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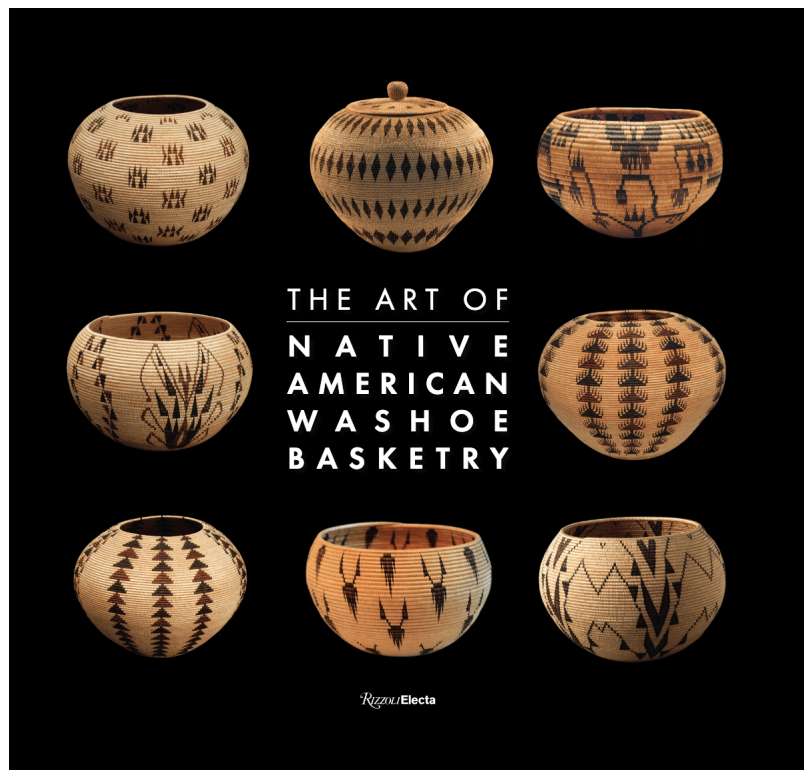
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INCLINE VILLAGE, Nev. – Sustainability students at the University of Nevada, Reno at Lake Tahoe kicked off the new semester last month, with the new Sustainability Certificate program in just its second cohort. Five students graduated in Fall 2024 with the first cohort, and five more are set to complete the program again in spring.

The coursework is modeled after the United Nation’s Sustainable Development Goals, in order to answer real-world questions in the basin and region. The program is designed like a study abroad program, giving students based on the Reno campus the opportunity to spend a full semester at the Wayne L. Prim campus in Incline Village. This allows students to fully immerse themselves in their research, much of which is local and in the field.

The program is new and growing, and the hands-on research is driving studies with a direct impact and results for the Tahoe basin. In the first open semester of the Sustainability Certificate, nobody enrolled, so spring marks just the second active semester of the program. Interest in the Tahoe campus is growing, however.

Brian Frost teaches the second cohort of Sustainability Certificate students at UNR Tahoe
Leah Carter / Tahoe Daily Tribune

“The number of students that came up from Reno to spend the semester here went up by about 50%,” said Brian Frost, Assistant Dean at UNR Lake Tahoe. “Small numbers, but we have a dozen or so Reno students that are spending a semester up here.”

UNR took over the Tahoe campus from Sierra Nevada University in 2022, so is in the beginning phases of integrating the campus itself into overall programming. Other programs with a local focus in the works include an art minor called “Art, Land and the Environment,” which will involve at least one semester on the Tahoe campus, said Frost.

“At least one of the courses will be done in conjunction with the Nevada Museum of Art,” he added. The UC Davis Tahoe Environmental Research Center is also based on the Prim campus, offering Sustainability students another avenue for resources.

Many of the courses offered through the Tahoe campus, specifically the 12-credit Sustainability Certificate, are “place-based classes,” said Frost. “They will go out and go for a hike and look for the pica or look for signs of them,” he said. “They will look at the trees and how they’re performing and what impacts they can see on the trees, and so there really is a connection to the location.”

“It’s often a very experiential way of teaching,” he added. Two large research vessels are additionally under construction and are expected to arrive in Tahoe for use in the lake within the coming year.

Kayla Maldonado-Cherino, a second-semester sophomore who was in the first cohort of Sustainability Certificate recipients, said she enjoyed the program so much she chose to stay at the Tahoe campus for an additional semester. Maldonado-Cherino, who is originally from Reno, said the course gave her a deeper connection to and understanding of the region. “We went to the

salt flats and up to Mount Rose,” she said. “We would just study and memorize our localized species, what are invasive and native to the area.”

“So when you’re moving around Nevada, or you’re going from Truckee to Tahoe City, or you’re moving around Incline, you can see how what you’re learning in class applies.”

Local topics discussed in the course also include automobile dependence in the basin, and how those emissions impact the local ecology.

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The Glendale, Kentucky, field slated to become the BlueOvalSK Battery Park mid-construction. (BlueOval SK) (AP Photo/Timothy D. Easley)

BlueOvalSK Battery Park in September 2021.

## **The Red State Workers Caught In Trump’s EV Battle**

*Many clean energy boom towns voted for Trump. Will his administration put them at risk?*  
**“We’re in the early stages of a once-in-a-century transition,” says Nick Nigro, founder of the clean-energy research firm Atlas Public Policy.**

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Trump Removes “Zombie” Pipeline Safety Rules. The administration has withdrawn carbon dioxide pipeline regulations inspired by a horrific gas leak, and a former industry lobbyist is now overseeing such matters.

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**Meet the 10 Worst Public Lands Villains—And the Damage They’re Doing Right Now**

An in-depth introduction to the officials hell-bent on selling, drilling, and destroying America’s public lands.

### Cutting-edge Restoration Forestry

Stepping into a redwood forest can feel like stepping back in time. Among the ancient giants, whose lives can span millennia, the forest can feel timeless. But the unfortunate reality is that the forest is changing—from human impacts to the trees, water, soil, and climate—and time is ticking. Just as Sempervirens Fund did 125 years ago, they are leading the redwood revolution—helping forests recover more quickly and gain resilience for the challenges ahead.

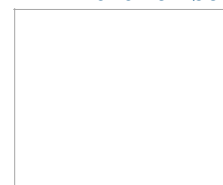
More than a decade ago, **Sempervirens Fund** was confronted with a choice: to actively manage the forests they protect to improve their health, or to continue to protect the redwoods as they have for more than a century and allow nature to heal on its own timeline? **Active management to restore the forest** would include the need to cut down trees for the benefit of the forest.

Shaping a redwood forest by cutting down its trees is at once counter to decades of conservation reasoning in California and on the leading edge of it, although not without controversy. This seemingly counterintuitive approach to preservation has gained urgency in the past decade with the onset of catastrophic wildfires that now routinely burn beyond the control of firefighters throughout the state. The redwoods growing in San Vicente are an early example in the Bay Area of cutting trees for conservation and learning whether these forests can better survive wildfire as the region grows hotter and drier.

With the increasing urgency to help redwoods recover from past human impacts and prepare for accelerating climate changes ahead, we collaborated with Sempervirens Fund and author Audrea Lim to look at the shift in their redwood revolution and explore the outcomes.

Delve into how they're **growing the old-growth** of tomorrow today.

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## Addressing The Threat To National Security from Imports of Timber, Lumber EXECUTIVE ORDER March 1, 2025

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1862) (Trade Expansion Act), it is hereby ordered:

**Section 1. Policy.** The wood products industry, composed of timber, lumber, and their derivative products (such as paper products, furniture, and cabinetry) is a critical manufacturing industry essential to the national security, economic strength, and industrial resilience of the United States. This industry plays a vital role in key downstream civilian industries, including construction.

The United States faces significant vulnerabilities in the wood supply chain from imported timber, lumber, and their derivative products being dumped onto the United States market.

The United States has ample timber resources. The current United States softwood lumber industry has the practical production capacity to supply 95 percent of the United States' 2024 softwood consumption. Yet, since 2016 the United States has been a net importer of lumber.

Wood products are a key input used by both the civilian construction industry and the military. Each year, the United States military spends over 10 billion dollars on construction. The military also invests in innovative building material technology, including processes to create innovative wood products such as cross-laminated timber. The procurement of these building materials depends on a strong domestic lumber industry and a manufacturing base capable of meeting both military-specific and wider civilian needs.

It is the policy of the United States to ensure reliable, secure, and resilient domestic supply chains of timber, lumber, and their derivative products. Unfair subsidies and foreign government support for foreign timber, lumber, and their derivative products necessitate action under section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act to determine whether imports of these products threaten to impair national security.

Sec. 2. Investigation. (a) The Secretary of Commerce shall initiate an investigation under section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act to determine the effects on the national security of imports of timber, lumber, and their derivative products.

(b) In conducting the investigation described in subsection (a) of this section, the Secretary of Commerce shall assess the factors set forth in 19 U.S.C. 1862(d), labeled "Domestic production for national defense; impact of foreign competition on economic welfare of domestic industries," as well as other relevant factors, including:

- (i) the current and projected demand for timber and lumber in the United States;
- (ii) the extent to which domestic production of timber and lumber can meet domestic demand;
- (iii) the role of foreign supply chains, particularly of major exporters, in meeting United States timber and lumber demand;
- (iv) the impact of foreign government subsidies and predatory trade practices on United States timber, lumber, and derivative product industry competitiveness;
- (v) the feasibility of increasing domestic timber and lumber capacity to reduce imports; and
- (vi) the impact of current trade policies on domestic timber, lumber, and derivative product production, and whether additional measures, including tariffs or quotas, are necessary to protect national security.

Sec. 3. Required Actions. (a) The Secretary of Commerce shall consult with the Secretary of Defense and the heads of other relevant executive departments and agencies as determined by the Secretary of Commerce to evaluate the national security risks associated with imports of timber, lumber, and their derivative products.

(b) No later than 270 days after the date of this order, the Secretary of Commerce shall submit a report to the President that includes:

- (i) findings on whether imports of timber, lumber, and their derivative products threaten national security;

- (ii) recommendations on actions to mitigate such threats, including potential tariffs, export controls, or incentives to increase domestic production; and
- (iii) policy recommendations for strengthening the United States timber and lumber supply chain through strategic investments and permitting reforms.

Sec. 4. Definitions. As used in this order:

- (a) The term “timber” refers to wood that has not been processed.
- (b) The term “lumber” refers to wood that has been processed, including wood that has been milled and cut into boards or planks.

Sec. 5. General Provisions. (a) Nothing in this order shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect:

- (i) the authority granted by law to an executive department or agency, or the head thereof; or
- (ii) the functions of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget relating to budgetary, administrative, or legislative proposals.
- (b) This order shall be implemented consistent with applicable law and subject to the availability of appropriations.
- (c) This order is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

THE WHITE HOUSE,  
March 1, 2025.

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The Trump-Vance Administration Priorities (direct from the White House) <https://www.whitehouse.gov/issues/>

MAKE AMERICA SAFE AGAIN

- President Trump will take bold action to secure our border and protect American communities.
- This includes ending Biden’s catch-and-release policies, reinstating Remain in Mexico, building the wall, ending asylum for illegal border crossers, cracking down on criminal sanctuaries, and enhancing vetting and screening of aliens.

- President Trump's deportation operation will address the record border crossings of criminal aliens under the prior administration.
- The President is suspending refugee resettlement, after communities were forced to house large and unsustainable populations of migrants, straining community safety and resources.
- The Armed Forces, including the National Guard, will engage in border security, which is national security, and will be deployed to the border to assist existing law enforcement personnel.
- President Trump will begin the process of designating cartels, including the dangerous Tren de Aragua, as foreign terrorist organizations and use the Alien Enemies Act to remove them.
- The Department of Justice will seek the death penalty as the appropriate punishment for heinous crimes against humanity, including those who kill law enforcement officers and illegal migrants who maim and murder Americans.

MAKE AMERICA AFFORDABLE AND ENERGY DOMINANT AGAIN

- The President will unleash American energy by ending Biden's policies of climate extremism, streamlining permitting, and reviewing for rescission all regulations that impose undue burdens on energy production and use, including mining and processing of non-fuel minerals.
- President Trump's energy actions empower consumer choice in vehicles, showerheads, toilets, washing machines, lightbulbs and dishwashers.
- President Trump will declare an energy emergency and use all necessary resources to build critical infrastructure.
- President Trump's energy policies will end leasing to massive wind farms that degrade our natural landscapes and fail to serve American energy consumers.
- President Trump will withdraw from the Paris Climate Accord.
- All agencies will take emergency measures to reduce the cost of living.
- President Trump will announce the America First Trade Policy.
- America will no longer be beholden to foreign organizations for our national tax policy, which punishes American businesses.

DRAIN THE SWAMP

- The President will usher a Golden Age for America by reforming and improving the government bureaucracy to work for the American people. He will freeze bureaucrat hiring except in essential areas to end the onslaught of useless and overpaid DEI activists buried into the federal workforce. He will pause burdensome and radical regulations not yet in effect that Biden announced.
- President Trump is announcing an unprecedented slate of executive orders for rescission.
- President Trump is planning for improved accountability of government bureaucrats. The American people deserve the highest-quality service from people who love our country. The President will also return federal workers to work, as only 6% of employees currently work in person.
- President Trump is taking swift action to end the weaponization of government against political rivals and ordering all document retention as required by law. President Trump is

also ending the unconstitutional censorship by the federal government. No longer will government employees pick and require the erasure of entirely true speech.

- On the President's direction, the State Department will have an America-First foreign policy.

BRING BACK AMERICAN VALUES

- The President will establish male and female as biological reality and protect women from radical gender ideology.
- American landmarks will be named to appropriately honor our Nation's history.

AB150 seeks to extend legal protections for tribal judges living off-reservation

KUNR Public Radio | By [Manny Holguin Jr.](#)

Tribal judges living off-reservation face threats and harassment, yet Nevada law doesn't explicitly protect them like it does state and local judges. Assembly Bill 150 (AB150) aims to close that gap, ensuring those who intimidate or attack tribal judges face the same legal consequences as those who target other members of the judiciary.

Assemblymember David Orentlicher, [AB150](#) sponsor, said it would close a major gap in protections for judges who often live outside of tribal lands and rely on local law enforcement.

"When you're a judge, you make decisions that many people are not going to like," Orentlicher said. "The assumption probably was when people were writing these laws that judges for tribes can rely on their tribal lands, they have their own law enforcement."

Orentlicher said that they never considered cases like Judge Patricia Lenzi who lives off-reservation and is the Chief Judge of the Winnemucca Indian Colony Tribal Court and Conflicts Judge for the Yerington Paiute Tribe in Nevada.

Lenzi [testified in support](#) of AB150 to the Nevada Assembly Judiciary Committee where she recounted events of being harassed.

"I became the object of a campaign attempting to convince me to stop serving as judge, disqualify myself, abandon my work as a judge for that colony," Lenzi said.

She described multiple social media posts sharing photos of her and her family, along with letters demanding she resign.

"Letters were sent to each of my neighbors and their adult children by name at their respective addresses demanding the neighbors Hunt me down at the store where I work," she said. "The letters urged people, and I'm quoting, 'to do whatever you have to do to stop her.'"

Lenzi was directed to report the incident to tribal police, even though it occurred off tribal lands in Douglas County.

She said no detective has investigated, leaving her with less protection than a private citizen due to local law enforcement’s jurisdictional confusion.

AB150 would make it illegal to threaten or intimidate a tribal judge in an attempt to influence their decision-making.

Penalties range from a category C felony for a first offense and category B felony for repeat offenses if physical force or threats of force are involved. If no force is used, the offense is classified as a gross misdemeanor.

The bill also seeks to expand assault and battery penalties for crimes against tribal judges. An assault without a deadly weapon would be considered a gross misdemeanor, while battery resulting in substantial bodily harm or strangulation is classified as a Category B felony, punishable by 2 to 10 years in prison and fines up to \$10,000.

Additionally, AB150 would provide confidentiality protections for tribal judges allowing them to request that county recorders, assessors, and election officials keep their personal information private.

The bill would allow judges to ask the Department of Motor Vehicles to display an alternate address on their driver’s license or ID to enhance their safety.

These measures align tribal judges’ protections with those already granted to state and local judges.

Orentlicher said the issue has become more pressing with the growing use of video calls, such as Zoom, for court proceedings, and AB150 aims to close the gap.

“When someone assaults a judge, they’re not just attacking a person—they’re attacking our legal system,” Orentlicher said..



‘Feat of mankind’: Hoover Dam turns 89 and faces an uncertain future

“Saturday commemorates the 89th anniversary of the Hoover Dam’s completed construction, considered by most experts “a modern miracle” and one of the most visited sites in the world. The 726-foot-high arch-gravity dam stretches 1,244 feet across the Black Canyon and was built over five years starting in 1931, helping provide water and hydroelectrical power to the West.

The now-second-tallest dam was proposed to prevent flooding from Rocky Mountain snow-melting waters into the Colorado River, stretching south to the Gulf of California for more than 1,000 miles. Constructed along the Colorado River at the border of Nevada and Arizona, more than 21,000 workers helped erect the dam, situated about 30 miles southeast of Las Vegas, during the Great Depression, one of the nation's most turbulent times in history, said Robert Glennon, a water policy and law expert and emeritus professor at the University of Arizona. ... ” [Read more from USA Today.](#)

Commentary: Feds throw a monkey wrench into the plan to limp Lake Mead through 2026

Opinion columnist Joanna Allhands writes, “Just three years ago, persistent drought and overuse were rapidly tanking Lake Mead, the nation’s largest reservoir. The federal Bureau of Reclamation had issued an ultimatum to Arizona, California and Nevada: Find a way to stop using least 2 million acre-feet of Colorado River water, or we’ll find one for you. Congress set aside \$4 billion to help grease the wheels for this plan, which at that point had ground to a halt. And water users responded, agreeing to leave more water in the lake. Though the influx of water hasn’t fixed Lake Mead, it has helped stabilize it, for now, with water levels at least 30 feet higher than they would have been without it. ... ” [Read more from Arizona Central.](#)

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The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) is excited to share a new online resource hub created through our coalition with over 20 tribal organizations. This hub was established to safeguard Indian Country's interests against ongoing executive orders and federal funding cuts, offering a wealth of resources to support Tribal Nations and communities.

#### **What You'll Find on the Hub:**

- **Administrative and Congressional Letters:** Stay informed with critical communications, including letters to House and Senate leadership on budget reconciliation, and letters to federal agencies such as the BIA, SBA, DoD, Treasury, HUD, OPM, DOI, EPA, HHS, and DHS.
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- **Coalition Products:** Access valuable tools such as talking points, framing papers, joint organization letters, and templates to aid your advocacy efforts as they become available.
- **Events and News:** Find information about upcoming consultations, emergency strategy sessions, and the latest news stories impacting Indian Country, including executive orders, federal policies, and national developments.

This hub is a powerful tool for those working to uphold the nation-to-nation relationship between Tribal Nations and the United States. We encourage you to explore these resources, share your experiences through the surveys, and join us in advocating for the protection of tribal sovereignty and community well-being.

[\*\*Visit the Website Here\*\*](#)

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