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One of the most beautiful and best pictures ever taken of Animal Kingdom.

Bald Eagle in full flight.

More details: <https://bit.ly/3Pg3bCS>

The reflection is exactly the same.

[Credit : Steve Peru...](#)

## **Indigenous Languages Are Founts of Environmental Knowledge**

Peoples who live close to nature have a rich lore of plants, animals and landscapes embedded in their mother tongues — which may hold vital clues to protecting biodiversity.

*Knowable Magazine* - Katarina Zimmer

### **Extract:**

“For example, there’s a 2016 paper by David Fleck and Robert Voss that shows that [many of the facts the Matsigenka people of Amazonia know about armadillo behavior](#) are unknown to Western scientists. This kind of knowledge can help us learn about biodiversity. We have to overcome our bias that Western science is superior to Indigenous ways of thinking.

Do you see any signs that Western science in general is beginning to recognize the environmental knowledge that Indigenous communities hold?

There are fields like ethnobotany, which is entirely devoted to Indigenous knowledge. Linguistics is moving in that direction, I would argue. But unfortunately, in some fields of science, there’s still this colonial, false discovery paradigm. For instance, in 2023 the World Wildlife Fund [announced hundreds of new species discoveries here in Vietnam](#). What they didn’t do is ask local Indigenous people, “What do you call this animal?” Local people would have told them not only their name for the animal, but also stories and legends about it, why it’s important and what its lifecycle is.

But, you know, we can all get there. We just need to respect Indigenous people and treat them as our equals and teachers on biodiversity. And we’re at a critical juncture in history. We need to do it now before we lose the biodiversity that people used to know about.”

Other articles [https://knowablemagazine.org > content > article > society > 2024 > indigenous-languages-environmental-knowledge-save-ecosystems](https://knowablemagazine.org/content/article/society/2024/indigenous-languages-environmental-knowledge-save-ecosystems)

### **[Indigenous languages are founts of environmental knowledge](#)**

Jan 25, 2024 Indigenous languages are under enormous pressure from global languages like English and Chinese, or from neglect or outright oppression of Indigenous communities. And the environmental knowledge they contain is not easily translated to other languages, so much of it would definitely be lost if the language stops being spoken, even if it were ...

### **The Good Men Project**

[https://goodmenproject.com > featured-content > indigenous-languages-are-founts-of-environmental-knowledge](https://goodmenproject.com/featured-content/indigenous-languages-are-founts-of-environmental-knowledge)

### **[Indigenous Languages Are Founts of Environmental Knowledge](#)**

Feb 20, 2024 Working with **Indigenous** communities to understand the **environmental knowledge** embedded in their **languages** is the goal of "**environmental linguistics**," a line of research Harrison describes in a ...

## **FACT SHEET: President Biden Recognizes Fuller Story of Pacific Islands Heritage**

Today, President Biden is taking action to recognize the cultural heritage of the Indigenous Peoples and communities of the Pacific Islands by renaming the Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument as the Pacific Islands Heritage Marine National Monument, and becoming the first President to formally honor the Hui Panalā‘au, Native Hawaiians sent to secure United States territorial claim to the islands in the run up to World War II. This action builds on President Biden’s historic record of delivering for Indigenous communities across the country.

In March 2023, the President issued a [Presidential Memorandum](#) directing the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Commerce to collaborate with Indigenous cultural leaders to inform renaming of the existing Pacific Remote Islands National Monument to honor the area’s heritage, ancestral pathways, and stopping points for Pacific Island voyagers, and to inform posthumous recognition for the Hui Panalā‘au.

Today’s action supports President Biden’s commitment to telling a fuller story of our Nation’s history and builds on the Biden-Harris Administration’s [efforts](#) to advance opportunity, including for Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Communities.

### **Renaming of the Marine National Monument**

The [Pacific Islands Heritage Marine National Monument](#) encompasses approximately 490,000 square miles of open ocean, coral reef, and island habitats in the Pacific Ocean and includes seven National Wildlife Refuges associated with Baker Island, Howland Island, Jarvis Island, Johnston Atoll, Kingman Reef, Palmyra Atoll, and Wake Atoll. The national monument is home to one of the largest collections of tropical islands, coral reef, seamounts, and deep sea protected areas on the planet, and provides large migration and foraging ranges for sea turtles, marine mammals, whales, sharks, and manta rays.

At President Biden’s direction, the Udall Foundation, in partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), led an [18-month collaborative renaming process](#) to engage Indigenous Peoples and other Pacific Island communities on developing a recommendation for a new name for the Marine National Monument. This included participating in the 13<sup>th</sup> Festival of Pacific Arts and Culture, where the Administration [convened sessions](#) with the Pacific Island delegations, cultural practitioners, voyagers, language experts, and the broader Pacific Island community to seek comment and input on a new name.

The renaming of the Pacific Islands Heritage Marine National Monument reaffirms the Biden-Harris Administration’s commitment to recognize and acknowledge the tradition of voyaging and other cultural and ancestral connections to the monument area and the historic and scientific objects it contains as core to Pacific Island communities’ heritage. The name also honors the many people, cultures, languages, and resources that have existed in the region for thousands of years and will continue to thrive in the future.

President George W. Bush first established this [marine national monument](#) in 2009, and President Barack Obama designated a [marine national monument expansion](#) area in 2014. Today’s action

applies the new name to the existing monument, without altering its boundaries or any applicable requirements.

### **Recognition for the Hui Panalā‘au**

From 1935 to 1942, the United States government sent 135 mainly Native Hawaiian men – known collectively as the Hui Panalā‘au – to live for six weeks to several months at a time on the uninhabited Pacific equatorial islands of Howland, Baker, Jarvis, Enderbury, and Canton to claim the islands for the United States. Today, President Biden issued a [Presidential Message](#) officially recognizing for the first time their contributions to the United States.

Beginning in 1935, the United States government recruited young Hawaiian students and recent graduates of the Kamehameha School for Boys to serve a colonization mission to the uninhabited islands. Although military interests justified occupation of the islands, the Hui Panalā‘au members were not informed of the true nature of the project. The men recorded weather conditions, cultivated plants, maintained a daily log, recorded the types of fish that they caught, observed bird life, and collected specimens for the Bishop Museum on O‘ahu, and also endured personal sacrifice and hardship living on the islands. Several Hui Panalā‘au members died on the islands, including in an attack by the Empire of Japan the day after the Japanese military attacked Pearl Harbor.

Today, the Biden-Harris Administration acknowledges the accomplishments and sacrifices of the members of the Hui Panalā‘au, and extends to them and their families the deep appreciation of the people of the United States. The United States also extends condolences to the families of Carl Kahalewai, Joseph Keliuhanui, and Richard Whaley for the loss of their loved ones in the service of the United States. The previously unsung contributions and sacrifices of these young men and their loved ones must be recognized as a part of the history of our Nation and of their beloved home, Hawai‘i.

**The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) conducted a thorough review of records relevant to the Equatorial Pacific colonization program and was able to verify a participant roster that reflects, to the very best of their ability, a list of 135 individuals involved in this United States Government project. NARA corroborated this list with individual employment records. The records are from the Office of the Territories: Central Classified Files Relating to the Equatorial Islands, and this series consists of 15 containers which are fully digitized and [available in the National Archives Catalog](#).**

Today, the United States honors their memory for their service and sacrifices for our Nation.

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[https://fiveminutehistory.com > the-tragic-story-of-princess-kaiulani-the-island-rose-of-hawaii](https://fiveminutehistory.com/the-tragic-story-of-princess-kaiulani-the-island-rose-of-hawaii)

### **[The Tragic Story of Princess Ka'iulani, "The Island Rose" of Hawaii](#)**

Born Victoria Ka'iulani on October 16, 1875, the Crown **Princess** and heir to the throne of the Kingdom of Hawaii was known throughout the world for her intelligence and determination to preserve the **Hawaiian** monarchy. ... Ka 'iu lani means "the highest point of heaven" or "the royal sacred one" in the **Hawaiian language**. (click on headline for full story)

## Presidential Inauguration Dates

<https://historyinpieces.com/research/presidential-inauguration-dates>

*It appears that FDR (2nd/3rd/4th terms), JFK, Truman (2nd) and Eisenhower were all inaugurated on a January 20. All presidents after LBJ (2nd term) took the oath of office on that date except Ford. (How well I remember Robert Frost and the snow at JFK's first while sitting in the stinky jr. high gym)*

**[U.S. Presidential Inaugurations: A Resource Guide](#)** is a collection of items from each U.S. presidential inauguration, organized chronologically from George Washington's 1789 inauguration onward. See, for example, vice-president [Lyndon B. Johnson taking the oath of office](#) aboard Air Force One shortly after the assassination of President Kennedy on November 22, 1963, or see [President Harry Truman and Dwight Eisenhower](#) as they leave the White House for the latter's 1953 inauguration. *(And one of these days, I'll get back to including presidential State of the Union addresses! sdc)*

## Yurok Tribe lays 11,500 pounds of native plant seeds along free-flowing Klamath River

“The Yurok Fisheries Department has completed a major milestone in the restoration of the Klamath River ecosystem. Following the removal of dams along a 38-mile stretch of the river, the department's Revegetation crew recently hand-sowed 11,500 pounds of native plant seeds between the former Iron Gate Dam and JC Boyle Reservoir. The seeds included a diverse mix of native grasses, herbs, and forbs that historically thrived in the area. As part of this ambitious restoration project, the crew will plant 21,000 white oak acorns and 108,000 native trees and shrubs in the coming months. Since the project began, the team has planted approximately 76,000 trees, shrubs, and grass plugs, 28,000 acorns, and 4,200 milkweed starts. Wildflowers, pine saplings, and baby oaks are already thriving in the post-dam environment. ...” [Read more from Active NorCal.](#)

## Supreme Court environment cases to watch in 2025

“As Donald Trump gets ready to return to the White House, the nation's highest bench is eyeing high-profile environmental questions that — once the conservative-dominated Supreme Court answers them — may boost the president-elect's policy agenda. Over the next six months, the justices will have the opportunity to limit the environmental impacts federal regulators can consider when approving projects, order EPA to get more specific about water permitting requirements and inhibit the power of Congress to delegate power to executive agencies. “The conservative Supreme Court supermajority has been cutting back on executive power,” said Holly Doremus, a law professor at the University of California, Berkeley, during a recent panel discussion hosted by the Environmental Law Institute. ...” [Read more from E&E News.](#)



## Drones Uncovered a 3,000-Year-Old Hidden Mega-Fortress in the...

The massive fortress is over 40 times bigger than they initially...



## NOTEBOOK FEATURE: Fire and water: How cultural burns boost streamflows



Landin Noland (second from left) spreading the burn as fireholders look on. Photos by Robin Meadows.

“On a mild November day in California’s Sacramento Valley, Diana Almendariz ignites a clump of dry grass in a grove of cottonwoods. Landin Noland, wearing a thick, protective shirt with flames running down the sleeves, expertly wields a long-handled tool to spread the fire. Within minutes, a bright orange line dances and crackles all along one side of the grove. As the line advances toward the other side, fireholders surround the grove, alert for any stray embers that need extinguishing. The crew knows the wind will pick up later but for now the air is still, and the fire stays right where they want it. Soon the air ripples with heat, and a dense plume of smoke shoots so high it temporarily obscures the sun. Then, as swiftly as the flames sprang to life, they die back to a smoldering, charred mass under the trees. The cottonwoods are unscathed. While their leaves fluttered in the rising heat of the fire, they remain green and gold. ...” [Read more from Maven’s Notebook.](#)

### Study highlights crucial role of wildlife in human and ecosystem health and well-being

“Wildlife’s benefits to people’s daily lives are underrepresented in science and policy discussions, an omission that an international team of researchers led by the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) says could have detrimental consequences for achieving global conservation targets. Their study, published today in the first-ever issue of [Nature Reviews: Biodiversity](#), finds that while science, business, and policy groups recognize Nature’s Contributions to People (NCP), they often assume that protecting habitats or ecosystems—rather than the wildlife species that inhabit them—will automatically preserve the benefits people rely on. The authors argue that this view overlooks the importance of individual wildlife species and the myriad roles they play. ...” [Read more from UC Berkeley.](#)

RHYMES WITH ORANGE: By Hilary Price



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**NCET Biz Tips: Nevada's Tech Hub - Pioneering Innovation and Economic Growth**

In October 2023, Nevada received a transformative designation as a Regional Technology and Innovation Hub (Tech Hub) through the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA). This designation, established under the bipartisan CHIPS and Science Act, positions Nevada as a leader in cutting-edge technologies critical to national security and economic advancement. The selection process was highly competitive, with over 200 consortia vying for a spot among the 31 Tech Hubs chosen. Nevada's successful bid reflects its robust economic strategy, diverse partnerships, and unique focus on the lithium battery supply chain and electric vehicle (EV) materials.

The Tech Hub initiative aims to accelerate technological innovation in strategic areas, and Nevada stood out for its "cradle-to-cradle" approach. This approach emphasizes the full lifecycle of critical elements—encompassing extraction, processing, manufacturing, and recycling—making the state a pivotal player in the global transition to advanced energy technologies. Spanning 16 of Nevada's 17

counties, the Tech Hub comprises a consortium of over 80 partners, including state and local governments, tribal entities, industry leaders, and academic institutions. The designation underscores Nevada’s capacity to develop technologies essential for economic resilience, workforce development, and sustainable growth.

The economic implications for Nevada are profound. In July 2024, the state secured \$21.5 million in Phase 2 funding, matched by \$8.5 million from local and state partners. This funding supports workforce development, supply chain enhancement, and the establishment of a Nevada Lithium Campus. Initiatives such as these aim to reduce U.S. dependence on foreign battery supply chains and address climate challenges by fostering domestic innovation. Additionally, programs like the Nevada Native Nations Center prioritize inclusivity, providing opportunities for Indigenous communities through educational and leadership initiatives.

The success of Nevada’s Tech Hub bid can be attributed, in large part, to the vision and leadership of Dr. Frederick Steinmann, Director of the University Center for Economic Development at the University of Nevada, Reno. As the Principal Investigator for the project, Dr. Steinmann played a pivotal role in coordinating the state’s consortium and crafting a comprehensive proposal that aligned with federal objectives. His strategic focus on leveraging Nevada’s natural resources and fostering cross-sector collaboration has been instrumental in securing this designation. Dr. Steinmann’s efforts ensure that the Tech Hub will not only stimulate Nevada’s economy but also solidify its position as a global leader in advanced energy technologies.

With its Tech Hub designation, Nevada is poised to become a cornerstone of America’s innovation economy. By addressing critical challenges like climate change, supply chain vulnerabilities, and workforce disparities, the state is charting a path toward sustainable growth and technological leadership. As the Tech Hub’s initiatives unfold, Nevada’s contributions will resonate far beyond its borders, driving national progress and global competitiveness.

***Dr. Steinmann will be the keynote speaker at NCET’s Biz Bite on January 22, 2025***, at The Par by Parlay 6 in Midtown. Networking starts at 11 a.m., Dr. Steinmann’s presentation starts at noon.

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**This edition of The Indy is worth your read:** <https://mailchi.mp/thenvindy/study-reveals-hottest-locales-in-reno-sparks?e=936a58527c>  
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**How to Turn Nuclear Waste Into Diamond Batteries**

Got any graphite lying around?

[https://getpocket.com/explore/item/how-to-turn-nuclear-waste-into-diamond-batteries?utm\\_source=firefox-newtab-en-us](https://getpocket.com/explore/item/how-to-turn-nuclear-waste-into-diamond-batteries?utm_source=firefox-newtab-en-us)



## US Fish and Wildlife Service seeks public comment on proposal to list Clear Lake hitch as a threatened species



Credit: John Heil/USFWS

“Today, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service proposed to list the Clear Lake hitch as threatened under the Endangered Species Act. Along with the listing, the Service is proposing a 4(d) rule for activities that will have a conservation benefit for the species. [Critical habitat](#) will be proposed at a later date. The Clear Lake hitch is a large freshwater minnow found only in Northern California’s Clear Lake [watershed](#), including Clear Lake, Blue Lakes and Thurston Lake. The silver fish is an important species to local Tribes who call it “Chi” and historically relied on it for food. Wetland habitat loss, degradation and modification throughout the Clear Lake watershed are the leading threats to the species. Drought, poor water quality, and invasive carp and other non-native fish also contribute to the species’ decline. ... ” [Read more from the US Fish and Wildlife Service.](#)

### **Lithium Valley, Hell’s Kitchen power ahead after lawsuit win**

“Following the dismissal of the lawsuit between environmental justice agencies Comite Civico Del Valle and Earthworks and Lithium Valley partners Imperial County and Controlled Thermal Resources, officials are optimistic about the future of lithium extraction and development at the Salton Sea. The lawsuit’s resolution removes a significant hurdle for lithium extraction projects, clearing the way for construction to begin within months. While lithium prices have seen dramatic fluctuations over the past few years, local leaders and industry stakeholders point to long-term contracts and cutting-edge, environmentally friendly technology as key factors in stabilizing the industry and positioning Imperial County as a hub for clean energy innovation. “The best part about 2024, is that it’s in the rearview mirror,” said Rod Colwell, chief executive officer of Controlled Thermal Resources, in a phone interview. ... ” [Read more from the Calexico Chronicle.](#)

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Congressman Mark Amodei <https://amodei.house.gov> > news-releases > amodei-maloy-introduce-legislation-tackle-monument-overreach

### **[Amodei, Maloy Introduce Legislation to Tackle Monument Overreach](#)**

In 1976, Congress passed the Federal **Land** Policy and Management **Act** of 1976 which clarifies that Congress reserves the **power to** "modify or revoke" designations and ensures that the president doesn't have the unilateral authority to designate monuments without Congressional action.



## Navajo Healing Song By The Navajo & The Sioux

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High Country News

<https://www.hcn.org> > articles > [epa-takes-unprecedented-step-to-remove-uranium-waste-from-the-navajo-nation](#)

### [EPA takes unprecedented step to remove uranium waste from the Navajo ...](#)

Today On Jan. 5, in a first-of-its-kind move, the Environmental Protection Agency signed an action memo to transport 1 million cubic yards of low-grade radioactive **waste from** the Quivira Mining

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USA Today <https://www.usatoday.com> > story > news > local > arizona > 2025 > 01 > 08 > [navajo-nation-epa-reach-agreement-to-clean-up-abandoned-uranium-site](#) > 77552078007

### [Navajo Nation, EPA reach agreement to clean up abandoned uranium site](#)

Jan 8, 2025 With these decisions, the EPA has pledged to clean up over 2 million cubic yards of mine waste across the Navajo Nation. The seven sites slated for cleanup are Mariano Lake, Mac 1 and 2, Black ...

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[For many more articles:](#) <https://duckduckgo.com/?q=EPA+takes+unprecedented+ste+to+remove+uranium+waste+from+Navajo&t=newext&atb=v369-1&ia=web>

### [From the Popular Science Team](#)

'In the last 50 years, we have lost 73 percent of the world's wildlife.'[16 enthralling wildlife photos spotlighting the need for conservation](#)

[13 dramatic photos that capture the beauty of marine sanctuaries](#)

[14 soaring and stunning images from 2024 Bird Photographer of the Year awards](#)

[14 gorgeous photos of Earth from above](#)

## January History Bits

- 1616** French explorer Samuel de Champlain arrives to winter in a Huron village after being wounded in a battle with Iroquois in New France.
- 1785** Chippewa, Delaware, Ottawa and Wyandot Indians sign the Treaty of Fort McIntosh, cedeing present day Ohio to the United States.
- 1845** Texas Senate ratified a peace treaty between the Republic and 11 Native Tribes.
- 1848** Gold was discovered by James Marshall in California.
- 1867** NV Legislature ratified 14th Amendment to US Constitution guaranteeing citizens due process and equal protection of laws and equal rotection of the Bill of Rights — perviously a protection only against fed government - to actions by the state.  
*Ed note: great topic here for term paper/thesis since it precludes the Indian Citizenship Act*
- 1879** The epic Cheyenne outbreak from Fort Roberinson Nebraska, led by Chief Dull Knife came to an end with remaining escaped Cheyenne captured or killed.
- 1882** Helen Hunt Jackson arrives to Rancho Camulos, interviewing **Blanca Yndart** for “Ramona.
- 1885** **Indian Dave**, first Indian legally executed in Nevada, hung in Belmont for murder of a Chinese man at Keyser’s Springs.
- 1907** **Charles Curtis**, later US vice-president, becomes the first Native American US Senator.
- 1912** The Carson City News published an account of the alleged November 1911 crimes and arrest of Indian Mike and his deaf mute son, contradicting previous published accounts that portrayed the two as bloodthirsty renegades.
- 1938** Moapa lands were reduced.
- 1951** Annie Downington and Walter Vorhees appeared in front of the Indian Claims Commission.
- 1960** Johnny Preston’s “Running Bear”, written by the Big Boper, reached number one on the record charts.
- 1967** President Johnson’s recommended budget contained \$22M for contruction of USPHS buildings, including \$26,000 for health center at Stewart Indian School and \$120,000 for personnel quarters at Owyhee.
- 1969** 5th Annual ITCN Convention held at the Sparks Nugget, **John Dressler** presiding
- 2006** Juan Eva Morales Ayma sworn in as first indigenouse chief of state of Bolivia.

*Well, here we are at (what Rob Beltramo calls) another auspicious issue.*

*A lllllloooooonnnnnnggg time ago, I thought I'd do 5000 editions. Today is #5900.*

*But the information keeps rolling in, some of you consistently share articles you think would be of interest to others; I enjoy your comments, questions, and suggested research topics. Always gratified when I hear who someone took a peice of information and got a scholarship, a new program, a tribal right restored, or a new friend as a result.*

*I have purged the mailing list, so thanks to those of you that get this today! And congratulations to those that participated in the Library project that started all of this. (If you are having trouble reading copy as the decades that have flown by have impacted your sight, don't forget to hit the zoom button and up the % of display. I use 125% to draft these copies.)*

*Should someone mention to you that they are not getting a Journal, just remind them they forgot to respond to (3) reminders to check in, but may do so at anytime. And since this is an "00" issue, just another reminder that you are more than welcome to suggest the name/email/location of a colleague, friend or family member that you think should recieve the Journal.*

*Thank you for putting up with all my little foibles this last year.....and it was quite a year (for me); 2025 is shaping up to not be dull either. To those ranting/raving, do remember what FDR said rings true today: "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself."*

*Every epoch brings its blessings and curses. We are blessed to be here in this space and time. We may be cursed with those that get sidelined with misinformation, chaos that detracts from what is really going on, or do not remember that each one can make a difference.*

*Get a notebook and write two words (or a few more) a day to chronicle this journey. Years later, those little clues will help you recall what stimulated them and with some retrospect, you will be able to more fully articulate that particular concern, event, etc. Remember YOU are making history.*

*Since I never got around to Holiday cards and you will get a Valentine Edition, I will take this time to wish you not only HAPPY NEW YEAR, but a trip around the sun that brings things that make your heart glow, your brain active, your creativity thrive, and many adventures.  
sdc*

*"If you want to see change, it starts with you."  
Charles Person, one of the original Freedom Riders*

*'You have to give people hope. Hope for a better world, hope for a better tomorrow.'  
Harvey Milk*

*"It's not enough to just live in a place; you have to take action to make that place better."  
Becca Prowda*