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### **"The Wildlife Photographer"**

**Location: Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming**

This is a true wildlife photographer. He obviously understands the importance of camouflage both on himself and his camera gear to blend in with his surroundings. As he prepares to take his photo, he takes a solid stance and carefully places his eye at the viewfinder. He waits patiently as his subject comes into clear view. This is the story of The Wildlife Photographer. After an evening snowfall in the Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming, USA, the photographers woke up to a blanket of snow covering the flats. A group of photographers were photographing this bull moose eating his way in our direction. The bland bitter brush bored him and he decided to go on his walkabout in the direction of all the photographers. We quickly moved but, in all the haste, a tripod and camera ended up being left behind. After his curiosity got the best of him, the bull moose decided to check out the camera gear. He licked and played with the camera looking at it as if he was trying to take a photograph. It was then I took this photo. After he knocked the gear over, he got bored and continued on his way. Then camera gear could be safely retrieved, albeit with a bunch of moose drool on it.

*Credit: Deena Sveinsson / World Nature Photography Awards*

## **Tell the Department of Interior: End Nevada's Eagle Death Vortex**

Golden eagles are disappearing from Nevada's deserts.

In parts of the state, scientists now describe a "death vortex" — where more golden eagles are dying than being born. Once-productive breeding areas like Dry Lake Valley are seeing steep declines. Drought. Shrinking prey. Habitat loss. Expanding industrial development.

And it's not just one project. Across the West, massive solar arrays, transmission lines, mining operations, oil and gas drilling, roads, and other large-scale developments are transforming fragile desert ecosystems at breakneck speed.

We need clean energy. We need responsible infrastructure. But we cannot allow America's public lands to become sacrifice zones — and we cannot push iconic wildlife like golden eagles closer to collapse in the name of progress.

The Department of the Interior oversees millions of acres of public lands. It has both the authority and the obligation to ensure that all large-scale development — renewable energy, fossil fuels, mining, transmission, and other infrastructure — fully accounts for impacts on wildlife before permits are approved.

Right now, that protection is not strong enough.

Golden eagles depend on vast, unbroken landscapes to hunt and successfully raise their young. When nesting areas are disturbed and prey habitat is fragmented, reproduction drops. When cumulative impacts aren't considered, populations quietly spiral downward.

While the exact causes of this decline are unknown and can include drought, lead pollution, and other causes, we know that development threatens eagles and other species.

The Department of the Interior must act now to:

- Require rigorous, science-based wildlife impact assessments for all major development projects — solar, oil, or any other large disruptive operations.
- Avoid construction in critical nesting, breeding, and foraging habitat.
- Account for cumulative, landscape-level impacts — not just individual permits.
- Enforce meaningful mitigation, long-term monitoring, and adaptive management.

America can lead the world in both conservation and development — but only if we refuse to trade biodiversity for short-term gain.

Golden eagles are a symbol of the West. Their survival should not be collateral damage.

**[Tell the Department of the Interior: Protect golden eagles and all wildlife. Plan responsibly. Stop approving development that pushes species toward decline.](#)**

Thank you for all that you do, Mitch w/ Animal Commons

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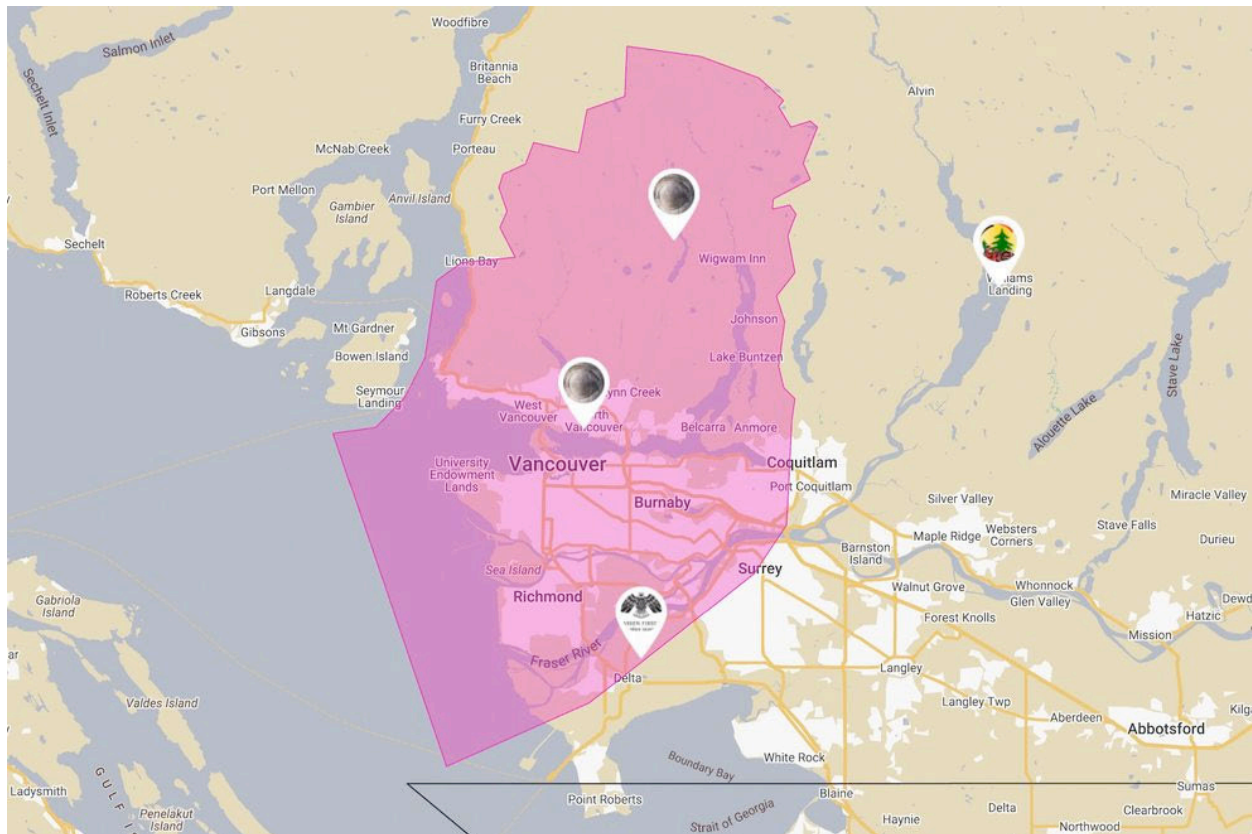
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***A Must Read***

**The Outrage Is the Point**

BC Conservative leadership candidates are falling over each other to condemn the Musqueam agreements. Their own 2024 platform tells a different story.

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**Government of Canada's Landmark Agreement to Recogniz Musqueam,s Aboriginal Title in Metro Vancouver**

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**Enbridge Paid Police to Protect One Pipeline. Now It Wants to Do It Again in Wisconsin.**

<https://www.rsn.org/001/enbridge-paid-police-to-protect-one-pipeline-now-it-wants-to-do-it-again-in-wisconsin.html>



**Girls' STEM Career Day @ The Discovery | Saturday (3/7) at 10:00 AM –**

Take the crew to The Discovery for Girls' STEM Career Day, where local tech, labs, and makers lay out career paths. Meet women pros, catch a keynote and panel, and yes, women and girls get in free during Career Day. No science fair volcanoes required.



**Poetry Out Loud 2026 – Nevada State Finals @ Joe Crowley Student**

**Union | Saturday (3/7) at 1:00 PM –** Nevada high schoolers face off in Poetry Out Loud state finals for a shot at D.C., reciting pieces that nod to America250 and stories that built us. It's free, moving, and made possible by UNR. Show up, clap loud, or stream it from the couch.



**Birds & Her Stories: International Women's Day Bird Walk @ Wilbur D.**

**May Center | Sunday (3/8) at 8:00 AM –** Celebrate International Women's Day with a mellow bird walk at Wilbur D. May Arboretum, beginner friendly, honoring women in conservation. Spot locals on the wing, learn early spring migration, and pocket a keepsake card, because your life list deserves stationery. Free, all ages, registration required.



**Junior Ranger Day - Park Safety @ Lazy 5 Regional Park | Sunday (3/8) at**

**10:00 AM –** Rangers are schooling the kids on park safety, etiquette, and the rules that keep our parks enjoyable, all for free, at a different park each month. Best for reading-age kiddos, but everyone's welcome. They learn the do's and don'ts, you enjoy fewer trail tantrums.

**[\\$9 million grant funds study of cactus pear as water-saving biofuel for the Mountain West](#)**



## GrantStation

### **National Opportunities — Available throughout the U.S.**

#### **Women of Color Driving Environmental Solutions**

Rachel's Network's Catalyst Award recognizes women environmental leaders of color across the U.S. and its territories who are advancing solutions for a healthy planet.

#### **Innovative Ministry Grants for U.S. Churches**

The Brotherhood Mutual Foundation supports church-led initiatives that aim to strengthen local communities through creative and collaborative ministry efforts.

#### **General Operating Support for Adult Literacy Programs**

ProLiteracy's Literacy Opportunity Fund provides general operating grants to U.S.-based nonprofit organizations delivering direct adult literacy services.

#### **Funding Research on Cancer, Lungs, Heart & Diabetes**

The Scott R. MacKenzie Foundation funds leading-edge human genetic research to improve health outcomes and advance transformative medical discoveries.

### **Regional Opportunities — For specific geographic areas**

#### **Advancing Racial Equity in Civil Legal Aid in Washington**

The Legal Foundation of Washington's Race Equity Grants provide multiyear funding to advance racial justice in civil legal aid.

#### **Supporting Musical Ensembles in the San Francisco Bay Area**

InterMusic SF's Musical Grant Program supports creative musical projects centered on small ensembles in the San Francisco Bay Area.

#### **Wisconsin Grants for Wildlife, Conservation, and Outdoor Education**

The James E. Dutton Foundation invests in Wisconsin-based organizations working to protect wildlife, preserve natural habitats, and expand outdoor and environmental education.

#### **Funding Financial Literacy and Leadership Development Programs**

The LINK Foundation supports nonprofit organizations in Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, D.C., that advance financial literacy, leadership development, and personal and professional growth.

## Federal Opportunities — From the U.S. Government

### **Research Grants to Study the Impact of the Arts**

The National Endowment for the Arts offers two funding opportunities to support research on the value and impact of the arts in American life.

### **Wildfire Protection for Community Buildings**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Wildfire Smoke Preparedness program aims to reduce the health impacts of wildfire smoke in community buildings.

## **As drone jobs grow across the Mountain West, a Nevada kids club becomes a launchpad**

[https://www.kunr.org/local-stories/2026-03-02/drone-jobs-grow-mountain-west-nevada-gym-launchpad?](https://www.kunr.org/local-stories/2026-03-02/drone-jobs-grow-mountain-west-nevada-gym-launchpad?utm_source=ActiveCampaign&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Civics%20Center%3A%20Before%20Iran%2C%20there%20was%20Venezuela%20%20Local%20insight%20into%20Madduro%20s%20capture&utm_campaign=Civics%20Center%2020260113%20%28Copy%29)

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## Chispa Nevada

This month, Chispa Nevada heard the comunidad's priorities with their annual Chispa Nevada community member survey and listening session.

Over 150+ took their survey and attended the listening session to help shape Chispa Nevada's 2026.

At the end of the month, Chispa Nevada hosted their first virtual community meeting of the year.

They went over upcoming events and trainings, campaign updates on their utility accountability and clean air and transportation work, and celebrated Black History Month.

## Chispa Arizona



### **Youth turns out for Environmental Day at the Capitol!**

Young people from Chispa Arizona’s youth-led Democracy Committees in Maricopa, Pima and Yuma Counties turned out in high numbers for Environmental Day at the Capitol in Phoenix!

Aaron from Maricopa County delivered a powerful speech in defense of Environmental Justice and the youth met with their state senators and representatives to advocate for clean air and energy, urban green spaces, public lands and our democracy.

### **Community members speak out against APS rate hike**

Chispa Arizona mobilized residents and coalition partners to testify before the Arizona Corporation Commission in opposition to APS’s proposed rate increase.

Speakers shared how higher electricity bills would place an even heavier burden on working families already facing rising costs of living. Community members made it clear: utility decisions must prioritize affordability, transparency, and accountability — not corporate profits.



## **Conservación Colorado**

### **Students step into advocacy at the State Capitol**

Students from five Colorado high schools visited the State Capitol for their first advocacy experience. With support from the [Climate Justice Leadership Academy](#), they met one-on-one with lawmakers to advocate for meaningful climate solutions.

Through months of preparation, students built skills in public speaking, research, and navigating the legislative process. Investing in youth leadership ensures the next generation has the tools to shape climate policy and protect their communities.

Our communities are organizing in classrooms, at city council meetings, in state capitols, and online — because clean air, clean water, affordable energy, and safe transportation aren’t optional.

**They are fundamental.**

Even when decisions don’t go our way, the pressure we build matters. The stories we tell matter. The people who show up matter.

**Thank you for being part of this work.**

In Solidarity,  
Chispa Team

## [Nevadans gear up to protect election from federal interference](#)

Nevada election advocates warn of voter suppression threats from Trump administration and potential disenfranchisement from SAVE America Act. State officials are working to safeguard election integrity and ensure voting access. [Read more...](#)

## [Justice Department Reaches \\$668M Settlement Agreement for Continued Cleanup of Lower Duwamish Waterway Superfund Site in Seattle Area](#)

03/04/2026 07:00 AM EST

The Justice Department, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and State of Washington reached agreement on a proposed settlement with more than 100 responsible parties to address hazardous substances released into the Lower Duwamish Waterway in Seattle. Cleanup work is estimated to cost \$668 million and take at least 10 years to complete.

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**RENO, NV (FEB 13, 2026)** – The deadline to submit entries in the 2026 PBS Reno Writers Contest, presented by Rotary Club of Reno, is **Friday, March 13, 2026**. PBS Reno is inviting every student in kindergarten through third grade in northern and central Nevada to submit their own illustrated story.

*“I know the young writers in our community will come up with creative, fun, original stories about our theme SPECIAL,” said Nancy Maldonado, PBS Reno Vice President of Development. “There is still time to finish your stories and get them turned in. I can’t wait to read this year’s stories. Have fun writing!”*

Each story submitted to the 2026 PBS Reno Writers Contest must include five pages, five illustrations, and a specific word count for each grade. For downloadable materials, guidelines, writing prompts and more, [click here](#).

*“We are so excited for the number of stories we have received already,” said Joy Foremaster, PBS Reno Director of Education. “Our theme this year has really brought about some creative,*



*fun stories. We would love to see even more children enter their stories and let their voices be heard.”*

By participating in the PBS Reno Writers Contest, children build their creative voices and develop critical reading and writing skills.

A team of dedicated educators and volunteers will go through an in-depth review process and select first, second, and third place winners from each grade. The winning authors will be honored in a variety of exciting ways, including having their stories published into hardcover books and featured on PBS Reno on the air and on the station’s website.

Each student who submits a story will receive a special certificate of participation.

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## **Scholarships (A- J) with April 1 Deadlines**

<a href="#"><u>AFA's Teen Alzheimer's Awareness Scholarship</u></a>	\$5,000	April 01, 2026
<a href="#"><u>AFWA Master’s Scholarship</u></a>	Varies	April 01, 2026
<a href="#"><u>AFWA Undergraduate/5-Year Degree Scholarship</u></a>	\$500	April 01, 2026
<a href="#"><u>Air Line Pilots Association Scholarship</u></a>	\$60,000	April 01, 2026
<a href="#"><u>AMBUCS Scholars Scholarships for Therapists</u></a>	\$6,000	April 01, 2026
<a href="#"><u>AMS Named Scholarships</u></a>	\$10,000	April 01, 2026
<a href="#"><u>Antonia Brancia Maxon, Ph.D. Memorial Scholarship</u></a>	\$1,500	April 01, 2026
<a href="#"><u>Arkansas Chamber Singers Music/Vocal Scholarship</u></a>	\$2,000	April 01, 2026
<a href="#"><u>Arnold W. Fritz Scholarship</u></a>	\$2,000	April 01, 2026
<a href="#"><u>Audria M. Edwards Scholarship</u></a>	\$9,000	April 01, 2026
<a href="#"><u>Barbara J. Penny Community Service Scholarship</u></a>	\$1,500	April 01, 2026
<a href="#"><u>Belfer-Aptman Scholars Award for Dissertation Research</u></a>	\$2,500	April 01, 2026
<a href="#"><u>Blind Service Association Scholarship</u></a>	\$4,000	April 01, 2026
<a href="#"><u>Boatman King Scholarship Foundation</u></a>	\$2,000	April 01, 2026
<a href="#"><u>Brian Pearson Memorial Scholarship</u></a>	\$1,000	April 01, 2026
<a href="#"><u>Cary Woman's Club College Scholarship for High School Seniors</u></a>	\$2,500	April 01, 2026
<a href="#"><u>Charlie Schulz Memorial Scholarship</u></a>	\$1,000	April 01, 2026
<a href="#"><u>Chicago Engineers' Foundation Incentive Award</u></a>	\$6,000	April 01, 2026
<a href="#"><u>Chinese American Service League STEM Scholarship</u></a>	\$20,000	April 01, 2026

<a href="#">Chuck Peacock Memorial Scholarship</a>	\$1,000	April 01, 2026
<a href="#">Community Foundation of Northern Illinois Scholarships</a>	\$10,000	April 01, 2026
<a href="#">Connecticut Academy of Audiology Scholarship</a>	\$1,500	April 01, 2026
<a href="#">CPA Endowment Fund of Illinois</a>	\$4,000	April 01, 2026
<a href="#">David Arver Memorial Scholarship</a>	\$1,000	April 01, 2026
<a href="#">/aeronautics,</a>	\$60,000	April 01, 2026
<a href="#">DJ COGA Scholarship</a>	\$1,000	April 01, 2026
<a href="#">Eula Mae Jett Scholarship</a>	\$2,000	April 01, 2026
<a href="#">Floyd E. McDonald Scholarship</a>	\$1,000	April 01, 2026
<a href="#">FOKO Kotzschmar Memorial Scholarship</a>	\$2,000	April 01, 2026
<a href="#">Frederic H. Kass III M.D. Endowed Scholarship</a>	\$2,000	April 01, 2026
<a href="#">Fresno Housing Education Advancement Scholarship</a>	Varies	April 01, 2026
<a href="#">General James H. Doolittle Scholarship Fund</a>	\$5,000	April 01, 2026
<a href="#">Generation Hope New Orleans Scholar Program</a>	\$2,400	April 01, 2026
<a href="#">Generation Hope Scholar Program</a>	\$2,400	April 01, 2026
<a href="#">George A. Strait Minority Scholarship</a>	Varies	April 01, 2026
<a href="#">Gerald W. &amp; Edith F. Wallace Scholarship</a>	\$1,000	April 01, 2026
<a href="#">GFWC Women's Club of South County Scholarship</a>	\$2,571	April 01, 2026
<a href="#">Giana Foundation Scholarship</a>	\$5,000	April 01, 2026
<a href="#">Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois</a>	\$23,000	April 01, 2026
<a href="#">Hearing Impaired Scholarship</a>	\$12,000	April 01, 2026
<a href="#">Heinlein Society Scholarships</a>	\$4,000	April 01, 2026
<a href="#">Herbert Hoover Uncommon Student Award</a>	\$11,500	April 01, 2026
<a href="#">Ike Foundation Scholarship</a>	\$2,200	April 01, 2026
<a href="#">Illinois CPA Society Accounting Scholarship</a>	\$4,000	April 01, 2026
<a href="#">Iowa Scholarships for the Arts</a>	\$4,000	April 01, 2026
<a href="#">Jack &amp; Julie Narcolepsy Scholarship</a>	\$1,000	April 01, 2026
<a href="#">Janet Logan Daily Foundation Scholarship</a>	\$10,000	April 01, 2026
<a href="#">John R. Pandolfi Scholarships</a>	\$5,000	April 01, 2026

*Again, I hope you read these. All sorts of special foci, including flying/aeronautics, student activists, water/conservation and narcolepsy. Enjoy the panorama of USA educational opportunities. sdc*

 **Just Between Friends Children's and Maternity Consignment Pop-Up @ Reno Sparks Convention Center 4590 S Virginia St, Reno, NV, United States, Nevada 89512**  
| *Thursday (3/5) at 12:00 PM* – JBF Reno is back with a kids-and-maternity consignment pop-up where you can score baby-to-teen gear for 50 to 90 percent off, then turn your own outgrown chaos into cash. Clothes, strollers, toys, books, and sports gear, minus porch pickups and awkward haggling.

 **Jurassic Quest @ Reno-Sparks Livestock Events Center** | *Friday (3/6) at 12:00 PM*  
– Jurassic Quest is taking over the Reno-Sparks Livestock Events Center, swapping cattle for life-size dinos, rideable raptors, and a T. rex skull. The kids bounce and train baby dinosaurs, you feed your inner 8-year-old with fossils, and everyone goes home happy, dusty, and blissfully tired.

### **Get Her Style! - Reno Clothing Swap - Wildflower on 7th**

Refresh your wardrobe at a community clothing swap at Wildflower on 7th, a women-owned co-op and community space centered on connection, creativity, and wellness. This Women's History Month edition welcomes participants of all sizes and genders and highlights Reno locals Chandra Zas and Teresa Rodriguez, who will bring curated pieces from their closets for swapping. Expect a friendly atmosphere with conversation, community spirit, and plenty of style discoveries while honoring women's contributions to culture.

Bring up to 10 clean, gently used clothing items that are free of rips, tears, stains, or repairs, and bring a bag for your finds. Books are also accepted. Donations are not accepted at this swap, and the event does not take shoes, jewelry, other accessories, or undergarments. For easier try-ons, consider wearing a fitted tank or shorts underneath your outfit.

Drop-in entry is \$10, or Swap Society members receive free unlimited swapping at all locations along with additional perks.



**Washoe Tribe acquires 10,274-acre Wélmelti? Preserve**, marking a historic milestone. The land will enable the Washoe people to practice traditional ecological knowledge, protect cultural sites, and safeguard water resources.

[Read more...](#)



Forever in our hearts



*Violet "Patti" Bennett*

**August 23, 1958 - February 25, 2026**

We invite you to celebrate the life of our loving  
mother, wife, sister and friend

**March 14th, 2026  
Hungry Valley Gym  
10am Viewing  
11am Services**

**Burial to immediately follow Services at  
Hungry Valley Cemetary**

**Dinner to follow at Hungry Valley Gym.  
Food donations appreciated.**