the Numu language at Fort McDermitt Paiute-Shoshone Reservation in northern Nevada. In 1995, a team comprised of Harold Abel (fluent Northern Paiute speaker), Judy Trejo (fluent Northern Paiute speaker), Molly Dufort

(anthropologist), and JoAnne Peden (ethnographic filmmaker) applied for and received a Great Basin...[See more](#)

Extent : 4.147 Linear Feet (6 boxes)

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**GrantStation**

**National Opportunities**

**[Support Benefits People With Parkinson's Disease](#)**

The Parkinson's Foundation funds community grants that further the health, wellness, and education of people with Parkinson's disease across the U.S.

**[Creation and Touring of New Dance Projects Funded](#)**

The National Dance Project, a program of the New England Foundation for the Arts, supports the creation and U.S. touring of new dance projects.

**[Grants Strengthen Programs for At-Risk Youth](#)**

Sky Ranch Foundation is committed to giving at-risk youth a second chance by supporting efficient and effective programs in the United States.

**[Nonprofits Addressing Human Needs Supported](#)**

The Looking Out Foundation supports nonprofit organizations nationwide that address the ever-changing needs of the human race, and focuses on empowering those without a voice.

**Regional Opportunities**

**[\\$160,000 Grants Advance Community-Led Change in Minnesota](#)**

The Minnesota Community IDEAS Program seeks to design, test, and spread ideas that make

Minnesota communities better for everyone and inspire, equip, and connect people through community-led change.

### **Funds Help Protect Appalachian Landscapes**

The Nature Conservancy is currently offering two grant programs as part of its Connectivity, Climate, Communities Fund to protect and conserve the Appalachian region and New York.

### **Organizations Impacting Oregon BIPOC Communities Supported**

The Black United Fund of Oregon aims to assist in the social and economic development of Oregon's underserved communities and broaden understanding of ethnic and culturally diverse groups.

### **Grants Promote Healthcare for Underserved Virginians**

Virginia Health Care Foundation's Health Access Grants work to increase access to medical, dental, and mental healthcare for uninsured Virginians and those who live in areas with limited access to care.

### **Federal Opportunities**

#### **Program Expands American Indian and Alaska Native Head Start**

The purpose of the American Indian and Alaska Native Head Start Expansion, Early Head Start Expansion, and Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership Grants program is to expand access to early learning services for American Indian/Alaska Native children and pregnant women.

### **Wildfire Mitigation Activities Funded**

The FY25 State Fire Capacity Wildfire Hazard Mitigation program supports wildfire mitigation activities that clearly focus on identifying and creating fire-adapted communities.

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Chamiza Foundation

The Chamiza Foundation provides support to New Mexico's Pueblo Indian tribal communities to help ensure the continuity and living preservation of Pueblo Indian culture and traditions. [Learn more](#) about the funding guidelines and application process.

Commission for Environmental Cooperation: Generation of Environmental Leaders Program

The Generation of Environmental Leaders Program, hosted by the Commission for Environmental Cooperation, invites youth aged 18 to 35 in Canada, Mexico, and the United States to share their solutions to support North American communities and preserve shared waters, lands, and air. [Learn more](#) about the funding guidelines and application process.

G. & A. Mamidakis Foundation: Art Prize

The G. & A. Mamidakis Foundation aims to promote and financially support contemporary artists. The Art Prize supports contemporary artists by offering them the opportunity to create a new, site-specific artwork which will remain on permanent display in Agios Nikolaos, Crete, and

will become part of the Foundation’s art collection. [Learn more](#) about the Prize guidelines and application process.

[Carnegie Corporation of New York](#)

Carnegie’s new grantmaking initiative, Libraries as Pillars of Education and Democracy, is supporting public libraries nationwide with \$5 million in grants. Take the survey today to find out if your library is eligible.

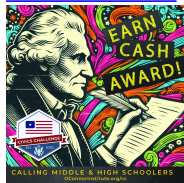


Call for Submissions: Grants to Support Public Libraries Nationwide
Carnegie’s new grantmaking initiative, Libraries as Pillars of Education and Democracy, will support public libraries in communities nationwide with \$5 million in grants. The grants will help public libraries deliver critical services that promote socioeconomic mobility, civic participation, and social belonging. To find out if your library is eligible, complete the survey by January 10, 2025.

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### [Sandra Day O'Connor Institute For American Democracy](#)

Calling all middle and high school students interested in video, writing, or songwriting! You could win one of ten \$500 cash awards! Learn more about the annual Civics Challenge at [oconnorinstitute.org/cc](http://oconnorinstitute.org/cc) [#civicsforlife](https://twitter.com/civicschallenge) [#civicschallenge](https://twitter.com/civicschallenge)



### **HUD Awards More Than \$72 Million to Empower Native American Communities Across the Nation**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) [awarded \\$72.6 million to 38 communities](#) through the Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) program. These grant funds may be used for infrastructure, community buildings, housing rehabilitation, land acquisition, economic development, and more to support American Indian and Alaskan Native families on Indian reservations and in other Indian areas.

“We continue to make strong community development investments in Indian country,” said **HUD Agency Head, The Honorable Adrienne Todman**. “This funding allows Tribal Nations to meet the needs of their communities and make critical infrastructure improvements.”

HUD extends its gratitude to Tribes for providing vital feedback on the ICDBG program through Tribal consultation, which informed the development of this grant competition, from the design of the Notice of Funding Opportunity through our work to quickly complete the application review and award process.

“Native American Tribes are leading the charge to upgrade infrastructure in their communities,” said **Richard Monocchio, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing**. “As housing and community development needs arise in Indian Country, we continue to support Tribal Communities projects to develop more innovative solutions to these challenges.”

In addition to the funding released, the Department is recognizing the work of community building in Tribal Nations with the inaugural Secretary’s Award for Excellence in Tribal Communities. This prestigious award acknowledges the innovative approaches, best practices, policies, and community engagement that make significant contributions to serving HUD-assisted Tribal residents. Awards will be considered under the following priority areas: community development, new housing construction, supporting Native youth and honoring and serving Native veterans. HUD encourages Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities to apply. To learn more about the award, visit: [HUD Secretary’s Award for Excellence in Tribal Communities](#). You can find the full list of awardees [here](#).

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USDA Announces Over \$1 Million in New Projects in Rural Nevada

Investments Include a New Firetruck and Distance Learning Equipment

CARSON CITY, Nev., Dec. 4, 2024 – U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack and USDA Rural Development Nevada State Director Lucas Ingvaldstad today announced investments totaling more than \$1 million to support local economic development plans and projects in [Rural Partners Network](#) (RPN) communities in Nevada. Great Basin College will receive a \$982,522 grant through the Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants Program (DLT) and Humboldt County will receive a \$38,500 grant through Community Facilities Direct Loans and Grants Program.

This announcement is part of a [new round of investments](#) in a nationwide announcement in neighboring RPN communities across 14 states and Puerto Rico. USDA Rural Development Under Secretary Dr. Basil Gooden highlighted today’s announcement at the Rural Local Initiatives Support Corporation 2024 Seminar in Little Rock, Arkansas.

“The Rural Partners Network has broken down barriers so underserved rural communities and families can access the resources they need to prepare for the future,” Secretary Vilsack said. “Today, we’re celebrating several more examples of how aligning those resources with local blueprints for success will keep rural and Tribal communities across the country thriving for generations to come.”

“Today’s investments mark another success for Nevada’s Rural Partners Network,” said State Director Ingvaldstad. “RPN Community Liaisons have worked hard to ensure that rural communities across the state receive the resources they need for the future they envision. From a new firetruck that will rapidly respond to fires across the McDermitt region to four sites that will provide remote, high-level education to over 6,800 rural folks, the Rural Partners Network continues to deliver on the Biden-Harris Administration’s promise to support rural Nevada.”

The \$982, 522 DLT grant will be used to equip two hub sites, two hub/end-user sites and four end-user sites in Elko, Humboldt, Lander, Nye, Pershing and White Pine counties in rural Nevada with video conferencing equipment that will enable highly collaborative educational

experiences. Instructors at Great Basin College campuses in Elko, Humboldt, Nye and White Pine counties will deliver associate and baccalaureate level instruction in career and technical education; health science; mathematics, science, business and computing; humanities and social sciences; fine arts; and community education to six locations benefiting 6,885 secondary students, postsecondary students and community residents.

The \$38,500 Community Facilities Direct Grant will be used to purchase a fire truck with the capacity to hold 2,000 gallons of water. This will help the McDermitt Fire Protection District (MFPD) protect their service area. The service area includes the town of McDermitt, the Fort McDermitt Indian Reservation, and nearby rural areas near the southeast Oregon border. The fire truck is needed to respond more effectively to active fires in this region, thereby increasing public safety.

The Biden-Harris Administration launched RPN in April 2022 to ensure people in historically underserved rural and Tribal communities receive their fair share of funding from federal agencies. RPN is an all-of-government collaboration supported by 25 federal agencies and regional commissions.

Since its inception, federal agencies have invested over \$8.5 billion across the 36 RPN community networks. That includes [more than \\$1.5 billion](#) in USDA investments in locally driven projects that improve local infrastructure, health care, housing, and connectivity. RPN has facilitated almost 4,000 new partnerships and the launch of the Rural.gov website.

Background: Rural Partners Network

Launched in April 2022 and expanded in November 2022, RPN is now active in 36 [community networks](#) in 10 states and Puerto Rico.

Community networks receive support from full-time USDA staff who live and work locally. These staff members provide technical assistance based on each community's needs, helping them navigate federal programs, build relationships and apply for funding. In addition to USDA staff, there are staff at more than 25 other federal agencies dedicated to making resources across the government easier to access for people in rural communities.

RPN communities also benefit from coordination through other federal efforts such as the [Interagency Working Group on Coal and Power Plant Communities and Economic Revitalization](#) and President Biden's [Justice40 Initiative](#) and [Investing in America](#) agenda. The Rural Prosperity Interagency Policy Council, co-led by the White House Domestic Policy Council and USDA, advises the RPN program and ensures rural voices are heard and reflected in national policies that will benefit all people in rural communities.

RPN also benefits from [new partnerships with philanthropic organizations](#) to address barriers to accessing federal programs with a specific focus on advancing equity and prosperity in rural America. These partnerships will enhance RPN's work by helping communities develop applications, plan projects, and leverage pre-development expenses and matching funds.

For more information on RPN, visit [Rural.gov](#).

USDA Rural Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities, create jobs and improve the quality of life for millions of Americans in rural areas. This assistance supports infrastructure improvements; business development; housing; community facilities such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in rural, tribal and high-poverty areas. Visit the [Rural Data Gateway](#) to learn how and where these investments are impacting rural America. To subscribe to USDA Rural Development updates, visit the [GovDelivery Subscriber Page](#).

USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. Under the Biden-Harris Administration, USDA is transforming America's food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to safe, healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate-smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit www.usda.gov.

HUD Extends the Date by which Tribes, TDHEs, and DHHL will be Required to Adopt the New HOTMA definition of "Annual Income" in the IHBG and NHHBG Programs

HUD issued [PIH Notice 2024-37](#). The Notice extends the compliance date for HUD's final rule entitled "Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2016: Implementation of Sections 102, 103, and 104" for Indian Tribes, Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs), and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL). Indian Tribes and TDHEs that apply the income requirements in the 24 CFR part 5 definition of "annual income" under the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) program, along with DHHL will not be required to comply with the changes to these parts in the HOTMA final rule until January 1, 2026.

In the meantime, Indian Tribes, TDHEs, and DHHL are free to adopt the new HOTMA definition if they choose to do so but are not required to. During the transition and implementation period, Tribes, TDHEs, and DHHL may continue to rely on the definition of annual income contained at 24 CFR 5.609 prior to the HOTMA changes, when determining annual income for families.

WRRC 2024 Photo Contest – One Week Left to Submit!

Attention photographers! The submission window for the 2024 WRRC Photo Contest closes on **Friday, December 20**. That means there's only one week left to showcase your talent and share your unique perspective on Water in Arizona.

This year's broad theme invites you to capture the essence of water in Arizona. Whether through nature, wildlife, industry and agriculture, or people at play and work. It's all up to your creativity, as long as your photo is water-related and shot in Arizona*

The WRRC features photo contest submissions in many of our materials, including our Weekly Wave e-News Digest, annual report, and more. **This year, we even used contest photos on the new signs on the front of our building (as shown in the photo above).**

Don't miss your chance to participate in this exciting contest. Submit your entries today and let your photos tell the story of Arizona's connection to water.

**"Borders" category images can be from any location. See submission page for more info on categories.*

Image credits (L to R): Dick Thompson, Doug Parsons, Lonnie Frost

[Submit your photos today!](#)

Story with me · **The Bajau people are the first tribe in the world to have evolved to adapt to life under the sea.** They spend their entire lives living on the sea and searching for food on the ocean floor. They live in temporary stilt houses and on their boats, scattered throughout the seas of Indonesia, Malaysia, and the Philippines. They have lived this way for over 1000 years, and their food is entirely dependnt on the surrounding seafood. This forces them to work underwater all day to catch shrimp, crab, fish, and squid.

Therefore, the Bajau puncture their eardrums to balance the pressure between the outer ear and middle ear, helping them avoid discomfort when diving deep underwater. However, puncturing the eardrum can also reduce their hearing ability and make them susceptible to ear infections. This is a trade-off that the Bajau must accept in order to live underwater.

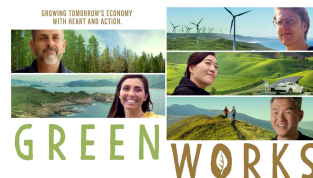
What is extremely unusual is that they can dive for over 13 minutes at a depth of 60m below the ocean floor. Why can they do this? It turns out that they have a much larger spleen than normal people. It has the abilty to pump more oxygen into the blood and works no differently than a biological scuba tank. Their spleen has a volume greater than normal people by more than 50 percent.

What is special is that this feature is not only found in divers but also in other members of the tribe, including children who have never dived before. This means that they have evolved to live more easily under the sea

A Sama-Bajau fisherman swims to the surface with an octopus caught in the Banda Sea in Sulawesi, Indonesia. Credit: James Morgan



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Scholarships from January 20 - 31 (A-Co)

Florida Retired Educators Foundation Scholarship	\$4,000	January 20, 2025
Frank M. Snowden Jr. Undergraduate Scholarships	\$4,500	January 20, 2025
Joy Cappel Scholarship	\$2,500	January 20, 2025
Loss of a Loved One Scholarship	\$500	January 20, 2025
Trice Family Legacy Award	\$2,300	January 20, 2025
Army Women's Foundation Legacy Scholarships	\$3,000	January 21, 2025
Boren Fellowships	\$25,000	January 22, 2025
Mercer University Josiah Penfield Scholarships	\$16,000	January 22, 2025
Mercer University Presidential Scholarships	\$169,248	January 22, 2025
Microsoft Imagine Cup	\$100,000	January 22, 2025
The Kress Foundation Conservation Fellowships	\$37,000	January 22, 2025
Virginia Tech Presidential Scholarship	\$129,992	January 22, 2025
College of Saint Mary Marie Curie Scholarship	\$80,000	January 23, 2025
Edison Scholars Program	\$50,000	January 23, 2025
ROJ Postsecondary Scholarship	\$10,000	January 23, 2025
DSEA Christopher K. Smith Memorial Future Teacher Scholarship	\$4,000	January 24, 2025
ISI Richard M. Weaver Fellowship	\$15,000	January 24, 2025
Max J. Madrid Law Diversity Scholarship	\$10,000	January 24, 2025
NLM Associate Fellowship Program	\$64,597	January 24, 2025
R. Gene and Nancy D. Richter Foundation	\$15,000	January 24, 2025
Bezos Scholars Program	Varies	January 25, 2025
Des Moines Women's Club Literature Scholarship	\$2,000	January 26, 2025
Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship & Excellence in Education Foundation	\$15,000	January 27, 2025
Greehey Scholars Program	\$144,792	January 27, 2025
UCA Music Scholarships	Varies	January 27, 2025

Quad City Engineering and Science Council Scholarship (QCESC)	\$2,500	January 28, 2025
Boren Scholarships	\$25,000	January 29, 2025
Melvin Kruger Endowed Scholarship Program	\$20,000	January 30, 2025
VPMA Statewide Scholarship	\$1,500	January 30, 2025
VPMA Virginia Tech Entomology Scholarship	\$1,500	January 30, 2025
ABF Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship	\$6,000	January 31, 2025
Applegate Jackson Parks Future Teacher Scholarship	\$1,000	January 31, 2025
ASNT Engineering Undergraduate Scholarship	\$3,000	January 31, 2025
ASNT Fellowship Award	\$20,000	January 31, 2025
Baer Reintegration Scholarship	Varies	January 31, 2025
BBB Student of Integrity Scholarship - Western VA	\$1,500	January 31, 2025
Behavior Frontiers Helen Mader Scholarship	\$1,500	January 31, 2025
Berea College No-Tuition Promise Scholarship	Varies	January 31, 2025
Brent P. Poor Memorial Scholarship	\$8,000	January 31, 2025
Cancer for College Scholarships	\$20,000	January 31, 2025
Charles P. Bell Scholarships and Grants	\$1,000	January 31, 2025
Cherokee Nation Foundation Champion At Large Scholarship	\$8,000	January 31, 2025
Cherry Hawk Scholarship	\$5,000	January 31, 2025
Cheryl L. Wase Memorial Scholarship for the Study of Archaeology	Varies	January 31, 2025
Choose Ohio First STEMM Scholarship	\$20,000	January 31, 2025
Costco Employee Scholarship	\$10,000	January 31, 2025

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- 1932 Dec 21** Newspaper report that atty George Thatcher, explaining the Wingfield bank failures, answered a question in part with "If that happens, we might as well give the country back to the Indians" - later learning his questioner was Native.
- 1943 Dec 22** A land addition to Duckwater (55Stat1955).
- 1950 Dec 20** The NSJ claimed "While Indians around PL continue battle to retain tribal lands against infringement by white settlers, BIA is reparing to sell large amount of Indian land in California and nobody is objecting."
- 1954 Dec 18** The 75,000 member Navajo Tribe held its first elections administered by the tribe itself instead of the BIA.
- 1999 Dec 22** An Ebay sale of a Sacajewa dollar that had prematurely reached the public in a USMint bag of quarters was halted by the Secret Service when the bid was \$1,136.

Ann Hitchcock, who was the first Chief Curator of the National Park Service, and early in her position was the highest ranking non-political woman employee in the Park Service, died December 10th; she was 78.

Ms. Hitchcock joined the Park Service in 1980 in the newly-created position of Chief Curator, joining the ranks of the Chief Historian, Chief Archaeologist, and Chief Historical Architect. Her role was to lead improvement in the management of collections of objects and archives held by the NPS in the more than three-hundred park and monument sites across the country. Previously, historic objects valuable to the mission of the NPS were often inconsistently secured, catalogued, and curated, sometimes in circumstances that did not meet museum standards of preservation and protection; there were thought to be about ten million objects in NPS holdings — guns and cannons from battlefields, the decorations and furniture in Presidential homes (including the White House), Native American ceramics and ceremonial garments collected in parks, and objects and archives associated with the mission of specific park sites from locomotives at Steamtown NHS to Edison's experiments in his New Jersey laboratory.

From 1980 till 2007, Ms Hitchcock oversaw the development of a first-class curatorial and collection management system, with well-funded expansion of cataloguing efforts, including computerized cataloguing, pressing for facilities in park sites for proper storage and research access of museum material, and professional development of curators of varying credentials in the parks; one tool was the publication of "Conserv-o-Grams" that would promulgate tips and modern methods of preservation and conservation of objects needing specialized treatment to park staff who might lack up-to-date expertise in handling specialized natural history or cultural history objects, like animal skins, Indian array, or the gown of a presidential wife. Her role included visiting and reviewing curatorial activity in the majority of the park sites in the country. As usual in museums, many objects would be on exhibit — typically in Visitors' Centers — but the higher percentage would be in controlled and safe storage with access for scholars. Under her leadership and management, the NPS found that by internal searching, acquiring, and cataloguing, its holdings expanded from an enumerated ten million objects and archives to well-over eighty million objects and forty million archives, making it the second largest museum collection in the world after the Smithsonian.

In 2007, Ms. Hitchcock transitioned from the position of Chief Curator to become a Senior Advisor for Scientific Collections and Environmental safeguards, where she led service-wide initiatives that involved new authorities and policy for regulating technology transfer, the details of permitted scientific collecting, management of living collections (especially microorganisms), and safeguards for cultural and natural resources. One notable multi-year effort involved creation of policies for "benefit-sharing" when materials collected by outside researchers, or employee inventions, might have commercial application; the model developed has been of considerable interest from other countries faced with exploitable resources.

In addition, Ms. Hitchcock — building upon her wide acquaintance with the experts in conservation and preservation throughout the NPS system — became the principal "recruiter and deployer" of NPS and Interior Department personnel into natural disaster situations, like hurricanes, where there were needs for assessment and restoration. In her Senior Advisor role she continued her career as an important "institutional memory" for the Park Service. At the time of her death she had 44 years of Federal service.

Frances Ann Hitchcock was born September 6, 1946, in San Francisco, and grew up in Oakland, California. She graduated from Stanford University in 1968 and completed a Master's degree in Anthropology and Museum Studies from the University of Arizona in 1970; immediately thereafter she participated in archaeological digs in Arizona and Israel. Before joining the Park Service, she worked at the Museum of Northern Arizona in Flagstaff, and spent four years as the Assistant Chief Curator at the Museum of Man and Nature in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. She had academic appointments, honors, and many publications and conference presentations during her career. She loved the outdoors and the National Parks from adolescence, and recreationally she maintained an intimate relationship with parklands, hiking and backpacking in remote areas, and cross-country skiing.

Ann was a high school classmate and I have some very funny stories about the start up of NPS's Historic Preservation Grants program.