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## **The Case for Returning U.S. Public Lands to Indigenous People**

Native American backpackers in Northeast Oregon’s Joseph Canyon stop to savor their connection with the land during a backpacking trip in January 2018. The canyon was named after the legendary Chief Joseph, who was born there. This area is part of the [Héte’wits Wétes \(Precious Lands\)](#): 16,000 acres of wildland that the Nez Perce Tribe reacquired. They manage the land as a conservation area and allow the public to hike, hunt, camp, and fish there. Joe Whittle

( <https://time.com/7262838/us-public-lands-return-indigenous-people/>)

*Given so much “information” out there, I thought I’d provide some resources to review. sdc*

The Senate Democratic Caucus

### [How Project 2025 will destroy Native communities - Senate](#)

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High Country News

<https://www.hcn.org> > issues > 57-1 > what-project-2025-has-to-say-about-indigenous-affairs

### [What Project 2025 has to say about Native communities](#)

Oct 29, 2024 In Project 2025, William Perry Pendley recommends for a full repeal of the president's ability to create national monuments. ... Native voters will have an important role in the outcome of the ...

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[cms.gre.economist.com](https://cms.gre.economist.com)

<https://cms.gre.economist.com> > [project-2025-and-native-americans](#)

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

Dec 29, 2024 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 infrastructure improvements, many others resulted in environmental damage ...

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<https://nativenewsonline.net> > [currents > what-project-2025-means-to-indian-country](#)

### [What Project 2025 Means to Indian Country | Currents](#)

Nov 3, 2024 Native Vote 2024. While former President Donald Trump has disavowed the Heritage Foundation's Project 2025, his fingerprints seem to be all over it. An analysis of the 922-page agenda for the next presidential administration finds that of its 307 authors and contributors, more than half of them had served in the Trump administration or on his campaign or transition teams.

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[ICT News: https://ictnews.org](https://ictnews.org) > [news > how-would-project-2025-affect-native-communities](#)

### [How would Project 2025 affect Native communities? - ICT News](#)

Nov 11, 2024 The 2025 Project critiques Biden's naming of several locations as national monuments and requests that Trump repeal the Antiquities Act of 1906 and retroactively remove already established site protections. This act was initially created to address the theft of Native

artifacts on federal land.

[static.project2025.org](https://static.project2025.org)

<https://static.project2025.org> > [2025 MandateForLeadership CHAPTER-16.pdf](#)

### **16 - Project 2025**

oversees lease and grant issuance for offshore renewable energy projects. Bureau of Reclamation. Manages, develops, and protects water and related resources, including 476 dams and 337 reservoirs; delivers water to one in every five western farmers and more than 31 million people; is America's second-largest producer of hydroelectric power.

[nativelawgroup.com](https://nativelawgroup.com)

<https://nativelawgroup.com> > [what-indian-country-can-expect-in-the-second-trump-administration-a-review-of-project-2025-and-recommendations-going-foward](#)

### **What Indian Country Can Expect in The Second Trump Administration: a ...**

Jan 24, 2025 **Project 2025** was developed by the Heritage Foundation and outlines a policy agenda for the incoming Trump/Vance Administration that may impact tribes in areas of land management, healthcare, education, civil rights protections, and environmental preservation. One of its authors, Russell Vought, is the nominee to run the Office of Management and Budget, a hugely powerful [...]

<https://dccc.org> > [wp-content > uploads > 2022 > 09 > AZ-02-Addendum P2025-Additional-Effects-on-Native-Communities.pdf](#)

### **Additional Project 2025 Effects On Native Communities**

Lower The Price Of Insulin For Thousands Of Native American Seniors. o Project 2025 would repeal the Inflation Reduction Act, which allowed the government to lower the price of insulin to \$35 for seniors. o Indian Americans have the highest rates of diabetes in the U.S., with American Indian ...

[Center for American Progress](https://www.americanprogress.org)

<https://www.americanprogress.org> > [article > disappearing-parks-how-project-2025-would-decrease-protections-for-nature](#)

### **Disappearing Parks: How Project 2025 Would Decrease Protections for ...**

Oct 21, 2024 Nearly 7 in 10 American Indian or Alaska Native communities in the greater Las Vegas area are more nature deprived than the national average. ... The threat that Project 2025 poses to American ...

[1994 Contract with America](https://en.wikipedia.org)

<https://en.wikipedia.org> > [wiki > Contract with America](#)

[Contract with America - Wikipedia](#)The Contract with America was a legislative agenda advocated by the Republican Party during the 1994 congressional election campaign. Written by Newt Gingrich and Dick Armey, and in part using text from former president Ronald Reagan's 1985 State of the Union Address, the contract detailed the actions the Republicans promised to take if they became the majority party in the United States House ...

[cunylawreview.org](https://cunylawreview.org)

[https://cunylawreview.org > wp-content > uploads > 2014 > 09 > contract-with-america.pdf](https://cunylawreview.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/contract-with-america.pdf)

### **The Contract With America: the Crystallization of The GOP'S Racial Agenda**

CONTRACT WITH AMERICA: THE BOLD PLAN BY REP. NEWT GINGRICH, REP. DICK ARMEY AND THE HOUSE REPUBLICANS TO CHANGE THE NATION 3 (Ed Gillespie & Bob Schellhas eds., 1994) [hereinafter CONTRACT WITH AMERICA] (emphasis added). 2 The Grand Old Party. 3 CONTRACT WITH AMERICA, supra note 1, at 169. 4 CONTRACT WITH AMERICA, supra note 1, at 6-11. 5 ...

### **History**

[https://www.history.com > news > midterm-elections-1994-republican-revolution-gingrich-contract-with-america](https://www.history.com/news/midterm-elections-1994-republican-revolution-gingrich-contract-with-america)

### **The 1994 Midterms: When Newt Gingrich Helped Republicans Win Big**

A balanced budget amendment. Tax cuts. Welfare reform. Those were just three of the 10 points of the **Contract with America**, Newt **Gingrich's** conservative plan, signed by 300-plus Republican ...

### **Deseret News**

[https://www.deseret.com > 1994 > 11 > 12 > 19142212 > feisty-gingrich-says-no-to-compromise](https://www.deseret.com/1994/11/12/19142212/feisty-gingrich-says-no-to-compromise)

### **FEISTY GINGRICH SAYS NO TO COMPROMISE - Deseret News**

A triumphant Newt Gingrich, the Georgia Republican in line to become House speaker, returned here Friday vowing ``cooperation, yes; compromise, no" as the GOP Congress prepares to confront the Clinton administration in January. Gingrich said American voters, by overwhelmingly ending 40 years of Democratic congressional rule, have given Republicans a mandate to enact their ``Contract With ...

[legalelectric.org https://legalelectric.org > f > 2016 > 11 > Gingrich-CONTRACT.pdf](https://legalelectric.org/f/2016/11/Gingrich-CONTRACT.pdf)

**A Contract with America - Legalelectric**On September 27, 1994, more than 300 Republican congressional candidates met on the steps of the U.S. Capitol to sign the Contract with America, a pledge to enact ten specific bills within the first hundred days of the 104th Congress. The Contract with America gained the support of a large number of American

### **itrfoundation.org**

[https://itrfoundation.org > hendrickson-report-the-30th-anniversary-of-the-contract-with-america-a-conservatives-journey](https://itrfoundation.org/hendrickson-report-the-30th-anniversary-of-the-contract-with-america-a-conservatives-journey)

**[Hendrickson Report: The 30th Anniversary of the "Contract with America ...](#)**

Oct 1, 2024 On September 27, 1994, Republican members of the House of Representatives stood on the steps of the Capitol building and signed the Contract with America. Led by Representatives Newt Gingrich and Dick Arme y, the Contract with America outlined a series of conservative policies and reforms Republicans promised Americans they would enact if given control of Congress after the 1994 election.

**[The New York Times Web Archive](#)**

**<https://archive.nytimes.com> > **[thecaucus.blogs.nytimes.com](https://archive.nytimes.com/thecaucus.blogs.nytimes.com)** > **[2006](#)** > **[09](#)** > **[24](#)** > **[newt-gingrich-and-1994](#)****

**[Newt Gingrich and 1994 - The New York Times](#)**

Sep 24, 2006Some analysts and academics say that the contract's influence was overstated because polls showed most Americans did not know about it, and that it was released too late in 1994 to make a a difference. Mr. Gingrich and his political lieutenant at the time, Joe Gaylord, argue that the contract was absolutely critical to their success - and ...

**[Britannica](#)** **<https://www.britannica.com>** > **[event](#)** > **[Contract-with-America](#)**

**[Contract with America | Republican, Newt Gingrich, 1994 | Britannica](#)**

Contract with America, a document signed Sept. 27, 1994, on the Capitol steps in Washington, D.C., by members of the Republican minority before the Republican Party gained control of Congress in 1994. The "Contract with America" outlined legislation to be enacted by the House of Representatives within the first 100 days of the 104th Congress (1995-96).

**[information-warfare.com](#)**

**<https://information-warfare.com>** > **[the-contract-with-america-how-a-1994-conservative-revolution-shaped-todays-divisive-politics-60d20b7c286f](#)**

**[The Contract with America: How a 1994 Conservative Revolution Shaped ...](#)**

Nov 15, 2024 The Contract with America, unveiled on September 27, 1994, was a bold, sweeping legislative agenda orchestrated by Republican leaders like Newt Gingrich and John Boehner. It served as a rallying cry for conservative values and a roadmap for governance once Republicans gained control of Congress after the 1994 midterm elections , marking the ...

**[Open Library](#)** **<https://openlibrary.org>** > **[books](#)** > **[OL22112395M](#)** > **[Contract with America](#)**

**[Contract with America by Newt Gingrich | Open Library](#)**

Jul 15, 2024 The November 1994 midterm elections were a watershed event, making possible a Republican majority in Congress for the first time in forty years. Contract with America, by Newt Gingrich, the new Speaker of the House, Dick Arme y, the new Majority Leader, and the House Republicans, charts a bold new political strategy for the entire country.

## **[Indian termination policy](#)**

Indian termination describes United States policies relating to Native Americans from the mid-1940s to the mid-1960s. [Wikipedia](#)

[https://en.wikipedia.org > wiki > Indian termination policy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_termination_policy)

## **[Indian termination policy - Wikipedia](#)**

The Western Oregon Indian Termination Act was unique because of the number of tribes it affected. In all, 61 tribes in western Oregon were terminated. ... The claims and large expenditures for the survey, coupled with high war debt, led the Eisenhower administration to seek ways to retrench federal budgeting and spending.

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[https://ictnews.org > archive > dwight-d-eisenhower-tried-to-knock-out-jim-thorpe-and-assimilate-indians](https://ictnews.org/archive/dwight-d-eisenhower-tried-to-knock-out-jim-thorpe-and-assimilate-indians)

## **[Dwight D. Eisenhower: Tried to Knock Out Jim Thorpe, and Assimilate ...](#)**

In early 1954, the NCAI adopted a Declaration of Indian Rights representing the sincere "Indian feeling" of 183,000 individuals from 43 tribes in 21 states and sent it to Eisenhower, arguing that termination bills pending in Congress constituted a violation of treaty rights.

## **[The Oregon Encyclopedia](#)**

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[https://www.oregonencyclopedia.org > articles > termination and restoration](https://www.oregonencyclopedia.org/articles/termination_and_restoration)

## **[Termination and Restoration in Oregon - The Oregon Encyclopedia](#)**

Coquille Restoration Act," Public Law 100-42, U.S. Statutes At Large, 103:91-94. Public Law 98-481, "Restoration Act for Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians," David R.M. Beck, Seeking Recognition: The Termination and Restoration of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, 1855-1984 (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2009

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[National Archives <https://www.archives.gov> > research > native-americans > bia > termination](https://www.archives.gov/research/native-americans/bia/termination)

## **[Bureau of Indian Affairs Records: Termination - National Archives](#)**

Sep 9, 2024This was despite the fact that American Indians had been U.S. citizens since Congress passed the Indian Citizenship Act in 1924 (43 Stat. 253). Termination was a departure from federal Indian policy in the 1930s and early 1940s, during which time the U.S. government ceased allotting tribal reservations and emphasized tribal self-government instead.

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[https://ictnews.org > archive > harry-s-truman-beginning-of-indian-termination-era](https://ictnews.org/archive/harry-s-truman-beginning-of-indian-termination-era)

## **[Harry S. Truman: Beginning of Indian Termination Era](#)**

Termination defined federal Indian policy for the next 25 years and forever altered the dynamics between tribes and the federal government. ... In August 1946, he signed the Indian Claims Commission Act, ... Truman left office in 1953 and was succeeded by Dwight D. Eisenhower. He died in 1972 at age 88. Tags. terms:

HUSL Library      <https://library.law.howard.edu> > civilrightshistory > indigenous > termination

### [The Termination Era \(1953 - Howard University School of Law\)](#)

The Termination Era (1953 - 1968) The Termination Era saw a reversal in policies from the Self-Government Era. Under this new era, the federal government resolved to terminate the special trustee relationship tribes held with the United States. This policy was captured in House Resolution No. 108, 83rd Congress (August 1, 1953).

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### [Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde](#)

<https://www.grandronde.org> > media > 1093 > lesson-8-termination.pdf

### [lesson 8 - Termination - Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde](#)

Western Oregon Termination Act was signed into law by President Eisenhower. 1954 Western Oregon Termination Act!" In 1944, the federal government began its effort to ... agreements for all tribes in the United States. " The Bureau of Indian Affairs conducted inventory of the Grand Ronde reservation and reported positive social.....

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### [Oregon.gov](#)

<https://www.oregon.gov> > ode > students-and-family > equity > NativeAmericanEducation > Documents > Restoration-presentation.pdf

### [restoring our status and our tilixum - Oregon.gov](#)

On August 13, 1954 - Public Law 588, Western Oregon **Indian Termination Act** was signed into law by President Dwight D. **Eisenhower**. This **act** terminated the Tribes' federal recognition and removed all agreements that had been negotiated through treaties between the United States government and the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

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### **Ethnogeriatrics**

<https://geriatrics.stanford.edu> > ethnomed > american indian > learning activities > learning\_1 > termination\_relocation.html

### [1953 to 1969: Policy of Termination and Relocation - Geriatrics](#)

Termination. 1953: House Concurrent Resolution 108. States that, "at the earliest possible time, all of the Indian tribes and the individual members thereof located within the States of California, Florida, New York and Texas, should be freed from Federal supervision and control and all disabilities and limitations specifically applicable to Indians".

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<https://americanindianmovemenths.weebly.com> > indian-termination-policy.html

### [The Indian Termination Policy](#)

Termination ultimately had a negative impact on tribes deemed eligible, primarily in education, health and tribe economy. The Menominee Tribe of Wisconsin experienced a school drop-out rate of more than 75%, resulting in a whole generation in the tribe that had little more than a 9th grade education; hardly enough to live comfortably as a United States citizen.

**Loma Mar: A historic mom-and-pop restaurant becomes a nonprofit**

Restaurant serves pay-what-you-can meals and offers small-town support.

[https://www.mercurynews.com/2025/03/04/loma-mar-a-historic-mom-and-pop-restaurant-becomes-a-nonprofit/?utm\\_email=85834408B47115A944CE9435C9&ltg=85834408B47115A944CE9435C9&active=no](https://www.mercurynews.com/2025/03/04/loma-mar-a-historic-mom-and-pop-restaurant-becomes-a-nonprofit/?utm_email=85834408B47115A944CE9435C9&ltg=85834408B47115A944CE9435C9&active=no)

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**Why Canada is jailing more Indigenous people despite Trudeau's promises**

Like a growing number of formerly incarcerated Indigenous people, Marvin Starblanket's life is still governed by Correctional Service Canada rules.  
**Read in Reuters:** <https://apple.news/ASjRVHa2vRw-FwVUGe2dWqw>

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**St. Mary's College (Moraga, CA)**

As the community of Saint Mary's College of California, we acknowledge we are gathered on the ethnohistoric tribal territory of the intermarried Saclan/Jalquin (hal-keen)/Huchiun (hoo-choon)/ ancestral Muwekma Bay Miwok and Ohlone Territory.

The present-day Muwekma Ohlone Tribe, with an enrolled Bureau of Indian Affairs documented membership of over 600, is comprised of all of the known surviving Indian lineages aboriginal to the San Francisco Bay region. They trace their Tribe's ancestry through the missionization policies deployed by the Catholic Church in connection to Missions Dolores, San Jose, and Santa Clara, during the expansion of the Hispano-European Empire into Alta California beginning in 1769. Their Muwekma families are the successors and living members of the sovereign, previously Federally Recognized Verona Band of Alameda County, now formally recognized as the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe of the San Francisco Bay Area who would like you to know that they are alive and thriving members of the broader Bay Area communities today.

The Muwekma Ohlone Indian families have never left their aboriginal ancestral homelands of the Bay Area and maintain their identity, traditions, culture and language through the tenacity, strength and legacy of their ancestors and elders. Today, they attempt to repair the sustained ecological, environmental, and cultural devastation to their Tribe wrought by over 254 years of colonial processes of disenfranchisement through the politics of erasure. Their priorities are moved forward through three established entities: the Muwekma Ohlone Tribal Council, Muwekma Ohlone Tribe, Inc. and the Muwekma Ohlone Preservation Foundation.

They respectfully request that the good citizens of St. Mary's College and the Town of Moraga, and surrounding towns strive to be faithful stewards on behalf of the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe by maintaining the bay, freshwater creeks, native plants, animal habitats, and the air we all breathe. We recognize that the De La Salle Brothers of Saint Mary's College and the Lasallian Family have worked to serve honorably as good stewards of this land since its purchase in 1926.



To hear and see this from Amaj Simoni Walters, President of the Native American and Indian Students Association:  
<https://www.stmarys-ca.edu/offices-services/diversity/land-acknowledgment>

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[Video](#)

**A master navigator recalls how a canoe helped lead a revival in Hawaiian culture**

A master navigator recalls how a canoe journey half a century ago helped revive an interest in Native Hawaiian culture as well as the skill of traveling the seas by reading the stars, waves and weather. (AP Video: Audrey McAvoy)

[https://apnews.com/video/a-master-navigator-recalls-how-a-canoe-helped-lead-a-revival-in-hawaiian-culture-3e67365710d645cf976b608e0967f38e?user\\_email=e073fe83cf6e594f0fa68c85167471226da0e93d55247b60e6f1153aa19d8ac8](https://apnews.com/video/a-master-navigator-recalls-how-a-canoe-helped-lead-a-revival-in-hawaiian-culture-3e67365710d645cf976b608e0967f38e?user_email=e073fe83cf6e594f0fa68c85167471226da0e93d55247b60e6f1153aa19d8ac8)  
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## TRANSITIONS

**DOGE TO INTERIOR:** The Department of Government Efficiency [staffer who visited](#) the Bureau of Reclamation’s Northern California pumping plant in January is taking over as the Interior Department’s main budget official, POLITICO’s Ben Lefebvre and Annie Snider report.

**Tyler Hassen**, the head of oilfield services company Basin Energy, who has been one of DOGE’s representatives embedded at Interior, will be delegated that authority as the acting assistant secretary for policy, management and budget, according to people who were granted anonymity to discuss a politically sensitive subject. Hassen will take over for **Charlie Dankert**, who had been doing that job, the people added.

**RECLAIMING THEIR JOBS:** Five previously fired Reclamation employees are coming back to the agency’s California office and more planned terminations are on hold, Annie reports.

The office has lost about 100 employees — 10 percent of its workforce — due to buyouts and orders by Elon Musk’s Department of Government Efficiency to fire employees who have been in their positions for less than a year or two.

Some of the reinstated staffers were associated with a power plant undergoing upgrades near Shasta Dam, while some of the others who were given a reprieve worked at a fish collection facility that is essential to Reclamation’s ability to pump water out of the state’s main water hub, according to sources POLITICO granted anonymity due to fear of reprisals.  
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## Scholarships

March 15 Deadline - University of Arizona's Native American Science and Engineering Program for high school students, June 8-14. for more info, click [here](#).

March 31 Deadline - **Cobell Undergraduate/Graduate Scholarships**. For more info, click [here](#).

April 25 Deadline - **American Indian Alaska Nation Tourism Association Scholarship**. For more info, click [here](#).

May 1 Deadline - **Freeport McMoRan Native American College Scholarship**. For students at 2 year, 4 year, tribal colleges or trade and technical schools. For more info, click [here](#).

June 10 Deadline - **Friends of Hubbell Scholarship** for members of the Navajo, Hopi, Acoma, Laguna, Zuni, or Southern Ute Nation. For more info, click [here](#).

**Mesa Community College's Real Estate Appraisal Program - Appraisers Certification - Two Years.** The Associate in Applied Science (AAS) in Licensed Residential Appraiser program prepares students for the appraisal of residential land and real property. For more info call John at (602) 309-888 or email [him](#).

**Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation** - Scholarships. Various dates and programs. For more info, click [here](#).

**Arizona Community Foundation's Scholarships** - 150 scholarships available. For more info, click [here](#).

**FREE tuition for undergraduate students from Arizona's 22 Federally recognized tribes** who are studying on the main campus of University of Arizona in Tucson. For more information click [here](#).

**Native American Programs and Enrollment Information at ASU, UA, and NAU** - For more information click [here](#).

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### **Can AI Models Show Us How People Learn? Impossible Languages Point a Way. | Quanta Magazine**

<https://www.quantamagazine.org/can-ai-models-show-us-how-people-learn-impossible-languages-point-a-way-20250113/>

Reader: My daughter was accepted for her Master's and is going to do it in Anthropological Language learning. Not the way Linguist's learn or catalogue language, but how the cultural, socio, colonialism is affecting how we teach and learn language! Lot's of things I had never even been aware of!!!

That's academia! Funny thing is how she ended her entrance paper - "I just want to learn my language"!

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## RootsTech 2025 content is available online

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The RootsTech 2025 conference has ended, but you can continue to enjoy what was shared. Hundreds of this year's sessions are available on the website.

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[View Sessions](#)

*48 pages - but you might just find something interesting to you or helpful!*

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### **‘We’re losing our environmental history’: The future of government information under Trump**

Extract: “Librarians and archivists have sprung into action to download, save, and make available as much of this information as possible, but things may still fall through the cracks.”

[https://thebulletin.org/2025/03/were-losing-our-environmental-history-the-future-of-government-information-under-trump/?utm\\_source=firefox-newtab-en-](https://thebulletin.org/2025/03/were-losing-our-environmental-history-the-future-of-government-information-under-trump/?utm_source=firefox-newtab-en-)

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### **The 15-minute interview: Sen. Ben Ray Luján on the Radiation Exposure Compensation Reauthorization Act**

<https://thebulletin.org/2025/03/the-15-minute-interview-sen-ben-ray-lujan-on-the-radiation-exposure-compensation-reauthorization-act/#post-heading>

