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Wyoming's **Grand Teton National Park is getting 1 square mile bigger**. That might not sound like a huge deal, but the relatively small piece of land represents greater protections for the animals that call the Tetons home and the park at large.

Known as the Kelly Parcel, the land will officially be turned over to the federal government after years of debate and negotiations regarding the state's idea to sell it to developers. Instead, the nonprofit Grand Teton National Park Foundation **raised \$37.6 million to buy the parcel**, while the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund provided the remaining \$62.4 million for a total of \$100 million.

"Today marks **an incredible milestone**, decades in the making, to permanently protect an essential wildlife migration corridor and treasured landscape within Grand Teton National Park," Interior Secretary Deb Haaland said in a statement.

Since the Kelly Parcel is a state trust land, **the money from the sale will help fund Wyoming's public schools**. "This will benefit our public lands and Wyoming's public school students for generations to come," Haaland added.

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**The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has released the pilot Indicators of Environmental Health Disparities.** The intent of these indicators is to illustrate the disparities in key environmental and public health issues and describe EPA's activities that may contribute to reductions in these disparities and overall health burdens. These indicators are intended as an informational tool and are not intended for use in agency decision making.

These indicators were developed in direct response to [EPA's FY2022-2026 Strategic Plan](#), which calls on EPA to assemble a set of indicators to assess EPA's performance in reducing disparities in environmental and public health conditions.

The pilot six indicators include:

- Blood Lead Levels
- Population in Monitored Counties Meeting PM2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)
- Age-adjusted Hypertension
- Adverse Birth Outcomes
- Childhood Asthma Prevalence
- Life Expectancy

Each of these indicators represents an environmental health concern or potential health impact that is shaped by a wide range of factors, including lifestyle choices, genetic predisposition, and other factors outside of EPA's jurisdiction. However, through actions under its statutory authorities, grantmaking, and partnerships with federal agencies as well as state, local, and Tribal authorities, EPA is working to help mitigate environmental contributions to these health outcomes and disparities, in alignment with its mission to protect human health and the environment for all individuals.

The selection of these indicators was informed by EPA's scientific expertise as well as decades of statutorily authorized activities that the Agency has undertaken to advance its mission and to achieve measurable environmental, public health, and quality of life improvements in overburdened, vulnerable, and underserved communities. To learn more about the indicators, [please visit EPA's Indicators of Environmental Health Disparities webpage](#).

## Some PowWows for the Calendar

**Jan 11**      [Nation Winter Round Dance 2024](#)      [- Dokis ON](#)  
Pipe Ceremony 4:00pm - Feast to Follow Round Dance 6:00pm Memorial Ceremony 10:00pm -  
Giveaway and Midnight Snack to Follow You...

**Jan 11**      [American Indian Pow Wow Morning Star Celebration 2025](#)      [- Bel Air MD](#)  
10:00am-7:00pm MSPW is benefit dance raising funds for the St Labre Indian School in Ashland  
MT. See the pow wow flyer...

**Jan 17 - 18**      [13 Moons Gichi-Manidoo Giizis Pow Wow 2025](#)      [- Carlton MN](#)  
The 2025 13Moons Pow Wow will take place Saturday January 18th at Fond Du Lac  
Reservations Black Bear Casino in Carlton MN, with warm-ups on...

**Jan 18 - 19**      [First Peoples Festival Friendship Pow Wow 2025](#)      [- Estes Park CO](#)  
The First Peoples Festival celebrates Indigenous culture, art, music, language, oral traditions, and  
much more. Shop from cultural vendors from various...

**Jan 24 - 25**      [The Great River Eagle Days Winter Gathering 2025](#)      [- Quincy IL](#)  
Saturday 10:00am-5:00pm Sunday 10:00am-5:00pm Admission: 10 & Under Free; Age 11 & up  
\$7.00; Over 60 \$5.00 Open to the public. Saturday...

**Jan 25**      [25th Annual Alabama-Couchatta Children's Pow Wow 2025](#)      [Livingston TX](#)  
Free and open to the public. All Dancers and Drums are welcome. Native Arts & Crafts and Food  
will be sold....

**Jan 25**      [MMIP Central Oklahoma 3rd Annual Benefit Gourd Dance 2025](#)      [- Tryon OK](#)  
2:00pm-9:00pm All Gourd Dance. Supper Break 5:00pm; Gourd Dance resumes at 6:00pm.  
We'd like to encourage MMIP families and Sister Chapters to...

**Feb 21-23**      [Southwest American Indian Collector's Expo \(AZ\) 2025](#)      [- Tuscon AZ](#)  
From 10:00am to 5:00pm Daily Everyone is welcome! Free Admission Free Parking Scholarship  
Donations Appreciated. We would be honored to have you...



### **Lyten secures additional funding for Reno 'gigafactory'**

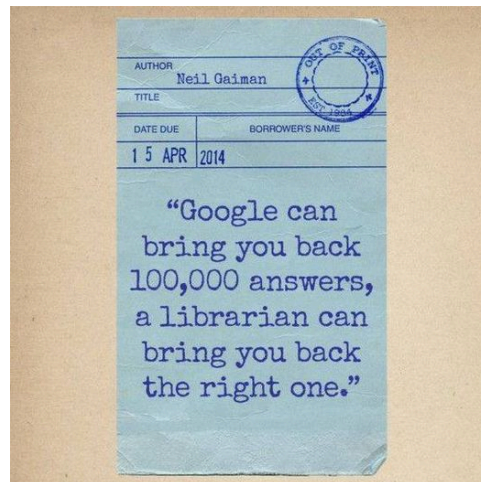
Lyten is breaking ground this year on a large lithium-sulfur battery facility at the Reno-Stead area.

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## Willimapu Gastronomía Ancestral

## Santiago, Chile

**Finding the unique cuisines of Chile's 10 official Indigenous groups** is surprisingly hard to do in the nation's capital, even though many of its 7 million residents belong to these communities. That's part of what makes Chef Cecilia Loncomilla Quintul's restaurant, which honors the culinary traditions of the Mapuche people, so special. While the food at Willimapu harkens back to ancestral traditions, the vibe is anything but traditional.



*“What is success?*

*To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate the beauty; to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded.”*

*~ Ralph Waldo Emerson*



### **FOCUS: Rose Styron and Alex Matthiessen | Joe Biden Is Leonard Peltier's Last Hope**

*Rose Styron and Alex Matthiessen, Guardian UK*

Excerpt: "The imprisoned Native American is long overdue for clemency. Joe Biden is probably the last president who can give it to him."

## Longtime Bois Forte leader resigns

Catherine Chavers cites mental health reasons.



Bois Forte Tribal Chair Catherine Chavers has worked nearly a half century in various roles for her tribe.

By CHRISTOPHER VONDRACEK The Minnesota Star Tribune

When Catherine Chavers first joined the tribal council for the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, a small Indigenous nation in Minnesota's northern woods, the government center burned down.

Years later, she won the chair seat and a federal government shutdown ensued, hampering services on the reservation.

Five years ago, the pandemic hit.

Now, the longtime leader, exhausted if still optimistic for her tribe's future, says she will resign her seat at month's end, citing her mental health.

"It's been very challenging for me," Chavers said by phone on Friday. "But we've worked through a lot of the unforeseen circumstances."

She'll tackle one more obstacle: speaking openly about her own need to focus on her mental health.

"It happens to everybody and anybody, and people shouldn't be scared to say, 'I need to step back and take care of myself,'" said Chavers, who won her third term as chair in June.

So the chair who has worked nearly half a century for her tribe is retiring at month's end.

The Bois Forte nation, which sits roughly 50 miles south of the Canadian border in northeastern Minnesota, numbers roughly 3,600 residents and comprises three reservations, according to a series of 19th century treaties, beginning with the 1854 Treaty: Nett Lake, Deer Creek and shoreline along Lake Vermilion in St. Louis County.

In 2022, under Chavers' tenure as chair, nearly 30,000 acres were restored to the tribe.

The land had been lost to timber interests a century prior.



Since her announcement, Chavers said she's received support from community. Her decision reflects her mother's mental health struggles, she said.

"My own mother had a nervous breakdown when I was in the seventh or eighth grade," Chavers said, noting that generational trauma on the reservation is common. "I'll be honest with you, this was in the '70s and '80s, and nobody mentioned mental health. They didn't know what they were dealing with."

Chavers said mental health crises can be especially acute for Indigenous communities where government-run health care is woefully underfunded by Congress. A 2023 government watchdog report found Indian Health Service facilities are "not in good condition" and such degradation can lead to poorer health outcomes.

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Ancient Wonders and Mysteries ·

Time may change many things, but the wonders from our past remain ever-present and influential. These historical marvels endure, capturing the fascination of those who seek to learn from the journeys of previous generations. They offer insights into the diverse experiences and struggles faced by humanity while also celebrating the beauty of creativity and innovation. By exploring these enduring legacies, we enrich our understanding of ourselves and the world around us, finding inspiration in the stories that continue to be told through the ages.



Tribes' suit against card rooms could affect cities

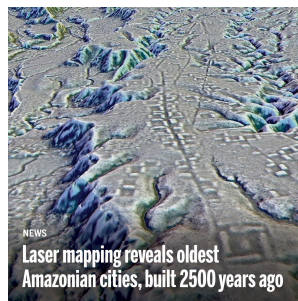
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[Science](#)

Archaeologists once believed the ancient Amazon rainforest was an inhospitable place, sparsely populated by bands of hunter-gatherers. But the remains of enormous earthworks, pyramids, and roads from Bolivia to Brazil discovered over the past 2 decades have proved conclusively that the Amazon was home to large, complex societies long before European colonizers arrived.

Now, there's evidence that another human society—the oldest yet—left its mark on the region: **A dense network of interconnected cities, now hidden beneath the forest in Ecuador's** Upano Valley, has been revealed by the laser mapping technology called lidar. The settlements, described last year in *Science*, are at least 2500 years old, more than 1000 years older than any other known complex Amazonian society.

Learn more: <https://scim.ag/4iWqBun> #ScienceMagArchives



- [Trump promises to replace national archivist after the agency's role in documents case against him](#)

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Scholarships with February 7 (C-S) to 13th Deadlines

Clarkston Scholars Program	\$10,000	February 07, 2025
Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties General Scholarship	Varies	February 07, 2025
Conservation Districts of Iowa Scholarships	\$3,000	February 07, 2025
Gucci Changemakers Scholarship	\$20,000	February 07, 2025
Health Tech Scholarship	\$5,000	February 07, 2025
ILCA Scholarship Program	\$10,000	February 07, 2025
Jimmy Rane Foundation Scholarship	\$5,000	February 07, 2025
LRAEF Scholars Program	\$5,000	February 07, 2025
Michigan Sugar Company Employee Scholarship	\$1,000	February 07, 2025
National AG Day Essay Contest	\$1,500	February 07, 2025
National Press Photographers Foundation Scholarships	\$2,000	February 07, 2025
NFB of MA Scholarship	\$3,000	February 07, 2025
NPPF TV News Scholarship	\$2,000	February 07, 2025
OAB Scholarship Awards	\$2,500	February 07, 2025
REC Community Scholarship	\$2,500	February 07, 2025
Richard J. Bea Nursing Scholarship	\$7,500	February 07, 2025
Ritchie-Jennings Memorial Scholarship	\$10,000	February 07, 2025
Southern California Mothers of Multiples Clubs, Inc. (SCMOMC) Scholarship	\$1,500	February 07, 2025
Watson-Brown Foundation Scholarships	\$6,000	February 08, 2025
Chief Simon Kahquados Scholarship	\$5,000	February 10, 2025
Colorado Mesa University Academic Achievement Award	\$12,000	February 10, 2025
Colorado Mesa University's Distinguished Scholar Award	\$30,193	February 10, 2025
Colorado Mesa University's First Generation Scholarship	\$4,000	February 10, 2025
Colorado Mesa University's Merit Scholarship	\$20,000	February 10, 2025
Colorado Mesa University's Scholarships for Freshmen	\$30,000	February 10, 2025
Delores Pemma Scholarship	\$5,000	February 10, 2025
GGICF Scholarships	\$7,500	February 10, 2025
Lois Crowe Scholarship	\$10,000	February 10, 2025
Reno Rodeo Western Arts & Culture Scholarship	Varies	February 10, 2025
USC School of Cinematic Arts Endowed Scholarships	\$100,000	February 10, 2025
Washington CPA Foundation Accounting Scholarship	\$10,000	February 10, 2025

Arts for Life! Scholarship	\$1,000	February 11, 2025
Alice C. Coapland Scholarship	\$12,000	February 12, 2025
Carol A. Hurley Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000	February 12, 2025
Davidson Fellows Scholarship	\$100,000	February 12, 2025
Emily Lester Vermont Opportunity Scholarship	\$3,000	February 12, 2025
Fisher House Foundation Scholarships for Military Children	\$2,000	February 12, 2025
Franklin H. Isham Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000	February 12, 2025
Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation Scholarships	\$12,000	February 12, 2025
Hildegard Durfee Scholarship	\$1,500	February 12, 2025
Jean Andrews Nursing Scholarship	\$5,000	February 12, 2025
Vermont Dental Hygiene Scholarship	\$22,000	February 12, 2025
Vermont John H. Chafee Education and Training Scholarship	\$5,000	February 12, 2025
Vermont Police Association Scholarships	\$1,000	February 12, 2025
Vermont State Grange Educational Aid Fund	\$1,000	February 12, 2025
VSAC Bernice Murray Scholarship	\$4,000	February 12, 2025
VSAC Taigh Scholarship	\$1,000	February 12, 2025
Community Foundation of Shelby County Scholarships	\$4,500	February 13, 2025
HCAI Wellness Coach Scholarship Program	\$35,000	February 13, 2025
Maryland Sea Grant Undergraduate Fellowships in Estuarine Science	\$7,200	February 13, 2025
McDonald's HACER National Scholarship	\$100,000	February 13, 2025
The Christophers Video Contest	\$2,000	February 13, 2025
Washington State PTA Scholarship	\$2,500	February 13, 2025

Fishing groups, Winnemem Wintu sue state and feds over take permit for State Water Project

“As imperiled Central Valley salmon and Delta fish populations move closer and closer to the abyss of extinction, the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance (CSPA) has sued the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) over the “[Incidental Take Permit](#)” (ITP) for the operation of the [State Water Project](#). CSPA is joined in the lawsuit, filed on Nov. 26, 2024, by the North Coast Rivers Alliance, the San Francisco Crab Boat Owners Association and the Winnemem Wintu Tribe. The Law Offices of Stephan C. Volker filed the suit in the Sacramento Superior Court on behalf of

CSPA and fellow plaintiffs. The lawsuit alleges violations of the law under the [California Environmental Quality Act](#), Public Resources Code section 21000; the Delta Reform Act, Water Code section 85000, the California Endangered Species Act, Fish and Game Code section 2050, and the [Public Trust Doctrine](#). ... ” [Read more from the Daily Kos](#).

Biden will honor tribal requests by designating 2 new national monuments in California

“President Joe Biden is signing a proclamation to establish two new national monuments in California, in part to honor two tribes, a person familiar with the decision said Monday. The proclamation will create the Chuckwalla National Monument in Southern California near Joshua Tree National Park and the Sáttítla National Monument in Northern California, said the person, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity to discuss the plans that were to be announced Tuesday in California. The declaration bars drilling and mining and other development on the 600,000-acre (2,400-square-kilometer) area in Southern California and roughly 200,000 acres (800 square kilometers) in Northern California. ... ” [Read more from the Associated Press](#). SEE

ALSO: FACT SHEET: President Biden Establishes Chuckwalla and Sáttítla Highlands National Monuments in California, from the White House

The water mystery unfolding in the western U.S.



“There’s a rural area in Arizona with massive groundwater basins underneath the earth. Water should be plentiful there, but wells are running dry. Today on [The Indicator](#), what’s behind the water issues in rural Arizona?” [Listen to podcast or read transcript from Arizona Public Media](#).

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**Proud Native Americans · The Apache.**

The "Apachue" (enemies) were called so by the zuni of the peoples of adobe, the Apache recognize themselves as "Diné", "The people". They are divided into seven tribes: Chiricahua, Jicarilla, Kiowa, Lipan, Mescalero, Coyotero and Navajo.

They all speak dialects of a common language, of Atapascan roots that confirm their origin in the north of the continent, and their way of life was based on gathering, hunting and pillage. They worship as sacred animals the cougar and the coyote, the eagle and the falcon, the bison and the bear. The Apache were able to survive in the scarcity of the desert, crossing it at full speed and stealth.

They stood out in the art of war for their ambushes, with their bows and arrows, which sometimes filled with ponzona of insects and reptiles, and they were not afraid to go into the fight hand to hand armed with spears and even knives. Their ferocity that sometimes scratched in brutality not only won them the respect and fear of their neighbors, men as warped as the Lakota and the Mohavians, would also make them one of the greatest threats of the desert border to the Spanish, and afterwards to Mexicans and Americans.



**WEBINAR**

# Understanding the EPA's New Regulatory Revisions to Water Quality Standards for Protecting Tribal Reserved Rights

**JANUARY 23 & 30 at 3:00 PM EST**



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**NATIONAL TRIBAL WATER COUNCIL**  
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**ABA** AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION  
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The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), in partnership with the National Tribal Water Council (NTWC), National Association of Wetland Managers (NAWM), and the American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources (ABA SEER), invites Tribal Nations, state environmental agencies, and the public to a **two-part webinar series hosted by NCAI's Institute for Environmental Sovereignty (IES)**. The series will focus on the U.S. EPA's newly finalized Reserved Rights Rule, which revises 40 CFR Part 131 to require the EPA and states to consider Tribal reserved rights—such as fishing, hunting, and gathering—when establishing or revising water quality standards.

Part 1 focuses on the rule's key components and Tribal-State collaboration, featuring insights from an EPA representative and the Fond du Lac Band's Water Projects Coordinator. Part 1 will be held on Thursday, January 23, 2025, at 3:00 PM EST.

Part 2 explores state implementation challenges and opportunities, with speakers—including state agency representatives and the Native American Rights Fund (NARF)—discussing legal considerations and fostering collaboration. Part 2 will be held on Thursday, January 30, 2025, at 3:00 PM EST.

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