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Composed of five tectonically formed islands and surrounded by an extensive marine sanctuary, Channel Islands National Park offers dramatic sea views, epic wildlife watching, and scenic hikes. Photograph By Robert Schwemmer / Alamy Stock Photo

## Senate confirms Project 2025 architect Russell Vought to lead powerful White House budget office

The Senate confirmed Russell Vought as White House budget director on Thursday night, putting an official who has planned the zealous expansion of President Donald Trump's power into one of the most influential positions in the federal government. [Read more.](#)

### [Project 2025 and Native Americans A Historical Analysis](#)

Dec 29, 2024**2015**: Economic benefits from **Project 2025** are unevenly distributed. ... The impact of **Project 2025** on **Native American** lands and resources varied significantly depending on geographical location, specific tribal involvement, and the nature of the **project's** implementation. While some **projects** may have brought limited economic benefits or ...

- [Project 2025 Native Americans A Comprehensive Overview](#)  
[Project 2025's commitment to Native American communities is reflected in a carefully planned and transparent resource allocation strategy. Funding decisions are driven by a commitment to addressing the most pressing needs identified through extensive community engagement and data analysis, ensuring that resources are used effectively to achieve measurable improvements in the lives of Native ...](#)

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Release: August 2024 - U.S. Senate Democrats

### **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. (p. 487)
- ❑ Eliminates Native American memorials and destroys already-established Native monuments in the West by repealing the Antiquities Act of 1906 and retroactively removing already-established site protections. (p. 532)
- ❑ Abolishes HeadStart programs, abandoning over 44,000 Native children's education. (p. 482)
- ❑ Abandons promises to keep sacred Native land safe by withdrawing bans on oil and gas leasing around the Chaco Cultural Historic National Park in New Mexico. (p. 523)
- ❑ Abandons withdrawals of lands from leasing in the Thompson Divide of the White River National Forest in Colorado and the Boundary Waters area in northern Minnesota. (p. 523)

- ❑ Revokes the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)'s ability to provide Indian Housing Programs. (p. 512)
- ❑ Disregards objections from Native advocates and approves the 2020 Willow Pipeline and expands approval from three to five drilling pads. (p. 530)
- ❑ Terminates tribal sovereignty by allowing Alaska to manage fish and game on ALL federal lands. (p. 531)
- ❑ Bans the government from entering into new loans or loan guarantees with tribes, eventually eliminating the Loan Program Office at the Department of the Interior. (p. 383)

See the full, alarming agenda: Project 2025 Agenda

[https://www.democrats.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/project\\_2025\\_original1.pdf](https://www.democrats.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/project_2025_original1.pdf)



**You may/should call your Congressman.  
Main switchboard is 202-224-3121.**

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## Tribes worry about next four years for Indian Country

“We hunker down and fight smart,” said IGA Chair Ernie Stevens Jr. “We can’t think it’s going away. We have to be on the front line to provide the necessary education so folks understand the supreme law of the land, our treaties and sovereignty, and why we act as governments in Indian Country. We have to stand our ground in a good way.”

“If folks are coming after us, they’re coming after America. Half of our 700,000 employees aren’t Indians,” Stevens said. “The (non-tribal staff) work and put their kids through college in our industry. We’re all in this together. It’s not just about taking care of our elders and communities. We take care of a lot of folks who go beyond the reservation boundaries.”

[https://www.democrats.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/project\\_2025\\_original1.pdf](https://www.democrats.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/project_2025_original1.pdf)

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## Elon Musk’s secretive government IT takeover, explained

Musk’s growing influence over the government’s digital infrastructure raises concerns about privacy and overreach.

[https://www.vox.com/politics/398366/musk-doge-treasury-sba-opm-budget?utm\\_source=firefox-newtab-en-us](https://www.vox.com/politics/398366/musk-doge-treasury-sba-opm-budget?utm_source=firefox-newtab-en-us)

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**For those concerned about their data:  
DO SOMETHING TODAY:**

Email to [privacy@treasury.gov](mailto:privacy@treasury.gov) with the following Subject Line and full email. Sign your name and contact information at the bottom, and finally, forward this to everyone you know to do the same. Simply copy/paste the below into an email and hit send.

Subject Line: Civil Liberties Complaint

Hello,

I am making a civil liberties complaint under the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a. It has been brought to my attention that Elon Musk and his associates, under the guise of a directive of the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) (an IT office in the White House), have acquired access to Treasury Department Records in Systems of Records as defined in the Act. As an individual covered by the Act, I believe that there may be records about me in these Treasury Department systems, and I am concerned for the following reasons:

1. Elon Musk is not an elected official.
2. Even if Musk were an elected official, the System of Records Notices (SORNs) governing the Treasury Department Privacy Act systems do not allow for disclosure to Musk and his associates per the Routine Uses.

3. Disclosure of personally identifiable information (PII) and sensitive personally identifiable information (SPII) to Musk and his associates would be an unauthorized disclosure and therefore breach of information.

The Treasury Department must (1) quickly investigate what Privacy Act records that Musk and his associates have unlawfully accessed, (2) reveal to the public what unauthorized disclosures were made, (3) stop further access, (4) force any files acquired by Musk and his associates to be returned and/or permanently destroyed, and (5) seek criminal penalties against Musk and his associates for violations of the Act.

Sincerely,  
[INSERT NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION]

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**California AG files suit to block Elon Musk’s DOGE from accessing fed payment systems**

Rob Bonta and a dozen other attorneys general say President Donald Trump lacks the constitutional authority to expand unauthorized access for political appointees.

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**Trump removes National Archives head after previous tangles with agency**

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<https://www.kolotv.com > 2025 > 02 > 06 > path-cleared-new-owyhee-combined-school>

**Path cleared for new Owyhee Combined School - KOLO**

RENO, Nev. (**KOLO**) -The **Owyhee Combined School** is on the Duck Valley Indian Reservation. Located on the Nevada Idaho state lines, no one knows exactly how old the building is. But it's believed ...

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KUNR Public Radio

<https://www.kunr.org > local-stories > 2024-02-15 > shoshone-paiute-tribes-of-the-duck-valley-indian-reservation-breaks-ground-to-replace-its-70-year-old-school>

**Nevada tribe breaks ground for new Owyhee Combined School**

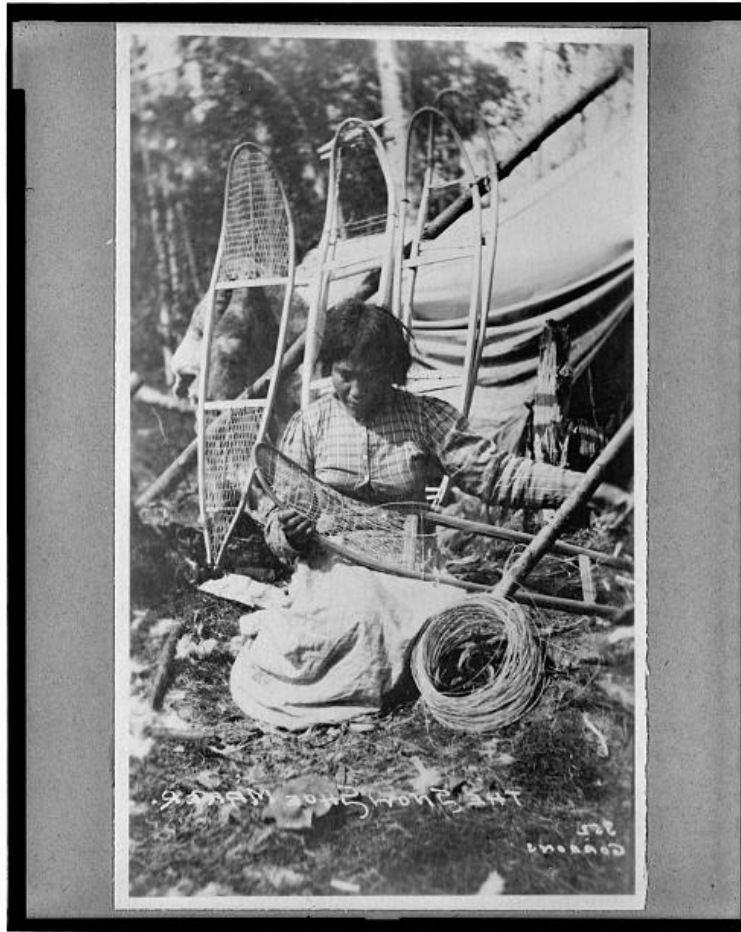
**Feb 15, 2024The school currently has several issues that are dangerous for the students - including bats living on the roof and an old boiler room. Last June, Gov. Joe Lombardo signed a bill that made an appropriation of \$64.5 million to the Elko County School District to replace the Owyhee Combined School.**

*Again, these scholarships offer insight into many different kinds of opportunities, provide ideas of programs you might establish, list organizations that might have similar programs in your area and demonstrate the amazing variety of students targeted for assistance. Even if you/yours are not scholarship seekers, worth a read!*

### Scholarships with March 7-13 Deadlines

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------------|
| <a href="#">16th District PTA Scholarship</a>                                  | \$1,000  | March 07, 2025 |
| <a href="#">ACHE Military Educational Benefits</a>                             | \$6,018  | March 07, 2025 |
| <a href="#">BBB Life Lessons Essay Contest</a>                                 | \$2,500  | March 07, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Carroll University Esports Scholarship</a>                         | \$10,000 | March 07, 2025 |
| <a href="#">CLARK Scholars Scholarship</a>                                     | \$4,000  | March 07, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Classic Center Cultural Foundation Performing Arts Scholarship</a> | \$2,000  | March 07, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Classic Center Cultural Foundation Visual Arts Scholarship</a>     | \$2,000  | March 07, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Edith Schwab Memorial Scholarship</a>                              | \$1,000  | March 07, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Elaine Ehlers Arts Scholarship</a>                                 | \$5,000  | March 07, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Emma E. Buckley Scholarship</a>                                    | \$10,000 | March 07, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Eric Dostie Scholarship</a>                                        | \$1,000  | March 07, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Eugenie Coladarci Arts Scholarship</a>                             | \$1,500  | March 07, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Georgia Mining Foundation Scholarship Program</a>                  | \$1,000  | March 07, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Gill-Elliott Scholarship</a>                                       | \$2,000  | March 07, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Honorable William C Conner Writing Competition</a>                 | \$2,500  | March 07, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Jane Allen Newman Scholarship</a>                                  | \$10,000 | March 07, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Jared E. Banta Legacy Scholarship</a>                              | \$1,000  | March 07, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Jennifer Leigh Soper Cystic Fibrosis Scholarship</a>               | \$1,000  | March 07, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Logan Thomas Family Memorial Scholarship</a>                       | \$20,000 | March 07, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Loren Richards Elder Care Scholarship</a>                          | \$4,000  | March 07, 2025 |
| <a href="#">PAF's Scholarships for Survivors</a>                               | \$12,000 | March 07, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Stephen L. Keller Scholarship</a>                                  | \$8,000  | March 07, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Teachers Federal Credit Union Scholarship</a>                      | \$2,500  | March 07, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Tucker Community Foundation Scholarships</a>                       | \$3,300  | March 07, 2025 |
| <a href="#">UWF Elmira K. Beyer Scholarship</a>                                | \$11,000 | March 07, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Vengu Family Memorial Scholarship</a>                              | \$1,000  | March 07, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Women's Western Golf Foundation Scholarship</a>                    | \$20,000 | March 07, 2025 |

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| <a href="#">Austin J. Hart Entrepreneurial Scholarship</a>                 | \$4,000   | March 08, 2025 |
| <a href="#">California Credit Union Student Scholarship</a>                | \$1,000   | March 08, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Communities Foundation of Oklahoma Scholarships</a>            | \$28,000  | March 08, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Eda and Cliff Viner Community Scholarship</a>                  | \$10,000  | March 08, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Headliners Foundation Scholarship</a>                          | Varies    | March 08, 2025 |
| <b><a href="#">James Madison Graduate Fellowships</a></b>                  | \$24,000  | March 08, 2025 |
| <a href="#">NMOST Advancing Young Women in STEM Scholarship</a>            | \$1,000   | March 08, 2025 |
| <a href="#">PAMS Laraine Forry Memorial Scholarship Award</a>              | \$1,000   | March 08, 2025 |
| <a href="#">America's 911 Foundation, Inc. Scholarship</a>                 | \$2,000   | March 09, 2025 |
| <a href="#">APSA Diversity Fellowship Program</a>                          | \$2,000   | March 09, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Next for Autism Fellows Scholarship</a>                        | \$5,000   | March 09, 2025 |
| <a href="#">ConnexFM Scholarship</a>                                       | \$5,000   | March 10, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Mary Doctor Performing Arts Scholarship</a>                    | \$40,000  | March 10, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Natalie Marc Surpris Scholarship</a>                           | \$1,000   | March 10, 2025 |
| <a href="#">NJCTS Youth Scholarship</a>                                    | \$1,000   | March 10, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Pride Scholarship at Michigan State University</a>             | Varies    | March 10, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Carter Roger Williams Scholarship</a>                          | \$80,000  | March 11, 2025 |
| <a href="#">ECF Fellowship Partners Program</a>                            | \$15,000  | March 11, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Adobe Design Circles Scholarship</a>                           | \$100,000 | March 12, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Ann-Marie Ogletree Child Development Scholarship</a>           | \$1,000   | March 12, 2025 |
| <a href="#">D.J.'s Hero Scholarship Awards</a>                             | \$12,000  | March 12, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Triangle Scholarship Fund</a>                                  | \$10,000  | March 12, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Wyoming Space Grant Undergraduate Fellowships</a>              | \$5,000   | March 12, 2025 |
| <a href="#">FEEA Scholarship</a>                                           | \$5,000   | March 13, 2025 |
| <a href="#">GBHEM HANA Scholars</a>                                        | \$3,000   | March 13, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Helen and Allen Brown Scholarship</a>                          | \$1,000   | March 13, 2025 |
| <a href="#">HOLA at Microsoft scholarship</a>                              | \$20,000  | March 13, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Journey Toward Ordained Ministry Scholarship</a>               | \$5,000   | March 13, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Oregon-Idaho Conference Ethnic Leadership Award</a>            | \$1,000   | March 13, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Point Foundation BIPOC Scholarship</a>                         | \$1,500   | March 13, 2025 |
| <a href="#">United Methodist GBHEM General Scholarships</a>                | \$2,000   | March 13, 2025 |
| <a href="#">United Methodist GBHEM Racial-Ethnic Specific Scholarships</a> | \$900     | March 13, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Women at Microsoft Scholarship</a>                             | \$5,000   | March 13, 2025 |



*[Handmaking snowshoes](#) in Alaska between 1900 and 1930. Photo: Frank and Frances Carpenter collection. Prints and Photographs Division.*

Snowshoes have been an integral part of winter weather for thousands of years, with the traditional one we think of today – the webbed footing inside a larger wooden frame – created by Native Americans. These shoes were found across all the snowy climes, from the Northeast to the Arctic.

The documentary-style photograph of a shoemaker at work here is part of the [Frank and Frances Carpenter](#) collection. Frank Carpenter was a highly influential globe-traveling journalist and photographer in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. His dozens of travel books were popular and textbooks he wrote became standard fare in U.S. classrooms for decades.

Along with his daughter, Frances, he traveled and photographed Alaska over the course of 14 years, from 1910 to 1924. Their work, totaling more than 16,000 images and 7,000 negatives, is preserved at the Library, and in this case gives us a window into an age-old craft.

<https://www.loc.gov/pictures/resource/cph.3c33503/?!loclr=blogloc>



## *History Bits*

- 1599 Feb 12** Rebellious members of the Querechos tribe in what is now New Mexico were sentenced for their rebellion against Spanish authority and Catholic missionaries. Two Hopis captured at Acoma had their right hands cut off and were released to carry word back to their villages.
- 1715 Feb 11** The Tuscarora tribe signed a peace treaty with North Carolina settlers.
- 1760 Feb 1** A group of Cherokee held hostage in Fort St. George, South Carolina, were executed in retaliation for Indian raids. The Cherokee then killed thirty of their prisoners, whereupon the settlers retaliated again, and so on, and on.....
- 1846 Feb 10** Members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints began their westward trek from Illinois.
- 1847 Feb 12** The 1000 acre Moapa Reservation was established by Executive Order.
- 1861 Feb 13** The first action for Medal of Honor was awarded in Arizona when an army physician aided a wounded lieutenant who was surrounded by Apache warriors (the Medal did not yet exist but when it was created it was awarded retroactively).
- 1863 Feb 16** Congress enacted law providing treaties with “Sisseton, Wahpaton, Medawakanton, and Wahpakoota Bands of Sioux of Dakota are abrogated and annulled.”
- 1883 Feb 13** Reese River Reveille: “Nevada Indians are said to be starving and Congressman Cassidy has applied for relief. Where are the reservations? Why are not the Indians on them? What tribes are starving?....”
- 1890 Feb 10** Eleven million acres that the Sioux had been forced to surrender were opened for settlement.
- 1902 Feb 10** The judge and both lawyers in a water rights suit in Winnemucca were members of the same family.
- 1935 Feb 15** Nevada Fish and Game Commission adopted a resolution allowing Native Americans to sell fish taken from the state’s lakes in open season.
- 1937 Feb 9** Boys on the Stewart Indian School boxing team arrived back in Nevada from a Pacific Association boxing tournament angry over judging which San Francisco sportswriters also reportedly deplored as unfair.
- 1937 Feb 10** The PLPT was circulating a petition to be sent to the Nevada congressional delegation, asking for the defeat of Senator Patrick McCarran’s bill directing the Secretary of the Interior to grant title to land inside the PL reservation to five white squatter families.

**1937 Feb 15** A letter from the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe to Senator Patrick was released, suggesting that McCarran's support for handing tribal land over to five white squatter families was a betrayal of FDR's promised New Deal for Indians.

**1944 Feb 14** Lake Tahoe residents marked this as the centennial of the white discovery of Lake Tahoe.

**1954 Feb 13** Curtis Bok: "In the whole history of law and order, the longest step was taken by primitive man when, as if by common consent, the tribe sat down in a circle and allowed only one man to speak at a time. An accused who is shouted down has no rights whatever."

**1977 Feb 11** DOJ described chapter of 113 y-o state action to get reservation away from tribe in motion to throw out AG List's lawsuit seeking state title for beds of Pyramid Lake and Truckee Rier withing the PL Reservation.

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**Department of Interior Secretary Doug Burgum has issued Secretarial Order 3418 requiring a 15-day review of all lands previously withdrawn from harmful resource extraction.**

It immediately puts many sacred spaces, national monuments, and other protected public lands at risk of oil drilling, mining, and other toxic industries that will destroy natural ecosystems.

When Trump instituted the largest rollback of federal land protections in U.S. history during his last term as president, he reduced Bears Ears National Monument by 95% and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument by 47%.

**This time it could be much worse -- as new monuments and thousands of acres of land previously protected by the Biden administration are now under review.** In 2017, during Donald Trump's first term, the process at least included the ability for public comment and Tribal consultation. This new order does not, violating treaty rights and Tribal sovereignty.

**[They think we aren't paying attention. They think the public doesn't care. We must show them they're wrong by taking action now. Please take a moment to sign and send a direct message to Secretary of the Interior Doug Burgum now.](#)** **[SIGN & SEND](#)**

Tribal governments, conservation organizations, and state officials have challenged these illegal land grabs in court in the past, and they will definitely do it again if Secretary Burgum proceeds with his plan.

But we must not wait for legal action before we speak out. The Department of Interior needs to hear from us now Hawwih (thank you) for being a critical part of this team.  
Judith LeBlanc (Caddo) Executiv. Director, Native Organizers Alliance Action Fund

**Latest precipitation due to atmospheric river adds 12 billion gallons of water to Lake Tahoe**  
“Lake Tahoe’s water level has increased by over a quarter of a foot since last week, requiring an astonishing 12 billion gallons of water to achieve this increase. The recent atmospheric river event significantly boosted the lake’s water supply, according to a social post from The Tahoe Fund. As of Thursday, February 6, 2025, Lake Tahoe’s water level is 6,227.10 feet above sea level, 2.10 feet above its full pool of 6,225.00 feet. The substantial amount of water is thanks to the atmospheric river that hit the west coast bringing heavy precipitation. ... ” [Read more from Snow Brains.](#)

**Progress on new Colorado River Basin operational guidelines may stall until federal agencies stabilize**

“Federal administration turnover may slow progress in adopting new operating guidelines for the Colorado River Basin. “Of course, there’s been a major change in federal administration and there’s going to be a significant turnover in Department of Interior and Bureau of Reclamation, probably reaching all the way down to the regional director,” said Michael Pearce, Mohave Valley Irrigation and Drainage District attorney. “So, we’ll see where it goes, but probably nothing will happen until the DOI and BOR get stabilized under a new administration.” Pearce presented the information during Tuesday’s regularly scheduled meeting of the MVIDD governing board. ... ” [Read more from the Mohave Valley News.](#)

**Trump moves to shutter environmental offices across the government**

“In a little over two weeks, the Trump administration has taken unprecedented steps to shutter or remake federal offices focused on the environment, causing turmoil and confusion for current and former employees. The latest shake-up came Thursday, when Trump appointees at the Environmental Protection Agency notified staff members that they plan to close the Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights and place 168 of its employees on administrative leave, according to agency officials. The tumult has also engulfed the Justice Department’s Environment and Natural Resources Division, a little-known yet crucial office tasked with defending the federal government’s environmental actions in court. Trump appointees recently announced plans to fire about 20 employees at the division, among other actions that have sent morale there plummeting, according to three people familiar with the matter who, like others interviewed for this article, spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to comment publicly. ... ” [Read more from the Washington Post.](#)

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**Trump administration orders consumer protection agency to stop work, closes building**  
**Trump says he has directed US Treasury to stop minting new pennies, citing rising cost**

**[Indian Head Penny \(1859-1909\) - JM Bullion](#)**  
**[Learn about the history, design and value of the Indian Head Penny, one of the first coin-types ever produced by the US](#)**



**[Mint. See the images and prices of the coins minted from 1859 to 1909.](#)**