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Secretary Deb Haaland

Outside Online: [Deb Haaland: Public Lands Represent Freedom and Openness](#)

Deb Haaland, Opinion, September 23, 2023

Long before I ever became Secretary of the Interior, I spent many hours on our nation’s public lands. Growing up, I learned from my family the importance of caring for the lands that keep our air clean, our soil fertile, and our water pure. As a single mom struggling to make ends meet, I passed these lessons down to my child, Somáh. Together, we explored places like the Will Rogers State Historic Park in California. I would pack our snacks and water bottles and we’d set out—stopping to smell sage along the trails. In spite of our humble means, we experienced the wonders of nature that only our public lands could provide. This Saturday, our nation will celebrate the 30th annual National Public Lands Day. It’s a day that calls us to action: together, we roll up our sleeves and help restore public lands of all kinds.

Columbia River Basin Agreement

Boise State Public Radio: [Federal Government to fund \\$200M salmon restoration project in the Upper Columbia River Basin](#)

Julie Luchetta, September 22, 2023

The US government has reached an agreement with local tribes to help restore salmon populations in the Upper Columbia River Basin. The first step of the plan between the federal government, the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, the Coeur d’Alene Tribe and the Spokane Tribe of Indians will be to test the feasibility of reintroducing salmon in areas of the river blocked by dams.

Big Country News: [Feds Pledge \\$200 Million to Tribal-Led Salmon Reintroduction in Upper Columbia River Basin](#)

Staff, September 22, 2023

The Biden administration has announced an agreement to support efforts to restore salmon populations in the Upper Columbia River Basin. The agreement between the government, the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, the Coeur d’Alene Tribe, and the Spokane Tribe of Indians will fund efforts to test the feasibility of, and ultimately to reintroduce salmon in blocked habitats in the Upper Basin. The agreement, announced on Thursday, includes \$200 million over 20 years from the Bonneville Power Administration, a federal power marketing administration under the Department of Energy, to advance the implementation plan - led by the tribes. The Department of the Interior also announced it is providing \$8 million over two years through the Bureau of Reclamation to support these efforts.

The Columbian: [Is a new Columbia River Treaty treaty on tap?](#)

Lauren Ellenbecker, September 23, 2023

Since 1961, the U.S. and Canada have worked together to manage dams in the Columbia River Basin, but this arrangement may change in September 2024. The Columbia River Treaty requires the U.S. and Canada to coordinate flood management in the Columbia Basin. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation operate the 14 dams that sit within the Columbia River System, a drainage the size of Texas.

President's Investing in America Agenda Provides Resources for Tribal Nations to Address Legacy Pollution

KGOU: [Federal Funding Coming For Abandoned Wells In Tribal Communities](#)

Staff, September 22, 2023

The U.S. Department of the Interior is investing almost \$40 million to plug and clean up abandoned oil and gas wells in tribal communities across the country. More than half of that money is going to tribes in Oklahoma. The Osage Nation will get almost \$20 million to plug about 300 orphaned wells. The Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Indians, Kiowa Indian Tribe of Oklahoma, Chickasaw and Muscogee Nations will also receive funds to plug or assess unused oil and gas wells. U.S. Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Bryan Newland says the unplugged wells jeopardize public health and the environment by contaminating groundwater, emitting methane and leaving dangerous equipment sitting idle.

Investing in America Agenda

NPR: [Thousands of federal firefighters face a looming pay cut. How much is up to Congress](#)

Ximena Bustillo, September 25, 2023

Federal wildland firefighters were on the frontlines of some of the harshest wildfires to hit the U.S. and Canada this summer. But as Congress is inching towards its Sept. 30 deadline to fund the government, those firefighters stand to lose half their salaries. And whether or not the government makes a deal, rent is due Oct. 1.

Bloomberg: [US Wildfire Fighters Are Hitting a Pay Cliff at the Worst Time](#)

Kyle Stock, September 23, 2023

In Fairbanks, Alaska, the US Forest Service is looking to hire a smokejumper, a person who parachutes out of a rickety airplane to wrangle wildfires that break out far from roads or rivers. Little experience is necessary; the pay starts at \$18.06 per hour. Meanwhile, Sadler's Home Furnishings, with three stores in the Fairbanks area, is offering \$21 an hour to shuffle couches in its warehouse. The Best Western on the nearby Chena River will pay \$15.50 an hour for a front desk clerk and the University of Alaska needs an administrative assistant at almost \$25 an hour — no parachute necessary.

LAist: [Wildland Firefighter Pay Bump Set To Expire Next Month](#)

Yusra Farzan, September 22, 2023

Four months ago, more than 40 wildland firefighters left their posts in the San Bernardino National Forest, and they could do so again next month. A temporary increase in their pay is set to expire October 3. That's unless Congress can increase their pay with the passing of the Wildland Firefighter Paycheck Protection Act. The National Federation of Federal Employees represents the wildland firefighters. They say if their pay increases go away, as many as half of the national force are prepared to walk off the job.

The Hill: [Ecosystem economics: How the Biden administration is finally giving nature its due](#)

James Goodwin, Opinion, September 23, 2023

If a tree stands in the forest, and there's no economist around to tabulate its benefits to humans, do those benefits still exist? For government agencies, the answer has long been, "No." But the Biden administration is poised to change that. Every day our natural environment provides us with a steady supply of "ecosystem services" that enhance our lives and wellbeing. Examples include flood control for coastal communities provided by wetlands, pollination of commercial crops by bees, and culturally valued experiences that some indigenous communities derive from subsistence fishing. Critically, the healthier our natural environment, the more — and better — ecosystem services it can provide.

Wyoming Public Media: [Sagebrush ecosystem restoration on the Wind River Reservation grows deeper roots with recent federal funding](#)

Hannah Habermann, September 22, 2023

Sagebrush ecosystem conservation got another big boost in September, thanks to the Biden Administration's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The US Fish and Wildlife Service announced more than \$10.5 million of funding for projects throughout the West and on the Wind River Reservation. On a crisp morning at Washakie Reservoir, tall limestone cliffs frame one end of the kite-shaped lake, a sort of gateway to the nearby Wind River Mountain Range. Spindly silver-green sagebrush and gold grasses catch the early light for as far as the eye can see.

E&E: [Review urges pay, benefit improvements for elite wildfire crews](#)

Marc Heller, September 22, 2023

An interagency team identified pay, flexible work hours and vehicle maintenance as high priorities for wildfire Hotshot teams. The federal government's elite wildfire crews need higher pay, more flexible hours and an improved fleet of vehicles, according an interagency review team tasked with identifying the system's weaknesses. In a report on its findings, the 31-member team pointed to longer fire seasons exacerbated by the changing climate, more incidents of multiple fires at the same time and the stress that's affecting firefighters' work-life balance.

The Colorado River Basin

Arizona Capitol Times: [Process starts for new era managing Colorado River](#)

Mia Osmonbekov, September 22, 2023

Stakeholders sharing the Colorado River have started sending their water policy wish lists to the Bureau of Reclamation as they negotiate new river use guidelines. The current 2007 Colorado River guidelines – set to expire in 2026 – created strategies to conserve water in drought conditions, innovating solutions such as allowing states to earn water credits and determining an allocation system based on Lake Mead's water levels.

Arizona Capitol Times: [Water cuts force Pinal County farmers to scale back](#)

Mia Osmonbekov, September 23, 2023

Farmers in Pinal County left swathes of land unplanted following Colorado River water cuts. Now yielding fewer crops, they're forced to find alternative ways to survive, as agriculture faces a bleaker future. Last year, statewide water cuts eliminated 99% of the county's water allocation from the Central Arizona Project, according to Brian Yerges, general manager of the Maricopa Stanfield Irrigation District.

Telluride Daily Planet: [Western states vote to narrow focus of Colorado River program](#)

Ashely Bunton, September 23, 2023

Colorado's commissioner, Becky Mitchell, supports 'drought resiliency tools'. Water commissioners from Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, Wyoming are focusing on water demand management in the future of a conservation pilot program. The Upper Colorado River Commission met for a special meeting on Sept. 21 and heard an update regarding the System Conservation Pilot Program (SCPP).

Colorado Politics: [Colorado River solutions should include cutting water consumption, including in Colorado](#)

Marianne Goodland, September 22, 2023

What does a durable solution to the crisis on the Colorado River look like? According to Andy Mueller, general manager of the Colorado River District, it's a future with less water. And that's not just for the lower basin states of the Colorado River. Colorado water users need to look at how to use less, too, he said. Mueller spoke Friday at the Colorado River District's annual water seminar in Grand Junction. The annual seminar is looking at the river's future, drought policy and perspectives from Colorado's river neighbors.

Northeast Valley News: [Arizona's ongoing drought—cloud seeding a possible aid](#)

Marcus Reichley, September 22, 2023

Is cloud seeding modification worth the investment? Despite a bountiful snowpack and above average rain during the winter season, Arizona still grapples with a protracted drought. The Salt River Project (SRP) is exploring various methods to address the issue, one of which is the process of dropping crystals into clouds to draw out rain, known as cloud seeding.

Fence Post: [Living within the river's means](#)

Rachel Gabel, September 22, 2023

The Colorado Cattlemen's Association Ag Water NetWORK hosted a webinar to provide an update to agriculture producers on the 2023 Colorado Water Plan and on the Colorado River Basin. Amy Ostdiek, Interstate, Federal and Water Information section chief of Colorado Water Conservation Board focuses on Colorado River matters and supporting Commissioner Becky Mitchell, Colorado's principal negotiator on behalf of the state on interstate Colorado River matters. In her update on the Colorado River, she said the 101-year-old Colorado River Compact was developed by the basin states and remains vitally important to understanding water issues and it remains firmly in place today.

DOI and Offshore Energy

AP: [Judge blocks government plan to scale back Gulf oil lease sale to protect whale species](#)

Kevin McGill, September 22, 2023

A federal judge has ordered the Interior Department to expand next week's scheduled sale of Gulf of Mexico oil and gas leases by millions of acres, rejecting a scaled-back plan announced last month by the Biden administration as part of an effort to protect an endangered whale species. The Biden administration on Friday asked the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans to block the order issued Thursday night in Lake Charles, Louisiana, by U.S. District Judge James David Cain Jr. Environmental groups represented by the Earthjustice organization also appealed.

Reuters: [Biden administration appeals judge's order expanding Gulf oil auction](#)

Jarrett Renshaw, September 22, 2023

The Biden administration and environmental groups on Friday said they would appeal a Louisiana federal judge's ruling that ordered an expansion of next week's sale of oil leases in the Gulf of Mexico. The U.S. Interior Department and groups including the Center for Biological Diversity filed a notice of appeal with the New Orleans-based 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals just a day after U.S. District Judge James Cain said the Biden administration had to include additional acreage.

Straight Arrow News: [Whale strandings fuel controversy: Are offshore wind farms to blame?](#)

Shannon Longworth, September 23, 2023

Whales have been washing up lifeless in a startling and now-common sight along the Eastern Seaboard, a cause for concern for local communities. Various residents and conservationists are pointing fingers at offshore wind farm surveys conducted as a precursor to building wind energy facilities in the Atlantic Ocean. "It's very moving in a bad way to see that," said Cindy Zipf, executive director of Clean Ocean Action in Long Branch, New Jersey. "Something that's so majestic and so beautiful – just kind of lifeless on land."

Offshore Magazine: [BOEM says it is complying with court order regarding Lease Sale 261](#)

Staff, September 22, 2023

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Offshore Engineer: [Biden Administration to Appeal Judge's Order Expanding Gulf Oil Auction](#)

Jarrett Renshaw, September 25, 2023

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Rigzone: [W&T Completes Acquisition of GOM Assets for \\$32MM](#)

Rocky Teodoro, September 22, 2023

W&T Offshore Inc. has completed its acquisition of working interests in eight shallow water oil and gas-producing assets in the central and eastern shelf region of the Gulf of Mexico (GOM) from an undisclosed private seller. The assets were acquired for a gross consideration of \$32 million, subject to customary post-effective date purchase price adjustments, W&T said in a news release Thursday. W&T used its cash on the balance sheet to pay the net purchase price. The acquisition has a closing date of September 20 and an effectivity date of June 1.

Oil & Gas Journal: [Court orders Interior to conduct lease sale without last-minute restrictions](#)

Alan Kovski, September 22, 2023

A federal court issued a preliminary injunction requiring the DOI to go ahead with its impending Gulf of Mexico oil and gas lease sale without the restrictions on acreage and ship movements that were added just a month before the planned sale. A federal court issued a preliminary injunction Sept. 21 requiring the Interior Department to go ahead with its impending Gulf of Mexico oil and gas lease sale without the restrictions on acreage and ship movements that were added just a month before the planned sale.

E&E: [Judge axes Interior effort to shrink oil lease sale](#)

Heather Richards, September 22, 2023

The Biden administration attempted to remove 6 million acres from a Gulf of Mexico lease sale next week to protect an endangered whale's habitat. A federal judge has blocked the Biden administration's attempt to nix 6 million acres of the Gulf of Mexico from an upcoming oil sale to protect an endangered whale. In a ruling late Thursday, Judge James Cain, a Trump appointee to the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Louisiana, granted the oil industry a preliminary injunction that temporarily lifts the leasing restrictions in the habitat of the Rice's whale.

DOI and Conservation

AP: [Biologists in slow and steady race to help North America's largest and rarest tortoise species](#)

Susan Montoya Bryan, September 23, 2023

While the average lifespan of North America's largest and most rare tortoise species is unknown, biologists have said it could span upward of a century. So saving the endangered species is a long game — one that got another nudge forward Friday as U.S. wildlife officials finalized an agreement with Ted Turner's Endangered Species Fund that clears the way for the release of more Bolson tortoises on the media mogul's ranch in central New Mexico.

LA Times: [Editorial: Humanity almost killed off California's sea otters. It's time to help them again](#)

The Times Editorial Board, September 23, 2023

California's sea otters were once hunted to the brink of extinction. We can thank conservation laws like the Endangered Species Act for there being a few thousand of them floating and paddling along the Central Coast today. But their slow recovery faces a barrage of hazards fueled by climate change. These furry marine mammals are threatened by disease, sharks, harmful algae blooms, kelp forest loss, warming waters and ocean acidification. It's no wonder their population has dipped below 3,000 in recent years.

The Hill: [Ecosystem economics: How the Biden administration is finally giving nature its due](#)

James Goodwin, Opinion, September 23, 2023

Former Chillicothe Gazette Managing Editor Mike Throne has always had a way with words, so when he said on Wednesday that the World Heritage Site designation will "bring the world to our doorstep," he was absolutely right. For years, local officials and those around the state have been working toward getting our Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks added to the UNESCO World Heritage list. While the official announcement of our addition came this week, there is still a lot of work to get done to prepare for the influx of tourists who will be visiting the area. The U.S. Department of the Interior made the nomination in January 2022 to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's World Heritage List, created in 1972 to recognize the earth's most significant cultural and natural attractions.

Anchorage Daily News: [OPINION: Fighting for public lands and Alaska's future](#)

Karlin Itchoak, Opinion, September 24, 2023

When the Biden administration recently canceled the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority's unlawfully issued oil leases on the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, it didn't take long before we heard the usual claims of a "war on Alaska." But if we're going to make such analogies, perhaps we need to shift our focus to the biggest fight of our time — the battle against climate change. Or the attacks on the food security and human rights of Alaska Native Peoples who live in and

around the Arctic Refuge. Indigenous people have stewarded these lands since time immemorial, and their future depends on a healthy ecosystem and a thriving Porcupine caribou herd.

The Post-Searchlight: [Georgia awarded \\$1.3M for imperiled species conservation](#)

Staff, September 24, 2023

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) has awarded Georgia more than \$1.3 million for land acquisition efforts aimed at protecting several imperiled species. The Georgia funds are part of \$40.6 million in grants to 10 states and the U.S. Virgin Islands to support acquiring and conserving more than 7,200 acres of habitat for 65 species listed as endangered or at risk. In Georgia, the money will be used to protect red-cockaded woodpeckers, gopher tortoises, and wood storks.

Capital News Service: [Maryland lawmakers push for Chesapeake Bay to become National Park unit](#)

Shifra Dayak, September 22, 2023

The Chesapeake Bay could see a boost in status under legislation introduced this summer to designate the region as a National Recreation Area. Sponsored by Sen. Chris Van Hollen, D-Maryland, and Rep. John Sarbanes, D-Maryland, the Chesapeake National Recreation Area Act would allow the National Park Service to bring into its network sites in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, which covers over 60,000 square miles across six states and Washington, D.C. Sites would be included either through donations or purchases, but the new designation would not affect the rights of other property owners along the watershed.

Deseret News: [A new travel plan could close hundreds of miles of Moab's desert roads. Is it needed conservation, or government overreach?](#)

Kyle Dunphey, September 22, 2023

The Bureau of Land Management is gearing up to release a new travel plan for the Gemini Bridges-Labyrinth Canyon area, which could change recreation dynamics in the area. From several thousand feet above, the winding network of roads and trails that twist and divide sections of Gemini Bridges and Labyrinth Canyon in southern Utah are hard to miss. Roughly 98% of the area is within a half mile of a designated road.

Idaho Capital Sun: [Yellowstone extends comment period for bison management plan after high volume of comments](#)

Keila Szpaller, September 25, 2023

Given the volume of people writing in, Yellowstone National Park has extended the public comment period for its draft Bison Management Environmental Impact Statement until Oct. 10. "We've received nearly 2,000 comments so far," a park spokesperson said Thursday in an email. "At the end of the 60-day public comment period, we'll analyze and consider all of the comments and prepare a final EIS. The final EIS is expected to be released in 2024."

Idaho Capital Sun: [Biden's logging project near Yellowstone National Park makes mockery of his climate pledge](#)

Opinion, Mike Garrity, September 25, 2023

Once again, the Alliance for the Wild Rockies, Center for Biological Diversity and Council for Wildlife and Fish are challenging the Biden administration's Forest Service on yet another massive clearcutting. This time it's the South Plateau Project, right on the border of Yellowstone National Park. Yes, you read that right – President Joe Biden's Forest Service is planning to clearcut the National Forests surrounding Yellowstone and our only hope of stopping them is going to court to force this rogue, law-breaking agency to follow the law.

Augusta Free Press: [Federal judge strikes down Fish and Wildlife ruling that hellbenders are not endangered](#)

Ad Crable, September 22, 2023

A federal judge has ordered the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to take another look at its 2019 decision denying endangered status protection for the eastern hellbender, the nation's largest aquatic salamander that is found in low numbers in all Chesapeake Bay drainage states. On Sept. 5, Judge Lewis Liman in a U.S. District Court in New York voided the federal agency's 2019 decision. Liman ruled that one of the agency's determinations that hellbenders were not threatened or endangered because of emerging conservation and reintroduction efforts could not be assumed to head off population declines.

The News-Guard: [\\$1M: Oregon funding boost for forest, aquatic conservation](#)

Kyle Dunphey, September 23, 2023

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) is awarding \$1 million for the Oregon Private Forest Accord Aquatic Species Habitat Conservation Plan. Oregon's U.S. Senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden, along with Oregon's U.S. Representative Val Hoyle (OR-04) announced the funding, Sept. 18. "Endangered species are critical parts of Oregon's ecosystems, particularly aquatic habitats," Merkley said. He is Chairman of the Interior Appropriations Subcommittee, which funds the USFWS.

Boise State Public Radio: [Idaho scientists harness satellites to detect algal blooms; with more work, tool could be used across the region](#)

Murphy Woodhouse, September 21, 2023

Harmful algal blooms (HABs) are a serious problem for bodies of water across the West. Now researchers in Idaho are refining a tool that uses satellites to detect possible blooms – one that could eventually be used across the region and beyond. HABs are most commonly caused by aquatic, photosynthetic cyanobacteria, which can release cyanotoxins. They can irritate the skin and eyes, or if ingested, cause stomach pain and other symptoms in people and animals. Monitoring for them can be time- and resource-intensive. Tyler King, a research hydrologist at the US Geological Survey's Idaho Water Center, is part of a team that developed a tool that uses satellites to detect high concentrations of chlorophyll, which can indicate a harmful algal bloom.

Cowboy State Daily: [As Deadline Nears, Colorado Still Doesn't Have Wolves For Reintroduction Plan](#)

Mark Heinz, September 22, 2023

With an end-of-year deadline closing in, Colorado can't get any wolves for its planned reintroduction plan. Wyoming, and other Western states, have refused to send any. Colorado is still seeking wolves for its reintroduction program and remains confident it will find some from another state before a year-end deadline, a wildlife official said.

WABE: [National Park System selects Okefenokee for international world heritage site bid](#)

Marisa Mecke, September 22, 2023

The National Park Service is proposing the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge to become a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Heritage Site. The United States can only nominate one location each year for the United Nations honor, and the National Park System (NPS) ultimately selects the singular nominee from a list of proposed options, including National Parks and historic and cultural sites that meet at least one of the organization's 10 criteria.

WSFA: [The USGS wants dead butterflies from Alabama](#)

Allison Bolton, September 23, 2023

The United States Geological Survey wants Alabama's dead butterflies. That's right. Certain states are being asked to mail in dead butterflies, moths, and skippers so the USGS can make a Lepidoptera Research Collection (LRC). Alabama, along with Georgia, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Texas, are being asked to send in the dead critters.

E&E: [NPS seeks World Heritage status for Okefenokee refuge](#)

Michael Doyle, September 22, 2023

The proposal to make the Okefenokee wildlife refuge in Georgia into a United Nations-recognized site comes as the state of Georgia considers a plan to develop a titanium mine near the swamp. The National Park Service announced Friday it will move ahead on nominating the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge for designation as a World Heritage Site, a notable international honor for a swampy ecosystem immersed in a heated domestic dispute. Citing both widespread public support and the distinctive ecological character of the 402,000-acre refuge that straddles parts of Georgia and Florida, the park service called for preparation of a formal nomination that will be submitted to the World Heritage Committee.

DOI and Indigenous Peoples

High Country News: [The state of tribal co-management of public lands](#)

Anna V. Smith, September 22, 2023

As National Public Lands Day approaches, Indigenous leaders discuss working with agencies to manage dispossessed lands. This October marks two years since President Joe Biden restored Bears Ears National Monument to its original boundaries, which President Donald Trump had reduced by 85% in 2017. The five tribes of the Bears Ears Commission, along with three federal agencies, have since been working on the monument's first management plan. The plan is due out in November, pending a government shutdown, according to the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition. After that, agencies will co-host public hearings with tribal commissioners.

Idaho Capital Sun: [In new collaborations, tribes become stewards of parks and monuments](#)

Alex Brown, September 25, 2023

In a rural area of Michigan's Thumb region, a small state park preserves a collection of sandstone carvings that date back many hundreds of years. One of the carvings, a figure with a bow and arrow, symbolizes ancestors shooting their knowledge ahead seven generations. Some might say that arrow landed in 2019. That year, descendants of those stone carvers, members of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, signed an agreement with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to co-manage Sanilac Petroglyphs Historic State Park. The tribe's knowledge is once again steering stewardship of the landscape where the carvings were discovered.

Maui Now: [Rep. Tokuda requests additional support for Maui fire recovery, cultural preservation](#)

Staff, September 22, 2023

US Representative Jill Tokuda (HI-02), along with House Natural Resources Ranking Member Raul Grijalva, and Rep. Ed Case sent a letter to Secretary Deb Haaland requesting that the Department of Interior provide support for the environmental recovery and cultural preservation efforts on Maui and Hawai'i Island.

KTUU: [Fuel shortages have Tuluksak leaders worried about approaching winter](#)

Joe Cadotte, September 24, 2023

Lack of fuel and worries about being able to freeze food from the year's harvest is on the minds of people who live in the rural, Southwest community of Tuluksak. As winter approached, the Tuluksak Native Community, northeast of Bethel, wrote in an email that they have been waiting on fuel delivery since late June from the company Vitus Marine.

Culpeper Star-Exponent: [Federal recognition sought for Patowomeck Indian Tribe of Virginia](#)

Staff, September 23, 2023

Federal recognition is being sought for the Patowomeck Indian Tribe of Virginia, granted state recognition in 2010 by the Commonwealth of Virginia. More than 2,600 members are enrolled in the Patowomeck Indian Tribe of Virginia — and approximately 70 percent of these members live in Stafford County, according to a Sept. 18 release from Rep. Abigail Spanberger, D-7th, representative for that area. In 2010, the Commonwealth of Virginia granted state recognition to the Tribe. Federal recognition would make the tribe eligible for funding and services from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the release stated.

The Sentinel: [Army to continue research into missing remains of Carlisle Indian School student](#)

Joseph Cress, September 22, 2023

There was a time long ago when Edward Spott was waiting for a cue to step onto a stage. It was Jan. 12, 1895, and Spott was playing Myles Standish in a theatrical production put on by the Standard Debating Society in the chapel of the Carlisle Indian Industrial School campus, reported a week later by the Indian Helper, a student publication. Pennington Powell had the starring role of a magician conjuring up such historic figures as George Washington, William Penn and Benjamin Franklin. Even the classic Uncle Sam got into the act. The upbeat tone of the journal article was followed 15 months later by a death notice published in the April 24, 1896, edition of the Indian Helper.

VOA News: [Reporter's Notebook: For More Than 20 Years, Ancestor Led or Taught at Various Indian Boarding and Day Schools](#)

Cecily Hilleary, September 24, 2023

The 1901 Course of Study for the Indian Schools reflects the federal mission to turn Native Americans into farmers and housekeepers: Children were to spend half the day in classrooms, learning basic reading, writing and arithmetic, and spend the remainder of the day working in kitchens, fields, blacksmith shops or print shops. There was little time for leisure: "One evening in the week should be a social hour, when the pupils may spend the evening in conversation, grand marches, etc., under the direction of the teachers," the guide states.

Native News Online: ["The Road to Healing" Albuquerque Stop Postponed Due to Threat of Federal Government Shutdown](#)

Staff, September 22, 2023

Even the threat of a federal government shutdown at the end of FY2023 is causing the U.S. Department of the Interior to make precautionary postponements of previously planned events. On Friday afternoon, the Interior Department postponement of "The Road to Healing" listening session scheduled for Sunday, October 1, 2023 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The U.S. Department of the Interior's Indian Affairs made the announcement on late Friday afternoon in a press release.

DOI and the Climate Crisis

Nevada Current: [From not enough water to too much: Floods in Nevada bring pain and relief](#)

Jeniffer Solis, September 25, 2023

It's the second year in a row the Timbisha Shoshone Tribe have had to hook tarps over roofs torn apart by historic storms and prepare temporary shelter for shaken residents. The tribe has lived in what's now known as the Death Valley National Park since time immemorial, and is one of only a handful of tribes to retain territory within the park system. Today, several remaining members live in highly altered adobe homes that are nearly a century old.

Nevada Current: [Report of giant lithium find underscores need for less 'sloppy' permitting, conservationist says](#)

Jeniffer Solis, September 22, 2023

An ancient supervolcano formed millions of years ago in present-day Nevada may be hiding the largest deposit of lithium found anywhere in the world. And one U.S. mining company owns the rights to a small portion of it. A new study published in Science Advances hypothesizes that the McDermitt Caldera — which sits on the border between Nevada and Oregon — contains more than double the concentration of lithium than any other bed of clay globally, around 20 to 40 million metric tons in total.

Wisconsin Public Radio: [Mississippi River mayors seek a multi-state agreement to protect the river from water diversions to dry states](#)

Danielle Kaeding, September 22, 2023

The Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative has taken the first step toward developing a Great Lakes-style compact for the river. A group of community leaders along the Mississippi River has taken the first step toward developing a multi-state agreement to manage and protect water from diversions to dry southwestern states. Mayors from communities along the river approved a resolution to develop a Mississippi River Compact that would include 10 states, the action taken during the annual meeting of the Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative in Bemidji. Colin Wellenkamp, the group's executive director, said they hope a regional approach will provide better management of water resources and protect the river.

Recycling Today: [Biden administration backing changes to mining act](#)

Brian Taylor, September 22, 2023

A working group led by the U.S. Department of the Interior has released its final report containing recommendations to reform and improve the way mining is conducted on U.S. public lands. President Joe Biden's administration says its review of the Mining Law of 1872 and related federal permitting processes is part of its effort to increase domestic supplies of critical minerals and uphold the strongest environmental, labor and community engagement standards. The law covers what is commonly called "hardrock" mining, which does not include coal mining or oil or gas drilling.

E&E: [Oil production is surging. How much is due to Biden?](#)

Shelby Webb, September 25, 2023

As Republican presidential hopefuls slam President Joe Biden's energy policy on the campaign trail, his administration seems to have an obvious political weapon: surging oil production. Domestic production is projected to reach an all-time record high of 12.9 million barrels a day by the end of this year, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration. A data analysis by E&E News also shows that the Bureau of Land Management has approved more oil and gas leases on federal lands during Biden's first two years and seven months as president than former President Trump did during the same amount of time at the beginning of his administration.

E&E: [House panel to weigh drought, coastal protection bills](#)

Jennifer Yachnin, September 25, 2023

A House Natural Resources subcommittee will review a host of bipartisan bills covering issues from drought preparedness to the boundaries of protected coastal habitats. The Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries, chaired by Rep. Cliff Bentz (R-Ore.),

will meet Thursday to take up four pieces of legislation. The panel will consider two bills making updates to the Coastal Barrier Resources System (CBRS), a 1982 effort aimed at conservation of coastal barriers on the Atlantic Ocean, Gulf Coast and Great Lakes.

DOI and Other Bureau News

Politico: [Biden's Marshall Islands cliffhanger](#)

Phelim Kine, September 22, 2023

Hi, China Watchers. Today we assess how a negotiating standoff with Marshall Islands may undermine President Joe Biden's efforts to insulate Pacific Island allies from Chinese influence and gauge the implications of the apparent downfall of Chinese Defense Minister Li Shangfu. And with worsening U.S.-China tensions stunting bilateral trade, we profile a book on American business in China that almost didn't get written because of contributors' concerns that "anything seen as critical of China is unacceptable to Beijing, and anything pro-engagement gets criticized in Washington."

CNN: [How a government shutdown could impact Americans](#)

Betsy Klein and Tami Luhby, September 24, 2023

With the government on the brink of a shutdown this week as Congress remains at an impasse on a funding deal, federal departments and agencies have begun the mandatory process of planning to bring nonessential functions to a halt. The Office of Management and Budget reminded senior agency officials Friday to update and review shutdown plans.

Forbes: [A Government Shutdown Would Cost U.S. Travel Economy Nearly \\$1 Billion Per Week](#)

Suzanne Rowan Kelleher, September 25, 2023

The U.S. travel economy could lose nearly \$1 billion for every week that the government is shut down, according to new analysis for the U.S. Travel Association. The trade group pointed to a recent Ipsos survey indicating that six in 10 Americans would cancel trips or avoid flying in the event of a shutdown. As the narrowly-split U.S. Congress bumbles its way toward the September 30 deadline, industry officials are not mincing words. "Each day that passes will cost the travel economy \$140 million, an unacceptable prospect that Congress must avoid before the clock runs out and the damages mount," said U.S. Travel Association President and CEO Geoff Freeman. "A shutdown would be further proof of Washington's inability to find reasonable solutions to problems that affect Americans nationwide."

Insider: [I've traveled solo to 59 US National Parks. Here are my 10 best tips for first-time visitors.](#)

Emily Hart, September 24, 2023

I've spent my 30s traveling solo on a quest to visit all 63 of the United States National Parks. Nearly eight years later, I have visited 59 of the 63 major parks in the US National Parks Service system – and to say I've learned a lot would be an understatement. I'm frequently asked for tips for new visitors who want to make the most of their time in the parks. Of course, there is no one right way to travel, but several considerations will make a first-time trip much smoother.

CBS News: [Fat Bear Week gets ready to select an Alaska national park's favorite fattest bear](#)

Li Cohen, September 22, 2023

The bears are back – bigger, hungrier and hopefully, fatter than ever. Fat Bear Week will soon launch at Katmai National Park and Preserve in Alaska, bringing some of the park's most beloved bears to the spotlight to eat their way to get the crown for fattest bear before it's time to hibernate for the winter. Here's what to know about the annual event.

National Parks Traveler: [Testing Electric Shuttle Buses At Acadia National Park](#)

Staff, September 25, 2023

The feasibility of shifting the Island Explorer shuttle buses at Acadia National Park in Maine from propane to electricity is being tested in the park. The National Park Service is partnering with Downeast Transportation Inc. to test the feasibility of converting all or some of the Island Explorer bus fleet from propane to electric power. The pilot project is supported by the U.S. Department of Transportation's John A. Volpe National Transportation Systems Center and the U.S. Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory).

E&E: [Utah governor wants to keep parks open during shutdown](#)

Rob Hotakainen, September 22, 2023

Republican Gov. Spencer Cox said the state could use existing funds to keep its national parks open, without having to call a special session. Utah would be willing to pay the expenses to keep national parks in the state open if the federal government shuts down on Oct. 1, Republican Gov. Spencer Cox said this week. "We believe we can do that with existing funds without having to call a special session," Cox said at a news conference on Thursday. "And so that's the track that we are taking right now."

E&E: [Natural Resources GOP jumps into immigrant housing fight](#)

Nidhi Prakash, September 25, 2023

As national Republican rhetoric against immigrants crossing the southern border ramps up again, House GOP lawmakers plan to hold a hearing Wednesday focused on New York City's use of a field run by the National Park Service to temporarily house asylum seekers. The Biden administration has agreed to lease the field to New York City for use as a humanitarian center, with the state picking up the \$1.7 million per month leasing fee.

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Secretary Deb Haaland

Outside Online: [Deb Haaland: Public Lands Represent Freedom and Openness](#)

Deb Haaland, Opinion, September 23, 2023

Long before I ever became Secretary of the Interior, I spent many hours on our nation's public lands. Growing up, I learned from my family the importance of caring for the lands that keep our air clean, our soil fertile, and our water pure. As a single mom struggling to make ends meet, I passed these lessons down to my child, Somáh. Together, we explored places like the Will Rogers State Historic Park in California. I would pack our snacks and water bottles and we'd set out—stopping to smell sage along the trails. In spite of our humble means, we experienced the wonders of nature that only our public lands could provide. This Saturday, our nation will celebrate the 30th annual National Public Lands Day. It's a day that calls us to action: together, we roll up our sleeves and help restore public lands of all kinds.

Columbia River Basin Agreement

Boise State Public Radio: [Federal Government to fund \\$200M salmon restoration project in the Upper Columbia River Basin](#)

Julie Luchetta, September 22, 2023

The US government has reached an agreement with local tribes to help restore salmon populations in the Upper Columbia River Basin. The first step of the plan between the federal government, the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, the Coeur d'Alene Tribe and the Spokane Tribe of Indians will be to test the feasibility of reintroducing salmon in areas of the river blocked by dams.

Big Country News: [Feds Pledge \\$200 Million to Tribal-Led Salmon Reintroduction in Upper Columbia River Basin](#)

Staff, September 22, 2023

The Biden administration has announced an agreement to support efforts to restore salmon populations in the Upper Columbia River Basin. The agreement between the government, the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, and the Spokane Tribe of Indians will fund efforts to test the feasibility of, and ultimately to reintroduce salmon in blocked habitats in the Upper Basin. The agreement, announced on Thursday, includes \$200 million over 20 years from the Bonneville Power Administration, a federal power marketing administration under the Department of Energy, to advance the implementation plan - led by the tribes. The Department of the Interior also announced it is providing \$8 million over two years through the Bureau of Reclamation to support these efforts.

The Columbian: [Is a new Columbia River Treaty treaty on tap?](#)

Lauren Ellenbecker, September 23, 2023

Since 1961, the U.S. and Canada have worked together to manage dams in the Columbia River Basin, but this arrangement may change in September 2024. The Columbia River Treaty requires the U.S. and Canada to coordinate flood management in the Columbia Basin. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation operate the 14 dams that sit within the Columbia River System, a drainage the size of Texas.

President's Investing in America Agenda Provides Resources for Tribal Nations to Address Legacy Pollution

KGOU: [Federal Funding Coming For Abandoned Wells In Tribal Communities](#)

Staff, September 22, 2023

The U.S. Department of the Interior is investing almost \$40 million to plug and clean up abandoned oil and gas wells in tribal communities across the country. More than half of that money is going to tribes in Oklahoma. The Osage Nation will get almost \$20 million to plug about 300 orphaned wells. The Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Indians, Kiowa Indian Tribe of Oklahoma, Chickasaw and Muscogee Nations will also receive funds to plug or assess unused oil and gas wells. U.S. Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Bryan Newland says the unplugged wells jeopardize public health and the environment by contaminating groundwater, emitting methane and leaving dangerous equipment sitting idle.

Investing in America Agenda

NPR: [Thousands of federal firefighters face a looming pay cut. How much is up to Congress](#)

Ximena Bustillo, September 25, 2023

Federal wildland firefighters were on the frontlines of some of the harshest wildfires to hit the U.S. and Canada this summer. But as Congress is inching towards its Sept. 30 deadline to fund the government, those firefighters stand to lose half their salaries. And whether or not the government makes a deal, rent is due Oct. 1.

Bloomberg: [US Wildfire Fighters Are Hitting a Pay Cliff at the Worst Time](#)

Kyle Stock, September 23, 2023

In Fairbanks, Alaska, the US Forest Service is looking to hire a smokejumper, a person who parachutes out of a rickety airplane to wrangle wildfires that break out far from roads or rivers. Little experience is necessary; the pay starts at \$18.06 per hour. Meanwhile, Sadler's Home Furnishings, with three stores in the Fairbanks area, is offering \$21 an hour to shuffle couches in its warehouse. The Best Western on the nearby Chena River will pay \$15.50 an hour for a front desk clerk and the University of Alaska needs an administrative assistant at almost \$25 an hour — no parachute necessary.

LAist: [Wildland Firefighter Pay Bump Set To Expire Next Month](#)

Yusra Farzan, September 22, 2023

Four months ago, more than 40 wildland firefighters left their posts in the San Bernardino National Forest, and they could do so again next month. A temporary increase in their pay is set to expire October 3. That's unless Congress can increase their pay with the passing of the Wildland Firefighter Paycheck Protection Act. The National Federation of Federal Employees represents the wildland firefighters. They say if their pay increases go away, as many as half of the national force are prepared to walk off the job.

The Hill: [Ecosystem economics: How the Biden administration is finally giving nature its due](#)

James Goodwin, Opinion, September 23, 2023

If a tree stands in the forest, and there's no economist around to tabulate its benefits to humans, do those benefits still exist? For government agencies, the answer has long been, "No." But the Biden administration is poised to change that. Every day our natural environment provides us with a steady supply of "ecosystem services" that enhance our lives and wellbeing. Examples include flood control for coastal communities provided by wetlands, pollination of commercial crops by bees, and culturally valued experiences that some indigenous communities derive from subsistence fishing. Critically, the healthier our natural environment, the more — and better — ecosystem services it can provide.

Wyoming Public Media: [Sagebrush ecosystem restoration on the Wind River Reservation grows deeper roots with recent federal funding](#)

Hannah Habermann, September 22, 2023

Sagebrush ecosystem conservation got another big boost in September, thanks to the Biden Administration's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The US Fish and Wildlife Service announced more than \$10.5 million of funding for projects throughout the West and on the Wind River Reservation. On a crisp morning at Washakie Reservoir, tall limestone cliffs frame one end of the kite-shaped lake, a sort of gateway to the nearby Wind River Mountain Range. Spindly silver-green sagebrush and gold grasses catch the early light for as far as the eye can see.

E&E: [Review urges pay, benefit improvements for elite wildfire crews](#)

Marc Heller, September 22, 2023

An interagency team identified pay, flexible work hours and vehicle maintenance as high priorities for wildfire Hotshot teams. The federal government's elite wildfire crews need higher pay, more flexible hours and an improved fleet of vehicles, according to an interagency review team tasked with identifying the system's weaknesses. In a report on its findings, the 31-member team pointed to longer fire seasons exacerbated by the changing climate, more incidents of multiple fires at the same time and the stress that's affecting firefighters' work-life balance.

The Colorado River Basin

Arizona Capitol Times: [Process starts for new era managing Colorado River](#)

Mia Osmonbekov, September 22, 2023

Stakeholders sharing the Colorado River have started sending their water policy wish lists to the Bureau of Reclamation as they negotiate new river use guidelines. The current 2007 Colorado River guidelines — set to expire in 2026 — created strategies to conserve water in drought conditions, innovating solutions such as allowing states to earn water credits and determining an allocation system based on Lake Mead's water levels.

Arizona Capitol Times: [Water cuts force Pinal County farmers to scale back](#)

Mia Osmonbekov, September 23, 2023

Farmers in Pinal County left swathes of land unplanted following Colorado River water cuts. Now yielding fewer crops, they're forced to find alternative ways to survive, as agriculture faces a bleaker future. Last year, statewide water cuts eliminated 99% of the county's water allocation from the Central Arizona Project, according to Brian Yerges, general manager of the Maricopa Stanfield Irrigation District.

Telluride Daily Planet: [Western states vote to narrow focus of Colorado River program](#)

Ashely Bunton, September 23, 2023

Colorado's commissioner, Becky Mitchell, supports 'drought resiliency tools'. Water commissioners from Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, Wyoming are focusing on water demand management in the future of a conservation pilot program. The Upper Colorado River Commission met for a special meeting on Sept. 21 and heard an update regarding the System Conservation Pilot Program (SCPP).

Colorado Politics: [Colorado River solutions should include cutting water consumption, including in Colorado](#)

Marianne Goodland, September 22, 2023

What does a durable solution to the crisis on the Colorado River look like? According to Andy Mueller, general manager of the Colorado River District, it's a future with less water. And that's not just for the lower basin states of the Colorado River. Colorado water users need to look at how to use less, too, he said. Mueller spoke Friday at the Colorado River District's annual water seminar in Grand Junction. The annual seminar is looking at the river's future, drought policy and perspectives from Colorado's

river neighbors.

Northeast Valley News: [Arizona's ongoing drought—cloud seeding a possible aid](#)

Marcus Reichley, September 22, 2023

Is cloud seeding modification worth the investment? Despite a bountiful snowpack and above average rain during the winter season, Arizona still grapples with a protracted drought. The Salt River Project (SRP) is exploring various methods to address the issue, one of which is the process of dropping crystals into clouds to draw out rain, known as cloud seeding.

Fence Post: [Living within the river's means](#)

Rachel Gabel, September 22, 2023

The Colorado Cattlemen's Association Ag Water NetWORK hosted a webinar to provide an update to agriculture producers on the 2023 Colorado Water Plan and on the Colorado River Basin. Amy Ostdiek, Interstate, Federal and Water Information section chief of Colorado Water Conservation Board focuses on Colorado River matters and supporting Commissioner Becky Mitchell, Colorado's principal negotiator on behalf of the state on interstate Colorado River matters. In her update on the Colorado River, she said the 101-year-old Colorado River Compact was developed by the basin states and remains vitally important to understanding water issues and it remains firmly in place today.

DOI and Offshore Energy

AP: [Judge blocks government plan to scale back Gulf oil lease sale to protect whale species](#)

Kevin McGill, September 22, 2023

A federal judge has ordered the Interior Department to expand next week's scheduled sale of Gulf of Mexico oil and gas leases by millions of acres, rejecting a scaled-back plan announced last month by the Biden administration as part of an effort to protect an endangered whale species. The Biden administration on Friday asked the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans to block the order issued Thursday night in Lake Charles, Louisiana, by U.S. District Judge James David Cain Jr. Environmental groups represented by the Earthjustice organization also appealed.

Reuters: [Biden administration appeals judge's order expanding Gulf oil auction](#)

Jarrett Renshaw, September 22, 2023

The Biden administration and environmental groups on Friday said they would appeal a Louisiana federal judge's ruling that ordered an expansion of next week's sale of oil leases in the Gulf of Mexico. The U.S. Interior Department and groups including the Center for Biological Diversity filed a notice of appeal with the New Orleans-based 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals just a day after U.S. District Judge James Cain said the Biden administration had to include additional acreage.

Straight Arrow News: [Whale strandings fuel controversy: Are offshore wind farms to blame?](#)

Shannon Longworth, September 23, 2023

Whales have been washing up lifeless in a startling and now-common sight along the Eastern Seaboard, a cause for concern for local communities. Various residents and conservationists are pointing fingers at offshore wind farm surveys conducted as a precursor to building wind energy facilities in the Atlantic Ocean. "It's very moving in a bad way to see that," said Cindy Zipf, executive director of Clean Ocean Action in Long Branch, New Jersey. "Something that's so majestic and so beautiful – just kind of lifeless on land."

Offshore Magazine: [BOEM says it is complying with court order regarding Lease Sale 261](#)

Staff, September 22, 2023

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management says that it is taking steps to comply with the court order issued on Sept. 21, 2023. The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) says that it is taking steps to comply with an order issued on Sept. 21, 2023, by the US District Court for the Western District of Louisiana regarding Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Lease Sale 261.

Offshore Engineer: [Biden Administration to Appeal Judge's Order Expanding Gulf Oil Auction](#)

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Rigzone: [W&T Completes Acquisition of GOM Assets for \\$32MM](#)

Rocky Teodoro, September 22, 2023

W&T Offshore Inc. has completed its acquisition of working interests in eight shallow water oil and gas-producing assets in the central and eastern shelf region of the Gulf of Mexico (GOM) from an undisclosed private seller. The assets were acquired for a gross consideration of \$32 million, subject to customary post-effective date purchase price adjustments, W&T said in a news release Thursday. W&T used its cash on the balance sheet to pay the net purchase price. The acquisition has a closing date of September 20 and an effectivity date of June 1.

Oil & Gas Journal: [Court orders Interior to conduct lease sale without last-minute restrictions](#)

Alan Kovski, September 22, 2023

A federal court issued a preliminary injunction requiring the DOI to go ahead with its impending Gulf of Mexico oil and gas lease sale without the restrictions on acreage and ship movements that were added just a month before the planned sale. A federal court issued a preliminary injunction Sept. 21 requiring the Interior Department to go ahead with its impending Gulf of Mexico oil

and gas lease sale without the restrictions on acreage and ship movements that were added just a month before the planned sale.

E&E: [Judge axes Interior effort to shrink oil lease sale](#)

Heather Richards, September 22, 2023

The Biden administration attempted to remove 6 million acres from a Gulf of Mexico lease sale next week to protect an endangered whale's habitat. A federal judge has blocked the Biden administration's attempt to nix 6 million acres of the Gulf of Mexico from an upcoming oil sale to protect an endangered whale. In a ruling late Thursday, Judge James Cain, a Trump appointee to the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Louisiana, granted the oil industry a preliminary injunction that temporarily lifts the leasing restrictions in the habitat of the Rice's whale.

DOI and Conservation

AP: [Biologists in slow and steady race to help North America's largest and rarest tortoise species](#)

Susan Montoya Bryan, September 23, 2023

While the average lifespan of North America's largest and most rare tortoise species is unknown, biologists have said it could span upward of a century. So saving the endangered species is a long game — one that got another nudge forward Friday as U.S. wildlife officials finalized an agreement with Ted Turner's Endangered Species Fund that clears the way for the release of more Bolson tortoises on the media mogul's ranch in central New Mexico.

LA Times: [Editorial: Humanity almost killed off California's sea otters. It's time to help them again](#)

The Times Editorial Board, September 23, 2023

California's sea otters were once hunted to the brink of extinction. We can thank conservation laws like the Endangered Species Act for there being a few thousand of them floating and paddling along the Central Coast today. But their slow recovery faces a barrage of hazards fueled by climate change. These furry marine mammals are threatened by disease, sharks, harmful algae blooms, kelp forest loss, warming waters and ocean acidification. It's no wonder their population has dipped below 3,000 in recent years.

The Hill: [Ecosystem economics: How the Biden administration is finally giving nature its due](#)

James Goodwin, Opinion, September 23, 2023

Former Chillicothe Gazette Managing Editor Mike Throne has always had a way with words, so when he said on Wednesday that the World Heritage Site designation will "bring the world to our doorstep," he was absolutely right. For years, local officials and those around the state have been working toward getting our Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks added to the UNESCO World Heritage list. While the official announcement of our addition came this week, there is still a lot of work to get done to prepare for the influx of tourists who will be visiting the area. The U.S. Department of the Interior made the nomination in January 2022 to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's World Heritage List, created in 1972 to recognize the earth's most significant cultural and natural attractions.

Anchorage Daily News: [OPINION: Fighting for public lands and Alaska's future](#)

Karlin Itchoak, Opinion, September 24, 2023

When the Biden administration recently canceled the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority's unlawfully issued oil leases on the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, it didn't take long before we heard the usual claims of a "war on Alaska." But if we're going to make such analogies, perhaps we need to shift our focus to the biggest fight of our time — the battle against climate change. Or the attacks on the food security and human rights of Alaska Native Peoples who live in and around the Arctic Refuge. Indigenous people have stewarded these lands since time immemorial, and their future depends on a healthy ecosystem and a thriving Porcupine caribou herd.

The Post-Searchlight: [Georgia awarded \\$1.3M for imperiled species conservation](#)

Staff, September 24, 2023

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) has awarded Georgia more than \$1.3 million for land acquisition efforts aimed at protecting several imperiled species. The Georgia funds are part of \$40.6 million in grants to 10 states and the U.S. Virgin Islands to support acquiring and conserving more than 7,200 acres of habitat for 65 species listed as endangered or at risk. In Georgia, the money will be used to protect red-cockaded woodpeckers, gopher tortoises, and wood storks.

Capital News Service: [Maryland lawmakers push for Chesapeake Bay to become National Park unit](#)

Shifra Dayak, September 22, 2023

The Chesapeake Bay could see a boost in status under legislation introduced this summer to designate the region as a National Recreation Area. Sponsored by Sen. Chris Van Hollen, D-Maryland, and Rep. John Sarbanes, D-Maryland, the Chesapeake National Recreation Area Act would allow the National Park Service to bring into its network sites in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, which covers over 60,000 square miles across six states and Washington, D.C. Sites would be included either through donations or purchases, but the new designation would not affect the rights of other property owners along the watershed.

Deseret News: [A new travel plan could close hundreds of miles of Moab's desert roads. Is it needed conservation, or government overreach?](#)

Kyle Dunphey, September 22, 2023

The Bureau of Land Management is gearing up to release a new travel plan for the Gemini Bridges-Labyrinth Canyon area, which could change recreation dynamics in the area. From several thousand feet above, the winding network of roads and trails that

twist and divide sections of Gemini Bridges and Labyrinth Canyon in southern Utah are hard to miss. Roughly 98% of the area is within a half mile of a designated road.

Idaho Capital Sun: [Yellowstone extends comment period for bison management plan after high volume of comments](#)

Keila Szpaller, September 25, 2023

Given the volume of people writing in, Yellowstone National Park has extended the public comment period for its draft Bison Management Environmental Impact Statement until Oct. 10. "We've received nearly 2,000 comments so far," a park spokesperson said Thursday in an email. "At the end of the 60-day public comment period, we'll analyze and consider all of the comments and prepare a final EIS. The final EIS is expected to be released in 2024."

Idaho Capital Sun: [Biden's logging project near Yellowstone National Park makes mockery of his climate pledge](#)

Opinion, Mike Garrity, September 25, 2023

Once again, the Alliance for the Wild Rockies, Center for Biological Diversity and Council for Wildlife and Fish are challenging the Biden administration's Forest Service on yet another massive clearcutting. This time it's the South Plateau Project, right on the border of Yellowstone National Park. Yes, you read that right – President Joe Biden's Forest Service is planning to clearcut the National Forests surrounding Yellowstone and our only hope of stopping them is going to court to force this rogue, law-breaking agency to follow the law.

Augusta Free Press: [Federal judge strikes down Fish and Wildlife ruling that hellbenders are not endangered](#)

Ad Crable, September 22, 2023

A federal judge has ordered the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to take another look at its 2019 decision denying endangered status protection for the eastern hellbender, the nation's largest aquatic salamander that is found in low numbers in all Chesapeake Bay drainage states. On Sept. 5, Judge Lewis Liman in a U.S. District Court in New York voided the federal agency's 2019 decision. Liman ruled that one of the agency's determinations that hellbenders were not threatened or endangered because of emerging conservation and reintroduction efforts could not be assumed to head off population declines.

The News-Guard: [\\$1M: Oregon funding boost for forest, aquatic conservation](#)

Kyle Dunphey, September 23, 2023

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) is awarding \$1 million for the Oregon Private Forest Accord Aquatic Species Habitat Conservation Plan. Oregon's U.S. Senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden, along with Oregon's U.S. Representative Val Hoyle (OR-04) announced the funding, Sept. 18. "Endangered species are critical parts of Oregon's ecosystems, particularly aquatic habitats," Merkley said. He is Chairman of the Interior Appropriations Subcommittee, which funds the USFWS.

Boise State Public Radio: [Idaho scientists harness satellites to detect algal blooms; with more work, tool could be used across the region](#)

Murphy Woodhouse, September 21, 2023

Harmful algal blooms (HABs) are a serious problem for bodies of water across the West. Now researchers in Idaho are refining a tool that uses satellites to detect possible blooms – one that could eventually be used across the region and beyond. HABs are most commonly caused by aquatic, photosynthetic cyanobacteria, which can release cyanotoxins. They can irritate the skin and eyes, or if ingested, cause stomach pain and other symptoms in people and animals. Monitoring for them can be time- and resource-intensive. Tyler King, a research hydrologist at the US Geological Survey's Idaho Water Center, is part of a team that developed a tool that uses satellites to detect high concentrations of chlorophyll, which can indicate a harmful algal bloom.

Cowboy State Daily: [As Deadline Nears, Colorado Still Doesn't Have Wolves For Reintroduction Plan](#)

Mark Heinz, September 22, 2023

With an end-of-year deadline closing in, Colorado can't get any wolves for its planned reintroduction plan. Wyoming, and other Western states, have refused to send any. Colorado is still seeking wolves for its reintroduction program and remains confident it will find some from another state before a year-end deadline, a wildlife official said.

WABE: [National Park System selects Okefenokee for international world heritage site bid](#)

Marisa Mecke, September 22, 2023

The National Park Service is proposing the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge to become a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Heritage Site. The United States can only nominate one location each year for the United Nations honor, and the National Park System (NPS) ultimately selects the singular nominee from a list of proposed options, including National Parks and historic and cultural sites that meet at least one of the organization's 10 criteria.

WSFA: [The USGS wants dead butterflies from Alabama](#)

Allison Bolton, September 23, 2023

The United States Geological Survey wants Alabama's dead butterflies. That's right. Certain states are being asked to mail in dead butterflies, moths, and skippers so the USGS can make a Lepidoptera Research Collection (LRC). Alabama, along with Georgia, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Texas, are being asked to send in the dead critters.

E&E: [NPS seeks World Heritage status for Okefenokee refuge](#)

Michael Doyle, September 22, 2023

The proposal to make the Okefenokee wildlife refuge in Georgia into a United Nations-recognized site comes as the state of Georgia considers a plan to develop a titanium mine near the swamp. The National Park Service announced Friday it will move ahead on nominating the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge for designation as a World Heritage Site, a notable international

honor for a swampy ecosystem immersed in a heated domestic dispute. Citing both widespread public support and the distinctive ecological character of the 402,000-acre refuge that straddles parts of Georgia and Florida, the park service called for preparation of a formal nomination that will be submitted to the World Heritage Committee.

DOI and Indigenous Peoples

High Country News: [The state of tribal co-management of public lands](#)

Anna V. Smith, September 22, 2023

As National Public Lands Day approaches, Indigenous leaders discuss working with agencies to manage dispossessed lands. This October marks two years since President Joe Biden restored Bears Ears National Monument to its original boundaries, which President Donald Trump had reduced by 85% in 2017. The five tribes of the Bears Ears Commission, along with three federal agencies, have since been working on the monument's first management plan. The plan is due out in November, pending a government shutdown, according to the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition. After that, agencies will co-host public hearings with tribal commissioners.

Idaho Capital Sun: [In new collaborations, tribes become stewards of parks and monuments](#)

Alex Brown, September 25, 2023

In a rural area of Michigan's Thumb region, a small state park preserves a collection of sandstone carvings that date back many hundreds of years. One of the carvings, a figure with a bow and arrow, symbolizes ancestors shooting their knowledge ahead seven generations. Some might say that arrow landed in 2019. That year, descendants of those stone carvers, members of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, signed an agreement with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to co-manage Sanilac Petroglyphs Historic State Park. The tribe's knowledge is once again steering stewardship of the landscape where the carvings were discovered.

Maui Now: [Rep. Tokuda requests additional support for Maui fire recovery, cultural preservation](#)

Staff, September 22, 2023

US Representative Jill Tokuda (HI-02), along with House Natural Resources Ranking Member Raul Grijalva, and Rep. Ed Case sent a letter to Secretary Deb Haaland requesting that the Department of Interior provide support for the environmental recovery and cultural preservation efforts on Maui and Hawai'i Island.

KTUU: [Fuel shortages have Tuluksak leaders worried about approaching winter](#)

Joe Cadotte, September 24, 2023

Lack of fuel and worries about being able to freeze food from the year's harvest is on the minds of people who live in the rural, Southwest community of Tuluksak. As winter approached, the Tuluksak Native Community, northeast of Bethel, wrote in an email that they have been waiting on fuel delivery since late June from the company Vitus Marine.

Culpeper Star-Exponent: [Federal recognition sought for Patawomeck Indian Tribe of Virginia](#)

Staff, September 23, 2023

Federal recognition is being sought for the Patawomeck Indian Tribe of Virginia, granted state recognition in 2010 by the Commonwealth of Virginia. More than 2,600 members are enrolled in the Patawomeck Indian Tribe of Virginia — and approximately 70 percent of these members live in Stafford County, according to a Sept. 18 release from Rep. Abigail Spanberger, D-7th, representative for that area. In 2010, the Commonwealth of Virginia granted state recognition to the Tribe. Federal recognition would make the tribe eligible for funding and services from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the release stated.

The Sentinel: [Army to continue research into missing remains of Carlisle Indian School student](#)

Joseph Cress, September 22, 2023

There was a time long ago when Edward Spott was waiting for a cue to step onto a stage. It was Jan. 12, 1895, and Spott was playing Myles Standish in a theatrical production put on by the Standard Debating Society in the chapel of the Carlisle Indian Industrial School campus, reported a week later by the Indian Helper, a student publication. Pennington Powell had the starring role of a magician conjuring up such historic figures as George Washington, William Penn and Benjamin Franklin. Even the classic Uncle Sam got into the act. The upbeat tone of the journal article was followed 15 months later by a death notice published in the April 24, 1896, edition of the Indian Helper.

VOA News: [Reporter's Notebook: For More Than 20 Years, Ancestor Led or Taught at Various Indian Boarding and Day Schools](#)

Cecily Hilleary, September 24, 2023

The 1901 Course of Study for the Indian Schools reflects the federal mission to turn Native Americans into farmers and housekeepers: Children were to spend half the day in classrooms, learning basic reading, writing and arithmetic, and spend the remainder of the day working in kitchens, fields, blacksmith shops or print shops. There was little time for leisure: "One evening in the week should be a social hour, when the pupils may spend the evening in conversation, grand marches, etc., under the direction of the teachers," the guide states.

Native News Online: ["The Road to Healing" Albuquerque Stop Postponed Due to Threat of Federal Government Shutdown](#)

Staff, September 22, 2023

Even the threat of a federal government shutdown at the end of FY2023 is causing the U.S. Department of the Interior to make precautionary postponements of previously planned events. On Friday afternoon, the Interior Department postponement of "The Road to Healing" listening session scheduled for Sunday, October 1, 2023 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The U.S. Department of the Interior's Indian Affairs made the announcement on late Friday afternoon in a press release.

DOI and the Climate Crisis

Nevada Current: [From not enough water to too much: Floods in Nevada bring pain and relief](#)

Jeniffer Solis, September 25, 2023

It's the second year in a row the Timbisha Shoshone Tribe have had to hook tarps over roofs torn apart by historic storms and prepare temporary shelter for shaken residents. The tribe has lived in what's now known as the Death Valley National Park since time immemorial, and is one of only a handful of tribes to retain territory within the park system. Today, several remaining members live in highly altered adobe homes that are nearly a century old.

Nevada Current: [Report of giant lithium find underscores need for less 'sloppy' permitting, conservationist says](#)

Jeniffer Solis, September 22, 2023

An ancient supervolcano formed millions of years ago in present-day Nevada may be hiding the largest deposit of lithium found anywhere in the world. And one U.S. mining company owns the rights to a small portion of it. A new study published in Science Advances hypothesizes that the McDermitt Caldera — which sits on the border between Nevada and Oregon — contains more than double the concentration of lithium than any other bed of clay globally, around 20 to 40 million metric tons in total.

Wisconsin Public Radio: [Mississippi River mayors seek a multi-state agreement to protect the river from water diversions to dry states](#)

Danielle Kaeding, September 22, 2023

The Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative has taken the first step toward developing a Great Lakes-style compact for the river. A group of community leaders along the Mississippi River has taken the first step toward developing a multi-state agreement to manage and protect water from diversions to dry southwestern states. Mayors from communities along the river approved a resolution to develop a Mississippi River Compact that would include 10 states, the action taken during the annual meeting of the Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative in Bemidji. Colin Wellenkamp, the group's executive director, said they hope a regional approach will provide better management of water resources and protect the river.

Recycling Today: [Biden administration backing changes to mining act](#)

Brian Taylor, September 22, 2023

A working group led by the U.S. Department of the Interior has released its final report containing recommendations to reform and improve the way mining is conducted on U.S. public lands. President Joe Biden's administration says its review of the Mining Law of 1872 and related federal permitting processes is part of its effort to increase domestic supplies of critical minerals and uphold the strongest environmental, labor and community engagement standards. The law covers what is commonly called "hardrock" mining, which does not include coal mining or oil or gas drilling.

E&E: [Oil production is surging. How much is due to Biden?](#)

Shelby Webb, September 25, 2023

As Republican presidential hopefuls slam President Joe Biden's energy policy on the campaign trail, his administration seems to have an obvious political weapon: surging oil production. Domestic production is projected to reach an all-time record high of 12.9 million barrels a day by the end of this year, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration. A data analysis by E&E News also shows that the Bureau of Land Management has approved more oil and gas leases on federal lands during Biden's first two years and seven months as president than former President Trump did during the same amount of time at the beginning of his administration.

E&E: [House panel to weigh drought, coastal protection bills](#)

Jennifer Yachnin, September 25, 2023

A House Natural Resources subcommittee will review a host of bipartisan bills covering issues from drought preparedness to the boundaries of protected coastal habitats. The Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries, chaired by Rep. Cliff Bentz (R-Ore.), will meet Thursday to take up four pieces of legislation. The panel will consider two bills making updates to the Coastal Barrier Resources System (CBRS), a 1982 effort aimed at conservation of coastal barriers on the Atlantic Ocean, Gulf Coast and Great Lakes.

DOI and Other Bureau News

Politico: [Biden's Marshall Islands cliffhanger](#)

Phelim Kine, September 22, 2023

Hi, China Watchers. Today we assess how a negotiating standoff with Marshall Islands may undermine President Joe Biden's efforts to insulate Pacific Island allies from Chinese influence and gauge the implications of the apparent downfall of Chinese Defense Minister Li Shangfu. And with worsening U.S.-China tensions stunting bilateral trade, we profile a book on American business in China that almost didn't get written because of contributors' concerns that "anything seen as critical of China is unacceptable to Beijing, and anything pro-engagement gets criticized in Washington."

CNN: [How a government shutdown could impact Americans](#)

Betsy Klein and Tami Luhby, September 24, 2023

With the government on the brink of a shutdown this week as Congress remains at an impasse on a funding deal, federal departments and agencies have begun the mandatory process of planning to bring nonessential functions to a halt. The Office of Management and Budget reminded senior agency officials Friday to update and review shutdown plans.

Forbes: [A Government Shutdown Would Cost U.S. Travel Economy Nearly \\$1 Billion Per Week](#)

Suzanne Rowan Kelleher, September 25, 2023

The U.S. travel economy could lose nearly \$1 billion for every week that the government is shut down, according to new analysis for the U.S. Travel Association. The trade group pointed to a recent Ipsos survey indicating that six in 10 Americans would cancel trips or avoid flying in the event of a shutdown. As the narrowly-split U.S. Congress bumbles its way toward the September 30

deadline, industry officials are not mincing words. “Each day that passes will cost the travel economy \$140 million, an unacceptable prospect that Congress must avoid before the clock runs out and the damages mount,” said U.S. Travel Association President and CEO Geoff Freeman. “A shutdown would be further proof of Washington’s inability to find reasonable solutions to problems that affect Americans nationwide.”

Insider: [I've traveled solo to 59 US National Parks. Here are my 10 best tips for first-time visitors.](#)

Emily Hart, September 24, 2023

I've spent my 30s traveling solo on a quest to visit all 63 of the United States National Parks. Nearly eight years later, I have visited 59 of the 63 major parks in the US National Parks Service system – and to say I've learned a lot would be an understatement. I'm frequently asked for tips for new visitors who want to make the most of their time in the parks. Of course, there is no one right way to travel, but several considerations will make a first-time trip much smoother.

CBS News: [Fat Bear Week gets ready to select an Alaska national park's favorite fattest bear](#)

Li Cohen, September 22, 2023

The bears are back – bigger, hungrier and hopefully, fatter than ever. Fat Bear Week will soon launch at Katmai National Park and Preserve in Alaska, bringing some of the park's most beloved bears to the spotlight to eat their way to get the crown for fattest bear before it's time to hibernate for the winter. Here's what to know about the annual event.

National Parks Traveler: [Testing Electric Shuttle Buses At Acadia National Park](#)

Staff, September 25, 2023

The feasibility of shifting the Island Explorer shuttle buses at Acadia National Park in Maine from propane to electricity is being tested in the park. The National Park Service is partnering with Downeast Transportation Inc. to test the feasibility of converting all or some of the Island Explorer bus fleet from propane to electric power. The pilot project is supported by the U.S. Department of Transportation’s John A. Volpe National Transportation Systems Center and the U.S. Department of Energy’s National Renewable Energy Laboratory).

E&E: [Utah governor wants to keep parks open during shutdown](#)

Rob Hotakainen, September 22, 2023

Republican Gov. Spencer Cox said the state could use existing funds to keep its national parks open, without having to call a special session. Utah would be willing to pay the expenses to keep national parks in the state open if the federal government shuts down on Oct. 1, Republican Gov. Spencer Cox said this week. “We believe we can do that with existing funds without having to call a special session,” Cox said at a news conference on Thursday. “And so that’s the track that we are taking right now.”

E&E: [Natural Resources GOP jumps into immigrant housing fight](#)

Nidhi Prakash, September 25, 2023

As national Republican rhetoric against immigrants crossing the southern border ramps up again, House GOP lawmakers plan to hold a hearing Wednesday focused on New York City’s use of a field run by the National Park Service to temporarily house asylum seekers. The Biden administration has agreed to lease the field to New York City for use as a humanitarian center, with the state picking up the \$1.7 million per month leasing fee.

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This is just ridiculous.

<https://www.inquirer.com/news/william-penn-statue-philadelphia-welcome-park-removal-20240108.html>



William Penn statue will not be removed from Welcome Park, says National Park Service in sudden reversal

The sudden reversal came after a barrage of complaints, often spearheaded by Republicans, but joined by high-profile Democrats such as Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro.

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Respectfully,

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Haha, no doubt. (b) (6), said the ice was already thick, but they stayed close to shore...

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I suppose with the warm weather there are still boats running, especially up on Red Lake to rescue ice water fisherman

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To all Region 3 USFWS watercraft operators,
The Region 3 Watercraft Safety Program (WSP) is in the process of developing the 2024 training schedule and

we need your input to determine which watercraft safety courses need to be offered, where, and how many to hold. To gauge watercraft safety training needs around the region, each office should submit **ONE** Microsoft Form to the WSP (see attached PDF to preview the Form), completed by the Project Leader or their designated representative. If you operate motorized or non-motorized watercraft as part of your official duties, open the attached PDF (PREVIEW - Watercraft Safety Training Needs Form) to view the complete list of watercraft safety courses and determine what trainings are required (or optional) for your job duties. Each course has a brief description, objectives, target audience, and course prerequisites. Please coordinate through your station's Project Leader, Refuge Manager, or designated representative to submit your anticipated training needs in 2024. Each office should submit all training needs on **ONE** Form by **February 2, 2024**. The WSP and MOCC instructors will meet February 21 and 22 to develop a training schedule to meet as many needs as possible based on your input. This data call is for planning purposes only, and requesting a course **DOES NOT** guarantee it will be held or that all employees will be admitted. We hope to have the watercraft safety training schedule finalized in **March 2024**. Thank you!

To all Project Leaders, Refuge Managers, and station leads,

Please coordinate within your station to submit **ONE** Form, either through yourself or your designee, and convey to your staff who will be submitting your station's WSP training needs. Training requests are for USFWS employees that are required to operate watercraft as part of their official duties or need training for safe operation as a USFWS crewmember. Instructor and student seat availability can be limited for all WSP courses. We recognize it is early in the year, so an estimate of training needs for existing staff and staff you hope to on-board this year is acceptable. Thank you!

The Form can be accessed here: [Watercraft Safety Training Needs Form](#)

Winter Airboat – Scheduled for **February 13 and 14, 2024**. Location TBD based on ice availability and proximity to student's duty station. Course prerequisites include completion of MOCC, Airboat Module, and a minimum of 40 hours documented on-board supervised airboat operating time. Email Joshua_Schloesser@fws.gov to register.

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Investing in America Agenda

Missoula Current: [Federal grant to help preserve fish, floating on Clark Fork River](#)

Laura Lundquist, January 8, 2024

With the help of a federal grant, river conservationists are one step closer to opening more of the upper Clark Fork basin to fish and people. At the end of December, the U.S. Department of the Interior announced grants of more than \$51 million to watershed and river restoration projects nationwide through the Bureau of Reclamation's new WaterSMART Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Program. The Bureau of Reclamation awards were made possible through the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

Billings Gazette: [BLM botanist to discuss native seed program during Jan. 15 talk](#)

Staff, January 8, 2024

Identifying the plant species and habitats in Montana of most conservation concern will be part of Wendy Velman's presentation on Monday, Jan. 15, in Billings. Velman has been the Botany Program lead for the Bureau of Land Management in Montana and

the Dakotas since 2011. She has worked to establish numerous partnerships to help collect, develop and increase native plant materials for use in restoration efforts on public land. Much of the focus for the use of native seeds is to help diversify prairie habitat that was planted with nonnative grass during the homestead era. The Seeds of Success program was established by the Department of the Interior in 2001 to collect and conserve native plant seeds for the restoration of degraded public lands. According to the BLM website, the program has already established more than 27,000 individual native seed collections. This program received a boost in funding from the 2021 Infrastructure Act, and some of the projects will directly benefit Montana.

E&E: [Interior watchdog steps up to monitor billions of dollars](#)

Michael Doyle, January 8, 2024

The influx of money allocated for orphan well cleanup and mine reclamation is among the Interior Department priorities that the Office of Inspector General plans to dig into this year. Interior Department watchdogs will be digging into how the department is spending billions of dollars on abandoned mine reclamation and orphaned well cleanups, under an ambitious oversight plan for the coming year. Heeding the investigative maxim of "follow the money," the fiscal 2024 oversight plan prepared by Interior's Office of Inspector General targets a number of programs that have received big funding boosts in several bills.

Colorado River Basin

The Hill: [Climate change could slash Colorado stream flows, with effects across the US West: report](#)

Sharon Udasin, January 8, 2024

Future warming could lead to significant reductions in Colorado's river flows by mid-century — impacting not only the Centennial State but also its neighbors downstream, a sweeping climate report warned on Monday. Colorado, a "headwaters" state for much of the U.S. West, has seen persistent dry conditions in recent decades, with four of the five most arid years in its 128-year history of records occurring since 2000, according to the state-funded Climate Change in Colorado survey.

Colorado Sun: [Climate change is a threat to Colorado's snowpack. What does that mean for the water in your tap?](#)

Shannon Mullane, January 9, 2024

The state's snowpack, a key water source to millions of people across the Western U.S., could be declining — if experts are reading the signs of climate change correctly. Yearly snow storms form an enormous frozen reservoir in Colorado, but climate change is threatening its future.

DOI and Offshore Energy

KATC: [Louisiana to see its first wind turbine at Port Fourchon](#)

Staff, January 8, 2024

At the Greater Lafourche Port Commission's (GLPC) December board meeting, Gulf Wind Technology approved a lease agreement that will make Port Fourchon the first location in Louisiana to have an actual wind turbine. According to GLPC officials, the wind turbine and its components are currently journeying across the Atlantic to the United States. The process to reassemble the turbine will commence shortly after the arrival of its parts.

Maritime Executive: [BOEM Aims to Control Offshore Wind Developments' Risk to Right Whales](#)

Staff, January 8, 2024

In advance of future offshore wind development in the New York Bight, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management is preparing a region-wide environmental impact statement, paving the way for faster federal permitting of each individual project down the road.

North American Wind Power: [BOEM Announces Review of Future New York, New Jersey Development Areas](#)

Kimberley Warner-Cohen, January 8, 2024

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) has invited the public to review and comment on a draft potential development of six wind lease areas offshore New York and New Jersey, in an area known as the New York Bight. BOEM

estimates that full development of leases in this area, totaling more than 488,000 acres, has the potential to create up to 7 GW of offshore energy, enough to power up to two million homes.

Offshore Wind: [BOEM Opens Public Consultation on New York Bight Lease Areas](#)

Adnan Memija, January 9, 2024

The US Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) has launched a public consultation on the potential development of six wind lease areas offshore New York and New Jersey, in an area known as the New York Bight. In February 2022, BOEM held an auction that brought in over USD 4.3 billion for the rights to six lease areas in the New York Bight – a record amount for any US offshore renewable or conventional energy lease sale.

World Oil: [2024: A policy crossroads for American offshore energy](#)

Erik Molito, Opinion, January 8, 2024

As we usher in the close of 2023, the offshore energy sector stands at a pivotal juncture, grappling with the uncertain policies and attitudes of the federal government. While challenges are not unfamiliar to our industry, the current political landscape is laden with profound implications for our nation's energy security and economic prosperity.

E&E: [Interior releases review of building 1,000 wind turbines off NY coast](#)

Heather Richards, January 8, 2024

The analysis proposes various mitigation strategies to reduce the impact of a new industry emerging in the waters off New York and New Jersey. The Interior Department on Monday published a draft analysis of building more than 1,000 offshore wind turbines off the coast of New York, where two years ago developers spent billions for the right to build wind farms in a record sale by the Biden administration. The programmatic environmental impact statement details how offshore wind development in the shallow waters of the New York Bight would affect the environment, such as marine life, as well as other uses of those waters like commercial fishing.

E&E: [Whitehouse crafting legislation to boost offshore wind](#)

Kelsey Brugger, January 9, 2024

The Rhode Island senator is seeking to juice the industry, which has hit rocky times in the past few months. Rhode Island Democratic Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse will release draft legislation Tuesday that aims to boost the offshore wind energy industry. The working text will seek to improve the federal permitting process for offshore wind farms to better power the grid with carbon-free energy.

DOI and the Climate Crisis

New York Times: [Some California Farmers Pay for Groundwater. Is That Workable?](#)

Soumya Karlamangla, January 8, 2024

A conversation with Coral Davenport, a climate reporter, about a novel water payment system in the Pajaro Valley. California's Central Coast is an expensive place to grow food. The Pajaro Valley, which stretches for 10 miles along the coast of Monterey Bay, charges farmers for irrigation water from wells, a system that's far different from elsewhere in the nation, where growers typically water their crops by freely pumping groundwater.

The Cool Down: [New study reveals a concerning reason why the Earth's forests are changing: 'It's clear that we must adapt quickly'](#)

Shah Emami, January 8, 2024

Trees produce the oxygen we breathe and promote biodiversity in our ecosystems. However, the planet's climate is getting too hot for some forests to sustain themselves. [...] "Healthy, resilient forests are critical to helping us respond to the climate impacts being felt by communities across the country, because they store carbon, provide clean air and water, and sustain biodiversity," Tracy Stone-Manning, director of the Bureau of Land Management, said in a statement.

Mohave Daily News: [Agencies respond to low Topock Marsh water levels](#)

Fred Mayson, January 9, 2024

Fisherman Ray Fick says water levels dropping in the Topock Marsh over the past year — and he's not wrong. Fick has been fishing in the area for 38 years and according to him, the water levels have dropped about 10 feet over the past year, particularly in the North Dike area of the marshlands.

St. George News: [Man cycling 18,000 miles to all US national parks hopes to inspire change](#)

Stephanie DeGraw, January 8, 2024

A man cycling through all 51 national parks on a bike said raising awareness of how climate change could damage the parks forever is more challenging than his physical feat. Spencer McCullough, 28, has been on the road since April 2023 and will eventually travel 18,000 miles.

Bloomberg Law: [Well Drilling Request on Wyoming Lease Denied by Federal Court](#)

Shayna Greene, January 8, 2024

An energy trade association lost its bid to get approval for one of its members to drill two wells on Wyoming land where a federal court temporarily barred new lease sale authorizations. The Western Watersheds Project and Center for Biological Diversity challenged oil and gas leases on public lands across multiple western states, raising concern over the greater sage-grouse—a chicken-sized bird seen as an indicator species for the health of the sagebrush ecosystem.

E&E: [House, Senate Democrats ask court to halt Willow project](#)

Niina H. Farah, January 9, 2024

The fossil fuel project undermines a "pressing need to reduce reliance on non-renewable energy sources," the lawmakers told a federal court. More than a dozen Democratic lawmakers are backing conservation groups' calls for a federal appeals court to halt construction of a massive fossil fuel project in Alaska approved by the Biden administration almost a year ago. In a friend of the court brief, members of both chambers of Congress said the Interior Department should not have authorized ConocoPhillips' Willow project in a pristine area of Alaska's National Petroleum Reserve.

DOI and Conservation

New York Times: [Boundary Waters, Minnesota A protected watershed, but for how long?](#)

Stephanie Pearson, January 8, 2024

Last January, Interior Secretary Deb Haaland signed an order that bans toxic mining on 225,504 federal acres within the Rainy River Watershed in northern Minnesota for 20 years. That was good news for the 150,000 annual visitors who paddle the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, a network in the watershed of more than 1,200 miles of canoe routes that connect 1,100 freshwater lakes.

Courthouse News: [Colorado activists sue feds to block proposed trail near former nukes facility](#)

Ryan Knappenberger, January 8, 2024

The proposed trail would pass by the former Rocky Flats plant, which manufactured fission cores and was shut down following an FBI and EPA raid. Environmental activists filed a lawsuit Monday against the federal agencies claiming they ignored potential health concerns when approving a public trail near the former Rocky Flats nuclear weapons production facility just outside Denver, Colorado. The plaintiffs, including Physicians for Social Responsibility, the Rocky Mountain Peace and Justice Center and other Colorado groups seek to block the construction of an 8-mile trail through "the most heavily plutonium contaminated portion" of the Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge.

BNN: [Environmental and Health Advocacy Groups Sue U.S. Federal Agencies over Rocky Flats Greenway](#)

Staff, January 9, 2024

In a significant development, a coalition led by Physicians for Social Responsibility, along with several environmental and health advocacy groups, has lodged a lawsuit against U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, Interior Secretary Deb Haaland, and

four federal agencies. The agencies are the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Federal Highway Administration among others. The lawsuit aims to halt the construction of an 8-mile greenway through Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge.

WV News Report: [Fayette County Residents Oppose the National Park Service's Plan to Demolish Historic Buildings in New River Gorge National Park](#)

Staff, January 8, 2024

The people of Thurmond, a small town in Fayette County, West Virginia, are upset with the National Park Service's (NPS) plans. The NPS wants to knock down 35 old buildings in the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve. This is a part of a project called the Great American Outdoors Act Legacy Restoration Fund. The project's goal is to make the park better, take care of old buildings, and cut down on costs.

WV Metro News: [National Park Service to host meeting regarding proposed demolition plan this week, Thurmond residents to present another option](#)

Katherine Skeldon, January 8, 2024

Residents of one historical community in Fayette County plan to present some more options during an upcoming meeting regarding the National Park Service's proposal to tear down 35 deteriorating and excess buildings within the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve.

Denver Post: [Colorado environmental groups file federal lawsuit to halt Rocky Flats trail](#)

Katie Langford, January 8, 2024

Physicians for Social Responsibility and five Colorado advocacy groups are suing Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, Interior Secretary Deb Haaland and four federal agencies to halt work on a trail through Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge. The lawsuit, filed in federal court in the District of Columbia on Monday, claims that the U.S. departments of Transportation and the Interior, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Federal Highway Administration violated the National Environmental Policy Act by not considering alternatives to constructing an 8-mile greenway "through the most heavily plutonium-contaminated portion" of the refuge.

KDVR: [Advocates sue to block trail through Rocky Flats, citing 'plutonium plume'](#)

Heather Willard, January 8, 2024

A federal lawsuit filed Monday aims to halt the Rocky Mountain Greenway project over concerns the trail would be built on "heavily contaminated portions" of the former Rocky Flats nuclear weapons production facility. The lawsuit was filed in federal court in Washington, D.C. The plaintiffs want alternative routes fairly considered.

WTOL: [Five companies to pay \\$7.2 million settlement for natural resource damages to Toledo watershed areas](#)

Ashley Taylor, January 8, 2024

Ohio Refining Co., Chevron U.S.A. Inc., Energy Transfer (R&M) LLC, Pilkington North America Inc. and Chemtrade Logistics Inc. all agreed to a \$7.2 million settlement to resolve claims of natural resource damage at the Duck & Otter Creek Natural Research Damage Assessment (NRDA) site. [...] "The Maumee River watershed, including Duck and Otter Creeks, provides key habitats for migratory birds and fish, and supports hunting and fishing activities for local residents," said Midwest Regional Director Will Meeks of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).

WVNS: [National Park Service meeting to address new project](#)

Autumn Collins, January 8, 2024

An open house meeting to discuss the project to remove excess structures and address maintenance needs for The National Park Service will be held on Thursday, January 8, 2024. The National Park Service Public Meeting and Open House will be held at The Bank of Glen Jean.

8 News Now: [Colt killed after injuring leg escaping BLM roundup, event captured on video](#)

Greg Haas, January 8, 2024

Video showing a colt hurting its leg as it fights to get away from wranglers is the latest flashpoint in advocates' criticism of

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) roundups on Nevada ranges. The colt was killed after the injury, one of two horses that died on Saturday, Jan. 6, the 10th day of the East Pershing Complex roundup. So far, 11 wild horses have died during the operation. The colt's death is classified as one of three "acute" deaths, with eight others due to chronic conditions that would prevent a horse from surviving in the wild. The horses are "humanely euthanized" according to the BLM.

Rocket Miner: [BLM provides guidelines for comments regarding management plan](#)

Trina Dennis Brittain, January 8, 2024

There are quite a few barriers between the use of technology and older adults, especially when thousands of organizations depend on technology for public input. A Sweetwater County resident brought forth concerns regarding comment guidelines for the Rock Springs Resource Management Plan.

Bloomberg Law: [Feds Fight Injunction Against Release of Gray Wolves in Colorado](#)

Peter Hayes, January 8, 2024

The US Fish and Wildlife Service asked a federal trial court to deny a request for a preliminary injunction that would bar the reintroduction of gray wolves to Colorado while a lawsuit challenging the plan goes forward. The injunction should be denied because the plaintiffs—Colorado Conservation Alliance and two individuals—haven't shown they have suffered an injury, making it unlikely they will succeed on the merits of their claims, the government said in a brief filed in the US District Court for the District of Colorado Jan. 5.

World Animal News: [A New Jaguar Has Been Spotted In Arizona Marking The 8th Jaguar In The Southwest In 30 Years](#)

Karen Lapizco, January 8, 2024

The discovery of a wild Jaguar in southern Arizona in recent trail camera footage is welcome news for the species not previously identified in the state. The images captured last month by wildlife enthusiast Jason Miller and analyzed by the Center for Biological Diversity confirm the eighth jaguar documented in the U.S. Southwest in the past three decades.

E&E: [Greens seek ESA protection for another Nevada wildflower](#)

Michael Doyle, January 8, 2024

The Carson Valley monkeyflower has lost habitat to sprawl in the Carson City area, environmentalists contend. Citing threats from residential sprawl, environmentalists Monday petitioned the Fish and Wildlife Service to provide Endangered Species Act protections to a rare Nevada plant called the Carson Valley monkeyflower. The small annual flower inhabits sagebrush areas in several counties around Carson City in Nevada, as well as a slice of California's Alpine County.

E&E: [Meet the mediator hired to lead gray wolf conversations](#)

Michael Doyle, January 8, 2024

In a Q&A, Francine Madden talks about her assignment from the Fish and Wildlife Service to gather people together on one of the most difficult wildlife topics before the agency. Francine Madden knows the gray wolf. The veteran mediation consultant has gone deep into one state's contentious disagreement about the predator. Now, she's taking that expertise to the national stage.

DOI and Indigenous Peoples

New York Times: [Baaj Nwaavjo l'tah Kukveni, Arizona: Honoring the sacred Indigenous land around the Grand Canyon](#)

Gina Rae La Cerva, January 8, 2024

While Grand Canyon National Park is no stranger to travel bucket lists, there's a new reason to visit the southwestern United States. The recently designated Baaj Nwaavjo l'tah Kukveni, or Ancestral Footprints of the Grand Canyon National Monument, now conserves around 900,000 acres of plateaus, canyons and other land surrounding the Grand Canyon. Considered the ancestral homelands of more than a dozen Indigenous tribes, the monument also preserves more than 3,000 Native cultural and historic sites, reflecting the area's deep spiritual and sacred significance.

New Republic: [This Tribe Got Their "Land Back." But It's No Longer Livable.](#)

Margret Grebowicz, January 9, 2024

The Timbisha Shoshone are legally permitted to live in Death Valley National Park. But the vegetation vital to their traditions and livelihoods is dying. The high temperatures in Death Valley National Park attract tourists from all over the world. Big groups come in shiny luxury buses. Visiting Badwater and Zabriskie Point, the park's most frequented attractions, you're likely to run into at least one film crew or fashion shoot from nearby L.A. And the luxury hotel the Inn at Death Valley boasts a forest of whispering palm trees, a lush golf course, a swimming pool, and gourmet seafood entrees in the middle of the hottest place on earth.

Globe and Mail: [Bison bounce back in the American West, giving Indigenous nations hope for restorations of their own](#)

Nathan Vanderklippe, January 9, 2024

Tribes and the U.S. government are reintroducing herds of native animals like never before, and Canadians who want to do the same are taking notes. Marcus McClung steers a Toyota Tacoma down roads turned into greasy mud by rain. He scans the horizon, occasionally grabbing binoculars in hopes of spotting his quarry among the dark shrubs. But the view is obscured by thick waves of fog that roll in. The bison have vanished into their new landscape.

Cronkite News: [‘We are survivors.’ National, Arizona projects aim to uncover, preserve histories of Native American boarding schools](#)

Ellie Willard, January 8, 2024

A national oral history project aims to document the experiences of Indigenous children who attended federal boarding schools. The Department of the Interior announced the project in September as part of the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative. The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABS) has been entrusted to lead the project with \$3.7 million in grant funding through the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

KELO: [A closer look at state of emergency on Pine Ridge Reservation](#)

Dan Santella and Lauren Soulek, January 8, 2024

Oglala Sioux Tribal President Frank Star Comes Out issued a state of emergency on November 18 for the Pine Ridge Reservation in southwest South Dakota, saying in the proclamation that law and order had broken down because the United States government had failed in its “responsibilities to provide adequate law enforcement on the Reservation.”

DOI and Other Bureau News

AP: [Park Service retracts decision to take down William Penn statue at Philadelphia historical site](#)

Marc Levy, January 8, 2024

The National Park Service withdrew a proposal Monday to take down a statue of William Penn at a Philadelphia historical site as part of a renovation that touched off a torrent of criticism over the legacy of the man who founded the province of Pennsylvania. In a brief statement, Independence National Historical Park said it has withdrawn the proposal it had announced quietly before the weekend about a wider renovation of Welcome Park, located just blocks from the Liberty Bell and the National Constitution Center.

Washington Post: [William Penn statue to stay in Welcome Park after National Park Service reversal](#)

Azi Paybarah, January 8, 2024

NPS initially said removing the statue from the Philadelphia park would make a more ‘welcoming, accurate, and inclusive experience for visitors’. The National Park Service announced on Monday it will not remove a statue of William Penn from the park in Philadelphia where his home once stood.

Wall Street Journal: [Park Service Withdraws Plan to Remove William Penn Statue](#)

Kris Maher, January 8, 2024

The National Park Service withdrew its plan to remove a statue of William Penn from a Philadelphia park after it drew fire from state GOP leaders, who criticized it as an attempt to “cancel” the founder of the colony that would become Pennsylvania. The federal agency said last week that the statue would be removed as part of a proposal to rehabilitate Welcome Park, located on

the site of Penn's former home, to make the park more welcoming, accurate and inclusive.

USA Today: [National Park Service scraps plan to remove Philadelphia statue after online firestorm](#)

Amaris Encinas, January 8, 2024

The National Park Service will no longer move forward with plans to permanently remove Pennsylvania founder William Penn's statue from a historical park, the agency said Monday. Removing the statue, along with a replica of Penn's home, were among some of the changes planned for Welcome Park, a recreation area within Independence National Historical Park in Philadelphia, according to the Friday announcement.

National Review: [National Park Service Retracts Plan to Remove William Penn Statue from Philadelphia Park](#)

David Zimmerman, January 8, 2024

The National Park Service on Monday retracted its plan to remove the William Penn statue as part of rehabilitating Welcome Park in Philadelphia, Pa., three days after it was announced that the landmark sculpture "would be removed and not reinstalled."

PennLive: [No changes planned to William Penn statue in Philly, park service says](#)

Paul Vigna, January 8, 2024

Independence National Historical Park has withdrawn the review of a draft proposal to rehabilitate Welcome Park and closed the public comment period, the National Park Service (NPS) said Monday. The preliminary draft proposal, which was released prematurely and had not been subject to a complete internal agency review, is being retracted.

Philadelphia Inquirer: [William Penn statue will not be removed from Welcome Park, says National Park Service in sudden reversal](#)

Frank Kummer, January 8, 2024

The sudden reversal came after a barrage of complaints, often spearheaded by Republicans, but joined by high-profile Democrats such as Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro. The National Park Service has withdrawn a proposal to permanently remove a statue of William Penn as part of its rehabilitation of Welcome Park in Old City, saying the plan was "released prematurely and had not been subject to a complete internal agency review."

PhillyVoice: [William Penn statue will not be removed from Philly's Welcome Park, NPS says](#)

John Paul Titlow, January 8, 2024

A proposed redesign for the historical site called for the monument to be taken down and greater emphasis placed on the city's Native American history. The proposed plan to remove the William Penn statue from Welcome Park in Old City was withdrawn by the National Park Service on Monday after it was sharply criticized by a Republican state lawmaker and other conservatives.

DelCo Daily Times: [National Park Service walks back plan to remove William Penn statue at Welcome Park in Philadelphia](#)

Medianews Group and Tribune News Service, January 8, 2024

On Monday night, the National Park Service withdrew a draft proposal to rehabilitate Welcome Park, including removing a statue of William Penn in a move that had set off an uproar earlier in the day. The press release read, "Independence National Historical Park has withdrawn the review of a draft proposal to rehabilitate Welcome Park and closed the public comment period. The preliminary draft proposal, which was released prematurely and had not been subject to a complete internal agency review, is being retracted. No changes to the William Penn statue are planned.

CBS News Philadelphia: [Plan to remove William Penn statue, renovate Welcome Park in Philadelphia withdrawn](#)

Tom Ignudo, January 8, 2024

A plan to renovate Philadelphia's Welcome Park, including removing the William Penn Statue, has been withdrawn, the National Park Service said Monday. The NPS said the plan for the park located at Second and Walnut Streets was released "prematurely."

NBC Philadelphia: [NPS withdrawals plan to remove statue of William Penn from site of his Philadelphia home](#)

Hayden Mitman and Kaleah Mcilwain, January 8, 2024

Following public outcry -- and intervention from the governor -- the NPS has withdrawn a renovation plan for Welcome Park at

the site of William Penn's former home in the city's Old City neighborhood.

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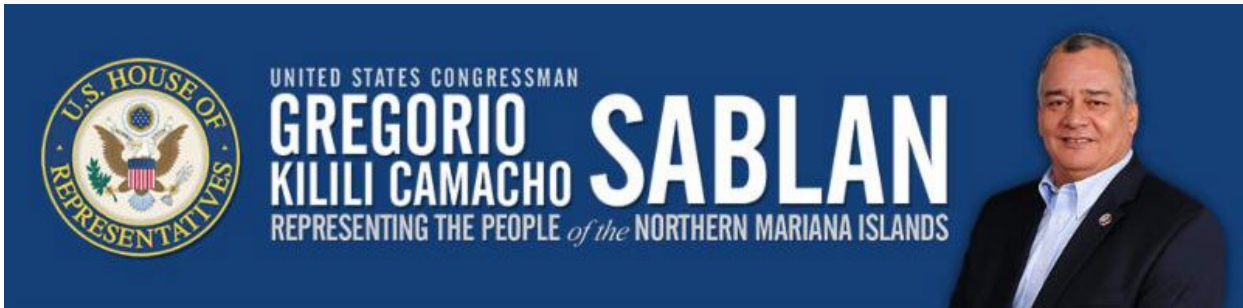
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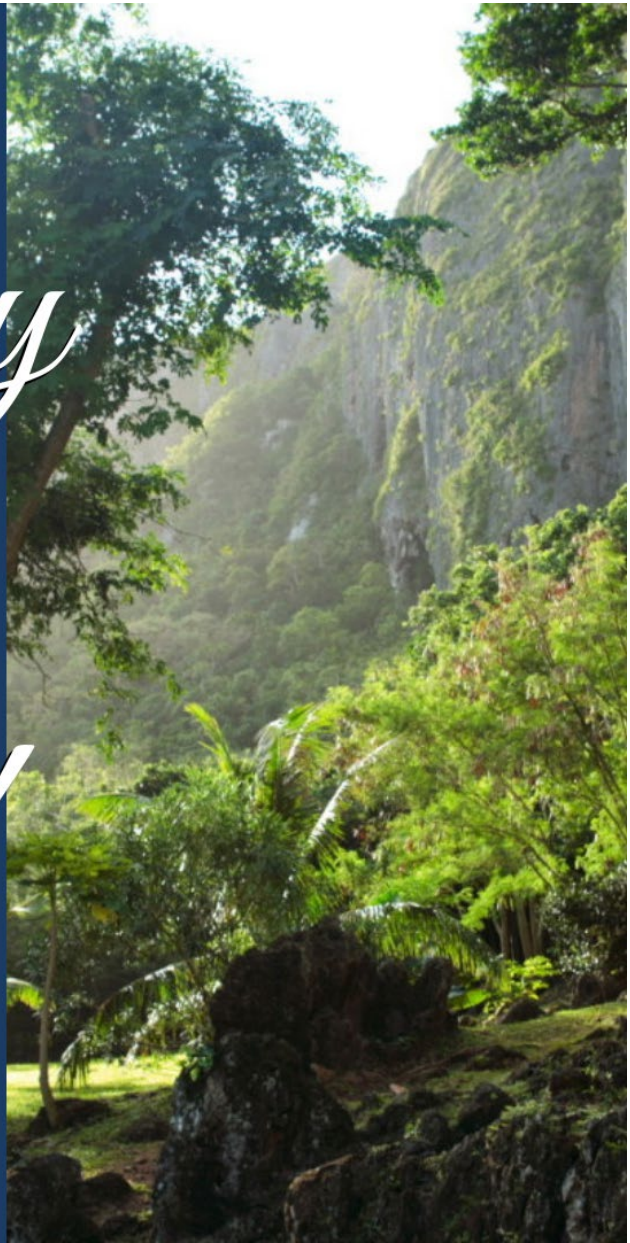


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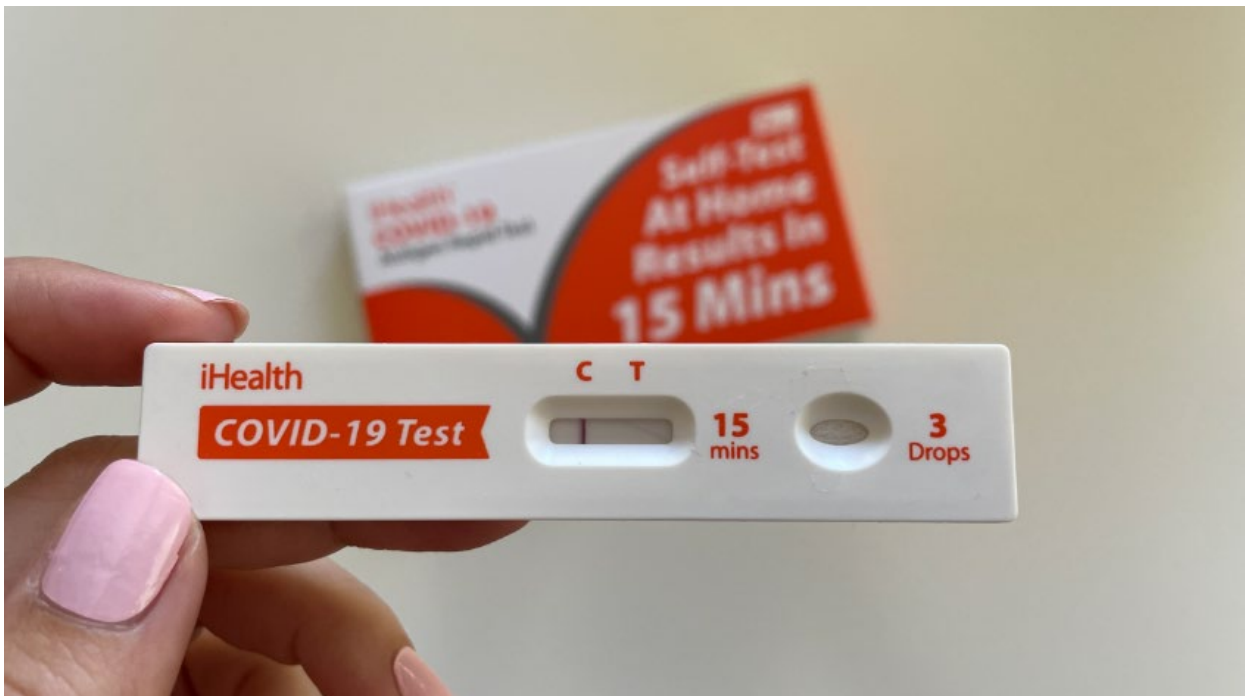


2022 THE YEAR IN REVIEW



The **117th House of Representatives** gathered for our official photograph before concluding work last week. Below, your congressional office recalls some highlights of this momentous year.

January



Free COVID tests

As the Marianas struggled with a surge in COVID, the Biden administration made a half-billion free tests available for American households to order online for home delivery. Initially, the system would not recognize Marianas addresses because we post office boxes, but your congressional office quickly got the problem fixed.

February



Focusing on Medicaid

The annual Interagency Group on Insular Areas meeting was an opportunity for me to remind the Biden administration of the work needed on Medicaid. Congress addressed the funding problem with a large and permanent increase (\$64 million for the Marianas this year) and automatic inflation adjustments in Public Law 116-94. But the favorable federal/local matching rate in that law (83/17) was only temporary and would revert to 55/45 on September 30. The President listened. When he released his budget proposal in May, he recommended aligning our rates with states¹.

March

FY22 Marianas Earmarks

<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount</u>
CHCC: Modernizing lab facilities	\$1,200,000
Upgrading IT for greater telehealth usage	\$980,639
Expanding Rota home dialysis	\$391,500
PSS: Expanding language & cultural immersion program	\$350,000
Expanding school libraries, e-library	\$150,000
Collecting health data to encourage healthy living	\$150,000
NMI Judiciary: Assessing mental health treatment court for vets	\$303,000
NMC: Innovation incubator for SBDC	\$952,394
Karidat: Guma Esperansa generator	\$50,000
Total: \$4,527,533	



Marianas community projects: \$4.5m

For the first time since 2010, when the Republican majority blocked Members of Congress from directing funds to hometown needs, I was able to secure earmarks for Marianas organizations that provide vital public services. The Democratic majority restarted community project funding; and the fiscal 2022 appropriation, signed into law in March, included \$4.5 million for Northern Marianas College, the Public School System, Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation, Karidat, and the Judicial branch.

April



New help for Veterans' caregivers

Marianas families caring for a disabled veteran became eligible for help—including a monthly stipend—from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Your congressional office took action when veterans reported their applications for the caregivers program were being rejected. The Department was telling veterans our islands are not part of the United States! As a member of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, I immediately let the Department know they were wrong and injuring men and women who had put their lives on the line for America. The Department apologized to those rejected and the program is now in operation.

May



Head Start sign up eased

Enrolling their young children in Head Start got easier for Marianas families receiving Nutrition Assistance Program food aid. Your congressional office worked with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, which administers Head Start, to confirm that the "categorical eligibility" for the children of families that participate in the national Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, SNAP, will also apply to Marianas families in our Nutrition Assistance Program, NAP. Categorical eligibility means less paperwork for families to qualify their children for Head Start.

Northern Mariana Islands

Total Announced BIL Funding: \$62.3M

% of Funding per BIL Category

Transportation  25.66%

Climate, Energy, and the Environment  74.33%

\$52m for Marianas infrastructure. We made sure the Marianas was included in the [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law](#); and six months later, the White House informed us, \$51.6 million had been awarded. ([\\$62.3 million as of October 25.](#)) Included was \$21 million for the Kagman Watershed Project and airport improvement money for Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

June



Marianas flag flies at Smithsonian museum

The flag of the Northern Mariana Islands was raised for the first time at the National Museum of American History on June 14, Flag Day. I initiated the request for inclusion of all insular area flags alongside those of the states; and Dr. Anthea M. Hartig, the Museum’s Director, responded positively. For 60 years, this display has been incomplete, she said during the ceremony. Now we are acting “to right that wrong.”

July



\$10,000 prize for Marianas teachers

One science or math teacher from the Marianas will be selected each year for a Presidential Award for Excellence under provisions of my STEM Educator Awards Equity Act. I piggybacked my bill onto the CHIPS and Science Act, Public Law 117-167, which Congress sent to the President in July. The selected Marianas teacher will receive \$10,000 from the National Science Foundation and will participate in expert-led training and collaboration opportunities in Washington. Previously, Marianas teachers had to compete with teachers from American Samoa, Guam, and the Virgin Islands for the annual prize.

August



Marianas veterans got to speak directly with Veterans Affairs Deputy Secretary Donald Remy, the number two official at the Department in August. As a member of the House Committee on Veterans Affairs, I invited Remy to

survey the state of available VA services in the Marianas and continue working with me to improve aid to veterans.

Biden signs PACT Act

The 3.5 million veterans, including those in the Marianas, exposed to deadly toxins in the line of duty will have automatic access to life-saving care under terms of the Honoring our PACT Act, a major achievement of the House Committee on Veterans Affairs in this Congress. The Department of Veterans Affairs now honors claims for 23 new conditions and cancers identified in the law and presumed to result from exposure to burn pits and other hazardous conditions.

September



Marianas voter assist is now law

Marianas voters with limited mobility or other barriers to casting their ballot will be helped by U.S. Public Law 117-182, the Protection and Advocacy for Voting Access Program Inclusion Act. The new law adds the Marianas to entities eligible for grants to train poll workers, maintain voting hotlines, and assure polling places are accessible to all. I introduced the legislation, H.R. 7326, in the House with Rep. Ruben Gallego (D-Arizona).

October



Congressional Delegation in Tinian

A CODEL led by Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-Florida) Chair of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, along with Rep. Ed Case (D-Hawaii) and Rep. Randy Feenstra (R-Iowa), visited Tinian in October. They toured the Air Force divert airfield, North Field, and the Tinian harbor along with Joint Region Marianas Commander Rear Adm. Benjamin Nicholson and Tinian leadership. The Subcommittee appropriated \$191 million for Tinian in the fiscal 2023 appropriations law.

November



\$6.3m to continue student meals

More than 13,000 NMI children who lack regular access to meals at their schools or child care centers will continue to receive free breakfasts, lunches, and snacks through the Pandemic EBT program. Congress provided P-EBT for Marianas students in a continuing resolution in October 2020; and your congressional office has been encouraging the Public School System, the Commonwealth government, and the U.S Department of Agriculture to extend

the program through 2023.

December



NDAA passes, Marianas benefits

In addition to increasing pay and benefits for service members, authorizing \$191 million for divert field projects on Tinian, and reauthorizing the Coral Reef Conservation Act, this year's defense bill contained my legislation creating an advisory board within the Department of Veterans Affairs with representatives from the Marianas and each of the other U.S. insular areas. The National Defense Authorization Act also includes my Shark Fin Sales Elimination Act, addressing the sharp decline in shark populations worldwide by banning the commercial trade in shark fins within the United States. This ban mirrors Marianas law and several U.S. states' prohibitions on sale, purchase, or possession of shark fins.

FY2023 Omnibus Appropriations Bill



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Fiscal 2023 Appropriations Act signed

President Biden signed into law the Consolidated Appropriations Act with funding for the federal government for all of fiscal year 2023. The Marianas fared well:

- **Permanent Medicaid FMAP in 2023 spending law.** A year that began with a focus on Medicaid, ended with a final solution to a long-standing inequity in how the Marianas and other insular areas are treated versus states. The Marianas' statutory federal share of Medicaid, 55 percent, is now permanently raised to 83 percent, better than the FMAP for any state. Without this change the Commonwealth would have faced \$40 million in costs this year to access all the available Medicaid funding made possible by U.S. Public Law 116-94.
- **\$26.8m for congressional projects.** The Commonwealth's Department of Public Works, Office of Transit Authority, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation, Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, Northern Marianas College, the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, and the Public School System will all receive funding for their community projects that I requested be added to the fiscal 2023 appropriation act. The fourteen Marianas projects are worth \$26,838,182.
- **More nutrition assistance.** Marianas families and individuals enrolled in the Nutrition Assistance Program will benefit from the \$34 million in food aid—\$4 million more than last year—that I secured for NAP in the fiscal 2023 appropriation. This is \$24 million more than when I first entered Congress and began working to achieve Marianas parity with the states in federal food aid.
- **More funds for drinkable water.** For the fourteenth year the set-aside of 1.5 percent for the Marianas and other insular areas from Clean Water Act

and the Safe Drinking Water Act funds continues. I was first able to raise the set-aside in the 2010 appropriation, though statutorily we are only authorized for 0.25 percent and 0.33 percent, respectively, from the two laws. The annual formula tweak has resulted in \$86 million extra for the Marianas and brought 24-hour water to almost every household. Our next target: drinkable water.

- **School aid, Pell grant up.** Funding for the Marianas Public School System from the Elementary and Secondary Education Act will go up an estimated \$630,000 from the current \$13,018,246. As Chair of the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education, I led the request signed by 107 other Members of Congress asking to increase ESEA Title I grants. And 1,724 Marianas college students will see as much as a \$500 bump in their annual Pell grant for tuition and supplies. The maximum grant will now be \$7,395.
- **\$15.5m to cut electric costs.** Funding for the Energizing Insular Communities program increases more than 40 percent, from \$11 million to \$15.5 million, in fiscal 2023; and insular technical assistance grants increase to \$22.3 million. Both programs are funded at the level I requested. Energizing Insular Communities is intended to lower electricity costs by moving us away from costly—and dirty—imported fossil fuels to cheaper, cleaner domestic sources of energy, such as solar and wind.
- **Marianas a "state" for election grants.** The fiscal 2023 appropriation includes \$75,000,000 for the federal Election Commission to make payments to "states" for improvements to election management and security—and the Marianas is deemed a state for purposes of this funding. With trust in elections under constant assault in our nation, I want to ensure robust support for Commonwealth officials who are responsible for keeping our votes safe and vote counting reliable.



Congratulations to Carson Lin, James Lin, Dip Roy, and Jaehoon Son, winners of this year's Congressional App Challenge. Their winning app MathPal is web-based and designed to help high school students understand mathematical concepts. The team of four will receive national recognition and have their work eligible for display in the U.S. Capitol. They will also be invited to attend the House of Code reception in Washington, D.C. The Congressional App Challenge is an annual competition open to middle and high school students. Next year's App Challenge will commence in late summer 2023.

\$1.6m for vaccination support

As part of the continuing support from Congress during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation was awarded \$1,601,945.28 on Tuesday. The funds, administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, are directed specifically at the Commonwealth's vaccination program. No match from the Commonwealth government is required. Congratulations to CHCC.

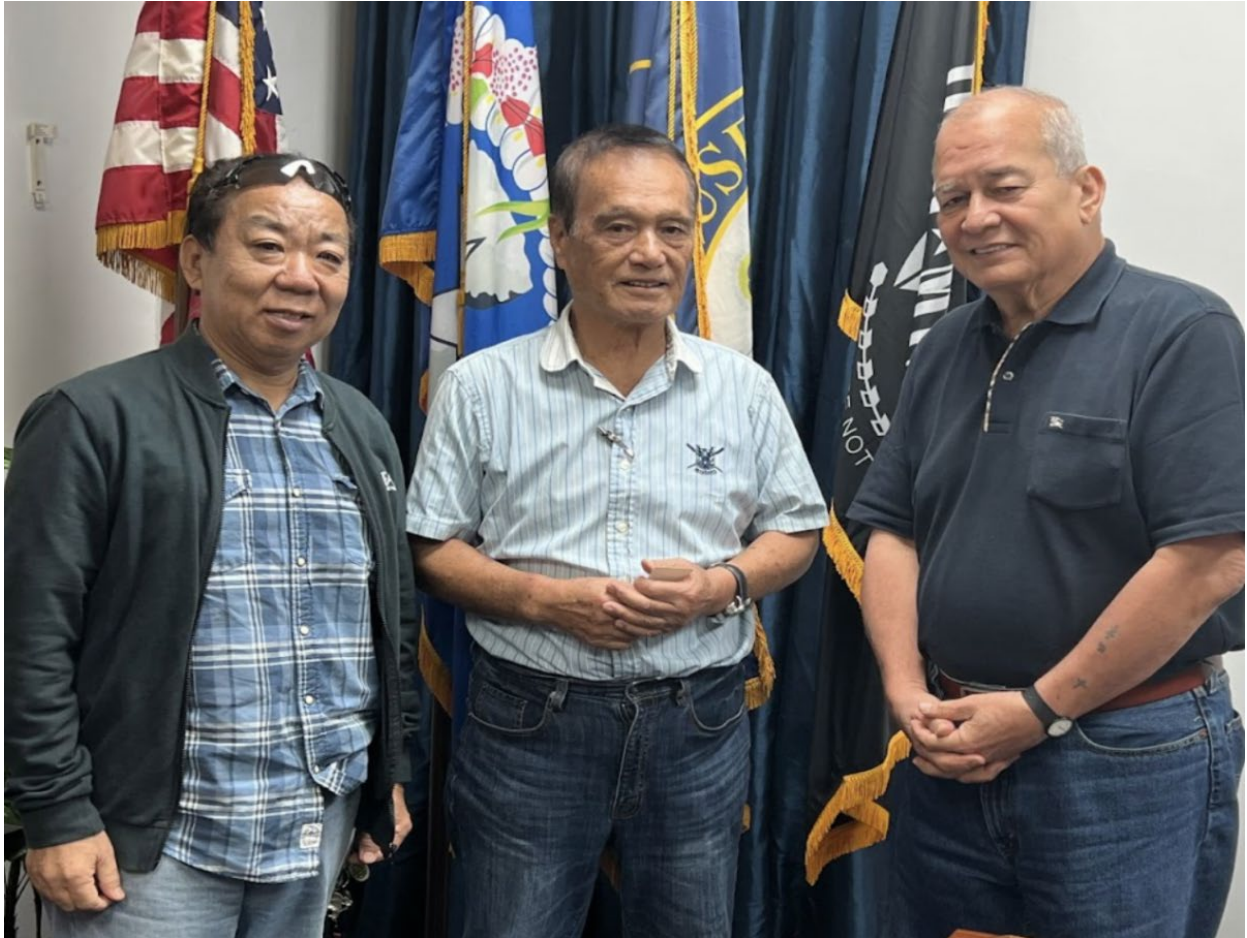
Free COVID tests again available

In anticipation of a resurgence of COVID-19 as families and friends gather for the holiday season, the federal government is again providing free, at-home COVID tests to American households. When first offered earlier this year, the website for the free tests had trouble recognizing the post office box addresses most people in the Marianas use. Your congressional office worked to correct those problems; and our constituents did receive the free tests in the mail. This time around the website seems to be accepting post office box addresses in the Marianas without issue. But, please, let your congressional office know, if you do have a problem. To apply for the free tests, up to four per household, go to COVIDTests.gov online or call 1-800-232-0233 (TTY 1-888-720-7489).

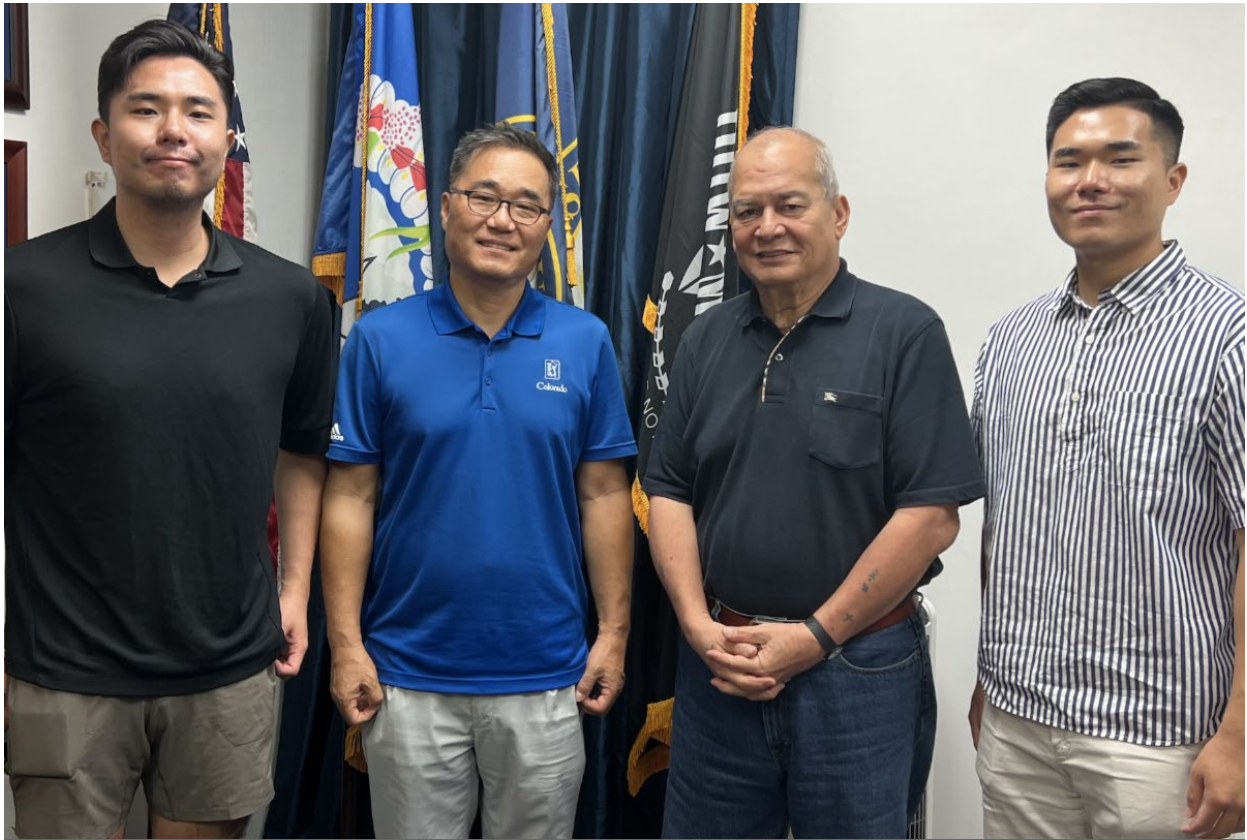
\$98k for juvenile justice aid

Congratulations to the Criminal Justice Planning Agency on the award of a grant of \$98,417 on Tuesday to help improve the Commonwealth's juvenile justice program. This is the second year of a three-year formula grant focused on helping develop "more effective education, training, research, prevention, diversion, treatment, and rehabilitation programs in the area of juvenile delinquency as well as juvenile justice system improvement efforts." The funds support the work of the Office of Youth Affairs, the Department of Public Safety, the Commonwealth Judiciary, the Department of Corrections, the Attorney General, and the Office of the Public Defender. The funds also underwrite the

Juvenile Justice Specialist position at the Criminal Justice Planning Agency.
Congratulations, CJP.



Bring back Japan tourism. This week I met with Mr. Mike Imai and Mr. Ikou, both long-time residents of Saipan. We discussed crucial small steps the Commonwealth can take to bring back tourism from Japan. Thank you, gentlemen, for sharing your ideas.



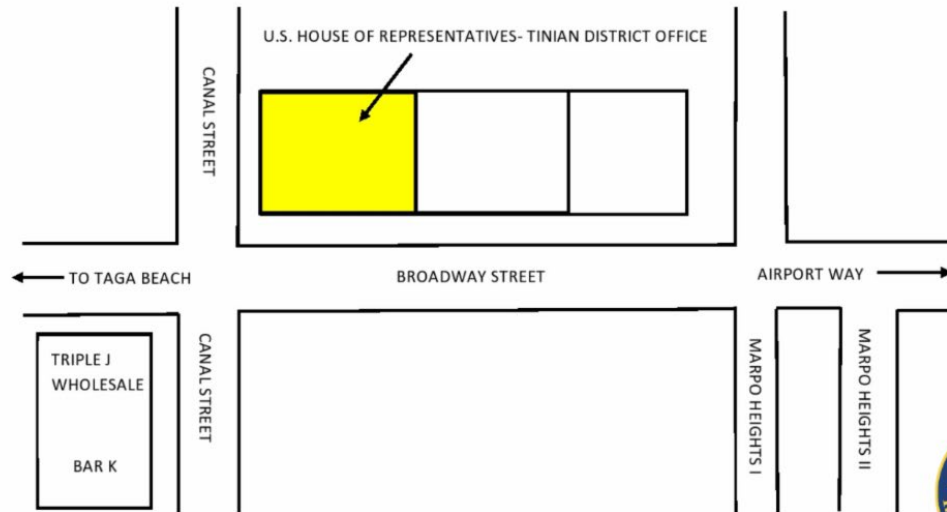
Welcome, Park Family. Air Force Capt. Sun (Alex)(Right), Army 1st Lieutenant Moon (Richard)(Left) and their father Byung Hoon Park dropped by their congressional office for a family holiday visit. The Park brothers both in active duty are home visiting family and friends this week. Alex was one of my military academy nominees. Happy New Year!

Congressman Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan

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A weekly look back at 10 years of service to the people of the Marianas



1 Year Ago

COVID funeral aid available

Funeral cost assistance is available for Marianas families who lose a loved one from COVID-19. Congress provided this aid in the [2021 Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act](#). As of December 6, the program has helped in the Marianas with \$10,894, according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which distributes the aid.

5 Years Ago

2017 - The Year in Review

Many seeds planted in years past bore fruit in 2017. New money for our students and teachers and for families in need of food, expanded health benefits for Marianas veterans and a new troop store — legislative projects I began years ago became reality this year.

10 Years Ago

\$938,704 awarded for vaccination program

The Center for Disease Control announced the award of \$938,704 to the Commonwealth's Department of Public Health. This grant is for 2013, the first year in a five-year Immunization and Vaccines for Children Program. The funds, authorized in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, or "Obamacare," are to be used to immunize individuals against vaccine-preventable diseases, such as measles, rubella, poliomyelitis, diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, hepatitis B, hepatitis A, varicella, mumps, haemophilus influenza type b, influenza, and pneumococcal pneumonia.

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants:

- Interior Technical Assistance Program Grants

LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

THIS WEEK

- Senate Amendment to H.R. 2617, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, became public law.

NEXT WEEK

The House convenes at noon on January 3 for the 118th Congress.

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Investing in America Agenda

Missoula Current: [Federal grant to help preserve fish, floating on Clark Fork River](#)

Laura Lundquist, January 8, 2024

With the help of a federal grant, river conservationists are one step closer to opening more of the upper Clark Fork basin to fish and people. At the end of December, the U.S. Department of the Interior announced grants of more than \$51 million to watershed and river restoration projects nationwide through the Bureau of Reclamation's new WaterSMART Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Program. The Bureau of Reclamation awards were made possible through the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

Billings Gazette: [BLM botanist to discuss native seed program during Jan. 15 talk](#)

Staff, January 8, 2024

Identifying the plant species and habitats in Montana of most conservation concern will be part of Wendy Velman's presentation on Monday, Jan. 15, in Billings. Velman has been the Botany Program lead for the Bureau of Land Management in Montana and the Dakotas since 2011. She has worked to establish numerous partnerships to help collect, develop and increase native plant materials for use in restoration efforts on public land. Much of the focus for the use of native seeds is to help diversify prairie habitat that was planted with nonnative grass during the homestead era. The Seeds of Success program was established by the Department of the Interior in 2001 to collect and conserve native plant seeds for the restoration of degraded public lands. According to the BLM website, the program has already established more than 27,000 individual native seed collections. This

program received a boost in funding from the 2021 Infrastructure Act, and some of the projects will directly benefit Montana.

E&E: [Interior watchdog steps up to monitor billions of dollars](#)

Michael Doyle, January 8, 2024

The influx of money allocated for orphan well cleanup and mine reclamation is among the Interior Department priorities that the Office of Inspector General plans to dig into this year. Interior Department watchdogs will be digging into how the department is spending billions of dollars on abandoned mine reclamation and orphaned well cleanups, under an ambitious oversight plan for the coming year. Heeding the investigative maxim of "follow the money," the fiscal 2024 oversight plan prepared by Interior's Office of Inspector General targets a number of programs that have received big funding boosts in several bills.

Colorado River Basin

The Hill: [Climate change could slash Colorado stream flows, with effects across the US West: report](#)

Sharon Udasin, January 8, 2024

Future warming could lead to significant reductions in Colorado's river flows by mid-century — impacting not only the Centennial State but also its neighbors downstream, a sweeping climate report warned on Monday. Colorado, a "headwaters" state for much of the U.S. West, has seen persistent dry conditions in recent decades, with four of the five most arid years in its 128-year history of records occurring since 2000, according to the state-funded Climate Change in Colorado survey.

Colorado Sun: [Climate change is a threat to Colorado's snowpack. What does that mean for the water in your tap?](#)

Shannon Mullane, January 9, 2024

The state's snowpack, a key water source to millions of people across the Western U.S., could be declining — if experts are reading the signs of climate change correctly. Yearly snow storms form an enormous frozen reservoir in Colorado, but climate change is threatening its future.

DOI and Offshore Energy

KATC: [Louisiana to see its first wind turbine at Port Fourchon](#)

Staff, January 8, 2024

At the Greater Lafourche Port Commission's (GLPC) December board meeting, Gulf Wind Technology approved a lease agreement that will make Port Fourchon the first location in Louisiana to have an actual wind turbine. According to GLPC officials, the wind turbine and its components are currently journeying across the Atlantic to the United States. The process to reassemble the turbine will commence shortly after the arrival of its parts.

Maritime Executive: [BOEM Aims to Control Offshore Wind Developments' Risk to Right Whales](#)

Staff, January 8, 2024

In advance of future offshore wind development in the New York Bight, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management is preparing a region-wide environmental impact statement, paving the way for faster federal permitting of each individual project down the road.

North American Wind Power: [BOEM Announces Review of Future New York, New Jersey Development Areas](#)

Kimberley Warner-Cohen, January 8, 2024

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) has invited the public to review and comment on a draft potential development of six wind lease areas offshore New York and New Jersey, in an area known as the New York Bight. BOEM estimates that full development of leases in this area, totaling more than 488,000 acres, has the potential to create up to 7 GW of offshore energy, enough to power up to two million homes.

Offshore Wind: [BOEM Opens Public Consultation on New York Bight Lease Areas](#)

Adnan Memija, January 9, 2024

The US Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) has launched a public consultation on the potential development of six wind lease areas offshore New York and New Jersey, in an area known as the New York Bight. In February 2022, BOEM held an auction that brought in over USD 4.3 billion for the rights to six lease areas in the New York Bight – a record amount for any US offshore renewable or conventional energy lease sale.

World Oil: [2024: A policy crossroads for American offshore energy](#)

Erik Molito, Opinion, January 8, 2024

As we usher in the close of 2023, the offshore energy sector stands at a pivotal juncture, grappling with the uncertain policies and attitudes of the federal government. While challenges are not unfamiliar to our industry, the current political landscape is laden with profound implications for our nation's energy security and economic prosperity.

E&E: [Interior releases review of building 1,000 wind turbines off NY coast](#)

Heather Richards, January 8, 2024

The analysis proposes various mitigation strategies to reduce the impact of a new industry emerging in the waters off New York and New Jersey. The Interior Department on Monday published a draft analysis of building more than 1,000 offshore wind turbines off the coast of New York, where two years ago developers spent billions for the right to build wind farms in a record sale by the Biden administration. The programmatic environmental impact statement details how offshore wind development in the shallow waters of the New York Bight would affect the environment, such as marine life, as well as other uses of those waters like commercial fishing.

E&E: [Whitehouse crafting legislation to boost offshore wind](#)

Kelsey Brugger, January 9, 2024

The Rhode Island senator is seeking to juice the industry, which has hit rocky times in the past few months. Rhode Island Democratic Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse will release draft legislation Tuesday that aims to boost the offshore wind energy industry. The working text will seek to improve the federal permitting process for offshore wind farms to better power the grid with carbon-free energy.

DOI and the Climate Crisis

New York Times: [Some California Farmers Pay for Groundwater. Is That Workable?](#)

Soumya Karlamangla, January 8, 2024

A conversation with Coral Davenport, a climate reporter, about a novel water payment system in the Pajaro Valley. California's Central Coast is an expensive place to grow food. The Pajaro Valley, which stretches for 10 miles along the coast of Monterey Bay, charges farmers for irrigation water from wells, a system that's far different from elsewhere in the nation, where growers typically water their crops by freely pumping groundwater.

The Cool Down: [New study reveals a concerning reason why the Earth's forests are changing: 'It's clear that we must adapt quickly'](#)

Shah Emami, January 8, 2024

Trees produce the oxygen we breathe and promote biodiversity in our ecosystems. However, the planet's climate is getting too hot for some forests to sustain themselves. [...] "Healthy, resilient forests are critical to helping us respond to the climate impacts being felt by communities across the country, because they store carbon, provide clean air and water, and sustain biodiversity," Tracy Stone-Manning, director of the Bureau of Land Management, said in a statement.

Mohave Daily News: [Agencies respond to low Topock Marsh water levels](#)

Fred Mayson, January 9, 2024

Fisherman Ray Fick says water levels dropping in the Topock Marsh over the past year — and he's not wrong. Fick has been fishing in the area for 38 years and according to him, the water levels have dropped about 10 feet over the past year, particularly in the North Dike area of the marshlands.

St. George News: [Man cycling 18,000 miles to all US national parks hopes to inspire change](#)

Stephanie DeGraw, January 8, 2024

A man cycling through all 51 national parks on a bike said raising awareness of how climate change could damage the parks forever is more challenging than his physical feat. Spencer McCullough, 28, has been on the road since April 2023 and will eventually travel 18,000 miles.

Bloomberg Law: [Well Drilling Request on Wyoming Lease Denied by Federal Court](#)

Shayna Greene, January 8, 2024

An energy trade association lost its bid to get approval for one of its members to drill two wells on Wyoming land where a federal court temporarily barred new lease sale authorizations. The Western Watersheds Project and Center for Biological Diversity challenged oil and gas leases on public lands across multiple western states, raising concern over the greater sage-grouse—a chicken-sized bird seen as an indicator species for the health of the sagebrush ecosystem.

E&E: [House, Senate Democrats ask court to halt Willow project](#)

Niina H. Farah, January 9, 2024

The fossil fuel project undermines a "pressing need to reduce reliance on non-renewable energy sources," the lawmakers told a federal court. More than a dozen Democratic lawmakers are backing conservation groups' calls for a federal appeals court to halt construction of a massive fossil fuel project in Alaska approved by the Biden administration almost a year ago. In a friend of the court brief, members of both chambers of Congress said the Interior Department should not have authorized ConocoPhillips' Willow project in a pristine area of Alaska's National Petroleum Reserve.

DOI and Conservation

New York Times: [Boundary Waters, Minnesota A protected watershed, but for how long?](#)

Stephanie Pearson, January 8, 2024

Last January, Interior Secretary Deb Haaland signed an order that bans toxic mining on 225,504 federal acres within the Rainy River Watershed in northern Minnesota for 20 years. That was good news for the 150,000 annual visitors who paddle the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, a network in the watershed of more than 1,200 miles of canoe routes that connect 1,100 freshwater lakes.

Courthouse News: [Colorado activists sue feds to block proposed trail near former nukes facility](#)

Ryan Knappenberger, January 8, 2024

The proposed trail would pass by the former Rocky Flats plant, which manufactured fission cores and was shut down following an FBI and EPA raid. Environmental activists filed a lawsuit Monday against the federal agencies claiming they ignored potential health concerns when approving a public trail near the former Rocky Flats nuclear weapons production facility just outside Denver, Colorado. The plaintiffs, including Physicians for Social Responsibility, the Rocky Mountain Peace and Justice Center and other Colorado groups seek to block the construction of an 8-mile trail through "the most heavily plutonium contaminated portion" of the Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge.

BNN: [Environmental and Health Advocacy Groups Sue U.S. Federal Agencies over Rocky Flats Greenway](#)

Staff, January 9, 2024

In a significant development, a coalition led by Physicians for Social Responsibility, along with several environmental and health advocacy groups, has lodged a lawsuit against U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, Interior Secretary Deb Haaland, and four federal agencies. The agencies are the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Federal Highway Administration among others. The lawsuit aims to halt the construction of an 8-mile greenway through Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge.

WV News Report: [Fayette County Residents Oppose the National Park Service's Plan to Demolish Historic Buildings in New River Gorge National Park](#)

Staff, January 8, 2024

The people of Thurmond, a small town in Fayette County, West Virginia, are upset with the National Park Service's (NPS) plans. The NPS wants to knock down 35 old buildings in the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve. This is a part of a project called the Great American Outdoors Act Legacy Restoration Fund. The project's goal is to make the park better, take care of old buildings, and cut down on costs.

WV Metro News: [National Park Service to host meeting regarding proposed demolition plan this week, Thurmond residents to present another option](#)

Katherine Skeldon, January 8, 2024

Residents of one historical community in Fayette County plan to present some more options during an upcoming meeting regarding the National Park Service's proposal to tear down 35 deteriorating and excess buildings within the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve.

Denver Post: [Colorado environmental groups file federal lawsuit to halt Rocky Flats trail](#)

Katie Langford, January 8, 2024

Physicians for Social Responsibility and five Colorado advocacy groups are suing Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, Interior Secretary Deb Haaland and four federal agencies to halt work on a trail through Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge. The lawsuit, filed in federal court in the District of Columbia on Monday, claims that the U.S. departments of Transportation and the Interior, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Federal Highway Administration violated the National Environmental Policy Act by not considering alternatives to constructing an 8-mile greenway "through the most heavily plutonium-contaminated portion" of the refuge.

KDVR: [Advocates sue to block trail through Rocky Flats, citing 'plutonium plume'](#)

Heather Willard, January 8, 2024

A federal lawsuit filed Monday aims to halt the Rocky Mountain Greenway project over concerns the trail would be built on "heavily contaminated portions" of the former Rocky Flats nuclear weapons production facility. The lawsuit was filed in federal court in Washington, D.C. The plaintiffs want alternative routes fairly considered.

WTOL: [Five companies to pay \\$7.2 million settlement for natural resource damages to Toledo watershed areas](#)

Ashley Taylor, January 8, 2024

Ohio Refining Co., Chevron U.S.A. Inc., Energy Transfer (R&M) LLC, Pilkington North America Inc. and Chemtrade Logistics Inc. all agreed to a \$7.2 million settlement to resolve claims of natural resource damage at the Duck & Otter Creek Natural Research Damage Assessment (NRDA) site. [...] "The Maumee River watershed, including Duck and Otter Creeks, provides key habitats for migratory birds and fish, and supports hunting and fishing activities for local residents," said Midwest Regional Director Will Meeks of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).

WVNS: [National Park Service meeting to address new project](#)

Autumn Collins, January 8, 2024

An open house meeting to discuss the project to remove excess structures and address maintenance needs for The National Park Service will be held on Thursday, January 8, 2024. The National Park Service Public Meeting and Open House will be held at The Bank of Glen Jean.

8 News Now: [Colt killed after injuring leg escaping BLM roundup, event captured on video](#)

Greg Haas, January 8, 2024

Video showing a colt hurting its leg as it fights to get away from wranglers is the latest flashpoint in advocates' criticism of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) roundups on Nevada ranges. The colt was killed after the injury, one of two horses that died on Saturday, Jan. 6, the 10th day of the East Pershing Complex roundup. So far, 11 wild horses have died during the operation. The colt's death is classified as one of three "acute" deaths, with eight others due to chronic conditions that would prevent a horse from surviving in the wild. The horses are "humanely euthanized" according to the BLM.

Rocket Miner: [BLM provides guidelines for comments regarding management plan](#)

Trina Dennis Brittain, January 8, 2024

There are quite a few barriers between the use of technology and older adults, especially when thousands of organizations depend on technology for public input. A Sweetwater County resident brought forth concerns regarding comment guidelines for the Rock Springs Resource Management Plan.

Bloomberg Law: [Feds Fight Injunction Against Release of Gray Wolves in Colorado](#)

Peter Hayes, January 8, 2024

The US Fish and Wildlife Service asked a federal trial court to deny a request for a preliminary injunction that would bar the reintroduction of gray wolves to Colorado while a lawsuit challenging the plan goes forward. The injunction should be denied because the plaintiffs—Colorado Conservation Alliance and two individuals—haven't shown they have suffered an injury, making it unlikely they will succeed on the merits of their claims, the government said in a brief filed in the US District Court for the District of Colorado Jan. 5.

World Animal News: [A New Jaguar Has Been Spotted In Arizona Marking The 8th Jaguar In The Southwest In 30 Years](#)

Karen Lapizco, January 8, 2024

The discovery of a wild Jaguar in southern Arizona in recent trail camera footage is welcome news for the species not previously identified in the state. The images captured last month by wildlife enthusiast Jason Miller and analyzed by the Center for Biological Diversity confirm the eighth jaguar documented in the U.S. Southwest in the past three decades.

E&E: [Greens seek ESA protection for another Nevada wildflower](#)

Michael Doyle, January 8, 2024

The Carson Valley monkeyflower has lost habitat to sprawl in the Carson City area, environmentalists contend. Citing threats from residential sprawl, environmentalists Monday petitioned the Fish and Wildlife Service to provide Endangered Species Act protections to a rare Nevada plant called the Carson Valley monkeyflower. The small annual flower inhabits sagebrush areas in several counties around Carson City in Nevada, as well as a slice of California's Alpine County.

E&E: [Meet the mediator hired to lead gray wolf conversations](#)

Michael Doyle, January 8, 2024

In a Q&A, Francine Madden talks about her assignment from the Fish and Wildlife Service to gather people together on one of the most difficult wildlife topics before the agency. Francine Madden knows the gray wolf. The veteran mediation consultant has gone deep into one state's contentious disagreement about the predator. Now, she's taking that expertise to the national stage.

DOI and Indigenous Peoples

New York Times: [Baaj Nwaavjo l'tah Kukveni, Arizona: Honoring the sacred Indigenous land around the Grand Canyon](#)

Gina Rae La Cerva, January 8, 2024

While Grand Canyon National Park is no stranger to travel bucket lists, there's a new reason to visit the southwestern United States. The recently designated Baaj Nwaavjo l'tah Kukveni, or Ancestral Footprints of the Grand Canyon National Monument, now conserves around 900,000 acres of plateaus, canyons and other land surrounding the Grand Canyon. Considered the ancestral homelands of more than a dozen Indigenous tribes, the monument also preserves more than 3,000 Native cultural and historic sites, reflecting the area's deep spiritual and sacred significance.

New Republic: [This Tribe Got Their "Land Back." But It's No Longer Livable.](#)

Margret Grebowicz, January 9, 2024

The Timbisha Shoshone are legally permitted to live in Death Valley National Park. But the vegetation vital to their traditions and livelihoods is dying. The high temperatures in Death Valley National Park attract tourists from all over the world. Big groups come in shiny luxury buses. Visiting Badwater and Zabriskie Point, the park's most frequented attractions, you're likely to run into at least one film crew or fashion shoot from nearby L.A. And the luxury hotel the Inn at Death Valley boasts a forest of whispering palm trees, a lush golf course, a swimming pool, and gourmet seafood entrees in the middle of the hottest place on earth.

Globe and Mail: [Bison bounce back in the American West, giving Indigenous nations hope for restorations of their own](#)

Nathan Vanderklippe, January 9, 2024

Tribes and the U.S. government are reintroducing herds of native animals like never before, and Canadians who want to do the same are taking notes. Marcus McClung steers a Toyota Tacoma down roads turned into greasy mud by rain. He scans the horizon, occasionally grabbing binoculars in hopes of spotting his quarry among the dark shrubs. But the view is obscured by thick waves of fog that roll in. The bison have vanished into their new landscape.

Cronkite News: [‘We are survivors’: National, Arizona projects aim to uncover, preserve histories of Native American boarding schools](#)

Ellie Willard, January 8, 2024

A national oral history project aims to document the experiences of Indigenous children who attended federal boarding schools. The Department of the Interior announced the project in September as part of the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative. The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABS) has been entrusted to lead the project with \$3.7 million in grant funding through the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

KELO: [A closer look at state of emergency on Pine Ridge Reservation](#)

Dan Santella and Lauren Soulek, January 8, 2024

Oglala Sioux Tribal President Frank Star Comes Out issued a state of emergency on November 18 for the Pine Ridge Reservation in southwest South Dakota, saying in the proclamation that law and order had broken down because the United States government had failed in its “responsibilities to provide adequate law enforcement on the Reservation.”

DOI and Other Bureau News

AP: [Park Service retracts decision to take down William Penn statue at Philadelphia historical site](#)

Marc Levy, January 8, 2024

The National Park Service withdrew a proposal Monday to take down a statue of William Penn at a Philadelphia historical site as part of a renovation that touched off a torrent of criticism over the legacy of the man who founded the province of Pennsylvania. In a brief statement, Independence National Historical Park said it has withdrawn the proposal it had announced quietly before the weekend about a wider renovation of Welcome Park, located just blocks from the Liberty Bell and the National Constitution Center.

Washington Post: [William Penn statue to stay in Welcome Park after National Park Service reversal](#)

Azi Paybarah, January 8, 2024

NPS initially said removing the statue from the Philadelphia park would make a more ‘welcoming, accurate, and inclusive experience for visitors’. The National Park Service announced on Monday it will not remove a statue of William Penn from the park in Philadelphia where his home once stood.

Wall Street Journal: [Park Service Withdraws Plan to Remove William Penn Statue](#)

Kris Maher, January 8, 2024

The National Park Service withdrew its plan to remove a statue of William Penn from a Philadelphia park after it drew fire from state GOP leaders, who criticized it as an attempt to “cancel” the founder of the colony that would become Pennsylvania. The federal agency said last week that the statue would be removed as part of a proposal to rehabilitate Welcome Park, located on the site of Penn’s former home, to make the park more welcoming, accurate and inclusive.

USA Today: [National Park Service scraps plan to remove Philadelphia statue after online firestorm](#)

Amaris Encinas, January 8, 2024

The National Park Service will no longer move forward with plans to permanently remove Pennsylvania founder William Penn’s statue from a historical park, the agency said Monday. Removing the statue, along with a replica of Penn’s home, were among some of the changes planned for Welcome Park, a recreation area within Independence National Historical Park in Philadelphia,

according to the Friday announcement.

National Review: [National Park Service Retracts Plan to Remove William Penn Statue from Philadelphia Park](#)

David Zimmerman, January 8, 2024

The National Park Service on Monday retracted its plan to remove the William Penn statue as part of rehabilitating Welcome Park in Philadelphia, Pa., three days after it was announced that the landmark sculpture “would be removed and not reinstalled.”

PennLive: [No changes planned to William Penn statue in Philly, park service says](#)

Paul Vigna, January 8, 2024

Independence National Historical Park has withdrawn the review of a draft proposal to rehabilitate Welcome Park and closed the public comment period, the National Park Service (NPS) said Monday. The preliminary draft proposal, which was released prematurely and had not been subject to a complete internal agency review, is being retracted.

Philadelphia Inquirer: [William Penn statue will not be removed from Welcome Park, says National Park Service in sudden reversal](#)

Frank Kummer, January 8, 2024

The sudden reversal came after a barrage of complaints, often spearheaded by Republicans, but joined by high-profile Democrats such as Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro. The National Park Service has withdrawn a proposal to permanently remove a statue of William Penn as part of its rehabilitation of Welcome Park in Old City, saying the plan was “released prematurely and had not been subject to a complete internal agency review.”

PhillyVoice: [William Penn statue will not be removed from Philly's Welcome Park, NPS says](#)

John Paul Titlow, January 8, 2024

A proposed redesign for the historical site called for the monument to be taken down and greater emphasis placed on the city's Native American history. The proposed plan to remove the William Penn statue from Welcome Park in Old City was withdrawn by the National Park Service on Monday after it was sharply criticized by a Republican state lawmaker and other conservatives.

DelCo Daily Times: [National Park Service walks back plan to remove William Penn statue at Welcome Park in Philadelphia](#)

Medianews Group and Tribune News Service, January 8, 2024

On Monday night, the National Park Service withdrew a draft proposal to rehabilitate Welcome Park, including removing a statue of William Penn in a move that had set off an uproar earlier in the day. The press release read, “Independence National Historical Park has withdrawn the review of a draft proposal to rehabilitate Welcome Park and closed the public comment period. The preliminary draft proposal, which was released prematurely and had not been subject to a complete internal agency review, is being retracted. No changes to the William Penn statue are planned.

CBS News Philadelphia: [Plan to remove William Penn statue, renovate Welcome Park in Philadelphia withdrawn](#)

Tom Ignudo, January 8, 2024

A plan to renovate Philadelphia's Welcome Park, including removing the William Penn Statue, has been withdrawn, the National Park Service said Monday. The NPS said the plan for the park located at Second and Walnut Streets was released “prematurely.”

NBC Philadelphia: [NPS withdrawals plan to remove statue of William Penn from site of his Philadelphia home](#)

Hayden Mitman and Kaleah Mcilwain, January 8, 2024

Following public outcry -- and intervention from the governor -- the NPS has withdrawn a renovation plan for Welcome Park at the site of William Penn's former home in the city's Old City neighborhood.

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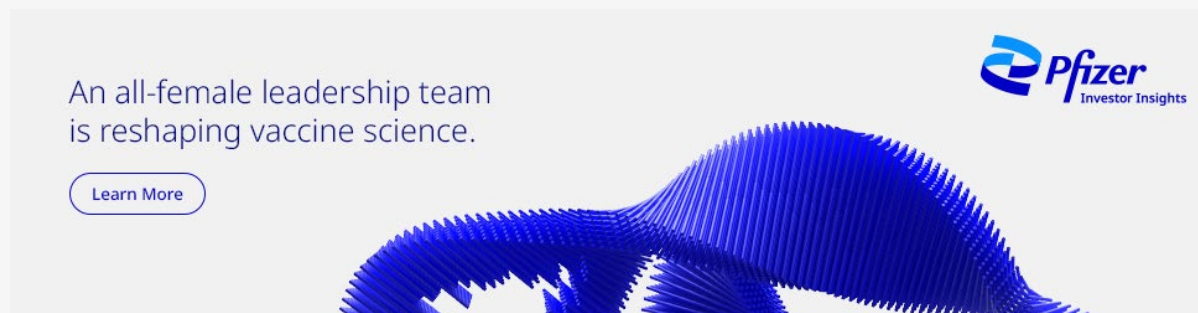
Good Afternoon,

This is Kristy Cappiello from Jesse Watters Primetime on the Fox News Channel. We're running a story on the removal of the William Penn statue from Welcome Park and would like to include comment from Secretary Haaland. The show airs at 8 p.m. ET. Feel free to reply here or shoot me a call or text at (b) (6)

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Good morning, Early Birds. The statue of William Penn in Philadelphia's Welcome Park isn't going anywhere — and neither is a much larger Penn statue atop City Hall. Look how big it is! The sculptor, Alexander Milne Calder, was the grandfather of Alexander Calder, whose works grace the Hart Senate Office Building and the National Gallery of Art.

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In today's edition ... Release of the bipartisan border security framework is likely delayed ... A look at the violent threats against members of Congress, state officials, local leaders and judges since 2020 ... but first ...



From the courts

The consequences of Trump's immunity court case



Former president Donald Trump during the civil fraud trial against the Trump Organization in New York on Dec. 7. (Eduardo Munoz Alvarez/Pool/AFP/Getty Images)

Former president **Donald Trump** is expected to watch today as his lawyers try to convince three appeals court judges that he can't be tried for his alleged role in the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol and trying to overturn the 2020 election.

The outcome could have big implications for Trump — and future presidents. That's because the case raises a novel issue for the courts, which have never before been asked whether a former president is immune from federal criminal prosecution.

Trump is hoping to avoid a trial in the 2020 election case, which was brought by special counsel **Jack Smith**. He's accused of conspiring to overturn the 2020 election.

Trump is also facing political stakes, as he's on track to become the Republican

nomination for president.

“His choice to attend the argument — not uncommon but also not required in an appeal — instead of spending more time in Iowa just one week from the GOP's first nominating contest there reflect the bet he and his campaign are placing on blending his criminal defense with electoral message. Tuesday's appearance is poised to be the first of many times this year that he quickly pivots between the courtroom and the campaign trail or brings the campaign to the courthouse steps as he faces four separate criminal cases and two civil trials,” our colleague [Isaac Arnsdorf](#) reports.

- Trump's purpose in showing up in the courtroom is to show “seriousness and defiance” and garner media attention as he's going on the offense, according to Isaac's reporting.

To understand the legal aspects of the case, we picked the brains of our fantastic colleagues who cover the ins and outs of the Trump trials.

HOW THE CASE CAME TO BE

Trump appealed the case to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia after U.S. District Judge **Tanya S. Chutkan** rejected his attempt to dismiss the case in December. The former president argued that he is immune from federal prosecution because he was president at the time of the alleged crime.

- “Whatever immunities a sitting President may enjoy, the United States has only one Chief Executive at a time, and that position does not confer a lifelong ‘get-out-of-jail-free’ pass.” Chutkan wrote in her decision. “No court — or any other branch of government — has ever accepted it. And this court will not so hold.”
- Smith asked the Supreme Court to fast-track the case, but the court refused to do so. It didn't explain why.

THE ARGUMENTS

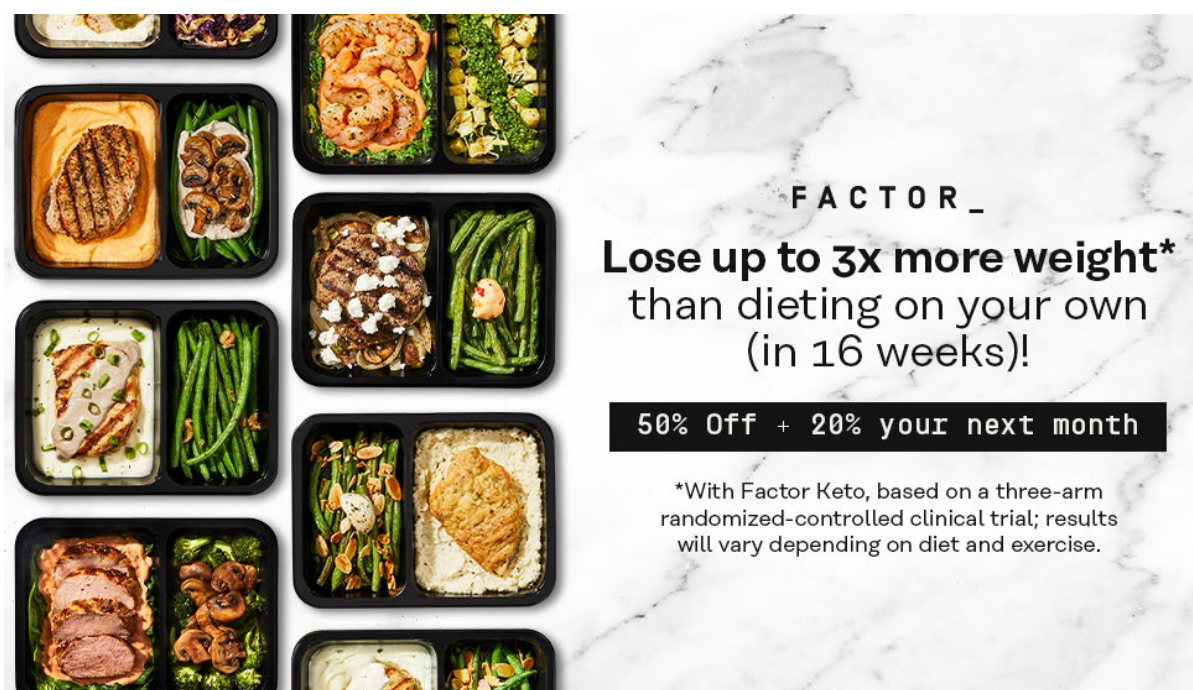
The former president is arguing that he is immune from federal prosecution for his acts as president — and because he was not convicted in his impeachment trial, trying him now

would amount to double jeopardy.

“Presidential immunity and the Impeachment Judgment Clause foreclose the criminal prosecution of President Trump for his official acts,” his lawyers argued in a brief to the court.

Smith argues that courts haven't found that former presidents have immunity from criminal liability. And even if they do, Smith argues, it wouldn't apply to Trump, who worked with private individuals and government officials to remain in power.

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- Smith has also argued that a lack of conviction in an impeachment trial does not limit Trump's ability to be prosecuted. Trump was acquitted in his Senate impeachment trial.

A NOTE ON THE IMPEACHMENT STANDARD

But about that impeachment argument ... it's complicated.

When **Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell** (R-Ky.) voted to not convict Trump in his trial, he said the courts would be the more appropriate venue for assessing the president's actions.

“Impeachment was never meant to be the final forum for American justice,” McConnell argued at the time. “We have a criminal justice system in this country. We have civil litigation. And former Presidents are not immune from being held accountable by either one.”

THE JUDGES

None of the judges on the panel, who are randomly assigned, were nominated by Trump.

Judge Karen L. Henderson was nominated by **President George H.W. Bush** and has served on the court since 1990. Reporters and legal watchers will listen to Henderson closely.

The other two judges on the panel, **Florence Y. Pan** and **J. Michelle Childs**, were nominated by **President Biden** and confirmed by the Senate in 2022.

Childs was in the running for former Supreme Court justice **Stephen Breyer's** seat on the court. **Rep. Jim Clyburn** (D-S.C.) and **Sen. Lindsey Graham** (R-S.C.) urged Biden to choose Childs, who was a federal district court judge in South Carolina, but the appointment went to **Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson**. Biden nominated Pan for the seat vacated by Jackson.

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Our colleague **Devlin Barrett** says it's hard to say whether Trump's legal arguments will hold sway. But he says this: "This appeals court has already found in a separate case that Trump is not immune to civil liability for his actions as a presidential candidate around Jan. 6, so it is hard to imagine they will find he has absolute criminal immunity."

Another colleague, **Spencer S. Hsu**, adds that he's watching what the judges say about each of the arguments raised by Trump.

- For example, are they more concerned with Trump's claim of presidential immunity or his double jeopardy claim that former president's cannot be charged for conduct they have been impeached but not convicted of by the Senate?
- How much credence do they give an argument raised by outside left-leaning analysts suggesting Trump cannot appeal the immunity issue before trial at all?

THE TIMELINE

Time is of the essence. Smith had hoped to begin the trial against Trump on March 4, but that could be delayed depending on the outcome and timeline of a decision in this case.

Because this is a new legal question and they know it will be reviewed by the Supreme Court, the judges will want to write a thoughtful, in-depth opinion, according to Supreme Court reporter **Ann Marimow**. She predicts that a D.C. Circuit decision will "take weeks — not days."

But no matter the outcome of today's proceedings, the Supreme Court is likely to have the last word.

"After the D.C. Circuit issues its ruling, either party can seek rehearing by a full complement of appeals court judges or go directly to the Supreme Court," Ann adds.

THE IMPACT

While the outcome of this case will have huge consequences for the special counsel case,

it could have implications in the Georgia case, too.

Trump filed similar claims in the [Georgia case](#) on Monday, where is charged with 13 counts related to an alleged conspiracy to overturn the 2020 election results in the state. If the Supreme Court finds that Trump was immune as president, that could affect the Georgia prosecution, even though he is charged with state crimes, Spencer notes.

And presidential immunity would not apply to the Florida case involving classified documents “because he was not president during the time of the alleged actions in the indictment,” our colleague **Perry Stein** says. It also won't apply to the case in New York, which alleges that Trump paid hush money to adult actress **Stormy Daniels**.

What we're watching

ON THE HILL

Austin fallout: We are watching continued fallout over **Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin's [failure to disclose his hospital stay](#)** to the president, members of Congress and officials at the Pentagon.

Rep. Matt Rosendale (R-Mont.) is filing articles of impeachment. The top Republican on the **House Armed Services Committee**, **Rep. Mike Rogers** (Ala.), [tweeted](#) that he's “quickly losing faith” in Austin's ability to lead the Defense Department.

Austin was admitted to a hospital after a procedure on Jan. 1 and was discharged from the intensive care unit last night.

Border security framework probably delayed: Senate negotiators on border security said Monday night that a framework is unlikely to be released this week, which negotiators had suggested was likely as recently as this weekend. Disagreements remain on too many issues, including parole, which has been the most difficult part of already tough negotiations.

“We'll continue to try and get this nailed down,” **Sen. Chris Murphy** (D-Conn.) told

reporters, per our colleague **Paul Kane**.

OVERSEAS

Secretary of State Antony Blinken is in Tel Aviv today as escalating tensions between Israel and the Lebanese militant group **Hezbollah** raise the specter of a full-scale regional war.

On Monday evening, Israeli **Foreign Minister Israel Katz** said in a televised interview that Israel had killed a top Hezbollah commander, **Wissam al-Tawil**, calling it “part of the war,” our colleague **Annabelle Timsit** reports. The targeted killing comes as Israel weighs launching a major military operation in Lebanon.

- But as our colleagues **John Hudson**, **Yasmeen Abutaleb** and **Shane Harris** reported over the weekend, the Biden administration has privately warned Israeli officials against the escalation. Washington believes, based on a secret assessment from the **Defense Intelligence Agency**, that “it will be difficult for the **Israel Defense Forces** (IDF) to succeed because its military assets and resources would be spread too thin given the conflict in Gaza,” our colleagues report.

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The campaign

Violent political threats surge as 2024 begins, haunting American democracy



Law enforcement officers patrol the grounds of the Mississippi Capitol in Jackson on Jan. 4 as they deal with a second consecutive day of bomb threats. (Rogelio V. Solis/AP)

Our colleagues **Sarah Ellison**, **Yvonne Wingett Sanchez** and **Patrick Marley** [take a look](#) at the violent threats and acts of intimidation against many government officials since the 2020 presidential election and its effect on American democracy.

Members of Congress, state officials, local leaders and judges have all been subjected to swatting, bomb threats and death threats.

- Special counsel Jack Smith, who is overseeing the prosecution of Trump in two federal cases, was the target of an attempted swatting at his Maryland residence on Christmas Day, [per **NBC News's Michael Kosnar** and **Zoë Richards**](#). Chutkan, the judge presiding over Trump's election subversion case, was the target of a similar incident on Sunday.

The targets of the threats share a common attribute: They have done or said something that has earned the ire of the former president, our colleagues write.

- "I am really worried that there is going to be a tragedy," Wisconsin Supreme Court **Justice Jill Karofsky** said in an interview with our colleagues. "I believe people when

they say that they want to hurt us or kill us. I don't think they're idle threats.”

The Media

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Colorado River Basin

Salt Lake Tribune: [Feds will take over if Western states can't agree on Colorado River plan](#)

Anastasia Hufham, January 6, 2024

The rules that have guided Colorado River operations for two decades will expire at the end of 2026. Water negotiators across the West have been devising a new set of guidelines — dubbed “post-2026 operations” — that will address water use imbalances, the effects of climate change and tribal water rights. Now, Colorado River Basin states — Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming — only have a few months to finalize a plan to present to the U.S. Department of the Interior.

The Water Desk: [What to watch on the Colorado River in 2024](#)

Luke Runyon, January 4, 2024

A wet year in 2023 brought short-term relief, but long-term uncertainty still hangs over the West's critical waterway. After years of dry conditions throughout the West, 2023 gave the region's water managers the greatest gift of all: a hefty snowpack. This year's winter snow eventually melted and boosted the Colorado River's beleaguered reservoirs. The Hail Mary winter storms came just in time. Without the savior snows, the river's second-largest reservoir, Lake Powell, was on a glide path toward losing

the ability to produce hydropower at Glen Canyon Dam, not to mention the harm to the long-term ecological health of the river and its main tributaries.

Investing in America Agenda

New York Times: [Colorado River States Are Racing to Agree on Cuts Before Inauguration Day](#)

Christopher Flavelle, January 6, 2024

California, Arizona and others, fearing a political shake-up of negotiating teams after the November election, are aiming to wrap up work this year. The states that rely on the Colorado River, which is shrinking because of climate change and overuse, are rushing to agree on a long-term deal to share the dwindling resource by the end of the year. They worry that a change in administrations after the election could set back talks.

Chicago Sun Times: [For conservation's sake, transfer Joliet Training Area to Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie](#)

Michael Davidson, Paul Botts and Jack Darin, Opinion, January 5, 2024

An investment in Midewin, one of the largest prairie restorations east of the Mississippi River, is an investment in a climate-resilient future for our region, leaders of Openlands, Wetlands Initiative and Sierra Club Illinois write. Recently, at the United Nations Climate Change Conference, COP28, Assistant Secretary for the Interior Shannon Estenoz said, "Investing in nature is investing in ourselves. By employing nature-based solutions, land managers and decision-makers can restore and sustain healthy ecosystems that in turn support healthy communities and economies."

Public News Service: [Federal funding could transform Ohio Valley into a manufacturing hub](#)

Nadia Ramlagan, January 8, 2024

Manufacturers in Ohio employ around 12% of the state's workforce, and advocates say the state's Appalachian region could bolster its economy by turning itself into a green manufacturing hub. Dana Kuhnline - program director with the group ReImagine Appalachia - said manufacturing in the clean-energy sector would create good jobs and help build local economies, as well as help curb climate change. "What can we manufacture in Appalachia?" said Kuhnline. "How can we reuse shuttered facilities, like closed steel facilities and shuttered coal plants? And what are sustainable products that Appalachia could become a hub for, that we could make in this region? "

Yakima Herald: [Yakama Nation Fisheries receives grant funding to realign highway near Leavenworth](#)

Jasper Kenzo Sundeen, January 6, 2024

Yakama Nation Fisheries is set to receive almost \$3.5 million in grant funding for efforts to restore salmon habitat at Nason Creek in Chelan County. The funding would help cover a \$12 million project to restore floodplain around Nason Creek and State Route 207, which connects with U.S. Highway 2 nearby, about 15 miles north of Leavenworth. Almost \$3 million would come from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and \$500,000 would come from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

Oil City News: [National Park Service, American Forests partner to restore threatened whitebark pine](#)

Staff, January 5, 2024

The National Park Service and American Forests have signed a five-year agreement to help return threatened whitebark pine to its range in the western U.S., including Yellowstone National Park, Grand Teton National Park and other parts of Wyoming. As part of President Joe Biden's Investing in America agenda, the partnership will support restoration activities in national parks where whitebark pine grows. Initial projects in Yellowstone, Glacier and Grand Teton national parks are part of \$44 million in funding from the Inflation Reduction Act, the largest climate and conservation investment in history.

E&E: [How current is that wildfire risk map? Depends on the state.](#)

Avery Ellfeldt, January 8, 2024

Limited funding has made it hard for states to keep their wildfire risk maps up to date, even as global warming increases the danger. For years, Colorado's wildfire risk map was so inaccurate that state officials all but ignored it. It was long outdated, especially in the state's western half. There, but unmarked on the map, was more than 3 million acres of forest where mountain

pine beetles had killed lodgepole, limber and ponderosa pines — transforming the forest floor into a tinderbox of dead kindling.

DOI and Offshore Energy

NPR: [Offshore wind farm starts generating power](#)

Barbara Moran, January 4, 2024

Offshore wind is a young industry in the U.S. This week, it hit a milestone when one of the country's first two commercial-scale projects, Vineyard Wind, started sending power to the grid. Vineyard Wind, off the coast of Massachusetts, delivered five megawatts of electricity from one turbine. Now, that may not sound like much, but it is a big deal for this new industry.

The Cool Down: [State makes history with its first offshore wind project: 'The next chapter in \[our\] great history'](#)

Jeremiah Budin, January 8, 2024

Louisiana is set to break a clean energy milestone in the United States, launching the first two offshore wind farms in state waters. The projects, known as Cajun Wind and Diamond Offshore Wind, have already been approved by Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards and the state's Department of Natural Resources. Cajun Wind is being developed by Danish manufacturer Vestas Wind Systems (via its North American arm Steelhead Americas) and Diamond Offshore Wind is being developed by Mitsubishi.

BNN: [US BOEM Updates Offshore Renewable Energy Guidelines](#)

Rafia Tasleem, January 6, 2024

The US Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) has unveiled revised guidelines for providing geophysical, geotechnical, and geohazard information crucial to offshore renewable energy projects. The guidelines, stipulated under 30 CFR Part 585, were initially published in May 2020, focusing primarily on the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf (OCS).

Coastal Point: [U.S. Wind initiates benefits talk with towns](#)

Mike Smith, January 5, 2024

US Wind has formally presented to the Delaware Association of Coastal Towns (ACT) a package of community benefits for the good of Delaware's coastal residents. The ACT communities of Henlopen Acres, Rehoboth Beach, Dewey Beach, Bethany Beach and South Bethany have begun to evaluate the offer and will proceed with discussions through their respective public meeting processes.

Shore News Network: [Another Offshore Wind Farm Project Off the Jersey Shore Bites the Dust](#)

Robert Walker, January 6, 2024

Equinor (EQNR.OL) and BP (BP.L) announced the termination of their power sale agreement with New York State for the proposed Empire Wind 2 offshore wind farm. The decision, attributed to rising inflation, higher borrowing costs, and supply chain challenges, repositions the project for future development opportunities. Equinor, in a statement on Wednesday, referenced the impact of broad economic changes on the industry. The move coincides with New York's new offshore wind solicitation, allowing companies to renegotiate or exit old contracts.

Shore News Network: [New Jersey Governor Full Steam Ahead on Wind Farms Amid Crippling Industry Crisis](#)

Robert Walker, January 7, 2024

The offshore wind energy sector in New Jersey and New York is experiencing significant challenges. In New Jersey, Governor Phil Murphy's renewable energy goals suffered a blow with Ørsted's withdrawal from two key offshore wind projects, Ocean Winds I and II. The Danish company cited inflation, interest rate hikes, and supply chain issues, leading to a \$2.8 billion reduction in the first project's value.

Clean Technica: [Giant Subsea "Starfish" To Help Push The Cost Of Floating Offshore Wind Down And Downer](#)

Tina Casey, January 7, 2024

The US is depending on floating wind turbine technology to get its hands on more offshore wind resources. However, floating

wind is a relatively new industry and costs tend to run higher, compared to the more familiar offshore wind turbines that sit on high towers fixed to the seabed. Fortunately, solutions have been emerging, and it looks like a key goal is already within reach.

E&E: [Offshore wind faces more financial turbulence in 2024](#)

Heather Richards, January 8, 2024

To meet the White House's mandates for offshore wind, the Interior Department will have to accelerate its pace in assessing projects. The offshore wind industry is hoping for new momentum in 2024 to counter the broken contracts, canceled wind farms and missed targets characterizing its last 18 months. While experts say the nascent industry is getting back on its feet after being thrashed by inflationary costs and an immature supply chain after the pandemic, the enormous scale of building a new U.S. renewable sector from scratch still poses significant challenges that could stall a key plank of President Joe Biden's climate agenda.

E&E: [Republicans to thrash Interior offshore drilling plan](#)

Heather Richards, January 8, 2024

A hearing this week will be the first since the Interior Department finalized its five-year drilling plan. A House Natural Resources subcommittee will pick apart President Joe Biden's offshore energy agenda during a hearing this week. Titled "Examining the Biden Administration's Limits on Access to the [Outer Continental Shelf]: Impacts on Consumers, States and Operators," the Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee hearing will be the first since the Interior Department published its five-year offshore leasing plan in December.

DOI and the Climate Crisis

NBC New York: [A magnitude 1.7 earthquake hit NYC. Is climate change a culprit?](#)

Linda Gaudino, January 6, 2024

New York City dwellers were abruptly awoken at the crack of dawn on Tuesday by an escalating, rumbling vibration that sired a rush of police cars and fire trucks. What sounded the alarms for a possible explosion turned into a minor earthquake, a seemingly foreign experience to New Yorkers, but what turns out to be nature running its course. The United States Geological Survey (USGS) reported a magnitude 1.7 earthquake occurred at 5:45 a.m. Tuesday near Astoria, Queens.

DOI and Conservation

CBS News: [Endangered jaguar previously unknown to U.S. is caught on camera in Arizona](#)

Staff, January 8, 2024

There's been another jaguar sighting in southern Arizona and it's the eighth different jaguar documented in the southwestern U.S. since 1996, according to wildlife officials. Jason Miller, a hobbyist wildlife videographer who posts trail camera footage online, captured the image of a roaming jaguar late last month in the Huachuca Mountains near Tucson, CBS affiliate KPHO-TV reported. A spokesman for the Arizona Game and Fish Department said the agency has authenticated Miller's footage and has confirmed this is a new jaguar to the United States.

NowThis News: [To Save One Owl Species, We Have To Kill Another](#)

Sophia Anderson, January 5, 2024

In order to save one endangered owl species, hunters might have to shoot and kill the 470,000 barred owls that are overcrowding forests on the West Coast of the United States, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) argued in a new proposal. If we don't take action, the agency said, roughly 7,000 of the remaining northern spotted owls could become extinct.

Arizona Republic: [1,000 wild Arizona burros are going to be relocated. Here's why](#)

Rey Covarrubias Jr., January 6, 2024

Bureau of Land Management announced on Dec. 20 that it plans to gather and relocate 1,000 wild burros near Kingman due to overpopulation concerns. The burros lived in the Black Mountain Herd Management Area in Mohave County, and the herd grew

to three times the appropriate size, according to a news release from the Bureau of Land Management.

Nevada Independent: [Conservationists seek federal protection for rare Nevada wildflower](#)

Amy Alonzo, January 8, 2024

*Come spring, clusters of tiny, yellow wildflowers will blanket Washoe, Eagle and Carson valleys. The vibrant display put on by *Erythranthe carsonensis* — the Carson Valley monkeyflower — is endemic to just a few areas around Northern Nevada and a miniscule corner of California's Alpine County, growing on sandy flats and gentle slopes within sagebrush habitat. But it's highly threatened, according to conservationists at the Center for Biological Diversity who, on Monday, will officially petition the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to add the plant to the endangered species list, arguing that federal protections along with designation of critical habitat are needed to maintain the survival of the delicate flowers.*

Cowboy State Daily: [Dennis Sun: Endangered Species Act -- All Stick and No Carrots](#)

Dennis Sun, Opinion, January 5, 2024

The Endangered Species Act (ESA) is 50 years old and is possibly one of the most controversial acts ever passed. In 1973, the ESA passed in the U.S. House and U.S. Senate by a large majority and was signed by President Nixon. As the act reads, it "authorized the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service to establish a list of endangered and threatened plant and animal species and made it illegal to collect, harm or kill certain species."

Las Vegas Sun: [BLM aims to round up thousands of horses in Nevada](#)

Hillary Davis, January 7, 2024

The ongoing wild horse roundup in rural Northern Nevada is planned to be what is likely the single largest gather conducted by the federal government. The Bureau of Land Management plans to gather and remove 2,875 mustangs from what the agency calls the East Pershing Complex. The roundup started Dec. 28, and as of Jan. 3, had netted 733 animals using low-flying helicopters and wranglers to drive the feral horses toward traps, according to BLM reports. The operation could last through February.

Northern Journal: [Alaska lost a lawsuit that challenged a COVID-era emergency moose hunt. Now, it's appealing for a second time.](#)

Nathaniel Herz, January 5, 2024

It's one of multiple cases in which the Dunleavy administration is clashing with the federal government over fish and game management, and over who has the ultimate regulatory power in that realm. In the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic, the leader of a Southeast Alaska island village's tribal government asked federal managers to open an emergency hunt, citing the community's fears about having enough food. The request was approved by a federal management agency, the Federal Subsistence Board, and the harvest of moose and deer went ahead, supplying 135 households with meat.

Grand Junction Daily Sentinel: [Comments being taken on recovery plan for lynx, which faces climate-change threat](#)

Dennis Webb, January 8, 2024

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is continuing to accept comments through Jan. 30 on a recently released draft recovery plan for the Canada lynx in Colorado and other Lower 48 states, where it is now considered to be primarily threatened by climate change.

Tucson Sentinel: [New wild jaguar spotted in Southern Arizona, enviros confirm](#)

Paul Ingram, January 5, 2024

A remote trail camera in Southern Arizona operated by a wildlife enthusiast recorded a previously unknown jaguar in late December, the Center for Biological Diversity confirmed Friday. The Tucson-based group said the footage shows a jaguar "not previously identified in the state," making the charismatic big cat the eighth jaguar documented in Arizona over the last 30 years —decades after the species was all but eliminated from the southwestern United States.

Missoulian: [Guest view: MHCA vital for family farms and ranches](#)

Eric Hansen, Dan High and Tony Johnson, Opinion, January 6, 2024

It's no secret that family ranches in southwest Montana are struggling. Younger generations can't afford to buy a home, let

alone a ranch that easily costs 10 times what a cow or hay can produce. What working ranch doesn't need to buy out multiple family members, so the people working on these ranches can carry on or make moves towards succession? Since they first homesteaded, many ranch families have faced financial hardships trying to get their land passed onto the upcoming generation. That's why we are deeply disappointed by the shortsighted opposition to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service proposal to create the Missouri Headwaters Conservation Area.

Post and Courier: [In the South, developers enter a complicated relationship with endangered bats](#)

Clare Fieseler, January 5, 2024

Fireflies flickered in near synchronicity against the dark canopy as two researchers worked below in a swampy clearing. Standing over a dented card table, they placed a tiny, screeching bat in a canvas bag. Then they delicately set it on a scale. Jennifer Kindel, a bat biologist, recited the weight. A wildlife technician tapped the number into a tablet with a gloved hand. Both donned surgical masks.

Amherst Bulletin: [Keeping eagles aloft: Marking 50 years of Endangered Species Act successes in Valley and beyond](#)

Maddie Fabian, January 5, 2024

Ask almost any conservationist about an Endangered Species Act (ESA) success story and they will tell you about the bald eagle. "Growing up, I would have never seen a bald eagle in western Massachusetts," said Jeff Collins, senior director of conservation science at Mass Audubon. The national bird was nearly driven extinct in the lower 48 states, in large part because of the infamous insecticide DDT, formerly widely used in agriculture.

KPAX: [FWP: 'Incidental captures' of lynx reported in Northwest Montana](#)

Staff, January 5, 2024

State wildlife officials report that bobcat trappers in Northwest Montana caught two lynx last week. Both instances were self-reported by the trappers and were subsequently reported to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) by Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP). Lynx are listed as a threatened species and protected under the Endangered Species Act and the USFWS "has established an allowable incidental take for lynx in the lower 48 states," a news release states.

E&E: [Interior shuffles personnel for public lands, minerals slots](#)

Hannah Northey, January 5, 2024

The agency made several moves Friday to oversee President Biden's vision for clean energy projects, mining reforms and public lands. The Interior Department on Friday made several personnel moves that they say will help the agency usher in clean energy projects, mining reforms and oversee President Biden's vision for public lands. Steve Feldgus has been tapped to serve as principal deputy assistant secretary for land and minerals management after serving as deputy assistant secretary for almost three years.

E&E: [Q&A: Fish and Wildlife's new Midwest director digs in](#)

Michael Doyle, January 5, 2024

Will Meeks will oversee work in eight states, from the Great Lakes to controversial gray wolf protections. This Fish and Wildlife Service career employee has a lot more to learn about his native Midwest. Born and raised in northern Ohio, Will Meeks last November was named director of the federal agency's Midwest region. The position oversees about 1,000 employees and spans Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin.

DOI and Indigenous Peoples

Los Angeles Times: [Opinion: Protecting Alaska's wilderness — and our Indigenous way of life — is critical to a green future](#)

Ricko Dewilde, Opinion, January 8, 2024

"Alaska is America's natural resource warehouse." That is what Republican Gov. Mike Dunleavy told then-President Trump in 2018. But our home is far more than storage for the next fad of consumer desires in the Lower 48 states. In Alaska, we are facing an onslaught of proposed projects that threaten to destroy our way of life. Perhaps the most concerning of these is the proposed

Ambler industrial mining road.

Cherokee One Feather: [Effort to restore Kuwohi name moving forward](#)

Scott McKie, January 5, 2024

The effort by two Cherokee women to restore the name of Kuwohi to an area in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park is now one step closer to coming to fruition. The Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) passed Res. No. 72 (2024) unanimously during its regular session on Thursday, Jan. 4 that approves the submittal of an application on behalf of the Tribe to restore the name of the mountain currently known as Clingman's Dome to Kuwohi which means 'mulberry place' in the Cherokee language.

KJZZ: [Coalition of Large Tribes authors letter in support of Navajo Nation's NASA complaint](#)

Gabriel Pietrorazio, January 5, 2024

COLT, or the Coalition of Large Tribes, is standing in solidarity with President Buu Nygren and the Navajo Nation in a letter by airing opposition to NASA's private mission to disburse cremated human remains on the moon. This group of more than 50 large land-mass tribal communities each manage at least over 100,000 acres of land and make up more than half of Indian Country's population. They're calling for the upcoming launch to be delayed or that the remains should be removed from its payload until there has been enough tribal consultation.

DOI and Other Bureau News

Daily Mail: [Biden removes William Penn statue from historic Pennsylvania park in 'inclusive' makeover to show more Native American history](#)

Stephen M. Lepore, January 7, 2024

The Biden administration's National Park Service is starting a 'rehabilitation' process for a Pennsylvania park that includes the removal of a statue of founder William Penn and inclusion of representation of Native American tribes. The Deb Haaland-led parks service sent out the request for input on the changes to Welcome Park Friday on their website and in a post on X. Penn, the founder of Pennsylvania in 1681, was notorious for his amicable relations with the Native tribes of the region. The park was established 300 years later.

National Review: [National Park Service to Remove William Penn Statue from Historic Site](#)

Luther Ray Abel, January 7, 2024

The National Park Service (NPS) has announced it will be rehabilitating (via reduction) Pennsylvania founder William Penn's Welcome Park to "provide a more welcoming, accurate, and inclusive experience." Named after the ship that bore Penn to that city of fraternal affection, the park is the site of his former Philadelphia home and the Slate Roof House. As part of this reimagining of Welcome Park, the park service has confirmed that "the Penn statue and Slate Roof house model will be removed and not reinstalled."

ForTheWin: [Elephant seal's parking effort called out by NPS](#)

Pete Thomas, January 6, 2024

A National Park Service employee recently captured an image showing a northern elephant seal resting in a parking lot at Point Reyes National Seashore. Anyone who is fanatical about perfect placement between the lines will note that the seal could have been more considerate by inching a few feet to its left.

Delaware Online: [Wilmington is recognized as an American World War II Heritage City, one of 11 for 2023](#)

Krys'tal Griffin, January 5, 2024

Wilmington recently was designated as an American World War II Heritage City for 2023. The distinction comes from the National Park Service's American World War II Heritage City Program, which serves to recognize the historic importance of the nation's involvement in World War II.

Times Free Press: [Opinion: National Parks are kind of a big deal](#)

Tricia King Mims, Opinion, January 6, 2024

National parks are more popular than ever, and visitation is surging back to pre-pandemic levels. Around the 2016 centennial of the National Park Service, a free annual pass became available for every fourth grader in the country, and family vacations are often planned around national park sites. Filling up a park passport with stamps has become a life's mission for college students, retirees and all lifestyles in between.

Billings Gazette: [Charging international tourists more to visit Yellowstone, Glacier, others parks could boost funding, study suggests](#)

Staff, January 5, 2024

Charging international tourists more to visit U.S. national parks has the potential to raise millions of dollars in fees that could help offset costs for park infrastructure, staffing and maintenance. That's the gist of a new study written by Tate Watkins, a research fellow at the Bozeman-based Property and Environment Research Center. The center touts as its goal finding market solutions for conservation issues. Based on his research, Watkins said about 14 million people from other countries visit a national park each year. If they paid a \$25 surcharge the parks system could raise around \$330 million annually, he calculated.

News 5 Cleveland: [Should Madison be worried about its twin quakes? We ask the experts.](#)

Katie Ussin and Amanda Merrell, January 5, 2024

We're less than a week into 2024 and already, Madison Village has been rattled by two earthquakes. The first happened New Year's Day. The second followed Friday morning. It's not the first time this region felt the Earth move under their feet. But the two-fer this week has people who live there, like Terri Epple, wondering what's up.

Washington Lawyer: [Nature's Legal Champions](#)

Richard Blaustein, January 5, 2024

In 1978, while on vacation at the Grand Canyon, traveling on a wooden dory down the Colorado River, environmental lawyer Lois Schiffer experienced a turning point in her career. "I had been working on legal issues related to public lands, and then suddenly I was in the essence of the most fabulous public lands," says Schiffer, former general counsel for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. At the time, Schiffer headed the general litigation section of the U.S. Department of Justice's Land and Natural Resources Division (now the Environment and Natural Resources Division).[...] Solicitor Robert Anderson of the U.S. Department of the Interior can relate to the sentiment.

Live Science: [Satellite images reveal just how much cities on the US East Coast are sinking](#)

Robert Lea, January 5, 2024

"Continuous unmitigated subsidence on the U.S. East Coast should cause concern." Images collected by numerous satellites have shown that major cities and population centers across the U.S. East Coast are sinking. Land sinking, or "subsidence," as seen by these satellites, is dangerous because it can undermine the foundations of buildings, potentially causing collapse. It can also damaging roads as well as gas and water lines. When coupled with rising sea levels caused by human-driven climate change, subsidence in coastal regions can increase the risk of flooding and worsen subsequent damage.

E&E: [Republicans put parks maintenance backlog under microscope](#)

Nidhi Prakash, January 8, 2024

The backlog has increased despite funding from the Great American Outdoors Act. A House Natural Resources subcommittee will hold a hearing Wednesday on what Republicans say is a worrying increase in the backlog of deferred federal maintenance on public lands. The National Park Service's backlog has long been the subject of concern. By 2022, it had reached more than \$22 billion — almost \$10 billion more than it had been four years earlier.

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Good morning, Early Birds. The statue of William Penn in Philadelphia's Welcome Park [isn't going anywhere](#) — and neither is a much larger Penn statue atop City Hall. Look [how big it is!](#) The sculptor, Alexander Milne Calder, was the grandfather of Alexander Calder, whose works grace the Hart Senate Office Building and the National Gallery of Art.

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From the courts

The consequences of Trump's immunity court case



Former president Donald Trump during the civil fraud trial against the Trump Organization in New York on Dec. 7. (Eduardo Munoz Alvarez/Pool/AFP/Getty Images)

Former president **Donald Trump** is expected to watch today as his lawyers try to convince three appeals court judges that he can't be tried for his alleged role in the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol and trying to overturn the 2020 election.

The outcome could have big implications for Trump — and future presidents. That's because the case raises a novel issue for the courts, which have never before been asked whether a former president is immune from federal criminal prosecution.

Trump is hoping to avoid a trial in the 2020 election case, which was brought by special counsel **Jack Smith**. He's accused of conspiring to overturn the 2020 election.

Trump is also facing political stakes, as he's on track to become the Republican nomination for president.

“His choice to attend the argument — not uncommon but also not required in an appeal — instead of spending more time in Iowa just one week from the GOP's first nominating contest there reflect the bet he and his campaign are placing on blending his criminal

defense with electoral message. Tuesday's appearance is poised to be the first of many times this year that he quickly pivots between the courtroom and the campaign trail or brings the campaign to the courthouse steps as he faces four separate criminal cases and two civil trials," our colleague **Isaac Arnsdorf** reports.

- Trump's purpose in showing up in the courtroom is to show "seriousness and defiance" and garner media attention as he's going on the offense, according to Isaac's reporting.

To understand the legal aspects of the case, we picked the brains of our fantastic colleagues who cover the ins and outs of the Trump trials.

HOW THE CASE CAME TO BE

Trump appealed the case to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia after U.S. District Judge **Tanya S. Chutkan** rejected his attempt to dismiss the case in December. The former president argued that he is immune from federal prosecution because he was president at the time of the alleged crime.

- "Whatever immunities a sitting President may enjoy, the United States has only one Chief Executive at a time, and that position does not confer a lifelong 'get-out-of-jail-free' pass." Chutkan wrote in her decision. "No court — or any other branch of government — has ever accepted it. And this court will not so hold."
- Smith asked the Supreme Court to fast-track the case, but the court refused to do so. It didn't explain why.

THE ARGUMENTS

The former president is arguing that he is immune from federal prosecution for his acts as president — and because he was not convicted in his impeachment trial, trying him now would amount to double jeopardy.

"Presidential immunity and the Impeachment Judgment Clause foreclose the criminal prosecution of President Trump for his official acts," his lawyers argued in a brief to the court.

Smith argues that courts haven't found that former presidents have immunity from criminal liability. And even if they do, Smith argues, it wouldn't apply to Trump, who worked with private individuals and government officials to remain in power.

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- Smith has also argued that a lack of conviction in an impeachment trial does not limit Trump's ability to be prosecuted. Trump was acquitted in his Senate impeachment trial.

A NOTE ON THE IMPEACHMENT STANDARD

But about that impeachment argument ... it's complicated.

When **Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell** (R-Ky.) voted to not convict Trump in his trial, he said the courts would be the more appropriate venue for assessing the president's actions.

"Impeachment was never meant to be the final forum for American justice," McConnell argued at the time. "We have a criminal justice system in this country. We have civil litigation. And former Presidents are not immune from being held accountable by either one."

THE JUDGES

None of the judges on the panel, who are randomly assigned, were nominated by Trump.

Judge Karen L. Henderson was nominated by **President George H.W. Bush** and has served on the court since 1990. Reporters and legal watchers will listen to Henderson closely.

The other two judges on the panel, **Florence Y. Pan** and **J. Michelle Childs**, were nominated by **President Biden** and confirmed by the Senate in 2022.

Childs was in the running for former Supreme Court justice **Stephen Breyer's** seat on the court. **Rep. Jim Clyburn** (D-S.C.) and **Sen. Lindsey Graham** (R-S.C.) urged Biden to

choose Childs, who was a federal district court judge in South Carolina, but the appointment went to **Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson**. Biden nominated Pan for the seat vacated by Jackson.

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Our colleague **Devlin Barrett** says it's hard to say whether Trump's legal arguments will hold sway. But he says this: "This appeals court has already found in a separate case that Trump is not immune to civil liability for his actions as a presidential candidate around Jan. 6, so it is hard to imagine they will find he has absolute criminal immunity."

Another colleague, **Spencer S. Hsu**, adds that he's watching what the judges say about each of the arguments raised by Trump.

- For example, are they more concerned with Trump's claim of presidential immunity or his double jeopardy claim that former president's cannot be charged for conduct they have been impeached but not convicted of by the Senate?
- How much credence do they give an argument raised by outside left-leaning analysts suggesting Trump cannot appeal the immunity issue before trial at all?

THE TIMELINE

Time is of the essence. Smith had hoped to begin the trial against Trump on March 4, but that could be delayed depending on the outcome and timeline of a decision in this case.

Because this is a new legal question and they know it will be reviewed by the Supreme Court, the judges will want to write a thoughtful, in-depth opinion, according to Supreme Court reporter **Ann Marimow**. She predicts that a D.C. Circuit decision will "take weeks — not days."

But no matter the outcome of today's proceedings, the Supreme Court is likely to have the last word.

“After the D.C. Circuit issues its ruling, either party can seek rehearing by a full complement of appeals court judges or go directly to the Supreme Court,” Ann adds.

THE IMPACT

While the outcome of this case will have huge consequences for the special counsel case, it could have implications in the Georgia case, too.

Trump filed similar claims in the [Georgia case](#) on Monday, where is charged with 13 counts related to an alleged conspiracy to overturn the 2020 election results in the state. If the Supreme Court finds that Trump was immune as president, that could affect the Georgia prosecution, even though he is charged with state crimes, Spencer notes.

And presidential immunity would not apply to the Florida case involving classified documents “because he was not president during the time of the alleged actions in the indictment,” our colleague **Perry Stein** says. It also won't apply to the case in New York, which alleges that Trump paid hush money to adult actress **Stormy Daniels**.

What we're watching

ON THE HILL

Austin fallout: We are watching continued fallout over **Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin's [failure to disclose his hospital stay](#)** to the president, members of Congress and officials at the Pentagon.

Rep. Matt Rosendale (R-Mont.) is filing articles of impeachment. The top Republican on the **House Armed Services Committee**, **Rep. Mike Rogers** (Ala.), [tweeted](#) that he's “quickly losing faith” in Austin's ability to lead the Defense Department.

Austin was admitted to a hospital after a procedure on Jan. 1 and was discharged from the intensive care unit last night.

Border security framework probably delayed: Senate negotiators on border security said Monday night that a framework is unlikely to be released this week, which negotiators

had suggested was likely as recently as this weekend. Disagreements remain on too many issues, including parole, which has been the most difficult part of already tough negotiations.

“We’ll continue to try and get this nailed down,” **Sen. Chris Murphy** (D-Conn.) told reporters, per our colleague **Paul Kane**.

OVERSEAS

Secretary of State Antony Blinken is in Tel Aviv today as escalating tensions between Israel and the Lebanese militant group **Hezbollah** raise the specter of a full-scale regional war.

On Monday evening, Israeli **Foreign Minister Israel Katz** said in a televised interview that Israel had killed a top Hezbollah commander, **Wissam al-Tawil**, calling it “part of the war,” our colleague **Annabelle Timsit** reports. The targeted killing comes as Israel weighs launching a major military operation in Lebanon.

- But as our colleagues **John Hudson, Yasmeen Abutaleb** and **Shane Harris** reported over the weekend, the Biden administration has privately warned Israeli officials against the escalation. Washington believes, based on a secret assessment from the **Defense Intelligence Agency**, that “it will be difficult for the **Israel Defense Forces** (IDF) to succeed because its military assets and resources would be spread too thin given the conflict in Gaza,” our colleagues report.

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The campaign

Violent political threats surge as 2024 begins, haunting American democracy



Law enforcement officers patrol the grounds of the Mississippi Capitol in Jackson on Jan. 4 as they deal with a second consecutive day of bomb threats. (Rogelio V. Solis/AP)

Our colleagues **Sarah Ellison**, **Yvonne Wingett Sanchez** and **Patrick Marley** take a look at the violent threats and acts of intimidation against many government officials since the 2020 presidential election and its effect on American democracy.

Members of Congress, state officials, local leaders and judges have all been subjected to swatting, bomb threats and death threats.

- Special counsel Jack Smith, who is overseeing the prosecution of Trump in two federal cases, was the target of an attempted swatting at his Maryland residence on Christmas Day, per **NBC News's Michael Kosnar** and **Zoë Richards**. Chutkan, the judge presiding over Trump's election subversion case, was the target of a similar incident on Sunday.

The targets of the threats share a common attribute: They have done or said something that has earned the ire of the former president, our colleagues write.

- "I am really worried that there is going to be a tragedy," Wisconsin Supreme Court **Justice Jill Karofsky** said in an interview with our colleagues. "I believe people when

they say that they want to hurt us or kill us. I don't think they're idle threats.”

The Media

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Investing in America Agenda

Missoula Current: [Federal grant to help preserve fish, floating on Clark Fork River](#)

Laura Lundquist, January 8, 2024

With the help of a federal grant, river conservationists are one step closer to opening more of the upper Clark Fork basin to fish and people. At the end of December, the U.S. Department of the Interior announced grants of more than \$51 million to watershed and river restoration projects nationwide through the Bureau of Reclamation's new WaterSMART Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Program. The Bureau of Reclamation awards were made possible through the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

Billings Gazette: [BLM botanist to discuss native seed program during Jan. 15 talk](#)

Staff, January 8, 2024

Identifying the plant species and habitats in Montana of most conservation concern will be part of Wendy Velman's presentation on Monday, Jan. 15, in Billings. Velman has been the Botany Program lead for the Bureau of Land Management in Montana and the Dakotas since 2011. She has worked to establish numerous partnerships to help collect, develop and increase native plant materials for use in restoration efforts on public land. Much of the focus for the use of native seeds is to help diversify prairie habitat that was planted with nonnative grass during the homestead era. The Seeds of Success program was established by the Department of the Interior in 2001 to collect and conserve native plant seeds for the restoration of degraded public lands. According to the BLM website, the program has already established more than 27,000 individual native seed collections. This program received a boost in funding from the 2021 Infrastructure Act, and some of the projects will directly benefit Montana.

E&E: [Interior watchdog steps up to monitor billions of dollars](#)

Michael Doyle, January 8, 2024

The influx of money allocated for orphan well cleanup and mine reclamation is among the Interior Department priorities that the Office of Inspector General plans to dig into this year. Interior Department watchdogs will be digging into how the department is spending billions of dollars on abandoned mine reclamation and orphaned well cleanups, under an ambitious oversight plan for the coming year. Heeding the investigative maxim of "follow the money," the fiscal 2024 oversight plan prepared by Interior's Office of Inspector General targets a number of programs that have received big funding boosts in several bills.

Colorado River Basin

The Hill: [Climate change could slash Colorado stream flows, with effects across the US West: report](#)

Sharon Udasin, January 8, 2024

Future warming could lead to significant reductions in Colorado's river flows by mid-century — impacting not only the Centennial State but also its neighbors downstream, a sweeping climate report warned on Monday. Colorado, a "headwaters" state for much of the U.S. West, has seen persistent dry conditions in recent decades, with four of the five most arid years in its 128-year history of records occurring since 2000, according to the state-funded Climate Change in Colorado survey.

Colorado Sun: [Climate change is a threat to Colorado's snowpack. What does that mean for the water in your tap?](#)

Shannon Mullane, January 9, 2024

The state's snowpack, a key water source to millions of people across the Western U.S., could be declining — if experts are reading the signs of climate change correctly. Yearly snow storms form an enormous frozen reservoir in Colorado, but climate change is threatening its future.

DOI and Offshore Energy

KATC: [Louisiana to see its first wind turbine at Port Fourchon](#)

Staff, January 8, 2024

At the Greater Lafourche Port Commission's (GLPC) December board meeting, Gulf Wind Technology approved a lease agreement that will make Port Fourchon the first location in Louisiana to have an actual wind turbine. According to GLPC officials, the wind turbine and its components are currently journeying across the Atlantic to the United States. The process to reassemble the turbine will commence shortly after the arrival of its parts.

Maritime Executive: [BOEM Aims to Control Offshore Wind Developments' Risk to Right Whales](#)

Staff, January 8, 2024

In advance of future offshore wind development in the New York Bight, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management is preparing a region-wide environmental impact statement, paving the way for faster federal permitting of each individual project down the road.

North American Wind Power: [BOEM Announces Review of Future New York, New Jersey Development Areas](#)

Kimberley Warner-Cohen, January 8, 2024

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) has invited the public to review and comment on a draft potential development of six wind lease areas offshore New York and New Jersey, in an area known as the New York Bight. BOEM estimates that full development of leases in this area, totaling more than 488,000 acres, has the potential to create up to 7 GW of offshore energy, enough to power up to two million homes.

Offshore Wind: [BOEM Opens Public Consultation on New York Bight Lease Areas](#)

Adnan Memija, January 9, 2024

The US Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) has launched a public consultation on the potential development of six wind lease areas offshore New York and New Jersey, in an area known as the New York Bight. In February 2022, BOEM held an auction that brought in over USD 4.3 billion for the rights to six lease areas in the New York Bight – a record amount for any US offshore renewable or conventional energy lease sale.

World Oil: [2024: A policy crossroads for American offshore energy](#)

Erik Molito, Opinion, January 8, 2024

As we usher in the close of 2023, the offshore energy sector stands at a pivotal juncture, grappling with the uncertain policies and attitudes of the federal government. While challenges are not unfamiliar to our industry, the current political landscape is laden with profound implications for our nation's energy security and economic prosperity.

E&E: [Interior releases review of building 1,000 wind turbines off NY coast](#)

Heather Richards, January 8, 2024

The analysis proposes various mitigation strategies to reduce the impact of a new industry emerging in the waters off New York and New Jersey. The Interior Department on Monday published a draft analysis of building more than 1,000 offshore wind turbines off the coast of New York, where two years ago developers spent billions for the right to build wind farms in a record sale by the Biden administration. The programmatic environmental impact statement details how offshore wind development in the shallow waters of the New York Bight would affect the environment, such as marine life, as well as other uses of those waters like commercial fishing.

E&E: [Whitehouse crafting legislation to boost offshore wind](#)

Kelsey Brugger, January 9, 2024

The Rhode Island senator is seeking to juice the industry, which has hit rocky times in the past few months. Rhode Island Democratic Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse will release draft legislation Tuesday that aims to boost the offshore wind energy industry. The working text will seek to improve the federal permitting process for offshore wind farms to better power the grid with carbon-free energy.

DOI and the Climate Crisis

New York Times: [Some California Farmers Pay for Groundwater. Is That Workable?](#)

Soumya Karlamangla, January 8, 2024

A conversation with Coral Davenport, a climate reporter, about a novel water payment system in the Pajaro Valley. California's Central Coast is an expensive place to grow food. The Pajaro Valley, which stretches for 10 miles along the coast of Monterey Bay, charges farmers for irrigation water from wells, a system that's far different from elsewhere in the nation, where growers typically water their crops by freely pumping groundwater.

The Cool Down: [New study reveals a concerning reason why the Earth's forests are changing: 'It's clear that we must adapt quickly'](#)

Shah Emami, January 8, 2024

Trees produce the oxygen we breathe and promote biodiversity in our ecosystems. However, the planet's climate is getting too hot for some forests to sustain themselves. [...] "Healthy, resilient forests are critical to helping us respond to the climate impacts being felt by communities across the country, because they store carbon, provide clean air and water, and sustain biodiversity,"

Tracy Stone-Manning, director of the Bureau of Land Management, said in a statement.

Mohave Daily News: [Agencies respond to low Topock Marsh water levels](#)

Fred Mayson, January 9, 2024

Fisherman Ray Fick says water levels dropping in the Topock Marsh over the past year — and he's not wrong. Fick has been fishing in the area for 38 years and according to him, the water levels have dropped about 10 feet over the past year, particularly in the North Dike area of the marshlands.

St. George News: [Man cycling 18,000 miles to all US national parks hopes to inspire change](#)

Stephanie DeGraw, January 8, 2024

A man cycling through all 51 national parks on a bike said raising awareness of how climate change could damage the parks forever is more challenging than his physical feat. Spencer McCullough, 28, has been on the road since April 2023 and will eventually travel 18,000 miles.

Bloomberg Law: [Well Drilling Request on Wyoming Lease Denied by Federal Court](#)

Shayna Greene, January 8, 2024

An energy trade association lost its bid to get approval for one of its members to drill two wells on Wyoming land where a federal court temporarily barred new lease sale authorizations. The Western Watersheds Project and Center for Biological Diversity challenged oil and gas leases on public lands across multiple western states, raising concern over the greater sage-grouse—a chicken-sized bird seen as an indicator species for the health of the sagebrush ecosystem.

E&E: [House, Senate Democrats ask court to halt Willow project](#)

Niina H. Farah, January 9, 2024

The fossil fuel project undermines a "pressing need to reduce reliance on non-renewable energy sources," the lawmakers told a federal court. More than a dozen Democratic lawmakers are backing conservation groups' calls for a federal appeals court to halt construction of a massive fossil fuel project in Alaska approved by the Biden administration almost a year ago. In a friend of the court brief, members of both chambers of Congress said the Interior Department should not have authorized ConocoPhillips' Willow project in a pristine area of Alaska's National Petroleum Reserve.

DOI and Conservation

New York Times: [Boundary Waters, Minnesota A protected watershed, but for how long?](#)

Stephanie Pearson, January 8, 2024

Last January, Interior Secretary Deb Haaland signed an order that bans toxic mining on 225,504 federal acres within the Rainy River Watershed in northern Minnesota for 20 years. That was good news for the 150,000 annual visitors who paddle the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, a network in the watershed of more than 1,200 miles of canoe routes that connect 1,100 freshwater lakes.

Courthouse News: [Colorado activists sue feds to block proposed trail near former nukes facility](#)

Ryan Knappenberger, January 8, 2024

The proposed trail would pass by the former Rocky Flats plant, which manufactured fission cores and was shut down following an FBI and EPA raid. Environmental activists filed a lawsuit Monday against the federal agencies claiming they ignored potential health concerns when approving a public trail near the former Rocky Flats nuclear weapons production facility just outside Denver, Colorado. The plaintiffs, including Physicians for Social Responsibility, the Rocky Mountain Peace and Justice Center and other Colorado groups seek to block the construction of an 8-mile trail through "the most heavily plutonium contaminated portion" of the Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge.

BNN: [Environmental and Health Advocacy Groups Sue U.S. Federal Agencies over Rocky Flats Greenway](#)

Staff, January 9, 2024

In a significant development, a coalition led by Physicians for Social Responsibility, along with several environmental and health advocacy groups, has lodged a lawsuit against U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, Interior Secretary Deb Haaland, and four federal agencies. The agencies are the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Federal Highway Administration among others. The lawsuit aims to halt the construction of an 8-mile greenway through Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge.

WV News Report: [Fayette County Residents Oppose the National Park Service's Plan to Demolish Historic Buildings in New River Gorge National Park](#)

Staff, January 8, 2024

The people of Thurmond, a small town in Fayette County, West Virginia, are upset with the National Park Service's (NPS) plans. The NPS wants to knock down 35 old buildings in the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve. This is a part of a project called the Great American Outdoors Act Legacy Restoration Fund. The project's goal is to make the park better, take care of old buildings, and cut down on costs.

WV Metro News: [National Park Service to host meeting regarding proposed demolition plan this week, Thurmond residents to present another option](#)

Katherine Skeldon, January 8, 2024

Residents of one historical community in Fayette County plan to present some more options during an upcoming meeting regarding the National Park Service's proposal to tear down 35 deteriorating and excess buildings within the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve.

Denver Post: [Colorado environmental groups file federal lawsuit to halt Rocky Flats trail](#)

Katie Langford, January 8, 2024

Physicians for Social Responsibility and five Colorado advocacy groups are suing Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, Interior Secretary Deb Haaland and four federal agencies to halt work on a trail through Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge. The lawsuit, filed in federal court in the District of Columbia on Monday, claims that the U.S. departments of Transportation and the Interior, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Federal Highway Administration violated the National Environmental Policy Act by not considering alternatives to constructing an 8-mile greenway "through the most heavily plutonium-contaminated portion" of the refuge.

KDVR: [Advocates sue to block trail through Rocky Flats, citing 'plutonium plume'](#)

Heather Willard, January 8, 2024

A federal lawsuit filed Monday aims to halt the Rocky Mountain Greenway project over concerns the trail would be built on "heavily contaminated portions" of the former Rocky Flats nuclear weapons production facility. The lawsuit was filed in federal court in Washington, D.C. The plaintiffs want alternative routes fairly considered.

WTOL: [Five companies to pay \\$7.2 million settlement for natural resource damages to Toledo watershed areas](#)

Ashley Taylor, January 8, 2024

Ohio Refining Co., Chevron U.S.A. Inc., Energy Transfer (R&M) LLC, Pilkington North America Inc. and Chemtrade Logistics Inc. all agreed to a \$7.2 million settlement to resolve claims of natural resource damage at the Duck & Otter Creek Natural Research Damage Assessment (NRDA) site. [...] "The Maumee River watershed, including Duck and Otter Creeks, provides key habitats for migratory birds and fish, and supports hunting and fishing activities for local residents," said Midwest Regional Director Will Meeks of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).

WVNS: [National Park Service meeting to address new project](#)

Autumn Collins, January 8, 2024

An open house meeting to discuss the project to remove excess structures and address maintenance needs for The National Park Service will be held on Thursday, January 8, 2024. The National Park Service Public Meeting and Open House will be held at The Bank of Glen Jean.

8 News Now: [Colt killed after injuring leg escaping BLM roundup, event captured on video](#)

Greg Haas, January 8, 2024

Video showing a colt hurting its leg as it fights to get away from wranglers is the latest flashpoint in advocates' criticism of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) roundups on Nevada ranges. The colt was killed after the injury, one of two horses that died on Saturday, Jan. 6, the 10th day of the East Pershing Complex roundup. So far, 11 wild horses have died during the operation. The colt's death is classified as one of three "acute" deaths, with eight others due to chronic conditions that would prevent a horse from surviving in the wild. The horses are "humanely euthanized" according to the BLM.

Rocket Miner: [BLM provides guidelines for comments regarding management plan](#)

Trina Dennis Brittain, January 8, 2024

There are quite a few barriers between the use of technology and older adults, especially when thousands of organizations depend on technology for public input. A Sweetwater County resident brought forth concerns regarding comment guidelines for the Rock Springs Resource Management Plan.

Bloomberg Law: [Feds Fight Injunction Against Release of Gray Wolves in Colorado](#)

Peter Hayes, January 8, 2024

The US Fish and Wildlife Service asked a federal trial court to deny a request for a preliminary injunction that would bar the reintroduction of gray wolves to Colorado while a lawsuit challenging the plan goes forward. The injunction should be denied because the plaintiffs—Colorado Conservation Alliance and two individuals—haven't shown they have suffered an injury, making it unlikely they will succeed on the merits of their claims, the government said in a brief filed in the US District Court for the District of Colorado Jan. 5.

World Animal News: [A New Jaguar Has Been Spotted In Arizona Marking The 8th Jaguar In The Southwest In 30 Years](#)

Karen Lapizco, January 8, 2024

The discovery of a wild Jaguar in southern Arizona in recent trail camera footage is welcome news for the species not previously identified in the state. The images captured last month by wildlife enthusiast Jason Miller and analyzed by the Center for Biological Diversity confirm the eighth jaguar documented in the U.S. Southwest in the past three decades.

E&E: [Greens seek ESA protection for another Nevada wildflower](#)

Michael Doyle, January 8, 2024

The Carson Valley monkeyflower has lost habitat to sprawl in the Carson City area, environmentalists contend. Citing threats from residential sprawl, environmentalists Monday petitioned the Fish and Wildlife Service to provide Endangered Species Act protections to a rare Nevada plant called the Carson Valley monkeyflower. The small annual flower inhabits sagebrush areas in several counties around Carson City in Nevada, as well as a slice of California's Alpine County.

E&E: [Meet the mediator hired to lead gray wolf conversations](#)

Michael Doyle, January 8, 2024

In a Q&A, Francine Madden talks about her assignment from the Fish and Wildlife Service to gather people together on one of the most difficult wildlife topics before the agency. Francine Madden knows the gray wolf. The veteran mediation consultant has gone deep into one state's contentious disagreement about the predator. Now, she's taking that expertise to the national stage.

DOI and Indigenous Peoples

New York Times: [Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni, Arizona: Honoring the sacred Indigenous land around the Grand Canyon](#)

Gina Rae La Cerva, January 8, 2024

While Grand Canyon National Park is no stranger to travel bucket lists, there's a new reason to visit the southwestern United States. The recently designated Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni, or Ancestral Footprints of the Grand Canyon National Monument, now conserves around 900,000 acres of plateaus, canyons and other land surrounding the Grand Canyon. Considered the ancestral homelands of more than a dozen Indigenous tribes, the monument also preserves more than 3,000 Native cultural and historic sites, reflecting the area's deep spiritual and sacred significance.

New Republic: [This Tribe Got Their “Land Back.” But It’s No Longer Livable.](#)

Margret Grebowicz, January 9, 2024

The Timbisha Shoshone are legally permitted to live in Death Valley National Park. But the vegetation vital to their traditions and livelihoods is dying. The high temperatures in Death Valley National Park attract tourists from all over the world. Big groups come in shiny luxury buses. Visiting Badwater and Zabriskie Point, the park’s most frequented attractions, you’re likely to run into at least one film crew or fashion shoot from nearby L.A. And the luxury hotel the Inn at Death Valley boasts a forest of whispering palm trees, a lush golf course, a swimming pool, and gourmet seafood entrees in the middle of the hottest place on earth.

Globe and Mail: [Bison bounce back in the American West, giving Indigenous nations hope for restorations of their own](#)

Nathan Vanderklippe, January 9, 2024

Tribes and the U.S. government are reintroducing herds of native animals like never before, and Canadians who want to do the same are taking notes. Marcus McClung steers a Toyota Tacoma down roads turned into greasy mud by rain. He scans the horizon, occasionally grabbing binoculars in hopes of spotting his quarry among the dark shrubs. But the view is obscured by thick waves of fog that roll in. The bison have vanished into their new landscape.

Cronkite News: [‘We are survivors.’ National, Arizona projects aim to uncover, preserve histories of Native American boarding schools](#)

Ellie Willard, January 8, 2024

A national oral history project aims to document the experiences of Indigenous children who attended federal boarding schools. The Department of the Interior announced the project in September as part of the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative. The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABS) has been entrusted to lead the project with \$3.7 million in grant funding through the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

KELO: [A closer look at state of emergency on Pine Ridge Reservation](#)

Dan Santella and Lauren Soulek, January 8, 2024

Oglala Sioux Tribal President Frank Star Comes Out issued a state of emergency on November 18 for the Pine Ridge Reservation in southwest South Dakota, saying in the proclamation that law and order had broken down because the United States government had failed in its “responsibilities to provide adequate law enforcement on the Reservation.”

DOI and Other Bureau News

AP: [Park Service retracts decision to take down William Penn statue at Philadelphia historical site](#)

Marc Levy, January 8, 2024

The National Park Service withdrew a proposal Monday to take down a statue of William Penn at a Philadelphia historical site as part of a renovation that touched off a torrent of criticism over the legacy of the man who founded the province of Pennsylvania. In a brief statement, Independence National Historical Park said it has withdrawn the proposal it had announced quietly before the weekend about a wider renovation of Welcome Park, located just blocks from the Liberty Bell and the National Constitution Center.

Washington Post: [William Penn statue to stay in Welcome Park after National Park Service reversal](#)

Azi Paybarah, January 8, 2024

NPS initially said removing the statue from the Philadelphia park would make a more ‘welcoming, accurate, and inclusive experience for visitors’. The National Park Service announced on Monday it will not remove a statue of William Penn from the park in Philadelphia where his home once stood.

Wall Street Journal: [Park Service Withdraws Plan to Remove William Penn Statue](#)

Kris Maher, January 8, 2024

The National Park Service withdrew its plan to remove a statue of William Penn from a Philadelphia park after it drew fire from state GOP leaders, who criticized it as an attempt to “cancel” the founder of the colony that would become Pennsylvania. The

federal agency said last week that the statue would be removed as part of a proposal to rehabilitate Welcome Park, located on the site of Penn's former home, to make the park more welcoming, accurate and inclusive.

USA Today: [National Park Service scraps plan to remove Philadelphia statue after online firestorm](#)

Amaris Encinas, January 8, 2024

The National Park Service will no longer move forward with plans to permanently remove Pennsylvania founder William Penn's statue from a historical park, the agency said Monday. Removing the statue, along with a replica of Penn's home, were among some of the changes planned for Welcome Park, a recreation area within Independence National Historical Park in Philadelphia, according to the Friday announcement.

National Review: [National Park Service Retracts Plan to Remove William Penn Statue from Philadelphia Park](#)

David Zimmerman, January 8, 2024

The National Park Service on Monday retracted its plan to remove the William Penn statue as part of rehabilitating Welcome Park in Philadelphia, Pa., three days after it was announced that the landmark sculpture "would be removed and not reinstalled."

PennLive: [No changes planned to William Penn statue in Philly, park service says](#)

Paul Vigna, January 8, 2024

Independence National Historical Park has withdrawn the review of a draft proposal to rehabilitate Welcome Park and closed the public comment period, the National Park Service (NPS) said Monday. The preliminary draft proposal, which was released prematurely and had not been subject to a complete internal agency review, is being retracted.

Philadelphia Inquirer: [William Penn statue will not be removed from Welcome Park, says National Park Service in sudden reversal](#)

Frank Kummer, January 8, 2024

The sudden reversal came after a barrage of complaints, often spearheaded by Republicans, but joined by high-profile Democrats such as Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro. The National Park Service has withdrawn a proposal to permanently remove a statue of William Penn as part of its rehabilitation of Welcome Park in Old City, saying the plan was "released prematurely and had not been subject to a complete internal agency review."

PhillyVoice: [William Penn statue will not be removed from Philly's Welcome Park, NPS says](#)

John Paul Titlow, January 8, 2024

A proposed redesign for the historical site called for the monument to be taken down and greater emphasis placed on the city's Native American history. The proposed plan to remove the William Penn statue from Welcome Park in Old City was withdrawn by the National Park Service on Monday after it was sharply criticized by a Republican state lawmaker and other conservatives.

DelCo Daily Times: [National Park Service walks back plan to remove William Penn statue at Welcome Park in Philadelphia](#)

Medianews Group and Tribune News Service, January 8, 2024

On Monday night, the National Park Service withdrew a draft proposal to rehabilitate Welcome Park, including removing a statue of William Penn in a move that had set off an uproar earlier in the day. The press release read, "Independence National Historical Park has withdrawn the review of a draft proposal to rehabilitate Welcome Park and closed the public comment period. The preliminary draft proposal, which was released prematurely and had not been subject to a complete internal agency review, is being retracted. No changes to the William Penn statue are planned.

CBS News Philadelphia: [Plan to remove William Penn statue, renovate Welcome Park in Philadelphia withdrawn](#)

Tom Ignudo, January 8, 2024

A plan to renovate Philadelphia's Welcome Park, including removing the William Penn Statue, has been withdrawn, the National Park Service said Monday. The NPS said the plan for the park located at Second and Walnut Streets was released "prematurely."

NBC Philadelphia: [NPS withdrawals plan to remove statue of William Penn from site of his Philadelphia home](#)

Hayden Mitman and Kaleah Mcilwain, January 8, 2024

Following public outcry -- and intervention from the governor -- the NPS has withdrawn a renovation plan for Welcome Park at the site of William Penn's former home in the city's Old City neighborhood.

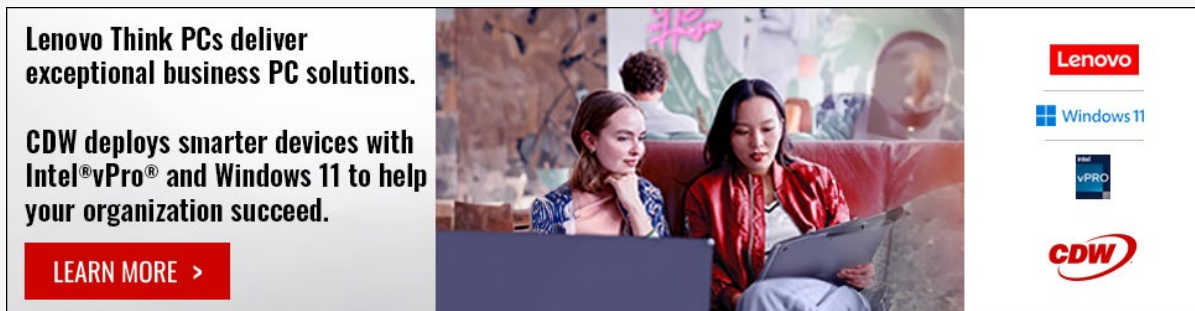
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Good morning, Early Birds. The statue of William Penn in Philadelphia's Welcome Park isn't going anywhere — and neither is a much larger Penn statue atop City Hall. Look how big it is! The sculptor, Alexander Milne Calder, was the grandfather of Alexander Calder, whose works grace the Hart Senate Office Building and the National Gallery of Art.

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In today's edition ... Release of the bipartisan border security framework is likely delayed ... A look at the violent threats against members of Congress, state officials, local leaders and judges since 2020 ... but first ...



From the courts

The consequences of Trump's immunity court case



Former president Donald Trump during the civil fraud trial against the Trump Organization in New York on Dec. 7. (Eduardo Munoz Alvarez/Pool/AFP/Getty Images)

Former president **Donald Trump** is expected to watch today as his lawyers try to convince three appeals court judges that he can't be tried for his alleged role in the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol and trying to overturn the 2020 election.

The outcome could have big implications for Trump — and future presidents. That's because the case raises a novel issue for the courts, which have never before been asked whether a former president is immune from federal criminal prosecution.

Trump is hoping to avoid a trial in the 2020 election case, which was brought by special counsel **Jack Smith**. He's accused of conspiring to overturn the 2020 election.

Trump is also facing political stakes, as he's on track to become the Republican

nomination for president.

“His choice to attend the argument — not uncommon but also not required in an appeal — instead of spending more time in Iowa just one week from the GOP's first nominating contest there reflect the bet he and his campaign are placing on blending his criminal defense with electoral message. Tuesday's appearance is poised to be the first of many times this year that he quickly pivots between the courtroom and the campaign trail or brings the campaign to the courthouse steps as he faces four separate criminal cases and two civil trials,” our colleague [Isaac Arnsdorf](#) reports.

- Trump's purpose in showing up in the courtroom is to show “seriousness and defiance” and garner media attention as he's going on the offense, according to Isaac's reporting.

To understand the legal aspects of the case, we picked the brains of our fantastic colleagues who cover the ins and outs of the Trump trials.

HOW THE CASE CAME TO BE

Trump appealed the case to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia after U.S. District Judge **Tanya S. Chutkan** rejected his attempt to dismiss the case in December. The former president argued that he is immune from federal prosecution because he was president at the time of the alleged crime.

- “Whatever immunities a sitting President may enjoy, the United States has only one Chief Executive at a time, and that position does not confer a lifelong ‘get-out-of-jail-free’ pass.” Chutkan wrote in her decision. “No court — or any other branch of government — has ever accepted it. And this court will not so hold.”
- Smith asked the Supreme Court to fast-track the case, but the court refused to do so. It didn't explain why.

THE ARGUMENTS

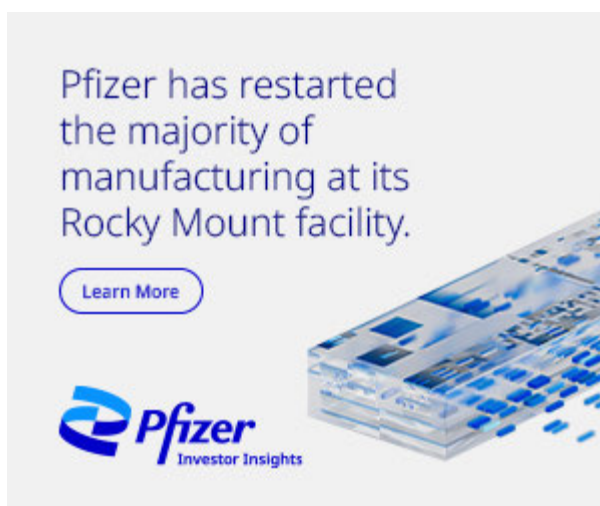
The former president is arguing that he is immune from federal prosecution for his acts as president — and because he was not convicted in his impeachment trial, trying him now

would amount to double jeopardy.

“Presidential immunity and the Impeachment Judgment Clause foreclose the criminal prosecution of President Trump for his official acts,” his lawyers argued in a brief to the court.

Smith argues that courts haven't found that former presidents have immunity from criminal liability. And even if they do, Smith argues, it wouldn't apply to Trump, who worked with private individuals and government officials to remain in power.

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- Smith has also argued that a lack of conviction in an impeachment trial does not limit Trump's ability to be prosecuted. Trump was acquitted in his Senate impeachment trial.

A NOTE ON THE IMPEACHMENT STANDARD

But about that impeachment argument ... it's complicated.

When **Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell** (R-Ky.) voted to not convict Trump in his trial, he said the courts would be the more appropriate venue for assessing the president's actions.

“Impeachment was never meant to be the final forum for American justice,” McConnell argued at the time. “We have a criminal justice system in this country. We have civil litigation. And former Presidents are not immune from being held accountable by either

one.”

THE JUDGES

None of the judges on the panel, who are randomly assigned, were nominated by Trump.

Judge Karen L. Henderson was nominated by **President George H.W. Bush** and has served on the court since 1990. Reporters and legal watchers will listen to Henderson closely.

The other two judges on the panel, **Florence Y. Pan** and **J. Michelle Childs**, were nominated by **President Biden** and confirmed by the Senate in 2022.

Childs was in the running for former Supreme Court justice **Stephen Breyer's** seat on the court. **Rep. Jim Clyburn** (D-S.C.) and **Sen. Lindsey Graham** (R-S.C.) urged Biden to choose Childs, who was a federal district court judge in South Carolina, but the appointment went to **Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson**. Biden nominated Pan for the seat vacated by Jackson.

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TRUMP'S CHANCES FOR SUCCESS

Our colleague **Devlin Barrett** says it's hard to say whether Trump's legal arguments will

hold sway. But he says this: “This appeals court has already found in a separate case that Trump is not immune to civil liability for his actions as a presidential candidate around Jan. 6, so it is hard to imagine they will find he has absolute criminal immunity.”

Another colleague, **Spencer S. Hsu**, adds that he’s watching what the judges say about each of the arguments raised by Trump.

- For example, are they more concerned with Trump’s claim of presidential immunity or his double jeopardy claim that former president’s cannot be charged for conduct they have been impeached but not convicted of by the Senate?
- How much credence do they give an argument raised by outside left-leaning analysts suggesting Trump cannot appeal the immunity issue before trial at all?

THE TIMELINE

Time is of the essence. Smith had hoped to begin the trial against Trump on March 4, but that could be delayed depending on the outcome and timeline of a decision in this case.

Because this is a new legal question and they know it will be reviewed by the Supreme Court, the judges will want to write a thoughtful, in-depth opinion, according to Supreme Court reporter **Ann Marimow**. She predicts that a D.C. Circuit decision will “take weeks — not days.”

But no matter the outcome of today’s proceedings, the Supreme Court is likely to have the last word.

“After the D.C. Circuit issues its ruling, either party can seek rehearing by a full complement of appeals court judges or go directly to the Supreme Court,” Ann adds.

THE IMPACT

While the outcome of this case will have huge consequences for the special counsel case, it could have implications in the Georgia case, too.

Trump filed similar claims in the [Georgia case](#) on Monday, where is charged with 13 counts related to an alleged conspiracy to overturn the 2020 election results in the state. If

the Supreme Court finds that Trump was immune as president, that could affect the Georgia prosecution, even though he is charged with state crimes, Spencer notes.

And presidential immunity would not apply to the Florida case involving classified documents “because he was not president during the time of the alleged actions in the indictment,” our colleague **Perry Stein** says. It also won't apply to the case in New York, which alleges that Trump paid hush money to adult actress **Stormy Daniels**.

What we're watching

ON THE HILL

Austin fallout: We are watching continued fallout over **Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin's failure to disclose his hospital stay** to the president, members of Congress and officials at the Pentagon.

Rep. Matt Rosendale (R-Mont.) is filing articles of impeachment. The top Republican on the **House Armed Services Committee**, **Rep. Mike Rogers** (Ala.), tweeted that he's “quickly losing faith” in Austin's ability to lead the Defense Department.

Austin was admitted to a hospital after a procedure on Jan. 1 and was discharged from the intensive care unit last night.

Border security framework probably delayed: Senate negotiators on border security said Monday night that a framework is unlikely to be released this week, which negotiators had suggested was likely as recently as this weekend. Disagreements remain on too many issues, including parole, which has been the most difficult part of already tough negotiations.

“We'll continue to try and get this nailed down,” **Sen. Chris Murphy** (D-Conn.) told reporters, per our colleague **Paul Kane**.

OVERSEAS

Secretary of State Antony Blinken is in Tel Aviv today as escalating tensions between

Israel and the Lebanese militant group **Hezbollah** raise the specter of a full-scale regional war.

On Monday evening, Israeli **Foreign Minister Israel Katz** said in a televised interview that Israel had killed a top Hezbollah commander, **Wissam al-Tawil**, calling it “part of the war,” our colleague **Annabelle Timsit** reports. The targeted killing comes as Israel weighs launching a major military operation in Lebanon.

- But as our colleagues **John Hudson, Yasmeen Abutaleb** and **Shane Harris** reported over the weekend, the Biden administration has privately warned Israeli officials against the escalation. Washington believes, based on a secret assessment from the **Defense Intelligence Agency**, that “it will be difficult for the **Israel Defense Forces** (IDF) to succeed because its military assets and resources would be spread too thin given the conflict in Gaza,” our colleagues report.

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The campaign

Violent political threats surge as 2024 begins, haunting American democracy



Law enforcement officers patrol the grounds of the Mississippi Capitol in Jackson on Jan. 4 as they deal with a second consecutive day of bomb threats. (Rogelio V. Solis/AP)

Our colleagues **Sarah Ellison**, **Yvonne Wingett Sanchez** and **Patrick Marley** [take a look](#) at the violent threats and acts of intimidation against many government officials since the 2020 presidential election and its effect on American democracy.

Members of Congress, state officials, local leaders and judges have all been subjected to swatting, bomb threats and death threats.

- Special counsel Jack Smith, who is overseeing the prosecution of Trump in two federal cases, was the target of an attempted swatting at his Maryland residence on Christmas Day, [per NBC News's Michael Kosnar and Zoë Richards](#). Chutkan, the judge presiding over Trump's election subversion case, was the target of a similar incident on Sunday.

The targets of the threats share a common attribute: They have done or said something that has earned the ire of the former president, our colleagues write.

- "I am really worried that there is going to be a tragedy," Wisconsin Supreme Court **Justice Jill Karofsky** said in an interview with our colleagues. "I believe people when

they say that they want to hurt us or kill us. I don't think they're idle threats.”

The Media

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- [Millions of gig workers could qualify as employees under new Biden-era rule.](#) By **Lauren Kaori Gurley**.
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Colorado River Basin

Salt Lake Tribune: [Feds will take over if Western states can't agree on Colorado River plan](#)

Anastasia Hufham, January 6, 2024

The rules that have guided Colorado River operations for two decades will expire at the end of 2026. Water negotiators across the West have been devising a new set of guidelines — dubbed “post-2026 operations” — that will address water use imbalances, the effects of climate change and tribal water rights. Now, Colorado River Basin states — Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming — only have a few months to finalize a plan to present to the U.S. Department of the Interior.

The Water Desk: [What to watch on the Colorado River in 2024](#)

Luke Runyon, January 4, 2024

A wet year in 2023 brought short-term relief, but long-term uncertainty still hangs over the West's critical waterway. After years of dry conditions throughout the West, 2023 gave the region's water managers the greatest gift of all: a hefty snowpack. This year's winter snow eventually melted and boosted the Colorado River's beleaguered reservoirs. The Hail Mary winter storms came just in time. Without the savior snows, the river's second-largest reservoir, Lake Powell, was on a glide path toward losing the ability to produce hydropower at Glen Canyon Dam, not to mention the harm to the long-term ecological health of the river and its main tributaries.

Investing in America Agenda

New York Times: [Colorado River States Are Racing to Agree on Cuts Before Inauguration Day](#)

Christopher Flavelle, January 6, 2024

California, Arizona and others, fearing a political shake-up of negotiating teams after the November election, are aiming to wrap up work this year. The states that rely on the Colorado River, which is shrinking because of climate change and overuse, are rushing to agree on a long-term deal to share the dwindling resource by the end of the year. They worry that a change in administrations after the election could set back talks.

Chicago Sun Times: [For conservation's sake, transfer Joliet Training Area to Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie](#)

Michael Davidson, Paul Botts and Jack Darin, Opinion, January 5, 2024

An investment in Midewin, one of the largest prairie restorations east of the Mississippi River, is an investment in a climate-resilient future for our region, leaders of Openlands, Wetlands Initiative and Sierra Club Illinois write. Recently, at the United Nations Climate Change Conference, COP28, Assistant Secretary for the Interior Shannon Estenoz said, "Investing in nature is investing in ourselves. By employing nature-based solutions, land managers and decision-makers can restore and sustain healthy ecosystems that in turn support healthy communities and economies."

Public News Service: [Federal funding could transform Ohio Valley into a manufacturing hub](#)

Nadia Ramlagan, January 8, 2024

Manufacturers in Ohio employ around 12% of the state's workforce, and advocates say the state's Appalachian region could bolster its economy by turning itself into a green manufacturing hub. Dana Kuhnline - program director with the group ReImagine Appalachia - said manufacturing in the clean-energy sector would create good jobs and help build local economies, as well as help curb climate change. "What can we manufacture in Appalachia?" said Kuhnline. "How can we reuse shuttered facilities, like closed steel facilities and shuttered coal plants? And what are sustainable products that Appalachia could become a hub for, that we could make in this region? "

Yakima Herald: [Yakama Nation Fisheries receives grant funding to realign highway near Leavenworth](#)

Jasper Kenzo Sundeen, January 6, 2024

Yakama Nation Fisheries is set to receive almost \$3.5 million in grant funding for efforts to restore salmon habitat at Nason Creek in Chelan County. The funding would help cover a \$12 million project to restore floodplain around Nason Creek and State Route 207, which connects with U.S. Highway 2 nearby, about 15 miles north of Leavenworth. Almost \$3 million would come from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and \$500,000 would come from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

Oil City News: [National Park Service, American Forests partner to restore threatened whitebark pine](#)

Staff, January 5, 2024

The National Park Service and American Forests have signed a five-year agreement to help return threatened whitebark pine to its range in the western U.S., including Yellowstone National Park, Grand Teton National Park and other parts of Wyoming. As part of President Joe Biden's Investing in America agenda, the partnership will support restoration activities in national parks where whitebark pine grows. Initial projects in Yellowstone, Glacier and Grand Teton national parks are part of \$44 million in funding from the Inflation Reduction Act, the largest climate and conservation investment in history.

E&E: [How current is that wildfire risk map? Depends on the state.](#)

Avery Ellfeldt, January 8, 2024

Limited funding has made it hard for states to keep their wildfire risk maps up to date, even as global warming increases the danger. For years, Colorado's wildfire risk map was so inaccurate that state officials all but ignored it. It was long outdated, especially in the state's western half. There, but unmarked on the map, was more than 3 million acres of forest where mountain pine beetles had killed lodgepole, limber and ponderosa pines — transforming the forest floor into a tinderbox of dead kindling.

DOI and Offshore Energy

NPR: [Offshore wind farm starts generating power](#)

Barbara Moran, January 4, 2024

Offshore wind is a young industry in the U.S. This week, it hit a milestone when one of the country's first two commercial-scale projects, Vineyard Wind, started sending power to the grid. Vineyard Wind, off the coast of Massachusetts, delivered five megawatts of electricity from one turbine. Now, that may not sound like much, but it is a big deal for this new industry.

The Cool Down: [State makes history with its first offshore wind project: 'The next chapter in \[our\] great history'](#)

Jeremiah Budin, January 8, 2024

Louisiana is set to break a clean energy milestone in the United States, launching the first two offshore wind farms in state waters. The projects, known as Cajun Wind and Diamond Offshore Wind, have already been approved by Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards and the state's Department of Natural Resources. Cajun Wind is being developed by Danish manufacturer Vestas Wind Systems (via its North American arm Steelhead Americas) and Diamond Offshore Wind is being developed by Mitsubishi.

BNN: [US BOEM Updates Offshore Renewable Energy Guidelines](#)

Rafia Tasleem, January 6, 2024

The US Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) has unveiled revised guidelines for providing geophysical, geotechnical, and geohazard information crucial to offshore renewable energy projects. The guidelines, stipulated under 30 CFR Part 585, were initially published in May 2020, focusing primarily on the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf (OCS).

Coastal Point: [U.S. Wind initiates benefits talk with towns](#)

Mike Smith, January 5, 2024

US Wind has formally presented to the Delaware Association of Coastal Towns (ACT) a package of community benefits for the good of Delaware's coastal residents. The ACT communities of Henlopen Acres, Rehoboth Beach, Dewey Beach, Bethany Beach and South Bethany have begun to evaluate the offer and will proceed with discussions through their respective public meeting processes.

Shore News Network: [Another Offshore Wind Farm Project Off the Jersey Shore Bites the Dust](#)

Robert Walker, January 6, 2024

Equinor (EQNR.OL) and BP (BP.L) announced the termination of their power sale agreement with New York State for the proposed Empire Wind 2 offshore wind farm. The decision, attributed to rising inflation, higher borrowing costs, and supply chain challenges, repositions the project for future development opportunities. Equinor, in a statement on Wednesday, referenced the impact of broad economic changes on the industry. The move coincides with New York's new offshore wind solicitation, allowing companies to renegotiate or exit old contracts.

Shore News Network: [New Jersey Governor Full Steam Ahead on Wind Farms Amid Crippling Industry Crisis](#)

Robert Walker, January 7, 2024

The offshore wind energy sector in New Jersey and New York is experiencing significant challenges. In New Jersey, Governor Phil Murphy's renewable energy goals suffered a blow with Ørsted's withdrawal from two key offshore wind projects, Ocean Winds I and II. The Danish company cited inflation, interest rate hikes, and supply chain issues, leading to a \$2.8 billion reduction in the first project's value.

Clean Technica: [Giant Subsea "Starfish" To Help Push The Cost Of Floating Offshore Wind Down And Downer](#)

Tina Casey, January 7, 2024

The US is depending on floating wind turbine technology to get its hands on more offshore wind resources. However, floating wind is a relatively new industry and costs tend to run higher, compared to the more familiar offshore wind turbines that sit on high towers fixed to the seabed. Fortunately, solutions have been emerging, and it looks like a key goal is already within reach.

E&E: [Offshore wind faces more financial turbulence in 2024](#)

Heather Richards, January 8, 2024

To meet the White House's mandates for offshore wind, the Interior Department will have to accelerate its pace in assessing projects. The offshore wind industry is hoping for new momentum in 2024 to counter the broken contracts, canceled wind farms and missed targets characterizing its last 18 months. While experts say the nascent industry is getting back on its feet after being thrashed by inflationary costs and an immature supply chain after the pandemic, the enormous scale of building a new U.S. renewable sector from scratch still poses significant challenges that could stall a key plank of President Joe Biden's climate agenda.

E&E: [Republicans to thrash Interior offshore drilling plan](#)

Heather Richards, January 8, 2024

A hearing this week will be the first since the Interior Department finalized its five-year drilling plan. A House Natural Resources subcommittee will pick apart President Joe Biden's offshore energy agenda during a hearing this week. Titled "Examining the Biden Administration's Limits on Access to the [Outer Continental Shelf]: Impacts on Consumers, States and Operators," the Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee hearing will be the first since the Interior Department published its five-year offshore leasing plan in December.

DOI and the Climate Crisis

NBC New York: [A magnitude 1.7 earthquake hit NYC. Is climate change a culprit?](#)

Linda Gaudino, January 6, 2024

New York City dwellers were abruptly awoken at the crack of dawn on Tuesday by an escalating, rumbling vibration that sired a rush of police cars and fire trucks. What sounded the alarms for a possible explosion turned into a minor earthquake, a seemingly foreign experience to New Yorkers, but what turns out to be nature running its course. The United States Geological Survey (USGS) reported a magnitude 1.7 earthquake occurred at 5:45 a.m. Tuesday near Astoria, Queens.

DOI and Conservation

CBS News: [Endangered jaguar previously unknown to U.S. is caught on camera in Arizona](#)

Staff, January 8, 2024

There's been another jaguar sighting in southern Arizona and it's the eighth different jaguar documented in the southwestern U.S. since 1996, according to wildlife officials. Jason Miller, a hobbyist wildlife videographer who posts trail camera footage online, captured the image of a roaming jaguar late last month in the Huachuca Mountains near Tucson, CBS affiliate KPHO-TV reported. A spokesman for the Arizona Game and Fish Department said the agency has authenticated Miller's footage and has confirmed this is a new jaguar to the United States.

NowThis News: [To Save One Owl Species, We Have To Kill Another](#)

Sophia Anderson, January 5, 2024

In order to save one endangered owl species, hunters might have to shoot and kill the 470,000 barred owls that are overcrowding forests on the West Coast of the United States, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) argued in a new proposal. If we don't take action, the agency said, roughly 7,000 of the remaining northern spotted owls could become extinct.

Arizona Republic: [1,000 wild Arizona burros are going to be relocated. Here's why](#)

Rey Covarrubias Jr., January 6, 2024

Bureau of Land Management announced on Dec. 20 that it plans to gather and relocate 1,000 wild burros near Kingman due to overpopulation concerns. The burros lived in the Black Mountain Herd Management Area in Mohave County, and the herd grew to three times the appropriate size, according to a news release from the Bureau of Land Management.

Nevada Independent: [Conservationists seek federal protection for rare Nevada wildflower](#)

Amy Alonzo, January 8, 2024

*Come spring, clusters of tiny, yellow wildflowers will blanket Washoe, Eagle and Carson valleys. The vibrant display put on by *Erythranthe carsonensis* — the Carson Valley monkeyflower — is endemic to just a few areas around Northern Nevada and a miniscule corner of California's Alpine County, growing on sandy flats and gentle slopes within sagebrush habitat. But it's highly threatened, according to conservationists at the Center for Biological Diversity who, on Monday, will officially petition the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to add the plant to the endangered species list, arguing that federal protections along with designation of critical habitat are needed to maintain the survival of the delicate flowers.*

Cowboy State Daily: [Dennis Sun: Endangered Species Act -- All Stick and No Carrots](#)

Dennis Sun, Opinion, January 5, 2024

The Endangered Species Act (ESA) is 50 years old and is possibly one of the most controversial acts ever passed. In 1973, the ESA passed in the U.S. House and U.S. Senate by a large majority and was signed by President Nixon. As the act reads, it "authorized the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service to establish a list of endangered and threatened plant and animal species and made it illegal to collect, harm or kill certain species."

Las Vegas Sun: [BLM aims to round up thousands of horses in Nevada](#)

Hillary Davis, January 7, 2024

The ongoing wild horse roundup in rural Northern Nevada is planned to be what is likely the single largest gather conducted by the federal government. The Bureau of Land Management plans to gather and remove 2,875 mustangs from what the agency calls the East Pershing Complex. The roundup started Dec. 28, and as of Jan. 3, had netted 733 animals using low-flying helicopters and wranglers to drive the feral horses toward traps, according to BLM reports. The operation could last through February.

Northern Journal: [Alaska lost a lawsuit that challenged a COVID-era emergency moose hunt. Now, it's appealing for a second time.](#)

Nathaniel Herz, January 5, 2024

It's one of multiple cases in which the Dunleavy administration is clashing with the federal government over fish and game management, and over who has the ultimate regulatory power in that realm. In the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic, the leader of a Southeast Alaska island village's tribal government asked federal managers to open an emergency hunt, citing the community's fears about having enough food. The request was approved by a federal management agency, the Federal Subsistence Board, and the harvest of moose and deer went ahead, supplying 135 households with meat.

Grand Junction Daily Sentinel: [Comments being taken on recovery plan for lynx, which faces climate-change threat](#)

Dennis Webb, January 8, 2024

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is continuing to accept comments through Jan. 30 on a recently released draft recovery plan for the Canada lynx in Colorado and other Lower 48 states, where it is now considered to be primarily threatened by climate change.

Tucson Sentinel: [New wild jaguar spotted in Southern Arizona, enviros confirm](#)

Paul Ingram, January 5, 2024

A remote trail camera in Southern Arizona operated by a wildlife enthusiast recorded a previously unknown jaguar in late December, the Center for Biological Diversity confirmed Friday. The Tucson-based group said the footage shows a jaguar "not previously identified in the state," making the charismatic big cat the eighth jaguar documented in Arizona over the last 30 years — decades after the species was all but eliminated from the southwestern United States.

Missoulian: [Guest view: MHCA vital for family farms and ranches](#)

Eric Hansen, Dan High and Tony Johnson, Opinion, January 6, 2024

It's no secret that family ranches in southwest Montana are struggling. Younger generations can't afford to buy a home, let alone a ranch that easily costs 10 times what a cow or hay can produce. What working ranch doesn't need to buy out multiple

family members, so the people working on these ranches can carry on or make moves towards succession? Since they first homesteaded, many ranch families have faced financial hardships trying to get their land passed onto the upcoming generation. That's why we are deeply disappointed by the shortsighted opposition to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service proposal to create the Missouri Headwaters Conservation Area.

Post and Courier: [In the South, developers enter a complicated relationship with endangered bats](#)

Clare Fieseler, January 5, 2024

Fireflies flickered in near synchronicity against the dark canopy as two researchers worked below in a swampy clearing. Standing over a dented card table, they placed a tiny, screeching bat in a canvas bag. Then they delicately set it on a scale. Jennifer Kindel, a bat biologist, recited the weight. A wildlife technician tapped the number into a tablet with a gloved hand. Both donned surgical masks.

Amherst Bulletin: [Keeping eagles aloft: Marking 50 years of Endangered Species Act successes in Valley and beyond](#)

Maddie Fabian, January 5, 2024

Ask almost any conservationist about an Endangered Species Act (ESA) success story and they will tell you about the bald eagle. "Growing up, I would have never seen a bald eagle in western Massachusetts," said Jeff Collins, senior director of conservation science at Mass Audubon. The national bird was nearly driven extinct in the lower 48 states, in large part because of the infamous insecticide DDT, formerly widely used in agriculture.

KPAX: [FWP: 'Incidental captures' of lynx reported in Northwest Montana](#)

Staff, January 5, 2024

State wildlife officials report that bobcat trappers in Northwest Montana caught two lynx last week. Both instances were self-reported by the trappers and were subsequently reported to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) by Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP). Lynx are listed as a threatened species and protected under the Endangered Species Act and the USFWS "has established an allowable incidental take for lynx in the lower 48 states," a news release states.

E&E: [Interior shuffles personnel for public lands, minerals slots](#)

Hannah Northey, January 5, 2024

The agency made several moves Friday to oversee President Biden's vision for clean energy projects, mining reforms and public lands. The Interior Department on Friday made several personnel moves that they say will help the agency usher in clean energy projects, mining reforms and oversee President Biden's vision for public lands. Steve Feldgus has been tapped to serve as principal deputy assistant secretary for land and minerals management after serving as deputy assistant secretary for almost three years.

E&E: [Q&A: Fish and Wildlife's new Midwest director digs in](#)

Michael Doyle, January 5, 2024

Will Meeks will oversee work in eight states, from the Great Lakes to controversial gray wolf protections. This Fish and Wildlife Service career employee has a lot more to learn about his native Midwest. Born and raised in northern Ohio, Will Meeks last November was named director of the federal agency's Midwest region. The position oversees about 1,000 employees and spans Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin.

DOI and Indigenous Peoples

Los Angeles Times: [Opinion: Protecting Alaska's wilderness — and our Indigenous way of life — is critical to a green future](#)

Ricko Dewilde, Opinion, January 8, 2024

"Alaska is America's natural resource warehouse." That is what Republican Gov. Mike Dunleavy told then-President Trump in 2018. But our home is far more than storage for the next fad of consumer desires in the Lower 48 states. In Alaska, we are facing an onslaught of proposed projects that threaten to destroy our way of life. Perhaps the most concerning of these is the proposed Ambler industrial mining road.

Cherokee One Feather: [Effort to restore Kuwohi name moving forward](#)

Scott McKie, January 5, 2024

The effort by two Cherokee women to restore the name of Kuwohi to an area in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park is now one step closer to coming to fruition. The Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) passed Res. No. 72 (2024) unanimously during its regular session on Thursday, Jan. 4 that approves the submittal of an application on behalf of the Tribe to restore the name of the mountain currently known as Clingman's Dome to Kuwohi which means 'mulberry place' in the Cherokee language.

KJZZ: [Coalition of Large Tribes authors letter in support of Navajo Nation's NASA complaint](#)

Gabriel Pietrorazio, January 5, 2024

COLT, or the Coalition of Large Tribes, is standing in solidarity with President Buu Nygren and the Navajo Nation in a letter by airing opposition to NASA's private mission to disburse cremated human remains on the moon. This group of more than 50 large land-mass tribal communities each manage at least over 100,000 acres of land and make up more than half of Indian Country's population. They're calling for the upcoming launch to be delayed or that the remains should be removed from its payload until there has been enough tribal consultation.

DOI and Other Bureau News

Daily Mail: [Biden removes William Penn statue from historic Pennsylvania park in 'inclusive' makeover to show more Native American history](#)

Stephen M. Lepore, January 7, 2024

The Biden administration's National Park Service is starting a 'rehabilitation' process for a Pennsylvania park that includes the removal of a statue of founder William Penn and inclusion of representation of Native American tribes. The Deb Haaland-led parks service sent out the request for input on the changes to Welcome Park Friday on their website and in a post on X. Penn, the founder of Pennsylvania in 1681, was notorious for his amicable relations with the Native tribes of the region. The park was established 300 years later.

National Review: [National Park Service to Remove William Penn Statue from Historic Site](#)

Luther Ray Abel, January 7, 2024

The National Park Service (NPS) has announced it will be rehabilitating (via reduction) Pennsylvania founder William Penn's Welcome Park to "provide a more welcoming, accurate, and inclusive experience." Named after the ship that bore Penn to that city of fraternal affection, the park is the site of his former Philadelphia home and the Slate Roof House. As part of this reimagining of Welcome Park, the park service has confirmed that "the Penn statue and Slate Roof house model will be removed and not reinstalled."

ForTheWin: [Elephant seal's parking effort called out by NPS](#)

Pete Thomas, January 6, 2024

A National Park Service employee recently captured an image showing a northern elephant seal resting in a parking lot at Point Reyes National Seashore. Anyone who is fanatical about perfect placement between the lines will note that the seal could have been more considerate by inching a few feet to its left.

Delaware Online: [Wilmington is recognized as an American World War II Heritage City, one of 11 for 2023](#)

Krys'tal Griffin, January 5, 2024

Wilmington recently was designated as an American World War II Heritage City for 2023. The distinction comes from the National Park Service's American World War II Heritage City Program, which serves to recognize the historic importance of the nation's involvement in World War II.

Times Free Press: [Opinion: National Parks are kind of a big deal](#)

Tricia King Mims, Opinion, January 6, 2024

National parks are more popular than ever, and visitation is surging back to pre-pandemic levels. Around the 2016 centennial of the National Park Service, a free annual pass became available for every fourth grader in the country, and family vacations are often planned around national park sites. Filling up a park passport with stamps has become a life's mission for college students, retirees and all lifestyles in between.

Billings Gazette: [Charging international tourists more to visit Yellowstone, Glacier, others parks could boost funding, study suggests](#)

Staff, January 5, 2024

Charging international tourists more to visit U.S. national parks has the potential to raise millions of dollars in fees that could help offset costs for park infrastructure, staffing and maintenance. That's the gist of a new study written by Tate Watkins, a research fellow at the Bozeman-based Property and Environment Research Center. The center touts as its goal finding market solutions for conservation issues. Based on his research, Watkins said about 14 million people from other countries visit a national park each year. If they paid a \$25 surcharge the parks system could raise around \$330 million annually, he calculated.

News 5 Cleveland: [Should Madison be worried about its twin quakes? We ask the experts.](#)

Katie Ussin and Amanda Merrell, January 5, 2024

We're less than a week into 2024 and already, Madison Village has been rattled by two earthquakes. The first happened New Year's Day. The second followed Friday morning. It's not the first time this region felt the Earth move under their feet. But the two-fer this week has people who live there, like Terri Epple, wondering what's up.

Washington Lawyer: [Nature's Legal Champions](#)

Richard Blaustein, January 5, 2024

In 1978, while on vacation at the Grand Canyon, traveling on a wooden dory down the Colorado River, environmental lawyer Lois Schiffer experienced a turning point in her career. "I had been working on legal issues related to public lands, and then suddenly I was in the essence of the most fabulous public lands," says Schiffer, former general counsel for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. At the time, Schiffer headed the general litigation section of the U.S. Department of Justice's Land and Natural Resources Division (now the Environment and Natural Resources Division).[...] Solicitor Robert Anderson of the U.S. Department of the Interior can relate to the sentiment.

Live Science: [Satellite images reveal just how much cities on the US East Coast are sinking](#)

Robert Lea, January 5, 2024

"Continuous unmitigated subsidence on the U.S. East Coast should cause concern." Images collected by numerous satellites have shown that major cities and population centers across the U.S. East Coast are sinking. Land sinking, or "subsidence," as seen by these satellites, is dangerous because it can undermine the foundations of buildings, potentially causing collapse. It can also damaging roads as well as gas and water lines. When coupled with rising sea levels caused by human-driven climate change, subsidence in coastal regions can increase the risk of flooding and worsen subsequent damage.

E&E: [Republicans put parks maintenance backlog under microscope](#)

Nidhi Prakash, January 8, 2024

The backlog has increased despite funding from the Great American Outdoors Act. A House Natural Resources subcommittee will hold a hearing Wednesday on what Republicans say is a worrying increase in the backlog of deferred federal maintenance on public lands. The National Park Service's backlog has long been the subject of concern. By 2022, it had reached more than \$22 billion — almost \$10 billion more than it had been four years earlier.

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[WTOL: Five companies to pay \\$7.2 million settlement for natural resource damages to Toledo watershed areas](#)

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[CBS News Philadelphia: Plan to remove William Penn statue, renovate Welcome Park in Philadelphia withdrawn](#)

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Investing in America Agenda

Missoula Current: [Federal grant to help preserve fish, floating on Clark Fork River](#)

Laura Lundquist, January 8, 2024

With the help of a federal grant, river conservationists are one step closer to opening more of the upper Clark Fork basin to fish and people. At the end of December, the U.S. Department of the Interior announced grants of more than \$51 million to watershed and river restoration projects nationwide through the Bureau of Reclamation's new WaterSMART Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Program. The Bureau of Reclamation awards were made possible through the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

Billings Gazette: [BLM botanist to discuss native seed program during Jan. 15 talk](#)

Staff, January 8, 2024

Identifying the plant species and habitats in Montana of most conservation concern will be part of Wendy Velman's presentation on Monday, Jan. 15, in Billings. Velman has been the Botany Program lead for the Bureau of Land Management in Montana and

the Dakotas since 2011. She has worked to establish numerous partnerships to help collect, develop and increase native plant materials for use in restoration efforts on public land. Much of the focus for the use of native seeds is to help diversify prairie habitat that was planted with nonnative grass during the homestead era. The Seeds of Success program was established by the Department of the Interior in 2001 to collect and conserve native plant seeds for the restoration of degraded public lands. According to the BLM website, the program has already established more than 27,000 individual native seed collections. This program received a boost in funding from the 2021 Infrastructure Act, and some of the projects will directly benefit Montana.

E&E: [Interior watchdog steps up to monitor billions of dollars](#)

Michael Doyle, January 8, 2024

The influx of money allocated for orphan well cleanup and mine reclamation is among the Interior Department priorities that the Office of Inspector General plans to dig into this year. Interior Department watchdogs will be digging into how the department is spending billions of dollars on abandoned mine reclamation and orphaned well cleanups, under an ambitious oversight plan for the coming year. Heeding the investigative maxim of "follow the money," the fiscal 2024 oversight plan prepared by Interior's Office of Inspector General targets a number of programs that have received big funding boosts in several bills.

Colorado River Basin

The Hill: [Climate change could slash Colorado stream flows, with effects across the US West: report](#)

Sharon Udasin, January 8, 2024

Future warming could lead to significant reductions in Colorado's river flows by mid-century — impacting not only the Centennial State but also its neighbors downstream, a sweeping climate report warned on Monday. Colorado, a "headwaters" state for much of the U.S. West, has seen persistent dry conditions in recent decades, with four of the five most arid years in its 128-year history of records occurring since 2000, according to the state-funded Climate Change in Colorado survey.

Colorado Sun: [Climate change is a threat to Colorado's snowpack. What does that mean for the water in your tap?](#)

Shannon Mullane, January 9, 2024

The state's snowpack, a key water source to millions of people across the Western U.S., could be declining — if experts are reading the signs of climate change correctly. Yearly snow storms form an enormous frozen reservoir in Colorado, but climate change is threatening its future.

DOI and Offshore Energy

KATC: [Louisiana to see its first wind turbine at Port Fourchon](#)

Staff, January 8, 2024

At the Greater Lafourche Port Commission's (GLPC) December board meeting, Gulf Wind Technology approved a lease agreement that will make Port Fourchon the first location in Louisiana to have an actual wind turbine. According GLPC officials, the wind turbine and its components are currently journeying across the Atlantic to the United States. The process to reassemble the turbine will commence shortly after the arrival of its parts.

Maritime Executive: [BOEM Aims to Control Offshore Wind Developments' Risk to Right Whales](#)

Staff, January 8, 2024

In advance of future offshore wind development in the New York Bight, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management is preparing a region-wide environmental impact statement, paving the way for faster federal permitting of each individual project down the road.

North American Wind Power: [BOEM Announces Review of Future New York, New Jersey Development Areas](#)

Kimberley Warner-Cohen, January 8, 2024

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) has invited the public to review and comment on a draft potential development of six wind lease areas offshore New York and New Jersey, in an area known as the New York Bight. BOEM

estimates that full development of leases in this area, totaling more than 488,000 acres, has the potential to create up to 7 GW of offshore energy, enough to power up to two million homes.

Offshore Wind: [BOEM Opens Public Consultation on New York Bight Lease Areas](#)

Adnan Memija, January 9, 2024

The US Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) has launched a public consultation on the potential development of six wind lease areas offshore New York and New Jersey, in an area known as the New York Bight. In February 2022, BOEM held an auction that brought in over USD 4.3 billion for the rights to six lease areas in the New York Bight – a record amount for any US offshore renewable or conventional energy lease sale.

World Oil: [2024: A policy crossroads for American offshore energy](#)

Erik Molito, Opinion, January 8, 2024

As we usher in the close of 2023, the offshore energy sector stands at a pivotal juncture, grappling with the uncertain policies and attitudes of the federal government. While challenges are not unfamiliar to our industry, the current political landscape is laden with profound implications for our nation's energy security and economic prosperity.

E&E: [Interior releases review of building 1,000 wind turbines off NY coast](#)

Heather Richards, January 8, 2024

The analysis proposes various mitigation strategies to reduce the impact of a new industry emerging in the waters off New York and New Jersey. The Interior Department on Monday published a draft analysis of building more than 1,000 offshore wind turbines off the coast of New York, where two years ago developers spent billions for the right to build wind farms in a record sale by the Biden administration. The programmatic environmental impact statement details how offshore wind development in the shallow waters of the New York Bight would affect the environment, such as marine life, as well as other uses of those waters like commercial fishing.

E&E: [Whitehouse crafting legislation to boost offshore wind](#)

Kelsey Brugger, January 9, 2024

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Mohave Daily News: [Agencies respond to low Topock Marsh water levels](#)

Fred Mayson, January 9, 2024

Fisherman Ray Fick says water levels dropping in the Topock Marsh over the past year — and he's not wrong. Fick has been fishing in the area for 38 years and according to him, the water levels have dropped about 10 feet over the past year, particularly in the North Dike area of the marshlands.

St. George News: [Man cycling 18,000 miles to all US national parks hopes to inspire change](#)

Stephanie DeGraw, January 8, 2024

A man cycling through all 51 national parks on a bike said raising awareness of how climate change could damage the parks forever is more challenging than his physical feat. Spencer McCullough, 28, has been on the road since April 2023 and will eventually travel 18,000 miles.

Bloomberg Law: [Well Drilling Request on Wyoming Lease Denied by Federal Court](#)

Shayna Greene, January 8, 2024

An energy trade association lost its bid to get approval for one of its members to drill two wells on Wyoming land where a federal court temporarily barred new lease sale authorizations. The Western Watersheds Project and Center for Biological Diversity challenged oil and gas leases on public lands across multiple western states, raising concern over the greater sage-grouse—a chicken-sized bird seen as an indicator species for the health of the sagebrush ecosystem.

E&E: [House, Senate Democrats ask court to halt Willow project](#)

Niina H. Farah, January 9, 2024

The fossil fuel project undermines a "pressing need to reduce reliance on non-renewable energy sources," the lawmakers told a federal court. More than a dozen Democratic lawmakers are backing conservation groups' calls for a federal appeals court to halt construction of a massive fossil fuel project in Alaska approved by the Biden administration almost a year ago. In a friend of the court brief, members of both chambers of Congress said the Interior Department should not have authorized ConocoPhillips' Willow project in a pristine area of Alaska's National Petroleum Reserve.

DOI and Conservation

New York Times: [Boundary Waters, Minnesota A protected watershed, but for how long?](#)

Stephanie Pearson, January 8, 2024

Last January, Interior Secretary Deb Haaland signed an order that bans toxic mining on 225,504 federal acres within the Rainy River Watershed in northern Minnesota for 20 years. That was good news for the 150,000 annual visitors who paddle the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, a network in the watershed of more than 1,200 miles of canoe routes that connect 1,100 freshwater lakes.

Courthouse News: [Colorado activists sue feds to block proposed trail near former nukes facility](#)

Ryan Knappenberger, January 8, 2024

The proposed trail would pass by the former Rocky Flats plant, which manufactured fission cores and was shut down following an FBI and EPA raid. Environmental activists filed a lawsuit Monday against the federal agencies claiming they ignored potential health concerns when approving a public trail near the former Rocky Flats nuclear weapons production facility just outside Denver, Colorado. The plaintiffs, including Physicians for Social Responsibility, the Rocky Mountain Peace and Justice Center and other Colorado groups seek to block the construction of an 8-mile trail through "the most heavily plutonium contaminated portion" of the Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge.

BNN: [Environmental and Health Advocacy Groups Sue U.S. Federal Agencies over Rocky Flats Greenway](#)

Staff, January 9, 2024

In a significant development, a coalition led by Physicians for Social Responsibility, along with several environmental and health advocacy groups, has lodged a lawsuit against U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, Interior Secretary Deb Haaland, and

four federal agencies. The agencies are the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Federal Highway Administration among others. The lawsuit aims to halt the construction of an 8-mile greenway through Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge.

WV News Report: [Fayette County Residents Oppose the National Park Service's Plan to Demolish Historic Buildings in New River Gorge National Park](#)

Staff, January 8, 2024

The people of Thurmond, a small town in Fayette County, West Virginia, are upset with the National Park Service's (NPS) plans. The NPS wants to knock down 35 old buildings in the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve. This is a part of a project called the Great American Outdoors Act Legacy Restoration Fund. The project's goal is to make the park better, take care of old buildings, and cut down on costs.

WV Metro News: [National Park Service to host meeting regarding proposed demolition plan this week, Thurmond residents to present another option](#)

Katherine Skeldon, January 8, 2024

Residents of one historical community in Fayette County plan to present some more options during an upcoming meeting regarding the National Park Service's proposal to tear down 35 deteriorating and excess buildings within the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve.

Denver Post: [Colorado environmental groups file federal lawsuit to halt Rocky Flats trail](#)

Katie Langford, January 8, 2024

Physicians for Social Responsibility and five Colorado advocacy groups are suing Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, Interior Secretary Deb Haaland and four federal agencies to halt work on a trail through Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge. The lawsuit, filed in federal court in the District of Columbia on Monday, claims that the U.S. departments of Transportation and the Interior, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Federal Highway Administration violated the National Environmental Policy Act by not considering alternatives to constructing an 8-mile greenway "through the most heavily plutonium-contaminated portion" of the refuge.

KDVR: [Advocates sue to block trail through Rocky Flats, citing 'plutonium plume'](#)

Heather Willard, January 8, 2024

A federal lawsuit filed Monday aims to halt the Rocky Mountain Greenway project over concerns the trail would be built on "heavily contaminated portions" of the former Rocky Flats nuclear weapons production facility. The lawsuit was filed in federal court in Washington, D.C. The plaintiffs want alternative routes fairly considered.

WTOL: [Five companies to pay \\$7.2 million settlement for natural resource damages to Toledo watershed areas](#)

Ashley Taylor, January 8, 2024

Ohio Refining Co., Chevron U.S.A. Inc., Energy Transfer (R&M) LLC, Pilkington North America Inc. and Chemtrade Logistics Inc. all agreed to a \$7.2 million settlement to resolve claims of natural resource damage at the Duck & Otter Creek Natural Research Damage Assessment (NRDA) site. [...] "The Maumee River watershed, including Duck and Otter Creeks, provides key habitats for migratory birds and fish, and supports hunting and fishing activities for local residents," said Midwest Regional Director Will Meeks of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).

WVNS: [National Park Service meeting to address new project](#)

Autumn Collins, January 8, 2024

An open house meeting to discuss the project to remove excess structures and address maintenance needs for The National Park Service will be held on Thursday, January 8, 2024. The National Park Service Public Meeting and Open House will be held at The Bank of Glen Jean.

8 News Now: [Colt killed after injuring leg escaping BLM roundup, event captured on video](#)

Greg Haas, January 8, 2024

Video showing a colt hurting its leg as it fights to get away from wranglers is the latest flashpoint in advocates' criticism of

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) roundups on Nevada ranges. The colt was killed after the injury, one of two horses that died on Saturday, Jan. 6, the 10th day of the East Pershing Complex roundup. So far, 11 wild horses have died during the operation. The colt's death is classified as one of three "acute" deaths, with eight others due to chronic conditions that would prevent a horse from surviving in the wild. The horses are "humanely euthanized" according to the BLM.

Rocket Miner: [BLM provides guidelines for comments regarding management plan](#)

Trina Dennis Brittain, January 8, 2024

There are quite a few barriers between the use of technology and older adults, especially when thousands of organizations depend on technology for public input. A Sweetwater County resident brought forth concerns regarding comment guidelines for the Rock Springs Resource Management Plan.

Bloomberg Law: [Feds Fight Injunction Against Release of Gray Wolves in Colorado](#)

Peter Hayes, January 8, 2024

The US Fish and Wildlife Service asked a federal trial court to deny a request for a preliminary injunction that would bar the reintroduction of gray wolves to Colorado while a lawsuit challenging the plan goes forward. The injunction should be denied because the plaintiffs—Colorado Conservation Alliance and two individuals—haven't shown they have suffered an injury, making it unlikely they will succeed on the merits of their claims, the government said in a brief filed in the US District Court for the District of Colorado Jan. 5.

World Animal News: [A New Jaguar Has Been Spotted In Arizona Marking The 8th Jaguar In The Southwest In 30 Years](#)

Karen Lapizco, January 8, 2024

The discovery of a wild Jaguar in southern Arizona in recent trail camera footage is welcome news for the species not previously identified in the state. The images captured last month by wildlife enthusiast Jason Miller and analyzed by the Center for Biological Diversity confirm the eighth jaguar documented in the U.S. Southwest in the past three decades.

E&E: [Greens seek ESA protection for another Nevada wildflower](#)

Michael Doyle, January 8, 2024

The Carson Valley monkeyflower has lost habitat to sprawl in the Carson City area, environmentalists contend. Citing threats from residential sprawl, environmentalists Monday petitioned the Fish and Wildlife Service to provide Endangered Species Act protections to a rare Nevada plant called the Carson Valley monkeyflower. The small annual flower inhabits sagebrush areas in several counties around Carson City in Nevada, as well as a slice of California's Alpine County.

E&E: [Meet the mediator hired to lead gray wolf conversations](#)

Michael Doyle, January 8, 2024

In a Q&A, Francine Madden talks about her assignment from the Fish and Wildlife Service to gather people together on one of the most difficult wildlife topics before the agency. Francine Madden knows the gray wolf. The veteran mediation consultant has gone deep into one state's contentious disagreement about the predator. Now, she's taking that expertise to the national stage.

DOI and Indigenous Peoples

New York Times: [Baaj Nwaavjo l'tah Kukveni, Arizona: Honoring the sacred Indigenous land around the Grand Canyon](#)

Gina Rae La Cerva, January 8, 2024

While Grand Canyon National Park is no stranger to travel bucket lists, there's a new reason to visit the southwestern United States. The recently designated Baaj Nwaavjo l'tah Kukveni, or Ancestral Footprints of the Grand Canyon National Monument, now conserves around 900,000 acres of plateaus, canyons and other land surrounding the Grand Canyon. Considered the ancestral homelands of more than a dozen Indigenous tribes, the monument also preserves more than 3,000 Native cultural and historic sites, reflecting the area's deep spiritual and sacred significance.

New Republic: [This Tribe Got Their "Land Back." But It's No Longer Livable.](#)

Margret Grebowicz, January 9, 2024

The Timbisha Shoshone are legally permitted to live in Death Valley National Park. But the vegetation vital to their traditions and livelihoods is dying. The high temperatures in Death Valley National Park attract tourists from all over the world. Big groups come in shiny luxury buses. Visiting Badwater and Zabriskie Point, the park's most frequented attractions, you're likely to run into at least one film crew or fashion shoot from nearby L.A. And the luxury hotel the Inn at Death Valley boasts a forest of whispering palm trees, a lush golf course, a swimming pool, and gourmet seafood entrees in the middle of the hottest place on earth.

Globe and Mail: [Bison bounce back in the American West, giving Indigenous nations hope for restorations of their own](#)

Nathan Vanderklippe, January 9, 2024

Tribes and the U.S. government are reintroducing herds of native animals like never before, and Canadians who want to do the same are taking notes. Marcus McClung steers a Toyota Tacoma down roads turned into greasy mud by rain. He scans the horizon, occasionally grabbing binoculars in hopes of spotting his quarry among the dark shrubs. But the view is obscured by thick waves of fog that roll in. The bison have vanished into their new landscape.

Cronkite News: [‘We are survivors.’ National, Arizona projects aim to uncover, preserve histories of Native American boarding schools](#)

Ellie Willard, January 8, 2024

A national oral history project aims to document the experiences of Indigenous children who attended federal boarding schools. The Department of the Interior announced the project in September as part of the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative. The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABS) has been entrusted to lead the project with \$3.7 million in grant funding through the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

KELO: [A closer look at state of emergency on Pine Ridge Reservation](#)

Dan Santella and Lauren Soulek, January 8, 2024

Oglala Sioux Tribal President Frank Star Comes Out issued a state of emergency on November 18 for the Pine Ridge Reservation in southwest South Dakota, saying in the proclamation that law and order had broken down because the United States government had failed in its “responsibilities to provide adequate law enforcement on the Reservation.”

DOI and Other Bureau News

AP: [Park Service retracts decision to take down William Penn statue at Philadelphia historical site](#)

Marc Levy, January 8, 2024

The National Park Service withdrew a proposal Monday to take down a statue of William Penn at a Philadelphia historical site as part of a renovation that touched off a torrent of criticism over the legacy of the man who founded the province of Pennsylvania. In a brief statement, Independence National Historical Park said it has withdrawn the proposal it had announced quietly before the weekend about a wider renovation of Welcome Park, located just blocks from the Liberty Bell and the National Constitution Center.

Washington Post: [William Penn statue to stay in Welcome Park after National Park Service reversal](#)

Azi Paybarah, January 8, 2024

NPS initially said removing the statue from the Philadelphia park would make a more ‘welcoming, accurate, and inclusive experience for visitors’. The National Park Service announced on Monday it will not remove a statue of William Penn from the park in Philadelphia where his home once stood.

Wall Street Journal: [Park Service Withdraws Plan to Remove William Penn Statue](#)

Kris Maher, January 8, 2024

The National Park Service withdrew its plan to remove a statue of William Penn from a Philadelphia park after it drew fire from state GOP leaders, who criticized it as an attempt to “cancel” the founder of the colony that would become Pennsylvania. The federal agency said last week that the statue would be removed as part of a proposal to rehabilitate Welcome Park, located on

the site of Penn's former home, to make the park more welcoming, accurate and inclusive.

USA Today: [National Park Service scraps plan to remove Philadelphia statue after online firestorm](#)

Amaris Encinas, January 8, 2024

The National Park Service will no longer move forward with plans to permanently remove Pennsylvania founder William Penn's statue from a historical park, the agency said Monday. Removing the statue, along with a replica of Penn's home, were among some of the changes planned for Welcome Park, a recreation area within Independence National Historical Park in Philadelphia, according to the Friday announcement.

National Review: [National Park Service Retracts Plan to Remove William Penn Statue from Philadelphia Park](#)

David Zimmerman, January 8, 2024

The National Park Service on Monday retracted its plan to remove the William Penn statue as part of rehabilitating Welcome Park in Philadelphia, Pa., three days after it was announced that the landmark sculpture "would be removed and not reinstalled."

PennLive: [No changes planned to William Penn statue in Philly, park service says](#)

Paul Vigna, January 8, 2024

Independence National Historical Park has withdrawn the review of a draft proposal to rehabilitate Welcome Park and closed the public comment period, the National Park Service (NPS) said Monday. The preliminary draft proposal, which was released prematurely and had not been subject to a complete internal agency review, is being retracted.

Philadelphia Inquirer: [William Penn statue will not be removed from Welcome Park, says National Park Service in sudden reversal](#)

Frank Kummer, January 8, 2024

The sudden reversal came after a barrage of complaints, often spearheaded by Republicans, but joined by high-profile Democrats such as Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro. The National Park Service has withdrawn a proposal to permanently remove a statue of William Penn as part of its rehabilitation of Welcome Park in Old City, saying the plan was "released prematurely and had not been subject to a complete internal agency review."

PhillyVoice: [William Penn statue will not be removed from Philly's Welcome Park, NPS says](#)

John Paul Titlow, January 8, 2024

A proposed redesign for the historical site called for the monument to be taken down and greater emphasis placed on the city's Native American history. The proposed plan to remove the William Penn statue from Welcome Park in Old City was withdrawn by the National Park Service on Monday after it was sharply criticized by a Republican state lawmaker and other conservatives.

DelCo Daily Times: [National Park Service walks back plan to remove William Penn statue at Welcome Park in Philadelphia](#)

Medianews Group and Tribune News Service, January 8, 2024

On Monday night, the National Park Service withdrew a draft proposal to rehabilitate Welcome Park, including removing a statue of William Penn in a move that had set off an uproar earlier in the day. The press release read, "Independence National Historical Park has withdrawn the review of a draft proposal to rehabilitate Welcome Park and closed the public comment period. The preliminary draft proposal, which was released prematurely and had not been subject to a complete internal agency review, is being retracted. No changes to the William Penn statue are planned.

CBS News Philadelphia: [Plan to remove William Penn statue, renovate Welcome Park in Philadelphia withdrawn](#)

Tom Ignudo, January 8, 2024

A plan to renovate Philadelphia's Welcome Park, including removing the William Penn Statue, has been withdrawn, the National Park Service said Monday. The NPS said the plan for the park located at Second and Walnut Streets was released "prematurely."

NBC Philadelphia: [NPS withdrawals plan to remove statue of William Penn from site of his Philadelphia home](#)

Hayden Mitman and Kaleah Mcilwain, January 8, 2024

Following public outcry -- and intervention from the governor -- the NPS has withdrawn a renovation plan for Welcome Park at

the site of William Penn's former home in the city's Old City neighborhood.

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Investing in America Agenda

Missoula Current: [Federal grant to help preserve fish, floating on Clark Fork River](#)

Laura Lundquist, January 8, 2024

With the help of a federal grant, river conservationists are one step closer to opening more of the upper Clark Fork basin to fish and people. At the end of December, the U.S. Department of the Interior announced grants of more than \$51 million to watershed and river restoration projects nationwide through the Bureau of Reclamation's new WaterSMART Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Program. The Bureau of Reclamation awards were made possible through the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

Billings Gazette: [BLM botanist to discuss native seed program during Jan. 15 talk](#)

Staff, January 8, 2024

Identifying the plant species and habitats in Montana of most conservation concern will be part of Wendy Velman's presentation on Monday, Jan. 15, in Billings. Velman has been the Botany Program lead for the Bureau of Land Management in Montana and the Dakotas since 2011. She has worked to establish numerous partnerships to help collect, develop and increase native plant materials for use in restoration efforts on public land. Much of the focus for the use of native seeds is to help diversify prairie habitat that was planted with nonnative grass during the homestead era. The Seeds of Success program was established by the Department of the Interior in 2001 to collect and conserve native plant seeds for the restoration of degraded public lands. According to the BLM website, the program has already established more than 27,000 individual native seed collections. This program received a boost in funding from the 2021 Infrastructure Act, and some of the projects will directly benefit Montana.

E&E: [Interior watchdog steps up to monitor billions of dollars](#)

Michael Doyle, January 8, 2024

The influx of money allocated for orphan well cleanup and mine reclamation is among the Interior Department priorities that the Office of Inspector General plans to dig into this year. Interior Department watchdogs will be digging into how the department is spending billions of dollars on abandoned mine reclamation and orphaned well cleanups, under an ambitious oversight plan for the coming year. Heeding the investigative maxim of "follow the money," the fiscal 2024 oversight plan prepared by Interior's Office of Inspector General targets a number of programs that have received big funding boosts in several bills.

Colorado River Basin

The Hill: [Climate change could slash Colorado stream flows, with effects across the US West: report](#)

Sharon Udasin, January 8, 2024

Future warming could lead to significant reductions in Colorado's river flows by mid-century — impacting not only the Centennial State but also its neighbors downstream, a sweeping climate report warned on Monday. Colorado, a "headwaters" state for much of the U.S. West, has seen persistent dry conditions in recent decades, with four of the five most arid years in its 128-year history of records occurring since 2000, according to the state-funded Climate Change in Colorado survey.

Colorado Sun: [Climate change is a threat to Colorado's snowpack. What does that mean for the water in your tap?](#)

Shannon Mullane, January 9, 2024

The state's snowpack, a key water source to millions of people across the Western U.S., could be declining — if experts are reading the signs of climate change correctly. Yearly snow storms form an enormous frozen reservoir in Colorado, but climate change is threatening its future.

DOI and Offshore Energy

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At the Greater Lafourche Port Commission's (GLPC) December board meeting, Gulf Wind Technology approved a lease agreement that will make Port Fourchon the first location in Louisiana to have an actual wind turbine. According GLPC officials, the wind turbine and its components are currently journeying across the Atlantic to the United States. The process to reassemble the turbine will commence shortly after the arrival of its parts.

Maritime Executive: [BOEM Aims to Control Offshore Wind Developments' Risk to Right Whales](#)

Staff, January 8, 2024

In advance of future offshore wind development in the New York Bight, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management is preparing a region-wide environmental impact statement, paving the way for faster federal permitting of each individual project down the road.

North American Wind Power: [BOEM Announces Review of Future New York, New Jersey Development Areas](#)

Kimberley Warner-Cohen, January 8, 2024

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) has invited the public to review and comment on a draft potential development of six wind lease areas offshore New York and New Jersey, in an area known as the New York Bight. BOEM estimates that full development of leases in this area, totaling more than 488,000 acres, has the potential to create up to 7 GW of offshore energy, enough to power up to two million homes.

Offshore Wind: [BOEM Opens Public Consultation on New York Bight Lease Areas](#)

Adnan Memija, January 9, 2024

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World Oil: [2024: A policy crossroads for American offshore energy](#)

Erik Molito, Opinion, January 8, 2024

As we usher in the close of 2023, the offshore energy sector stands at a pivotal juncture, grappling with the uncertain policies and attitudes of the federal government. While challenges are not unfamiliar to our industry, the current political landscape is laden with profound implications for our nation's energy security and economic prosperity.

E&E: [Interior releases review of building 1,000 wind turbines off NY coast](#)

Heather Richards, January 8, 2024

The analysis proposes various mitigation strategies to reduce the impact of a new industry emerging in the waters off New York and New Jersey. The Interior Department on Monday published a draft analysis of building more than 1,000 offshore wind turbines off the coast of New York, where two years ago developers spent billions for the right to build wind farms in a record sale by the Biden administration. The programmatic environmental impact statement details how offshore wind development in the shallow waters of the New York Bight would affect the environment, such as marine life, as well as other uses of those waters like commercial fishing.

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Mohave Daily News: [Agencies respond to low Topock Marsh water levels](#)

Fred Mayson, January 9, 2024

Fisherman Ray Fick says water levels dropping in the Topock Marsh over the past year — and he's not wrong. Fick has been fishing in the area for 38 years and according to him, the water levels have dropped about 10 feet over the past year, particularly in the North Dike area of the marshlands.

St. George News: [Man cycling 18,000 miles to all US national parks hopes to inspire change](#)

Stephanie DeGraw, January 8, 2024

A man cycling through all 51 national parks on a bike said raising awareness of how climate change could damage the parks forever is more challenging than his physical feat. Spencer McCullough, 28, has been on the road since April 2023 and will eventually travel 18,000 miles.

Bloomberg Law: [Well Drilling Request on Wyoming Lease Denied by Federal Court](#)

Shayna Greene, January 8, 2024

An energy trade association lost its bid to get approval for one of its members to drill two wells on Wyoming land where a federal court temporarily barred new lease sale authorizations. The Western Watersheds Project and Center for Biological Diversity challenged oil and gas leases on public lands across multiple western states, raising concern over the greater sage-grouse—a chicken-sized bird seen as an indicator species for the health of the sagebrush ecosystem.

E&E: [House, Senate Democrats ask court to halt Willow project](#)

Niina H. Farah, January 9, 2024

The fossil fuel project undermines a "pressing need to reduce reliance on non-renewable energy sources," the lawmakers told a federal court. More than a dozen Democratic lawmakers are backing conservation groups' calls for a federal appeals court to halt construction of a massive fossil fuel project in Alaska approved by the Biden administration almost a year ago. In a friend of the court brief, members of both chambers of Congress said the Interior Department should not have authorized ConocoPhillips' Willow project in a pristine area of Alaska's National Petroleum Reserve.

DOI and Conservation

New York Times: [Boundary Waters, Minnesota A protected watershed, but for how long?](#)

Stephanie Pearson, January 8, 2024

Last January, Interior Secretary Deb Haaland signed an order that bans toxic mining on 225,504 federal acres within the Rainy River Watershed in northern Minnesota for 20 years. That was good news for the 150,000 annual visitors who paddle the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, a network in the watershed of more than 1,200 miles of canoe routes that connect 1,100 freshwater lakes.

Courthouse News: [Colorado activists sue feds to block proposed trail near former nukes facility](#)

Ryan Knappenberger, January 8, 2024

The proposed trail would pass by the former Rocky Flats plant, which manufactured fission cores and was shut down following an

FBI and EPA raid. Environmental activists filed a lawsuit Monday against the federal agencies claiming they ignored potential health concerns when approving a public trail near the former Rocky Flats nuclear weapons production facility just outside Denver, Colorado. The plaintiffs, including Physicians for Social Responsibility, the Rocky Mountain Peace and Justice Center and other Colorado groups seek to block the construction of an 8-mile trail through “the most heavily plutonium contaminated portion” of the Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge.

BNN: [Environmental and Health Advocacy Groups Sue U.S. Federal Agencies over Rocky Flats Greenway](#)

Staff, January 9, 2024

In a significant development, a coalition led by Physicians for Social Responsibility, along with several environmental and health advocacy groups, has lodged a lawsuit against U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, Interior Secretary Deb Haaland, and four federal agencies. The agencies are the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Federal Highway Administration among others. The lawsuit aims to halt the construction of an 8-mile greenway through Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge.

WV News Report: [Fayette County Residents Oppose the National Park Service's Plan to Demolish Historic Buildings in New River Gorge National Park](#)

Staff, January 8, 2024

The people of Thurmond, a small town in Fayette County, West Virginia, are upset with the National Park Service's (NPS) plans. The NPS wants to knock down 35 old buildings in the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve. This is a part of a project called the Great American Outdoors Act Legacy Restoration Fund. The project's goal is to make the park better, take care of old buildings, and cut down on costs.

WV Metro News: [National Park Service to host meeting regarding proposed demolition plan this week, Thurmond residents to present another option](#)

Katherine Skeldon, January 8, 2024

Residents of one historical community in Fayette County plan to present some more options during an upcoming meeting regarding the National Park Service's proposal to tear down 35 deteriorating and excess buildings within the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve.

Denver Post: [Colorado environmental groups file federal lawsuit to halt Rocky Flats trail](#)

Katie Langford, January 8, 2024

Physicians for Social Responsibility and five Colorado advocacy groups are suing Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, Interior Secretary Deb Haaland and four federal agencies to halt work on a trail through Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge. The lawsuit, filed in federal court in the District of Columbia on Monday, claims that the U.S. departments of Transportation and the Interior, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Federal Highway Administration violated the National Environmental Policy Act by not considering alternatives to constructing an 8-mile greenway “through the most heavily plutonium-contaminated portion” of the refuge.

KDVR: [Advocates sue to block trail through Rocky Flats, citing ‘plutonium plume’](#)

Heather Willard, January 8, 2024

A federal lawsuit filed Monday aims to halt the Rocky Mountain Greenway project over concerns the trail would be built on “heavily contaminated portions” of the former Rocky Flats nuclear weapons production facility. The lawsuit was filed in federal court in Washington, D.C. The plaintiffs want alternative routes fairly considered.

WTOL: [Five companies to pay \\$7.2 million settlement for natural resource damages to Toledo watershed areas](#)

Ashley Taylor, January 8, 2024

Ohio Refining Co., Chevron U.S.A. Inc., Energy Transfer (R&M) LLC, Pilkington North America Inc. and Chemtrade Logistics Inc. all agreed to a \$7.2 million settlement to resolve claims of natural resource damage at the Duck & Otter Creek Natural Research Damage Assessment (NRDA) site. [...] “The Maumee River watershed, including Duck and Otter Creeks, provides key habitats for migratory birds and fish, and supports hunting and fishing activities for local residents,” said Midwest Regional Director Will

Meeks of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).

WVNS: [National Park Service meeting to address new project](#)

Autumn Collins, January 8, 2024

An open house meeting to discuss the project to remove excess structures and address maintenance needs for The National Park Service will be held on Thursday, January 8, 2024. The National Park Service Public Meeting and Open House will be held at The Bank of Glen Jean.

8 News Now: [Colt killed after injuring leg escaping BLM roundup, event captured on video](#)

Greg Haas, January 8, 2024

Video showing a colt hurting its leg as it fights to get away from wranglers is the latest flashpoint in advocates' criticism of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) roundups on Nevada ranges. The colt was killed after the injury, one of two horses that died on Saturday, Jan. 6, the 10th day of the East Pershing Complex roundup. So far, 11 wild horses have died during the operation. The colt's death is classified as one of three "acute" deaths, with eight others due to chronic conditions that would prevent a horse from surviving in the wild. The horses are "humanely euthanized" according to the BLM.

Rocket Miner: [BLM provides guidelines for comments regarding management plan](#)

Trina Dennis Brittain, January 8, 2024

There are quite a few barriers between the use of technology and older adults, especially when thousands of organizations depend on technology for public input. A Sweetwater County resident brought forth concerns regarding comment guidelines for the Rock Springs Resource Management Plan.

Bloomberg Law: [Feds Fight Injunction Against Release of Gray Wolves in Colorado](#)

Peter Hayes, January 8, 2024

The US Fish and Wildlife Service asked a federal trial court to deny a request for a preliminary injunction that would bar the reintroduction of gray wolves to Colorado while a lawsuit challenging the plan goes forward. The injunction should be denied because the plaintiffs—Colorado Conservation Alliance and two individuals—haven't shown they have suffered an injury, making it unlikely they will succeed on the merits of their claims, the government said in a brief filed in the US District Court for the District of Colorado Jan. 5.

World Animal News: [A New Jaguar Has Been Spotted In Arizona Marking The 8th Jaguar In The Southwest In 30 Years](#)

Karen Lapizco, January 8, 2024

The discovery of a wild Jaguar in southern Arizona in recent trail camera footage is welcome news for the species not previously identified in the state. The images captured last month by wildlife enthusiast Jason Miller and analyzed by the Center for Biological Diversity confirm the eighth jaguar documented in the U.S. Southwest in the past three decades.

E&E: [Greens seek ESA protection for another Nevada wildflower](#)

Michael Doyle, January 8, 2024

The Carson Valley monkeyflower has lost habitat to sprawl in the Carson City area, environmentalists contend. Citing threats from residential sprawl, environmentalists Monday petitioned the Fish and Wildlife Service to provide Endangered Species Act protections to a rare Nevada plant called the Carson Valley monkeyflower. The small annual flower inhabits sagebrush areas in several counties around Carson City in Nevada, as well as a slice of California's Alpine County.

E&E: [Meet the mediator hired to lead gray wolf conversations](#)

Michael Doyle, January 8, 2024

In a Q&A, Francine Madden talks about her assignment from the Fish and Wildlife Service to gather people together on one of the most difficult wildlife topics before the agency. Francine Madden knows the gray wolf. The veteran mediation consultant has gone deep into one state's contentious disagreement about the predator. Now, she's taking that expertise to the national stage.

DOI and Indigenous Peoples

New York Times: [Baaj Nwaavjo l'tah Kukveni, Arizona: Honoring the sacred Indigenous land around the Grand Canyon](#)

Gina Rae La Cerva, January 8, 2024

While Grand Canyon National Park is no stranger to travel bucket lists, there's a new reason to visit the southwestern United States. The recently designated Baaj Nwaavjo l'tah Kukveni, or Ancestral Footprints of the Grand Canyon National Monument, now conserves around 900,000 acres of plateaus, canyons and other land surrounding the Grand Canyon. Considered the ancestral homelands of more than a dozen Indigenous tribes, the monument also preserves more than 3,000 Native cultural and historic sites, reflecting the area's deep spiritual and sacred significance.

New Republic: [This Tribe Got Their "Land Back." But It's No Longer Livable.](#)

Margret Grebowicz, January 9, 2024

The Timbisha Shoshone are legally permitted to live in Death Valley National Park. But the vegetation vital to their traditions and livelihoods is dying. The high temperatures in Death Valley National Park attract tourists from all over the world. Big groups come in shiny luxury buses. Visiting Badwater and Zabriskie Point, the park's most frequented attractions, you're likely to run into at least one film crew or fashion shoot from nearby L.A. And the luxury hotel the Inn at Death Valley boasts a forest of whispering palm trees, a lush golf course, a swimming pool, and gourmet seafood entrees in the middle of the hottest place on earth.

Globe and Mail: [Bison bounce back in the American West, giving Indigenous nations hope for restorations of their own](#)

Nathan Vanderklippe, January 9, 2024

Tribes and the U.S. government are reintroducing herds of native animals like never before, and Canadians who want to do the same are taking notes. Marcus McClung steers a Toyota Tacoma down roads turned into greasy mud by rain. He scans the horizon, occasionally grabbing binoculars in hopes of spotting his quarry among the dark shrubs. But the view is obscured by thick waves of fog that roll in. The bison have vanished into their new landscape.

Cronkite News: ['We are survivors:' National, Arizona projects aim to uncover, preserve histories of Native American boarding schools](#)

Ellie Willard, January 8, 2024

A national oral history project aims to document the experiences of Indigenous children who attended federal boarding schools. The Department of the Interior announced the project in September as part of the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative. The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABS) has been entrusted to lead the project with \$3.7 million in grant funding through the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

KELO: [A closer look at state of emergency on Pine Ridge Reservation](#)

Dan Santella and Lauren Soulek, January 8, 2024

Oglala Sioux Tribal President Frank Star Comes Out issued a state of emergency on November 18 for the Pine Ridge Reservation in southwest South Dakota, saying in the proclamation that law and order had broken down because the United States government had failed in its "responsibilities to provide adequate law enforcement on the Reservation."

DOI and Other Bureau News

AP: [Park Service retracts decision to take down William Penn statue at Philadelphia historical site](#)

Marc Levy, January 8, 2024

The National Park Service withdrew a proposal Monday to take down a statue of William Penn at a Philadelphia historical site as part of a renovation that touched off a torrent of criticism over the legacy of the man who founded the province of Pennsylvania. In a brief statement, Independence National Historical Park said it has withdrawn the proposal it had announced quietly before the weekend about a wider renovation of Welcome Park, located just blocks from the Liberty Bell and the National Constitution Center.

Washington Post: [William Penn statue to stay in Welcome Park after National Park Service reversal](#)

Azi Paybarah, January 8, 2024

NPS initially said removing the statue from the Philadelphia park would make a more 'welcoming, accurate, and inclusive experience for visitors'. The National Park Service announced on Monday it will not remove a statue of William Penn from the park in Philadelphia where his home once stood.

Wall Street Journal: [Park Service Withdraws Plan to Remove William Penn Statue](#)

Kris Maher, January 8, 2024

The National Park Service withdrew its plan to remove a statue of William Penn from a Philadelphia park after it drew fire from state GOP leaders, who criticized it as an attempt to "cancel" the founder of the colony that would become Pennsylvania. The federal agency said last week that the statue would be removed as part of a proposal to rehabilitate Welcome Park, located on the site of Penn's former home, to make the park more welcoming, accurate and inclusive.

USA Today: [National Park Service scraps plan to remove Philadelphia statue after online firestorm](#)

Amaris Encinas, January 8, 2024

The National Park Service will no longer move forward with plans to permanently remove Pennsylvania founder William Penn's statue from a historical park, the agency said Monday. Removing the statue, along with a replica of Penn's home, were among some of the changes planned for Welcome Park, a recreation area within Independence National Historical Park in Philadelphia, according to the Friday announcement.

National Review: [National Park Service Retracts Plan to Remove William Penn Statue from Philadelphia Park](#)

David Zimmerman, January 8, 2024

The National Park Service on Monday retracted its plan to remove the William Penn statue as part of rehabilitating Welcome Park in Philadelphia, Pa., three days after it was announced that the landmark sculpture "would be removed and not reinstalled."

PennLive: [No changes planned to William Penn statue in Philly, park service says](#)

Paul Vigna, January 8, 2024

Independence National Historical Park has withdrawn the review of a draft proposal to rehabilitate Welcome Park and closed the public comment period, the National Park Service (NPS) said Monday. The preliminary draft proposal, which was released prematurely and had not been subject to a complete internal agency review, is being retracted.

Philadelphia Inquirer: [William Penn statue will not be removed from Welcome Park, says National Park Service in sudden reversal](#)

Frank Kummer, January 8, 2024

The sudden reversal came after a barrage of complaints, often spearheaded by Republicans, but joined by high-profile Democrats such as Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro. The National Park Service has withdrawn a proposal to permanently remove a statue of William Penn as part of its rehabilitation of Welcome Park in Old City, saying the plan was "released prematurely and had not been subject to a complete internal agency review."

PhillyVoice: [William Penn statue will not be removed from Philly's Welcome Park, NPS says](#)

John Paul Titlow, January 8, 2024

A proposed redesign for the historical site called for the monument to be taken down and greater emphasis placed on the city's Native American history. The proposed plan to remove the William Penn statue from Welcome Park in Old City was withdrawn by the National Park Service on Monday after it was sharply criticized by a Republican state lawmaker and other conservatives.

DelCo Daily Times: [National Park Service walks back plan to remove William Penn statue at Welcome Park in Philadelphia](#)

Medianews Group and Tribune News Service, January 8, 2024

On Monday night, the National Park Service withdrew a draft proposal to rehabilitate Welcome Park, including removing a statue of William Penn in a move that had set off an uproar earlier in the day. The press release read, "Independence National Historical Park has withdrawn the review of a draft proposal to rehabilitate Welcome Park and closed the public comment

period. The preliminary draft proposal, which was released prematurely and had not been subject to a complete internal agency review, is being retracted. No changes to the William Penn statue are planned.

CBS News Philadelphia: [Plan to remove William Penn statue, renovate Welcome Park in Philadelphia withdrawn](#)

Tom Ignudo, January 8, 2024

A plan to renovate Philadelphia's Welcome Park, including removing the William Penn Statue, has been withdrawn, the National Park Service said Monday. The NPS said the plan for the park located at Second and Walnut Streets was released "prematurely."

NBC Philadelphia: [NPS withdrawals plan to remove statue of William Penn from site of his Philadelphia home](#)

Hayden Mitman and Kaleah Mcilwain, January 8, 2024

Following public outcry -- and intervention from the governor -- the NPS has withdrawn a renovation plan for Welcome Park at the site of William Penn's former home in the city's Old City neighborhood.

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William Penn statue won't be removed from Philadelphia's Welcome Park after all

Welcome Park at 2nd Street and Sansom Walk is located on the site of William Penn's former home -- the Slate Roof House.

By [6abc Digital Staff](#) and [TaRhonda Thomas](#)

PHILADELPHIA (WPVI) -- The Independence National Historical Park has withdrawn the review of a draft proposal to rehabilitate Welcome Park in Philadelphia's Old City neighborhood, which included removing the William Penn statue.

Officials say the preliminary draft proposal -- which suggested the permanent removal of Penn's statue and the Slate Roof House model -- had been released prematurely and had not been subject to a complete internal agency review.

Because of this, it is being retracted. No changes to the William Penn statue are planned, according to park authorities.

After the proposal was withdrawn, Pennsylvania Governor Josh Shapiro posted a message on X, formerly known as Twitter, stating that his office had spoken with the Biden Administration about the possible statue removal.

"I'm pleased Welcome Park will remain the rightful home of this William Penn statue - right here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Penn founded," said Shapiro.

Welcome Park at 2nd Street and Sansom Walk is located on the site of William Penn's former home -- the Slate Roof House -- and is named after the ship, Welcome, which brought Penn to Philadelphia.

The site, funded by the Independence Historical Trust, was completed in 1982.

Park officials say they are still committed to rehabilitating Welcome Park as the nation prepares to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence in 2026.

"Upon completion of all the necessary internal reviews, the park looks forward to engaging in a robust public process to consider options for refurbishing the park in the coming years," said the Independence National Historical Park in a news release.

Before the proposal was withdrawn, some residents across Philadelphia had mixed feelings about the potential changes coming to the 41-year-old park.

Pennsylvania House Representative Leader Bryan Cutler thought that taking away Penn's statue would be an attempt to erase history.

"Let's start with the fact that William Penn, his name is literally in our state," said Cutler (R. - Lancaster County). "Attempts to remove him from his home place, I think is unacceptable."

Others said Penn will always be prevalent in the city, statue or not.

"I don't think there's any erasing William Penn in Philadelphia, considering he sits atop City Hall," said Democrat Mary Isaacson, who represents the district where the statue stands.

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Proposal to remove William Penn statue from Pa. park results in angry outcry

By [Chris Mautner | cmautner@pennlive.com](mailto:cmautner@pennlive.com)

A proposal to renovate and redesign a Philadelphia park has some members of the state GOP, as well as many online commenters, up in arms, mainly because it involves removing a statue of William Penn.

The National Park Service [unveiled its proposal](#) on Jan. 5 to make [Welcome Park](#) a “more welcoming, accurate, and inclusive experience for visitors.”

The redevelopment would offer an “expanded interpretation of the Native American history of Philadelphia” as well as a new planted buffer on three sides, and a ceremonial gathering space with circular benches.

Several elements of the park would remain, such as the city street grid. However, the statue of Penn and a model of the “Slate Roof House,” where Penn lived would be removed.

Located on the site of Penn’s home, and part of Independence National Historical Park, Welcome Park was named after the ship, the Welcome, that Penn took from England to the U.S. The park was built in 1982 to

commemorate the 300th anniversary of Penn's arrival.

According to [the Philadelphia Inquirer](#), parts of the park's granite floor are broken and the area is in general need of repair.

However, some Republican members of the Pennsylvania legislature see this proposal as the latest salvo in the ongoing culture war.

“The decision by President Biden and his administration to try and cancel William Penn out of whole cloth is another sad example of the left in this country scraping the bottom of the barrel of wokeism to advance an extreme ideology and a nonsensical view of history,” Bryan Cutler, R-Lancaster, [said in a statement](#).

“This issue is also deeply personal to me,” Cutler said. “The first Cutlers came to Pennsylvania in 1685 on the ship Rebekah, not long after Penn's arrival in 1682. They came to Pennsylvania because they were Quakers who shared Penn's view of religious tolerance and peace.”

Cutler said he plans to introduce a resolution to honor Penn and will encourage the National Park Service to rethink their proposal, [the Inquirer said](#).

Scott Martin, R-Berks, and chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, called the move “Absolutely disgraceful” [on X, formerly known as Twitter](#).

“As the United States and our Commonwealth are planning the coming celebration of America250, for anyone to think doing this to the founder of Pennsylvania and the City of Philadelphia, which was the epicenter of freedom and our nation's founding, was a good idea, is completely absurd,” he wrote.

[A social media post](#) from the NPS on the proposal resulted in a deluge of negative comments, with one person writing, “How about no more of our tax money for the US Park Service?”

There are two other statues of Penn in Philadelphia. One is at Penn Treaty Park, while the other famously stands atop the dome of City Hall.

The public is invited to [submit comments](#) on the Park Service's proposal until midnight Jan. 21.

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[This Tribe Got Their “Land Back.” But It’s No Longer Livable.](#)

By [Margret Grebowicz](#)

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The high temperatures in Death Valley National Park attract tourists from all over the world. Big groups come in shiny luxury buses. Visiting Badwater and Zabriskie Point, the park’s most frequented attractions, you’re likely to run into at least one film crew or fashion shoot from nearby L.A. And the luxury hotel the Inn at Death Valley boasts a forest of whispering palm trees, a lush golf course, a swimming pool, and gourmet seafood entrees in the middle of the hottest place on earth.

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[Biden admin reverses decision to remove William Penn statue from park commemorating founding of Pennsylvania](#)

By [Pilar Arias](#)

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The National Park Service has withdrawn plans to remove a statue of William Penn from a Philadelphia park commemorating his founding of Pennsylvania, situated at his former home. The preliminary draft proposal for the "rehabilitation" of Welcome Park "was released prematurely and had not been subject to a complete internal agency review," NPS announced Monday evening. "No changes to the William Penn statue are planned," a news release said.

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Pacific West

Friends of Minidoka seeks historic protections as shield from wind farm

By [Rachel Cohen](#)

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The Friends of Minidoka, the nonprofit arm to the Minidoka National Historic Site, is seeking additional historic protections for the World War II Japanese incarceration camp, in an attempt to halt the proposed Lava Ridge Wind Project. “We’ve realized that we needed some long-term protections for the Minidoka viewshed and to protect that immersive experience,” said Robyn Achilles, the executive director.

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You might not be able to fly over Hawaii's volcanoes anymore

By [Silas Valentino](#)

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Noisy helicopter tours over Hawaii Volcanoes National Park are facing a reckoning. A new federal management plan seeks to reduce noise levels generated by commercial helicopter tours over Hawaii Volcanoes National Park by significantly scaling back the number of tours allowed each day and limiting which routes they can take. The National Park Service and the Federal Aviation Administration collaborated on the Air Tour Management Plan (ATMP) for the park. Their stipulations were released on Dec.

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Sea creature claims parking space in beach lot, California photo shows

By [Brooke Baitinger](#)

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How did this sea creature get so good at parking? A cute photo shows the critter’s best effort at a California beachside parking lot. National Park Service officials posted the cute photo of what appears to be a baby elephant seal parked in a parking space at Point Reyes National Seashore to Instagram in a Jan. 2 post. “Ex-seal-lent parking job,” officials said in a Jan. 4 post with the same photo. “Well, almost.

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This Instagram-Famous Abandoned Boat May Soon Disappear From California Shoreline

By [Sarah Kuta](#)

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For years, tourists and photographers have flocked to the S.S. Point Reyes, a dilapidated fishing vessel stuck in the sand at Point Reyes National Seashore in the California Bay Area. But the iconic, Instagram-famous boat’s days may be numbered. It suffered damage during the winter storms that pummeled the state’s coastline in late December and early January—and now, national seashore staffers want to get rid of it.

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Intermountain

[New Glen Canyon commercial services director brings wealth of park experience to the job](#)

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PAGE, Ariz. – Nichelle Rich, who has been selected as the new chief of Commercial Services at Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, brings nearly a decade of National Park Service experience to the post. As chief of Commercial Services, she is responsible for managing the Commercial Services Office for Glen Canyon National Recreation Area and Rainbow Bridge National Monument.

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[Wildlife Photographer Captures Confrontation Between Two Wolf Packs in Yellowstone](#)

By [Alex Murphy](#)

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Wolf packs are an essential part of the species of gray wolves. The animal's population has steadily increased over recent years with efforts to protect the endangered species. One place that has seen conservation efforts pay off is Yellowstone National Park. More than 100 wolves now call the park home. Taylor Rabe, a wolf technician and wildlife photographer who works in Yellowstone, captures the wolves on hunts and their daily lives.

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Midwest

[Fire Suppression System Is Being Replaced at the Fort Scott National Historic Site in 2024](#)

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Fort Scott National Historic Site is beginning a year-long Fire Suppression System replacement in nine buildings. The first two buildings are the Dragoon Barracks and Post Hospital/Visitor Center. While work is being completed in the Post Hospital, the Visitor Center's information desk has been temporarily moved into the West Infantry Barracks next door. The park's bookstore will be closed until the Post Hospital is reopened.

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[Fort Scott National Historic Site Temporarily Reduces Its Hours](#)

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Fort Scott National Historic Site is temporarily reducing its hours of operation to 8:30am-4:30pm Friday through Tuesday tentatively through the end of March. The park grounds will not be closing, only the park's public buildings and Visitor Center on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Due to an extended staffing shortage the park is temporarily unable to provide adequate operational coverage and visitor services.

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Southeast

Great Smoky Mountains National Park closes major roads after severe storm

By [Sarah Riley](#)

Knoxville News Sentinel | 1,018,724 unique visitors per month

Major roads were closed in Great Smoky Mountains National Park after heavy rain and high winds led to downed trees throughout the park. A high wind warning is in effect until 7 p.m., according to the National Weather Service. "People should avoid being outside in forested areas and around trees and branches. If possible, remain in the lower levels of your home during the windstorm, and avoid windows. Use caution if you must drive," the weather service warned.

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National Capital

Driver in custody after crashing into White House gates

By [Ginger Gibson](#)

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Driver in custody after crashing into White House gates January 8, 2024 at 6:28 PM WASHINGTON — A driver was in custody Monday after crashing a vehicle into an exterior gate of the White House complex, a spokesman for the Secret Service wrote on X. "Shortly before 6p.m., a vehicle collided with an exterior gate on the White House complex," Anthony Guglielmi, a Secret Service spokesman wrote on X.

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Northeast (Mid Atlantic)

William Penn statue to remain in Philadelphia after public outcry

By [Mike D'Onofrio](#)

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William Penn statue to remain in Philadelphia after public outcry [Share on facebook \(opens in new window\)](#) [Share on twitter \(opens in new window\)](#) [Share on linkedin \(opens in new window\)](#) [Share on nextdoor \(opens in new window\)](#) [Share on email \(opens in new window\)](#) The National Park Service reversed course Monday and abandoned its proposed removal of William Penn's statue from Welcome Park in Old City.

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A national oral history project aims to document the experiences of Indigenous children who attended federal boarding schools. The **Department of the Interior** announced the project in September as part of the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative. The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABS) has been entrusted to lead the project with \$3.7 million in grant funding through the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the National Endowment for the Humanities. "NABS is an organization that does this work already and approaches the ...

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2 Yakama Nation's new public safety campus gives justice room to grow

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... jurisdiction on reservations. The law originally gave five states criminal jurisdiction on the reservations within their borders. Those states included: California, Minnesota, Nebraska, Oregon and Wisconsin. In later years other states, including Washington, adopted parts of the law. Four years after Yakama Nation filed a petition for retrocession of Public Law 280 on its lands, the U.S.

Department of the Interior instead approved retrocession of the law for the entire state of Washington. By asserting its sovereignty in this way, the Yakama Tribal Court now has a greater ability to protect and govern its own citizens. Tribal court is the backbone of exercising tribal sovereignty, according to Saluskin. This means holding the community accountable and upholding laws created by the Nation. Yakama elder ...

3 Republicans to thrash Interior offshore drilling plan

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A hearing this week will be the first since the **Interior Department** finalized its five-year drilling plan.

4 **On This Day: Three days of terrorism, including Charlie Hebdo attack, end in France - Jan. 9, 2015**



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... attacks following the publication of Charlie Hebdo with a depiction of the sacred prophet Muhammad on the cover. The websites of French businesses, religious groups, universities, and municipalities were also hacked and altered to display pro-Islamist messages. Incidents at mosques In the week after the shooting, [there was a call] for strengthening of the surveillance of mosques. The French **interior department** reported that 54 anti-Muslim incidents were recorded in France in the first week after the shootings; this compared to 110 complaints in the first nine months of 2014. The 2015 incidents included 21 reports of shootings and blank grenade throwing at Islamic buildings including mosques; and 33 cases of personal threats and insults. ----- On This ...

5 **Daiseys: Lewes HPARC hearing not needed**



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... contributing structures in the rear of the property. "Because of all the alterations you're making, you can no longer see those two structures. They're being consumed by the additions," Warnell said. "If any part of the contributing structure is requested to be demolished, moved, elevated or relocated on the property, that's considered demolition." Warnell was referencing guidelines from the U.S.

Secretary of the Interior and the Delaware Historic Preservation Office. HPARC closely follows those guidelines. Commissioner Michael Weider read similar requirements from city code. Warnell also referenced a 1931 Sanborn map that shows two structures on the property. That would make them

contributing under HPARC definitions. The commission often uses those maps as a source of information. The Daisey brothers presented ...

6 When is Martin Luther King Jr. Day this year and why is it celebrated?



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... early 2000. Why is MLK Jr. Day celebrated in America? The holiday is set aside to honor the life and work of Dr. King, and for Americans to "reflect on the principles of racial equality and nonviolent social change espoused by Dr. King," according to Britannica. It is also the only federal holiday set aside as a national day of service, meant to be "a day on, not a day off," according to the **Department of the Interior**. Coretta Scott King once said, according to the department, "The greatest birthday gift my husband could receive is if people of all racial and ethnic backgrounds celebrated the holiday by performing individual acts of kindness through service to others."

7 How to Get Free Survival Maps



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... few differences: National Geographic USGS maps – a great resource where you can print a quad of your local area just by putting in your town or zip code and clicking on the quads you want to print. It bundles the PDF with adjacent quads so you can easily print areas. This is the traditional USGS map but with added hill shading. USGS US Topo Quadrangles – download the maps used by the USGS and **Department of the Interior** here. The topographical style adds more detail with more lines and fewer colors than the NatGeo maps. These maps are continuously updated, which is a bonus. If you live in an urban or suburban area, you may also want a street map. There is one resource that rises above the others for easily printing street maps, and it is completely free and open source: OpenStreetMap – Less precise than a ...

8 When is Martin Luther King Jr. Day this year and why is it celebrated?





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9 [Prairie Band Casino and Resort opens sportsbook in Kansas](#)



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... top terminals featuring best-in-class sports betting products, including Kambi's award-winning Bet Builder. Prairie Band Casino & Resort, located close to Topeka, Kansas, received approval in 2023 for an on-site sportsbook at the casino on tribal land. The legalization of sports betting in Kansas in 2022 initiated a long process of negotiations between the Prairie Band Potawatomi tribe, the US **Department of the Interior**, and the state. Joseph "Zeke" Rupnick, chairperson for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, said: "I think when the state first went with sports betting tribes weren't really considered in that and then we had to go back and amend the law to allow us to amend our compact with a state. "I want to thank the governor, all her staff, and of course all the state legislators that worked really hard to ...

10 [This Tribe Got Their "Land Back." But It's No Longer Livable.](#)



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something even bigger is at stake. Death Valley is the largest federally designated wilderness in the lower 48 states. This makes it central to the new national climate strategy, which focuses on wilderness as a primary tool in climate change mitigation. In the era of Deb Haaland, the first Indigenous **secretary of the interior**, environmentalists are looking to native knowledges and Indigenous land use across the globe more than ever to fortify wilderness conservation strategies. But the Timbisha need more than just the right to their ancestral land. Living in the hottest place on earth, they need active, ongoing help with stewardship. Durham was happiest during the Covid closure, with all the park staff and tourists ...

11 Indigenous Nations Lead Bison Restoration in the American West



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... communities. The bison, a vital source of sustenance, has thus taken on an additional layer of significance. Their revival is not only a nod to cultural traditions but also a strategic move towards securing food sources for tribal communities. Support from the U.S. Government and Transnational Collaboration The U.S. government, recognizing the importance of this cause, has increased its support. **Secretary of the Interior** Deb Haaland's executive order pledging restoration efforts for the bison and prairie ecosystems and the allocation of funds from the Inflation Reduction Act are significant steps in this direction. The appointment of Indigenous leaders like Haaland and Heather Dawn Thompson to key positions heralds an understanding of tribal values in federal decision-making. This bison restoration movement has ...

12 This Tribe Got Their “Land Back.” But It’s No Longer Livable.



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... like penn as i went through yesterday show and again if you didn't catch it i would highly suggest you listen to yesterday's podcast because it's important sincerely you know not because it was dazzling great it was but you need to know the history and these national park people know it better than anybody and i'll bet you when they read you're going to do what few people from washington in the **department of the interior** are going to come into philadelphia and pull out the william penn statue and remodel welcome park and make it about some shrine to native americans you're going to try to white wash william penn people naturally start asking what are you going to do next removing from the top of philadelphia city hall we're going to change the name of pennsylvania altogether about the university of pennsylvania ...

14 Bárcena bets for equality in meeting of consuls and ambassadors of Mexico: "Equality and growth must go hand in hand".



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... , mainly in the United States.A migration strategy is also expected to be presented to consuls and ambassadors during this afternoon. On the other hand, she assured that Mexico, which belongs to the global south, must have a presence and voice in all regionsDuring this week's meetings, Bárcena explained that Mexican diplomats will have meetings with President Andrés Manuel López Obrador,

the **Secretary of the Interior** Luisa María Alcalde and the Secretary of Finance, Rogelio Ramirez de la O.???? On the first day of the XXXV meeting of Mexican embassy and consulate heads #REC2024, the secretary of @SEGOB_mx, @LuisaAlcalde, shared with the foreign minister @aliciabarcena and the people in attendance the political panorama of Mexico????????, which will allow to follow and deepen... pic.twitter.com/sxY4krMmdM- ...

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... (SUTNotimex), until the federal government decided to disappear the agency. In the text published in the newspaper, where she usually has an open platform, Martínez removed all responsibility for the closure of Notimex and launched darts against the union, but also against members of the government of the so-called Fourth Transformation, especially against Luisa María Alcalde Luján, the current **Secretary of the Interior** and former head of the STyPS, and with less virulence against Jesús Ramírez Cuevas, the presidential spokesperson, and Jenaro Villamil, the head of the Mexican State Public Broadcasting System (SPR). Sanjuana Martínez held Luisa Alcalde responsible for the labor conflict and accused her of incurring in a conflict of interest, since she asserted that her father, labor lawyer Arturo Alcalde ...

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16 Chronicle of impunity in Mexico

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... says that there are four of his nationals in the group of hostages. Authorities carry out a massive search operation. Wednesday, January 3 - President López Obrador limits himself to saying in his morning conference that the Security Secretariat is carrying out the investigation and that it is not known which criminal group is involved in the events. In the afternoon, Luisa María Alcalde, **Secretary of the Interior**, posted on social networks: "Governor Américo Villarreal has just informed us that the 31 migrants kidnapped in Tamaulipas were rescued safe and sound. Thanks to the state authorities, the National Guard and the Armed Forces". Thursday, January 4 - Although it was presumed to be a rescue, in reality the 32 migrants were released by criminals in the parking lot of a commercial plaza in the ...

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17 "My son is here twice and my nephew is missing": irregularities in the new census of missing persons



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... person, as well as the variable on the crime for which the disappearance is being investigated." The adjustment or update to the online registry occurred at a time of friction between the collectives of the disappeared and the administration of President Lopez Obrador, which has been accused of wanting to reduce the figures of the disappeared for electoral reasons. Luisa María Alcalde Luján, **Secretary of the Interior**, assured during the morning conference of December 14, 2023 that the current number of missing persons in Mexico is 12,377 and not 110,964, as the CNB had made official on August 22, days before the resignation of the former head of that agency, Karla Quintana. He explained that this conclusion was reached as part of the "new census" which required door-to-door censuses, the confrontation of ...

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18 AMLO will review human rights protection



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... was. So now we are doing a complete review," said López Obrador. He asks searching mothers to approach Segob President López Obrador stressed his commitment to the mothers of the disappeared and reiterated the government's willingness to attend to their cases directly through the Ministry of the Interior. "(I say) to the searching mothers, relatives of the disappeared, the doors are open and the **Secretary of the Interior** will attend to them, will attend to them directly", assured the Chief Executive during the morning press conference on Monday, January 8.

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19 [Morenistas protest against imposition of candidates in Puebla](#)



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... in the protest: former mayor Claudia Rivera Vivanco, who is seeking a second term as mayor of Puebla; Rafael Ramírez Hernández, member of the state leadership of the PT, and councilor Elisa Molina Rivera. Also present was Rosa Márquez Cabrera, an official of the National Commission for the Prevention and Eradication of Violence against Women, as well as David Méndez Márquez, former state **Secretary of the Interior**. Among the contingents were Morena leaders from the municipalities of Huehuetla and Zacatlán, which are located in the Sierra Norte of Puebla, as well as from Huejotzingo and Quimixtlán, districts located in the metropolitan area of the state and in the Serdán region, respectively. The demonstrators protested against the "chapulines de la derecha" who joined Morena in the current electoral ...

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... . The lawyers of the telephone union leader Francisco Hernández Juárez always dynamited this possibility by constantly using blackmail and threats. The definitive closing of the agency By the beginning of 2023, the only way to resolve the conflict was to close the institution. In the middle of last year we began conversations with the new Secretary of Labor, Marath Bolaños, who told us that the **Secretary of the Interior** was in charge of negotiating with the union to end the strike and that they were going to give them everything they were asking for. I told them that it was a terrible abuse to inflate the economic bag of settlements to 256 million pesos with 53 cachirules and only 34 strikers: there are more people on that list who are not part of the strike, personnel who have already been liquidated and non- ...

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21 Tabasco 'Burning' in criminal violence amidst ungovernability: Riva Palacio

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... of the political decomposition that he himself provoked by confronting his two groups of unconditional supporters in the fight for the governorship," wrote Riva Palacio. YOU MAY BE INTERESTED: PAN deplores 'rampant violence' in Tabasco and Morelos This criminal dispute -the columnist argued- worsened as a result of the fall of Adán Augusto López, who left the governorship of

the state to become **Secretary of the Interior** and later presidential aspirant, so that political control and coordination with law enforcement was lost. "On Friday, as a consequence of the wave of violence, he was ordered to dismiss the Secretary of Security, Hernán Bermúdez Requena, Adán Augusto's man, whose attrition, which went through the anointing as gubernatorial candidate of Javier May, his political enemy for three decades, also ...

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... run for two weeks and law enforcement finally corner each shows up and he wants credit for that now he wants credit that they aren't going to remove william penn from welcome park anymore now i don't know how in the world little joshy our diminutive pocket sized governor in pennsylvania is going to take credit for that when we all know damn good and well it was his party and his president and his **interior department** they were all held bent to do it he didn't know anything about it until shows like mine started discussing it he had no intention of getting involved in fact his tweet says my staff

23 Francos met with provincial authorities on the biofuels issue



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... to be supportive, it seems to me that we have to raise an issue and a different scenario, transitory and obviously regional economies do not agree absolutely, I think we have to go a zero approach, so it is something that we will discuss," said Busso. Francos was accompanied at the meeting by the Secretary of Agriculture, Livestock and Fishing of the Ministry of Economy, Fernando Villela; the **Secretary of the Interior**, Lisandro Catalá; the Undersecretary of Fuels and Hydrocarbons, Luis de Ridder, and Mariela Beljansky, Undersecretary of Transition and Energy Planning. Also attending for Santa Fe were the Secretary of Energy, Verónica Geese; the Secretary of Foreign Trade, Georgina

Losada; and the Undersecretary of Institutional Relations, Juan Rodil, while the Minister of Production, Science and Technological ...

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... the place where humanity finds itself, because we have all the tools — the technology, the wealth, the brainpower — to initiate those changes," Marchand said. "What we lack is the political will." And Native leaders know how to implement traditional practices in a good way. As an example, she noted that in September, Interior Secretary Deb Haaland (Laguna Pueblo) revised four climate-related

Interior Department policies, all of which now refer to Indigenous knowledge. Marchand credits "Auntie Deb" with implementing this knowledge at a federal level in a way that's not extractive. "We, as a whole, would not be as far without her," Marchand said. Through ATNI, Marchand has had a hand in crafting policy resolutions that might influence states like Washington and Idaho, or perhaps pass up the chain to ...

25 Mara Lezama works with Mexican government for universal health services in Quintana Roo



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The Governor of Quintana Roo, Mara Lezama Espinosa, participated along with the country's governors, in the meeting headed by the **Secretary of the Interior**, María Luisa Alcalde Albores; the Federal Secretary of Health, Jorge Alcocer Varela; the Director General of the IMSS, Zoé Robledo,

and the head of IMSS Bienestar, Alejandro Calderón, to advance in the process of federalization and universality of services for access to public health. In this meeting convened by the Ministry of the Interior, Mara Lezama stressed that health is a top priority for ...

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26 **Government to amend another article of the Omnibus Law: biofuels and key withholding taxes in the spotlight**



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... the new biofuels cut regulation included in the so-called omnibus law and asked for the lowering of withholding taxes on different regional economy products. The meeting took place this morning at the offices of the Ministry of the Interior, being the head of that area, Guillermo Francos, who hosted the meeting. The meeting was also attended by the Secretary of Bioeconomy, Fernando Vilella, the **Secretary of the Interior**, Lisandro Catalán and the Undersecretary of Fuels and Hydrocarbons, Luis de Ridder. El duro análisis del Financial Times sobre Victorial Villaruel: FT The harsh analysis of the Financial Times about Victorial Villaruel: "She is ready for anything".Ciara Nugent "We came to raise articles of the omnibus law that concern us regional economies, particularly on the issue of biofuels. We raised some ...

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27 **"Order is being put in place," AMLO insists on missing persons registry**



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... that". López Obrador mentioned that what is being carried out is "a review" and a "national search" to clarify what there is in terms of missing persons. "And order is being put in place, and the Interior Ministry is in charge of this work," said the President, with the support of the three levels of government. To the searching mothers, relatives of the disappeared, the doors are open and the **Secretary of the Interior**, Luisa María Alcalde, is attending them directly, said López Obrador. President López Obrador accused his adversaries of trying to stain his government and defame it. He added that he will continue to report on the issue in his morning conference.

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... the military no longer restrain thugs, much less the drug cartels, which paved the way for a counter-offensive by Sinaloa against the Jalisco New Generation, which heated up its plazas to stop the advance of its adversaries, terrorizing Villahermosa. The criminal war worsened in Tabasco as an externality of the fall of Adán Augusto López, seduced by López Obrador to leave the governorship, become **Secretary of the Interior** and eventually presidential candidate, with which the political control in the state and the coordination of the Armed Forces and the National Guard was lost, because Merino could not reestablish it, leaving his governors at the mercy of the criminals. On Friday, as a consequence of the wave of violence, he was ordered to dismiss the Secretary of Security, Hernán Bermúdez Requena, Adán Augusto's ...

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says the **Department of the Interior** and Bureau of Indian Affairs not advocating for law enforcement funding has been a contributing factor in high crime rates. The November 18th proclamation said homicides, drug offenses, robberies, rape, aggravated assault and burglary are all higher on the reservation when compared to the national rate. Additionally, the proclamation said roughly two-thirds of the reservations adults struggle ... with alcoholism with 25% of the reservations children born with fetal alcohol syndrome. star comes Proclamation also shared that the reservation suicide rate is notably higher than the national rate with 177 suicide attempts among people in the 14 to 32 age bracket in 20. In the declaration start comes out called on President Joe Biden to direct Deb Haaland, the u.s. **Secretary of the interior** to ask for enough funding to

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Good morning, Early Birds. The statue of William Penn in Philadelphia's Welcome Park isn't going anywhere — and neither is a much larger Penn statue atop City Hall. Look how big it is! The sculptor, Alexander Milne Calder, was the grandfather of Alexander Calder, whose works grace the Hart Senate Office Building and the National Gallery of Art.

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In today's edition ... Release of the bipartisan border security framework is likely delayed ... A look at the violent threats against members of Congress, state officials, local leaders and judges since 2020 ... but first ...



From the courts

The consequences of Trump's immunity court case



Former president Donald Trump during the civil fraud trial against the Trump Organization in New York on Dec. 7. (Eduardo Munoz Alvarez/Pool/AFP/Getty Images)

Former president **Donald Trump** is expected to watch today as his lawyers try to convince three appeals court judges that he can't be tried for his alleged role in the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol and trying to overturn the 2020 election.

The outcome could have big implications for Trump — and future presidents. That's because the case raises a novel issue for the courts, which have never before been asked whether a former president is immune from federal criminal prosecution.

Trump is hoping to avoid a trial in the 2020 election case, which was brought by special counsel **Jack Smith**. He's accused of conspiring to overturn the 2020 election.

Trump is also facing political stakes, as he's on track to become the Republican

nomination for president.

“His choice to attend the argument — not uncommon but also not required in an appeal — instead of spending more time in Iowa just one week from the GOP's first nominating contest there reflect the bet he and his campaign are placing on blending his criminal defense with electoral message. Tuesday's appearance is poised to be the first of many times this year that he quickly pivots between the courtroom and the campaign trail or brings the campaign to the courthouse steps as he faces four separate criminal cases and two civil trials,” our colleague [Isaac Arnsdorf](#) reports.

- Trump's purpose in showing up in the courtroom is to show “seriousness and defiance” and garner media attention as he's going on the offense, according to Isaac's reporting.

To understand the legal aspects of the case, we picked the brains of our fantastic colleagues who cover the ins and outs of the Trump trials.

HOW THE CASE CAME TO BE

Trump appealed the case to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia after U.S. District Judge **Tanya S. Chutkan** rejected his attempt to dismiss the case in December. The former president argued that he is immune from federal prosecution because he was president at the time of the alleged crime.

- “Whatever immunities a sitting President may enjoy, the United States has only one Chief Executive at a time, and that position does not confer a lifelong ‘get-out-of-jail-free’ pass.” Chutkan wrote in her decision. “No court — or any other branch of government — has ever accepted it. And this court will not so hold.”
- Smith asked the Supreme Court to fast-track the case, but the court refused to do so. It didn't explain why.

THE ARGUMENTS

The former president is arguing that he is immune from federal prosecution for his acts as president — and because he was not convicted in his impeachment trial, trying him now

would amount to double jeopardy.

“Presidential immunity and the Impeachment Judgment Clause foreclose the criminal prosecution of President Trump for his official acts,” his lawyers argued in a brief to the court.

Smith argues that courts haven't found that former presidents have immunity from criminal liability. And even if they do, Smith argues, it wouldn't apply to Trump, who worked with private individuals and government officials to remain in power.

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- Smith has also argued that a lack of conviction in an impeachment trial does not limit Trump's ability to be prosecuted. Trump was acquitted in his Senate impeachment trial.

A NOTE ON THE IMPEACHMENT STANDARD

But about that impeachment argument ... it's complicated.

When **Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell** (R-Ky.) voted to not convict Trump in his trial, he said the courts would be the more appropriate venue for assessing the president's actions.

“Impeachment was never meant to be the final forum for American justice,” McConnell argued at the time. “We have a criminal justice system in this country. We have civil litigation. And former Presidents are not immune from being held accountable by either one.”

THE JUDGES

None of the judges on the panel, who are randomly assigned, were nominated by Trump.

Judge Karen L. Henderson was nominated by **President George H.W. Bush** and has served on the court since 1990. Reporters and legal watchers will listen to Henderson closely.

The other two judges on the panel, **Florence Y. Pan** and **J. Michelle Childs**, were nominated by **President Biden** and confirmed by the Senate in 2022.

Childs was in the running for former Supreme Court justice **Stephen Breyer's** seat on the court. **Rep. Jim Clyburn** (D-S.C.) and **Sen. Lindsey Graham** (R-S.C.) urged Biden to choose Childs, who was a federal district court judge in South Carolina, but the appointment went to **Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson**. Biden nominated Pan for the seat vacated by Jackson.

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TRUMP'S CHANCES FOR SUCCESS

Our colleague **Devlin Barrett** says it's hard to say whether Trump's legal arguments will hold sway. But he says this: "This appeals court has already found in a separate case that Trump is not immune to civil liability for his actions as a presidential candidate around Jan. 6, so it is hard to imagine they will find he has absolute criminal immunity."

Another colleague, **Spencer S. Hsu**, adds that he's watching what the judges say about each of the arguments raised by Trump.

- For example, are they more concerned with Trump's claim of presidential immunity or his double jeopardy claim that former president's cannot be charged for conduct they have been impeached but not convicted of by the Senate?
- How much credence do they give an argument raised by outside left-leaning analysts suggesting Trump cannot appeal the immunity issue before trial at all?

THE TIMELINE

Time is of the essence. Smith had hoped to begin the trial against Trump on March 4, but that could be delayed depending on the outcome and timeline of a decision in this case.

Because this is a new legal question and they know it will be reviewed by the Supreme Court, the judges will want to write a thoughtful, in-depth opinion, according to Supreme Court reporter **Ann Marimow**. She predicts that a D.C. Circuit decision will "take weeks —

not days.”

But no matter the outcome of today's proceedings, the Supreme Court is likely to have the last word.

“After the D.C. Circuit issues its ruling, either party can seek rehearing by a full complement of appeals court judges or go directly to the Supreme Court,” Ann adds.

THE IMPACT

While the outcome of this case will have huge consequences for the special counsel case, it could have implications in the Georgia case, too.

Trump filed similar claims in the [Georgia case](#) on Monday, where is charged with 13 counts related to an alleged conspiracy to overturn the 2020 election results in the state. If the Supreme Court finds that Trump was immune as president, that could affect the Georgia prosecution, even though he is charged with state crimes, Spencer notes.

And presidential immunity would not apply to the Florida case involving classified documents “because he was not president during the time of the alleged actions in the indictment,” our colleague **Perry Stein** says. It also won't apply to the case in New York, which alleges that Trump paid hush money to adult actress **Stormy Daniels**.

What we're watching

ON THE HILL

Austin fallout: We are watching continued fallout over **Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin's** [failure to disclose his hospital stay](#) to the president, members of Congress and officials at the Pentagon.

Rep. Matt Rosendale (R-Mont.) is filing articles of impeachment. The top Republican on the **House Armed Services Committee**, **Rep. Mike Rogers** (Ala.), [tweeted](#) that he's “quickly losing faith” in Austin's ability to lead the Defense Department.

Austin was admitted to a hospital after a procedure on Jan. 1 and was discharged from the intensive care unit last night.

Border security framework probably delayed: Senate negotiators on border security said Monday night that a framework is unlikely to be released this week, which negotiators had suggested was likely as recently as this weekend. Disagreements remain on too many issues, including parole, which has been the most difficult part of already tough negotiations.

“We’ll continue to try and get this nailed down,” **Sen. Chris Murphy** (D-Conn.) told reporters, per our colleague **Paul Kane**.

OVERSEAS

Secretary of State Antony Blinken is in Tel Aviv today as escalating tensions between Israel and the Lebanese militant group **Hezbollah** raise the specter of a full-scale regional war.

On Monday evening, Israeli **Foreign Minister Israel Katz** said in a televised interview that Israel had killed a top Hezbollah commander, **Wissam al-Tawil**, calling it “part of the war,” our colleague **Annabelle Timsit** reports. The targeted killing comes as Israel weighs launching a major military operation in Lebanon.

- But as our colleagues **John Hudson, Yasmeeen Abutaleb** and **Shane Harris** reported over the weekend, the Biden administration has privately warned Israeli officials against the escalation. Washington believes, based on a secret assessment from the **Defense Intelligence Agency**, that “it will be difficult for the **Israel Defense Forces** (IDF) to succeed because its military assets and resources would be spread too thin given the conflict in Gaza,” our colleagues report.

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The campaign

Violent political threats surge as 2024 begins, haunting American democracy



Law enforcement officers patrol the grounds of the Mississippi Capitol in Jackson on Jan. 4 as they deal with a second consecutive day of bomb threats. (Rogelio V. Solis/AP)

Our colleagues **Sarah Ellison**, **Yvonne Wingett Sanchez** and **Patrick Marley** [take a look](#) at the violent threats and acts of intimidation against many government officials since the 2020 presidential election and its effect on American democracy.

Members of Congress, state officials, local leaders and judges have all been subjected to swatting, bomb threats and death threats.

- Special counsel Jack Smith, who is overseeing the prosecution of Trump in two federal cases, was the target of an attempted swatting at his Maryland residence on Christmas Day, per **NBC News's Michael Kosnar** and **Zoë Richards**. Chutkan, the judge presiding over Trump's election subversion case, was the target of a similar incident on Sunday.

The targets of the threats share a common attribute: They have done or said something that has earned the ire of the former president, our colleagues write.

- “I am really worried that there is going to be a tragedy,” Wisconsin Supreme Court **Justice Jill Karofsky** said in an interview with our colleagues. “I believe people when they say that they want to hurt us or kill us. I don't think they're idle threats.”

The Media

Must reads

From The Post:

- Millions of gig workers could qualify as employees under new Biden-era rule. By **Lauren Kaori Gurley**.
- Rep. Steny Hoyer to seek reelection, quashing speculation of retirement. By **Erin Cox**.

From across the web:

- Biden renominates Julie Su for labor secretary after Senate declined to confirm her for ten months. By the **Associated Press**.
- Filing alleges 'improper' relationship between Fulton DA, top Trump prosecutor. By the **Atlanta Journal-Constitution's Bill Rankin** and **Tamar Hallerman**.
- Challenged on policy views in town hall event, Haley doesn't budge. By the **New York Times's Jonathan Weisman** and **Jazmine Ulloa**.

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Shantha,
Lately, I've been getting requests from people to let the Secretary know... This request is coming from a photo-journalist with the Philadelphia Inquirer. He has been active with our events at Carlisle and has been helpful getting Native issues included in the Inquirer.
I don't know if you're the right person to review this before it gets to Sec. Haaland, but what we're facing here is more agreements with Indians being erased from history. If you, or whoever, wishes to gather more details, here is Chip Fox's phone (b) (6)
Thank you so much.
Sandi

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Sandi,

You're probably tired out today like I am. I'm not used to getting up at 6 AM, but it was an enjoyable day. Theresa and I hung out in Carlisle till about 8 PM

Here is the original Wampum Lot story I did in 2020.

<https://www.inquirer.com/news/philadelphia/welcome-park-philadelphia-native-americans-stolen-land-iroquois-haudenosaunee-20200325.html>

I have since done a better job at researching the ownership since 1743. The Wampum Lot was apparently a thin strip of land behind was then the Old Slate House and later behind the building built by the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce and later became the Keystone Telephone Company and then Bell Telephone. The Wampum Lot seems to be recognized as late as 1922 by the Mayor Moore. In the 1970's, the Friends of Independence Park bought it and donated it to the NPS. It became Welcome Park in 1982. It seems the Wampum lot was under the rear eastern section of Welcome Park as well as part of what is now The Moravian and what was once Moravian street. City records don't show it was ever Haudenosaunee land.

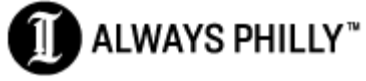
In the end it is about presenting history correctly and the erasure of history that has taken place at Independence Park and other locations. Proving ownership would be difficult.

If you have a contact in Sec. Haaland's office I can pass on to them that would be appreciated. The NPS has a 90-day hold on redesign of the Welcome Park. The Haudenosaunee group seemed frustrated last week after the initial discussion was positive.

As always, thanks for your help on these stories. I don't want to pull you into the middle of it, I just want to be able to pass your contact along.

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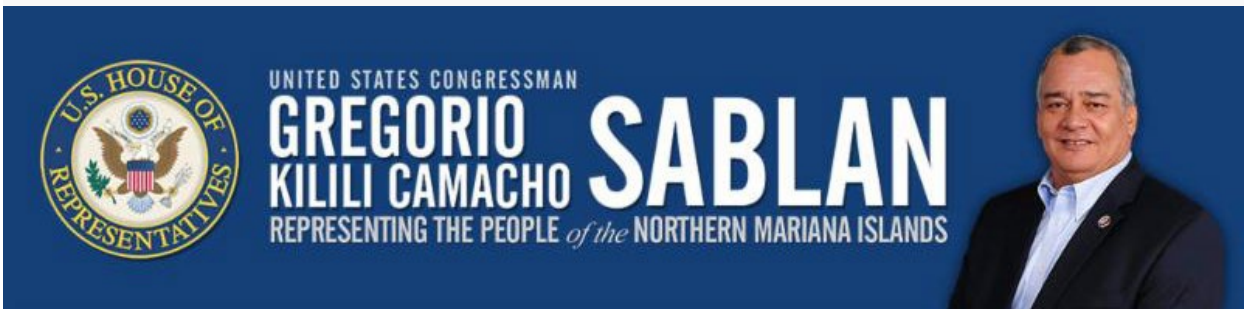
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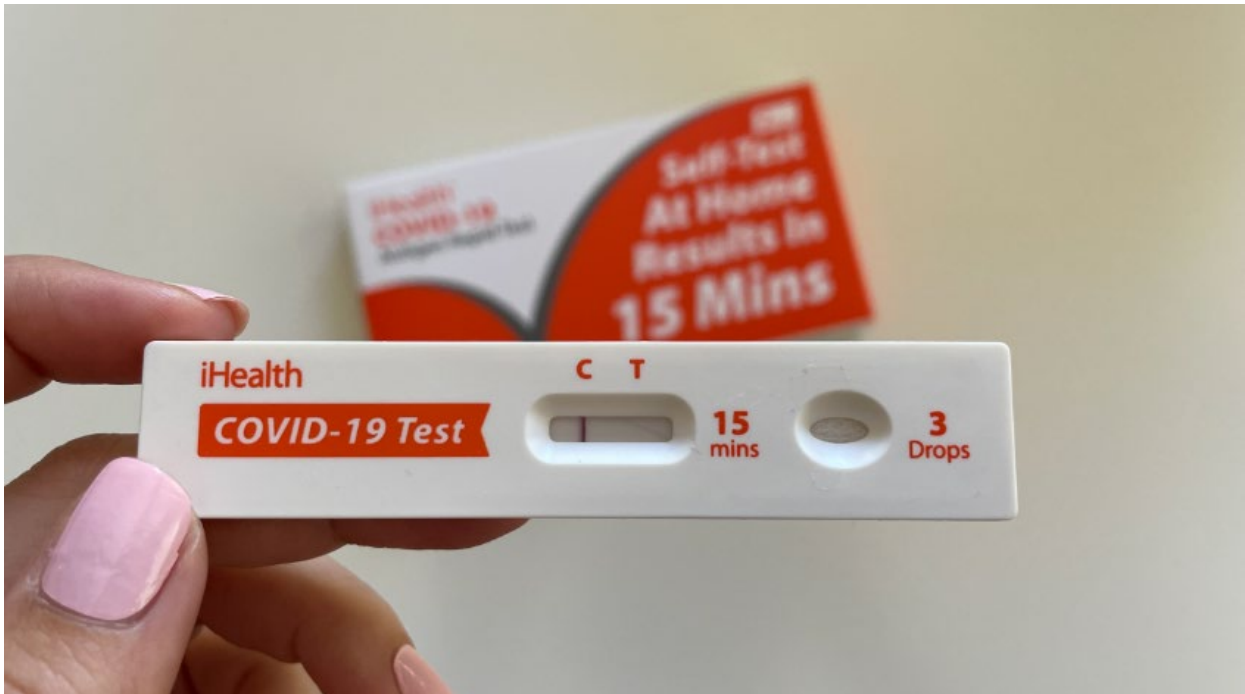


2022 THE YEAR IN REVIEW



The **117th House of Representatives** gathered for our official photograph before concluding work last week. Below, your congressional office recalls some highlights of this momentous year.

January



Free COVID tests

As the Marianas struggled with a surge in COVID, the Biden administration made a half-billion free tests available for American households to order online for home delivery. Initially, the system would not recognize Marianas addresses because we use post office boxes, but your congressional office quickly got the problem fixed.

February



Focusing on Medicaid

The annual Interagency Group on Insular Areas meeting was an opportunity for me to remind the Biden administration of the work needed on Medicaid. Congress addressed the funding problem with a large and permanent increase (\$64 million for the Marianas this year) and automatic inflation adjustments in Public Law 116-94. But the favorable federal/local matching rate in that law (83/17) was only temporary and would revert to 55/45 on September 30. The President listened. When he released his budget proposal in May, he recommended aligning our rates with states!

March

FY22 Marianas Earmarks

<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount</u>
CHCC: Modernizing lab facilities	\$1,200,000
Upgrading IT for greater telehealth usage	\$980,639
Expanding Rota home dialysis	\$391,500
PSS: Expanding language & cultural immersion program	\$350,000
Expanding school libraries, e-library	\$150,000
Collecting health data to encourage healthy living	\$150,000
NMI Judiciary: Assessing mental health treatment court for vets	\$303,000
NMC: Innovation incubator for SBDC	\$952,394
Karidat: Guma Esperansa generator	\$50,000
Total: \$4,527,533	



Marianas community projects: \$4.5m

For the first time since 2010, when the Republican majority blocked Members of Congress from directing funds to hometown needs, I was able to secure earmarks for Marianas organizations that provide vital public services. The Democratic majority restarted community project funding; and the fiscal 2022 appropriation, signed into law in March, included \$4.5 million for Northern Marianas College, the Public School System, Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation, Karidat, and the Judicial branch.

April



New help for Veterans' caregivers

Marianas families caring for a disabled veteran became eligible for help—including a monthly stipend—from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Your congressional office took action when veterans reported their applications for the caregivers program were being rejected. The Department was telling veterans our islands are not part of the United States! As a member of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, I immediately let the Department know they were wrong and injuring men and women who had put their lives on the line for America. The Department apologized to those rejected and the program is now in operation.

May



Head Start sign up eased

Enrolling their young children in Head Start got easier for Marianas families receiving Nutrition Assistance Program food aid. Your congressional office worked with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, which administers Head Start, to confirm that the "categorical eligibility" for the children of families that participate in the national Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, SNAP, will also apply to Marianas families in our Nutrition Assistance Program, NAP. Categorical eligibility means less paperwork for families to qualify their children for Head Start.

Northern Mariana Islands

Total Announced BIL Funding: \$62.3M

% of Funding per BIL Category

Transportation  25.66%

Climate, Energy, and the Environment  74.33%

\$52m for Marianas infrastructure. We made sure the Marianas was included in the [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law](#); and six months later, the White House informed us, \$51.6 million had been awarded. ([\\$62.3 million as of October 25.](#)) Included was \$21 million for the Kagman Watershed Project and airport improvement money for Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

June



Marianas flag flies at Smithsonian museum

The flag of the Northern Mariana Islands was raised for the first time at the National Museum of American History on June 14, Flag Day. I initiated the request for inclusion of all insular area flags alongside those of the states; and Dr. Anthea M. Hartig, the Museum's Director, responded positively. For 60 years, this display has been incomplete, she said during the ceremony. Now we are acting "to right that wrong."

July



\$10,000 prize for Marianas teachers

One science or math teacher from the Marianas will be selected each year for a Presidential Award for Excellence under provisions of my STEM Educator Awards Equity Act. I piggybacked my bill onto the CHIPS and Science Act, Public Law 117-167, which Congress sent to the President in July. The selected Marianas teacher will receive \$10,000 from the National Science Foundation and will participate in expert-led training and collaboration opportunities in Washington. Previously, Marianas teachers had to compete with teachers from American Samoa, Guam, and the Virgin Islands for the annual prize.

August



Marianas veterans got to speak directly with Veterans Affairs Deputy Secretary Donald Remy, the number two official at the Department in August. As a member of the House Committee on Veterans Affairs, I invited Remy to

survey the state of available VA services in the Marianas and continue working with me to improve aid to veterans.

Biden signs PACT Act

The 3.5 million veterans, including those in the Marianas, exposed to deadly toxins in the line of duty will have automatic access to life-saving care under terms of the Honoring our PACT Act, a major achievement of the House Committee on Veterans Affairs in this Congress. The Department of Veterans Affairs now honors claims for 23 new conditions and cancers identified in the law and presumed to result from exposure to burn pits and other hazardous conditions.

September



Marianas voter assist is now law

Marianas voters with limited mobility or other barriers to casting their ballot will be helped by U.S. Public Law 117-182, the Protection and Advocacy for Voting Access Program Inclusion Act. The new law adds the Marianas to entities eligible for grants to train poll workers, maintain voting hotlines, and assure polling places are accessible to all. I introduced the legislation, H.R. 7326, in the House with Rep. Ruben Gallego (D-Arizona).

October



Congressional Delegation in Tinian

A CODEL led by Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-Florida) Chair of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, along with Rep. Ed Case (D-Hawaii) and Rep. Randy Feenstra (R-Iowa), visited Tinian in October. They toured the Air Force divert airfield, North Field, and the Tinian harbor along with Joint Region Marianas Commander Rear Adm. Benjamin Nicholson and Tinian leadership. The Subcommittee appropriated \$191 million for Tinian in the fiscal 2023 appropriations law.

November



\$6.3m to continue student meals

More than 13,000 NMI children who lack regular access to meals at their schools or child care centers will continue to receive free breakfasts, lunches, and snacks through the Pandemic EBT program. Congress provided P-EBT for Marianas students in a continuing resolution in October 2020; and your congressional office has been encouraging the Public School System, the Commonwealth government, and the U.S Department of Agriculture to extend

the program through 2023.

December



NDAA passes, Marianas benefits

In addition to increasing pay and benefits for service members, authorizing \$191 million for divert field projects on Tinian, and reauthorizing the Coral Reef Conservation Act, this year's defense bill contained my legislation creating an advisory board within the Department of Veterans Affairs with representatives from the Marianas and each of the other U.S. insular areas. The National Defense Authorization Act also includes my Shark Fin Sales Elimination Act, addressing the sharp decline in shark populations worldwide by banning the commercial trade in shark fins within the United States. This ban mirrors Marianas law and several U.S. states' prohibitions on sale, purchase, or possession of shark fins.

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Fiscal 2023 Appropriations Act signed

President Biden signed into law the Consolidated Appropriations Act with funding for the federal government for all of fiscal year 2023. The Marianas fared well:

- **Permanent Medicaid FMAP in 2023 spending law.** A year that began with a focus on Medicaid, ended with a final solution to a long-standing inequity in how the Marianas and other insular areas are treated versus states. The Marianas' statutory federal share of Medicaid, 55 percent, is now permanently raised to 83 percent, better than the FMAP for any state. Without this change the Commonwealth would have faced \$40 million in costs this year to access all the available Medicaid funding made possible by U.S. Public Law 116-94.
- **\$26.8m for congressional projects.** The Commonwealth's Department of Public Works, Office of Transit Authority, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation, Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, Northern Marianas College, the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, and the Public School System will all receive funding for their community projects that I requested be added to the fiscal 2023 appropriation act. The fourteen Marianas projects are worth \$26,838,182.
- **More nutrition assistance.** Marianas families and individuals enrolled in the Nutrition Assistance Program will benefit from the \$34 million in food aid—\$4 million more than last year—that I secured for NAP in the fiscal 2023 appropriation. This is \$24 million more than when I first entered Congress and began working to achieve Marianas parity with the states in federal food aid.
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- **School aid, Pell grant up.** Funding for the Marianas Public School System from the Elementary and Secondary Education Act will go up an estimated \$630,000 from the current \$13,018,246. As Chair of the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education, I led the request signed by 107 other Members of Congress asking to increase ESEA Title I grants. And 1,724 Marianas college students will see as much as a \$500 bump in their annual Pell grant for tuition and supplies. The maximum grant will now be \$7,395.
- **\$15.5m to cut electric costs.** Funding for the Energizing Insular Communities program increases more than 40 percent, from \$11 million to \$15.5 million, in fiscal 2023; and insular technical assistance grants increase to \$22.3 million. Both programs are funded at the level I requested. Energizing Insular Communities is intended to lower electricity costs by moving us away from costly—and dirty—imported fossil fuels to cheaper, cleaner domestic sources of energy, such as solar and wind.
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Congratulations to Carson Lin, James Lin, Dip Roy, and Jaehoon Son, winners of this year's Congressional App Challenge. Their winning app MathPal is web-based and designed to help high school students understand mathematical concepts. The team of four will receive national recognition and have their work eligible for display in the U.S. Capitol. They will also be invited to attend the House of Code reception in Washington, D.C. The Congressional App Challenge is an annual competition open to middle and high school students. Next year's App Challenge will commence in late summer 2023.

\$1.6m for vaccination support

As part of the continuing support from Congress during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation was awarded \$1,601,945.28 on Tuesday. The funds, administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, are directed specifically at the Commonwealth's vaccination program. No match from the Commonwealth government is required. Congratulations to CHCC.

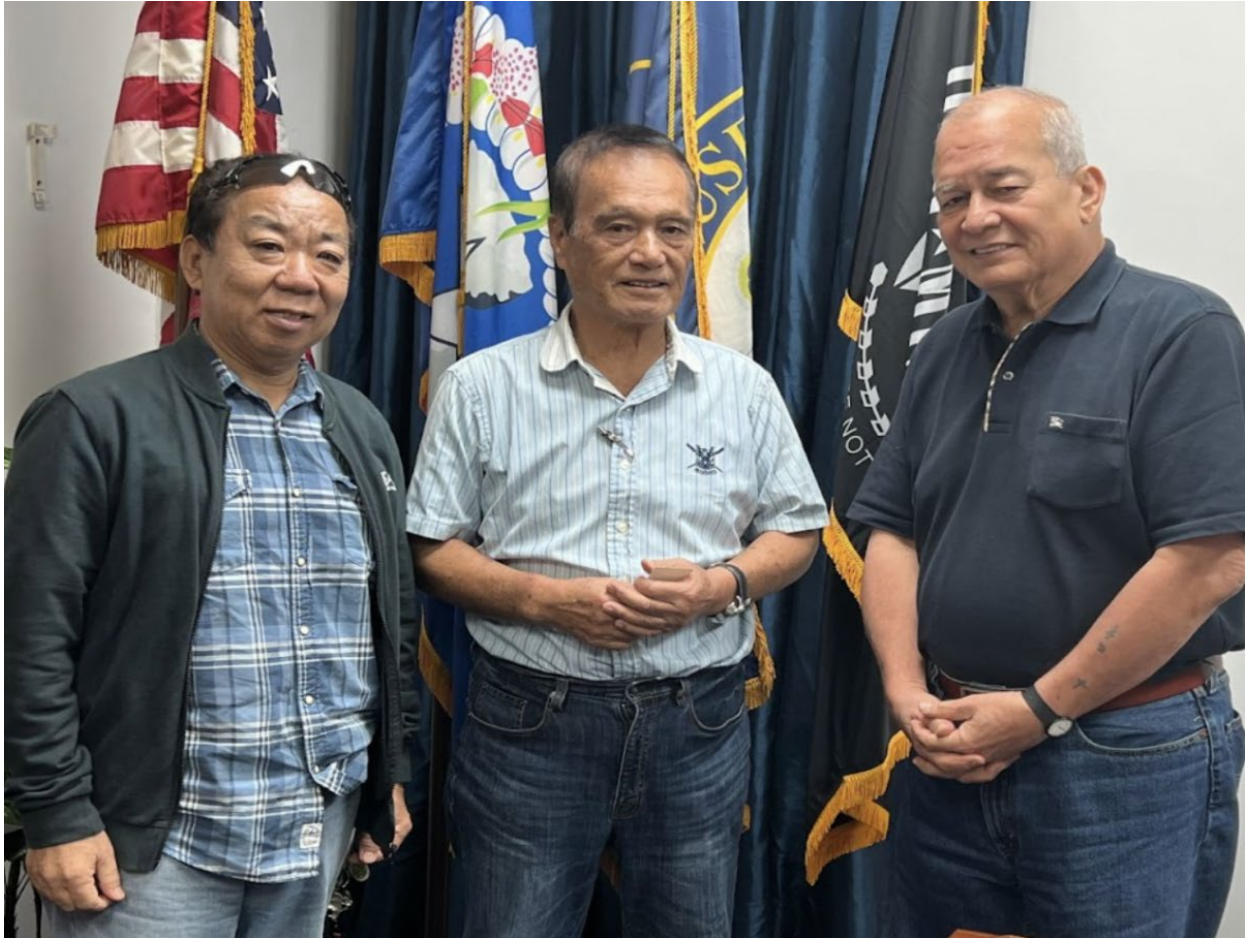
Free COVID tests again available

In anticipation of a resurgence of COVID-19 as families and friends gather for the holiday season, the federal government is again providing free, at-home COVID tests to American households. When first offered earlier this year, the website for the free tests had trouble recognizing the post office box addresses most people in the Marianas use. Your congressional office worked to correct those problems; and our constituents did receive the free tests in the mail. This time around the website seems to be accepting post office box addresses in the Marianas without issue. But, please, let your congressional office know, if you do have a problem. To apply for the free tests, up to four per household, go to COVIDTests.gov online or call 1-800-232-0233 (TTY 1-888-720-7489).

\$98k for juvenile justice aid

Congratulations to the Criminal Justice Planning Agency on the award of a grant of \$98,417 on Tuesday to help improve the Commonwealth's juvenile justice program. This is the second year of a three-year formula grant focused on helping develop "more effective education, training, research, prevention, diversion, treatment, and rehabilitation programs in the area of juvenile delinquency as well as juvenile justice system improvement efforts." The funds support the work of the Office of Youth Affairs, the Department of Public Safety, the Commonwealth Judiciary, the Department of Corrections, the Attorney General, and the Office of the Public Defender. The funds also underwrite the

Juvenile Justice Specialist position at the Criminal Justice Planning Agency.
Congratulations, CJP.



Bring back Japan tourism. This week I met with Mr. Mike Imai and Mr. Ikou, both long-time residents of Saipan. We discussed crucial small steps the Commonwealth can take to bring back tourism from Japan. Thank you, gentlemen, for sharing your ideas.



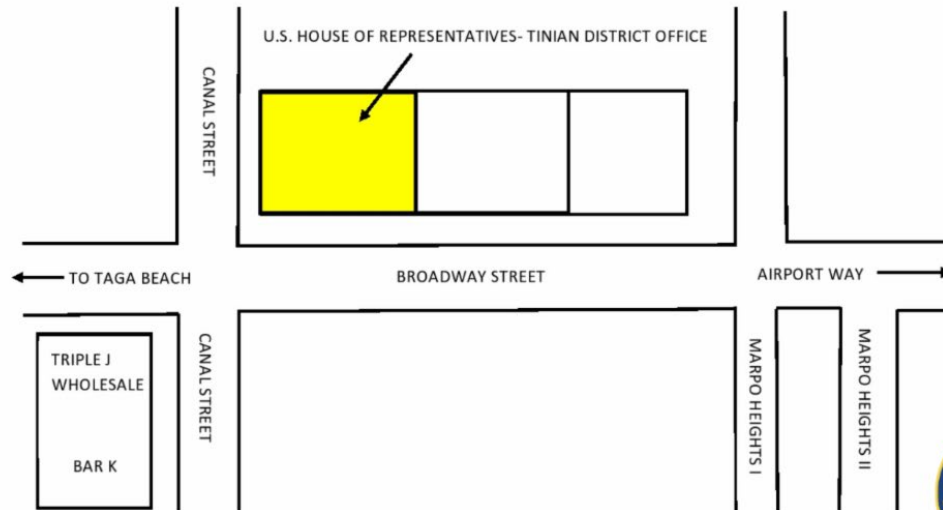
Welcome, Park Family. Air Force Capt. Sun (Alex)(Right), Army 1st Lieutenant Moon (Richard)(Left) and their father Byung Hoon Park dropped by their congressional office for a family holiday visit. The Park brothers both in active duty are home visiting family and friends this week. Alex was one of my military academy nominees. Happy New Year!

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1 Year Ago

COVID funeral aid available

Funeral cost assistance is available for Marianas families who lose a loved one from COVID-19. Congress provided this aid in the [2021 Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act](#). As of December 6, the program has helped in the Marianas with \$10,894, according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which distributes the aid.

5 Years Ago

2017 - The Year in Review

Many seeds planted in years past bore fruit in 2017. New money for our students and teachers and for families in need of food, expanded health benefits for Marianas veterans and a new troop store — legislative projects I began years ago became reality this year.

10 Years Ago

\$938,704 awarded for vaccination program

The Center for Disease Control announced the award of \$938,704 to the Commonwealth's Department of Public Health. This grant is for 2013, the first year in a five-year Immunization and Vaccines for Children Program. The funds, authorized in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, or "Obamacare," are to be used to immunize individuals against vaccine-preventable diseases, such as measles, rubella, poliomyelitis, diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, hepatitis B, hepatitis A, varicella, mumps, haemophilus influenza type b, influenza, and pneumococcal pneumonia.

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants:

- Interior Technical Assistance Program Grants

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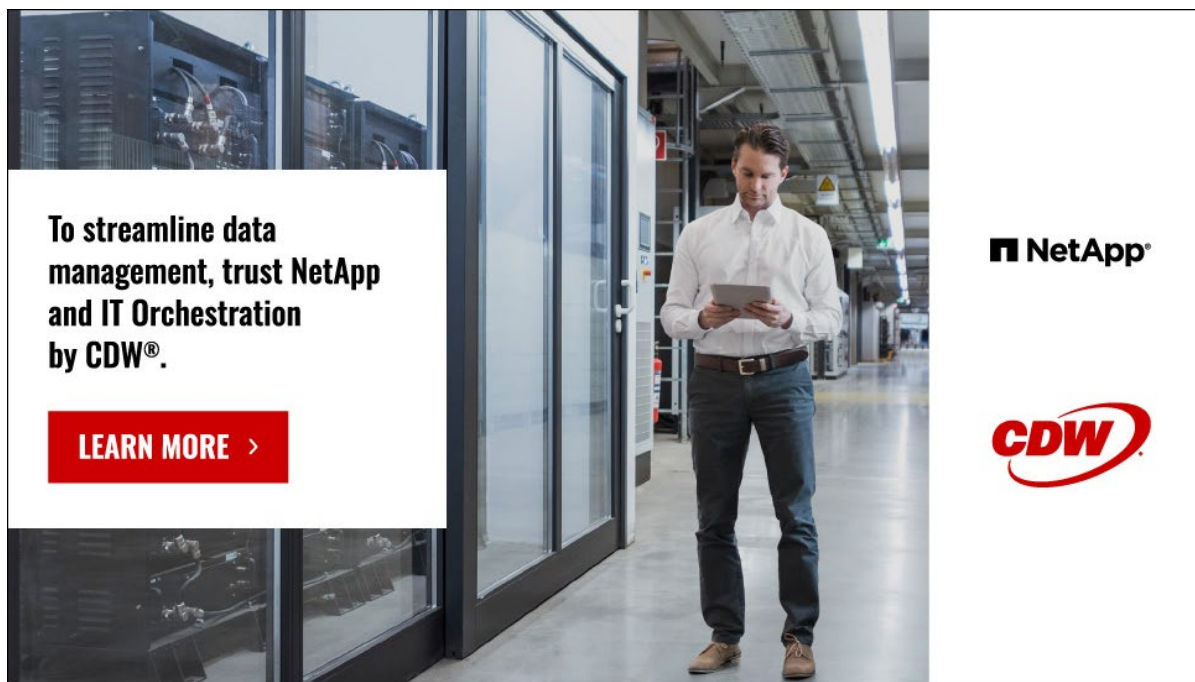
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But as our colleagues **John Hudson**, **Yasmeen Abutaleb** and **Shane Harris** reported over the weekend, the Biden administration has privately warned Israeli officials against the escalation. Washington believes, based on a secret assessment from the **Defense Intelligence Agency**, that “it will be difficult for the **Israel Defense Forces** (IDF) to succeed because its military assets and resources would be spread too thin given the conflict in Gaza,” our colleagues report.

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Violent political threats surge as 2024 begins, haunting American democracy



Law enforcement officers patrol the grounds of the Mississippi Capitol in Jackson on Jan. 4 as they deal with a second consecutive day of bomb threats. (Rogelio V. Solis/AP)

Our colleagues **Sarah Ellison**, **Yvonne Wingett Sanchez** and **Patrick Marley** take a look at the violent threats and acts of intimidation against many government officials since the 2020 presidential election and its effect on American democracy.

Members of Congress, state officials, local leaders and judges have all been subjected to swatting, bomb threats and death threats.

- Special counsel Jack Smith, who is overseeing the prosecution of Trump in two federal cases, was the target of an attempted swatting at his Maryland residence on Christmas Day, per **NBC News's Michael Kosnar** and **Zoë Richards**. Chutkan, the judge presiding over Trump's election subversion case, was the target of a similar incident on Sunday.

The targets of the threats share a common attribute: They have done or said something that has earned the ire of the former president, our colleagues write.

- "I am really worried that there is going to be a tragedy," Wisconsin Supreme Court **Justice Jill Karofsky** said in an interview with our colleagues. "I believe people when they say that they want to hurt us or kill us. I don't think they're idle threats."

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On Monday evening, Israeli **Foreign Minister Israel Katz** said in a televised interview that Israel had killed a top Hezbollah commander, **Wissam al-Tawil**, calling it “part of the war,” our colleague **Annabelle Timsit** reports. The targeted killing comes as Israel weighs launching a major military operation in Lebanon.

- But as our colleagues **John Hudson**, **Yasmeen Abutaleb** and **Shane Harris** reported over the weekend, the Biden administration has privately warned Israeli officials against the escalation. Washington believes, based on a secret assessment from the **Defense Intelligence Agency**, that “it will be difficult for the **Israel Defense Forces** (IDF) to succeed because its military assets and resources would be spread too thin given the conflict in Gaza,” our colleagues report.

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The campaign

Violent political threats surge as 2024 begins, haunting American democracy



Law enforcement officers patrol the grounds of the Mississippi Capitol in Jackson on Jan. 4 as they deal with a second consecutive day of bomb threats. (Rogelio V. Solis/AP)

Our colleagues **Sarah Ellison**, **Yvonne Wingett Sanchez** and **Patrick Marley** [take a look](#) at the violent threats and acts of intimidation against many government officials since the 2020 presidential election and its effect on American democracy.

Members of Congress, state officials, local leaders and judges have all been subjected to swatting, bomb threats and death threats.

- Special counsel Jack Smith, who is overseeing the prosecution of Trump in two federal cases, was the target of an attempted swatting at his Maryland residence on Christmas Day, [per **NBC News's Michael Kosnar** and **Zoë Richards**](#). Chutkan, the judge presiding over Trump's election subversion case, was the target of a similar incident on Sunday.

The targets of the threats share a common attribute: They have done or said

something that has earned the ire of the former president, our colleagues write.

- “I am really worried that there is going to be a tragedy,” Wisconsin Supreme Court **Justice Jill Karofsky** said in an interview with our colleagues. “I believe people when they say that they want to hurt us or kill us. I don’t think they’re idle threats.”

The Media

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- [Millions of gig workers could qualify as employees under new Biden-era rule.](#) By **Lauren Kaori Gurley**.
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- [Challenged on policy views in town hall event, Haley doesn’t budge.](#) By the **New York Times’s Jonathan Weisman** and **Jazmine Ulloa**.

Viral

Too soon 



A screenshot of a tweet from Mark Hamill (@MarkHamill) on X. The tweet text reads: "Now I have finally met my 'mother', thanks to the @goldenglobes." Below the text is a photograph of Mark Hamill standing next to a woman in a white, floral-patterned dress. The photo is taken indoors, likely at a party or event. The tweet interface shows it was posted at 8:13 PM on Jan 8, 2024, and has 391.6K likes, a Reply button, and a Copy link button. A button at the bottom of the tweet says "Read 3.6K replies".



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Colorado River Basin

Salt Lake Tribune: [Feds will take over if Western states can't agree on Colorado River plan](#)

Anastasia Hufham, January 6, 2024

The rules that have guided Colorado River operations for two decades will expire at the end of 2026. Water negotiators across the West have been devising a new set of guidelines — dubbed “post-2026 operations” — that will address water use imbalances, the effects of climate change and tribal water rights. Now, Colorado River Basin states — Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming — only have a few months to finalize a plan to present to the U.S. Department of the Interior.

The Water Desk: [What to watch on the Colorado River in 2024](#)

Luke Runyon, January 4, 2024

A wet year in 2023 brought short-term relief, but long-term uncertainty still hangs over the West's critical waterway. After years of dry conditions throughout the West, 2023 gave the region's water managers the greatest gift of all: a hefty snowpack. This

year's winter snow eventually melted and boosted the Colorado River's beleaguered reservoirs. The Hail Mary winter storms came just in time. Without the savior snows, the river's second-largest reservoir, Lake Powell, was on a glide path toward losing the ability to produce hydropower at Glen Canyon Dam, not to mention the harm to the long-term ecological health of the river and its main tributaries.

Investing in America Agenda

New York Times: [Colorado River States Are Racing to Agree on Cuts Before Inauguration Day](#)

Christopher Flavelle, January 6, 2024

California, Arizona and others, fearing a political shake-up of negotiating teams after the November election, are aiming to wrap up work this year. The states that rely on the Colorado River, which is shrinking because of climate change and overuse, are rushing to agree on a long-term deal to share the dwindling resource by the end of the year. They worry that a change in administrations after the election could set back talks.

Chicago Sun Times: [For conservation's sake, transfer Joliet Training Area to Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie](#)

Michael Davidson, Paul Botts and Jack Darin, Opinion, January 5, 2024

An investment in Midewin, one of the largest prairie restorations east of the Mississippi River, is an investment in a climate-resilient future for our region, leaders of Openlands, Wetlands Initiative and Sierra Club Illinois write. Recently, at the United Nations Climate Change Conference, COP28, Assistant Secretary for the Interior Shannon Estenoz said, "Investing in nature is investing in ourselves. By employing nature-based solutions, land managers and decision-makers can restore and sustain healthy ecosystems that in turn support healthy communities and economies."

Public News Service: [Federal funding could transform Ohio Valley into a manufacturing hub](#)

Nadia Ramlagan, January 8, 2024

Manufacturers in Ohio employ around 12% of the state's workforce, and advocates say the state's Appalachian region could bolster its economy by turning itself into a green manufacturing hub. Dana Kuhnline - program director with the group ReImagine Appalachia - said manufacturing in the clean-energy sector would create good jobs and help build local economies, as well as help curb climate change. "What can we manufacture in Appalachia?" said Kuhnline. "How can we reuse shuttered facilities, like closed steel facilities and shuttered coal plants? And what are sustainable products that Appalachia could become a hub for, that we could make in this region? "

Yakima Herald: [Yakama Nation Fisheries receives grant funding to realign highway near Leavenworth](#)

Jasper Kenzo Sundeen, January 6, 2024

Yakama Nation Fisheries is set to receive almost \$3.5 million in grant funding for efforts to restore salmon habitat at Nason Creek in Chelan County. The funding would help cover a \$12 million project to restore floodplain around Nason Creek and State Route 207, which connects with U.S. Highway 2 nearby, about 15 miles north of Leavenworth. Almost \$3 million would come from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and \$500,000 would come from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

Oil City News: [National Park Service, American Forests partner to restore threatened whitebark pine](#)

Staff, January 5, 2024

The National Park Service and American Forests have signed a five-year agreement to help return threatened whitebark pine to its range in the western U.S., including Yellowstone National Park, Grand Teton National Park and other parts of Wyoming. As part of President Joe Biden's Investing in America agenda, the partnership will support restoration activities in national parks where whitebark pine grows. Initial projects in Yellowstone, Glacier and Grand Teton national parks are part of \$44 million in funding from the Inflation Reduction Act, the largest climate and conservation investment in history.

E&E: [How current is that wildfire risk map? Depends on the state.](#)

Avery Ellfeldt, January 8, 2024

Limited funding has made it hard for states to keep their wildfire risk maps up to date, even as global warming increases the

danger. For years, Colorado's wildfire risk map was so inaccurate that state officials all but ignored it. It was long outdated, especially in the state's western half. There, but unmarked on the map, was more than 3 million acres of forest where mountain pine beetles had killed lodgepole, limber and ponderosa pines — transforming the forest floor into a tinderbox of dead kindling.

DOI and Offshore Energy

NPR: [Offshore wind farm starts generating power](#)

Barbara Moran, January 4, 2024

Offshore wind is a young industry in the U.S. This week, it hit a milestone when one of the country's first two commercial-scale projects, Vineyard Wind, started sending power to the grid. Vineyard Wind, off the coast of Massachusetts, delivered five megawatts of electricity from one turbine. Now, that may not sound like much, but it is a big deal for this new industry.

The Cool Down: [State makes history with its first offshore wind project: 'The next chapter in \[our\] great history'](#)

Jeremiah Budin, January 8, 2024

Louisiana is set to break a clean energy milestone in the United States, launching the first two offshore wind farms in state waters. The projects, known as Cajun Wind and Diamond Offshore Wind, have already been approved by Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards and the state's Department of Natural Resources. Cajun Wind is being developed by Danish manufacturer Vestas Wind Systems (via its North American arm Steelhead Americas) and Diamond Offshore Wind is being developed by Mitsubishi.

BNN: [US BOEM Updates Offshore Renewable Energy Guidelines](#)

Rafia Tasleem, January 6, 2024

The US Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) has unveiled revised guidelines for providing geophysical, geotechnical, and geohazard information crucial to offshore renewable energy projects. The guidelines, stipulated under 30 CFR Part 585, were initially published in May 2020, focusing primarily on the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf (OCS).

Coastal Point: [U.S. Wind initiates benefits talk with towns](#)

Mike Smith, January 5, 2024

US Wind has formally presented to the Delaware Association of Coastal Towns (ACT) a package of community benefits for the good of Delaware's coastal residents. The ACT communities of Henlopen Acres, Rehoboth Beach, Dewey Beach, Bethany Beach and South Bethany have begun to evaluate the offer and will proceed with discussions through their respective public meeting processes.

Shore News Network: [Another Offshore Wind Farm Project Off the Jersey Shore Bites the Dust](#)

Robert Walker, January 6, 2024

Equinor (EQNR.OL) and BP (BP.L) announced the termination of their power sale agreement with New York State for the proposed Empire Wind 2 offshore wind farm. The decision, attributed to rising inflation, higher borrowing costs, and supply chain challenges, repositions the project for future development opportunities. Equinor, in a statement on Wednesday, referenced the impact of broad economic changes on the industry. The move coincides with New York's new offshore wind solicitation, allowing companies to renegotiate or exit old contracts.

Shore News Network: [New Jersey Governor Full Steam Ahead on Wind Farms Amid Crippling Industry Crisis](#)

Robert Walker, January 7, 2024

The offshore wind energy sector in New Jersey and New York is experiencing significant challenges. In New Jersey, Governor Phil Murphy's renewable energy goals suffered a blow with Ørsted's withdrawal from two key offshore wind projects, Ocean Winds I and II. The Danish company cited inflation, interest rate hikes, and supply chain issues, leading to a \$2.8 billion reduction in the first project's value.

Clean Technica: [Giant Subsea "Starfish" To Help Push The Cost Of Floating Offshore Wind Down And Downer](#)

Tina Casey, January 7, 2024

The US is depending on floating wind turbine technology to get its hands on more offshore wind resources. However, floating wind is a relatively new industry and costs tend to run higher, compared to the more familiar offshore wind turbines that sit on high towers fixed to the seabed. Fortunately, solutions have been emerging, and it looks like a key goal is already within reach.

E&E: [Offshore wind faces more financial turbulence in 2024](#)

Heather Richards, January 8, 2024

To meet the White House's mandates for offshore wind, the Interior Department will have to accelerate its pace in assessing projects. The offshore wind industry is hoping for new momentum in 2024 to counter the broken contracts, canceled wind farms and missed targets characterizing its last 18 months. While experts say the nascent industry is getting back on its feet after being thrashed by inflationary costs and an immature supply chain after the pandemic, the enormous scale of building a new U.S. renewable sector from scratch still poses significant challenges that could stall a key plank of President Joe Biden's climate agenda.

E&E: [Republicans to thrash Interior offshore drilling plan](#)

Heather Richards, January 8, 2024

A hearing this week will be the first since the Interior Department finalized its five-year drilling plan. A House Natural Resources subcommittee will pick apart President Joe Biden's offshore energy agenda during a hearing this week. Titled "Examining the Biden Administration's Limits on Access to the [Outer Continental Shelf]: Impacts on Consumers, States and Operators," the Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee hearing will be the first since the Interior Department published its five-year offshore leasing plan in December.

DOI and the Climate Crisis

NBC New York: [A magnitude 1.7 earthquake hit NYC. Is climate change a culprit?](#)

Linda Gaudino, January 6, 2024

New York City dwellers were abruptly awoken at the crack of dawn on Tuesday by an escalating, rumbling vibration that sired a rush of police cars and fire trucks. What sounded the alarms for a possible explosion turned into a minor earthquake, a seemingly foreign experience to New Yorkers, but what turns out to be nature running its course. The United States Geological Survey (USGS) reported a magnitude 1.7 earthquake occurred at 5:45 a.m. Tuesday near Astoria, Queens.

DOI and Conservation

CBS News: [Endangered jaguar previously unknown to U.S. is caught on camera in Arizona](#)

Staff, January 8, 2024

There's been another jaguar sighting in southern Arizona and it's the eighth different jaguar documented in the southwestern U.S. since 1996, according to wildlife officials. Jason Miller, a hobbyist wildlife videographer who posts trail camera footage online, captured the image of a roaming jaguar late last month in the Huachuca Mountains near Tucson, CBS affiliate KPHO-TV reported. A spokesman for the Arizona Game and Fish Department said the agency has authenticated Miller's footage and has confirmed this is a new jaguar to the United States.

NowThis News: [To Save One Owl Species, We Have To Kill Another](#)

Sophia Anderson, January 5, 2024

In order to save one endangered owl species, hunters might have to shoot and kill the 470,000 barred owls that are overcrowding forests on the West Coast of the United States, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) argued in a new proposal. If we don't take action, the agency said, roughly 7,000 of the remaining northern spotted owls could become extinct.

Arizona Republic: [1,000 wild Arizona burros are going to be relocated. Here's why](#)

Rey Covarrubias Jr., January 6, 2024

Bureau of Land Management announced on Dec. 20 that it plans to gather and relocate 1,000 wild burros near Kingman due to overpopulation concerns. The burros lived in the Black Mountain Herd Management Area in Mohave County, and the herd grew to three times the appropriate size, according to a news release from the Bureau of Land Management.

Nevada Independent: [Conservationists seek federal protection for rare Nevada wildflower](#)

Amy Alonzo, January 8, 2024

*Come spring, clusters of tiny, yellow wildflowers will blanket Washoe, Eagle and Carson valleys. The vibrant display put on by *Erythranthe carsonensis* — the Carson Valley monkeyflower — is endemic to just a few areas around Northern Nevada and a miniscule corner of California's Alpine County, growing on sandy flats and gentle slopes within sagebrush habitat. But it's highly threatened, according to conservationists at the Center for Biological Diversity who, on Monday, will officially petition the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to add the plant to the endangered species list, arguing that federal protections along with designation of critical habitat are needed to maintain the survival of the delicate flowers.*

Cowboy State Daily: [Dennis Sun: Endangered Species Act -- All Stick and No Carrots](#)

Dennis Sun, Opinion, January 5, 2024

The Endangered Species Act (ESA) is 50 years old and is possibly one of the most controversial acts ever passed. In 1973, the ESA passed in the U.S. House and U.S. Senate by a large majority and was signed by President Nixon. As the act reads, it "authorized the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service to establish a list of endangered and threatened plant and animal species and made it illegal to collect, harm or kill certain species."

Las Vegas Sun: [BLM aims to round up thousands of horses in Nevada](#)

Hillary Davis, January 7, 2024

The ongoing wild horse roundup in rural Northern Nevada is planned to be what is likely the single largest gather conducted by the federal government. The Bureau of Land Management plans to gather and remove 2,875 mustangs from what the agency calls the East Pershing Complex. The roundup started Dec. 28, and as of Jan. 3, had netted 733 animals using low-flying helicopters and wranglers to drive the feral horses toward traps, according to BLM reports. The operation could last through February.

Northern Journal: [Alaska lost a lawsuit that challenged a COVID-era emergency moose hunt. Now, it's appealing for a second time.](#)

Nathaniel Herz, January 5, 2024

It's one of multiple cases in which the Dunleavy administration is clashing with the federal government over fish and game management, and over who has the ultimate regulatory power in that realm. In the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic, the leader of a Southeast Alaska island village's tribal government asked federal managers to open an emergency hunt, citing the community's fears about having enough food. The request was approved by a federal management agency, the Federal Subsistence Board, and the harvest of moose and deer went ahead, supplying 135 households with meat.

Grand Junction Daily Sentinel: [Comments being taken on recovery plan for lynx, which faces climate-change threat](#)

Dennis Webb, January 8, 2024

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is continuing to accept comments through Jan. 30 on a recently released draft recovery plan for the Canada lynx in Colorado and other Lower 48 states, where it is now considered to be primarily threatened by climate change.

Tucson Sentinel: [New wild jaguar spotted in Southern Arizona, enviros confirm](#)

Paul Ingram, January 5, 2024

A remote trail camera in Southern Arizona operated by a wildlife enthusiast recorded a previously unknown jaguar in late December, the Center for Biological Diversity confirmed Friday. The Tucson-based group said the footage shows a jaguar "not previously identified in the state," making the charismatic big cat the eighth jaguar documented in Arizona over the last 30 years —decades after the species was all but eliminated from the southwestern United States.

Missoulian: [Guest view: MHCA vital for family farms and ranches](#)

Eric Hansen, Dan High and Tony Johnson, Opinion, January 6, 2024

It's no secret that family ranches in southwest Montana are struggling. Younger generations can't afford to buy a home, let alone a ranch that easily costs 10 times what a cow or hay can produce. What working ranch doesn't need to buy out multiple family members, so the people working on these ranches can carry on or make moves towards succession? Since they first homesteaded, many ranch families have faced financial hardships trying to get their land passed onto the upcoming generation. That's why we are deeply disappointed by the shortsighted opposition to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service proposal to create the Missouri Headwaters Conservation Area.

Post and Courier: [In the South, developers enter a complicated relationship with endangered bats](#)

Clare Fieseler, January 5, 2024

Fireflies flickered in near synchronicity against the dark canopy as two researchers worked below in a swampy clearing. Standing over a dented card table, they placed a tiny, screeching bat in a canvas bag. Then they delicately set it on a scale. Jennifer Kindel, a bat biologist, recited the weight. A wildlife technician tapped the number into a tablet with a gloved hand. Both donned surgical masks.

Amherst Bulletin: [Keeping eagles aloft: Marking 50 years of Endangered Species Act successes in Valley and beyond](#)

Maddie Fabian, January 5, 2024

Ask almost any conservationist about an Endangered Species Act (ESA) success story and they will tell you about the bald eagle. "Growing up, I would have never seen a bald eagle in western Massachusetts," said Jeff Collins, senior director of conservation science at Mass Audubon. The national bird was nearly driven extinct in the lower 48 states, in large part because of the infamous insecticide DDT, formerly widely used in agriculture.

KPAX: [FWP: 'Incidental captures' of lynx reported in Northwest Montana](#)

Staff, January 5, 2024

State wildlife officials report that bobcat trappers in Northwest Montana caught two lynx last week. Both instances were self-reported by the trappers and were subsequently reported to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) by Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP). Lynx are listed as a threatened species and protected under the Endangered Species Act and the USFWS "has established an allowable incidental take for lynx in the lower 48 states," a news release states.

E&E: [Interior shuffles personnel for public lands, minerals slots](#)

Hannah Northey, January 5, 2024

The agency made several moves Friday to oversee President Biden's vision for clean energy projects, mining reforms and public lands. The Interior Department on Friday made several personnel moves that they say will help the agency usher in clean energy projects, mining reforms and oversee President Biden's vision for public lands. Steve Feldgus has been tapped to serve as principal deputy assistant secretary for land and minerals management after serving as deputy assistant secretary for almost three years.

E&E: [Q&A: Fish and Wildlife's new Midwest director digs in](#)

Michael Doyle, January 5, 2024

Will Meeks will oversee work in eight states, from the Great Lakes to controversial gray wolf protections. This Fish and Wildlife Service career employee has a lot more to learn about his native Midwest. Born and raised in northern Ohio, Will Meeks last November was named director of the federal agency's Midwest region. The position oversees about 1,000 employees and spans Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin.

DOI and Indigenous Peoples

Los Angeles Times: [Opinion: Protecting Alaska's wilderness — and our Indigenous way of life — is critical to a green future](#)

Ricko Dewilde, Opinion, January 8, 2024

"Alaska is America's natural resource warehouse." That is what Republican Gov. Mike Dunleavy told then-President Trump in

2018. But our home is far more than storage for the next fad of consumer desires in the Lower 48 states. In Alaska, we are facing an onslaught of proposed projects that threaten to destroy our way of life. Perhaps the most concerning of these is the proposed Ambler industrial mining road.

Cherokee One Feather: [Effort to restore Kuwohi name moving forward](#)

Scott McKie, January 5, 2024

The effort by two Cherokee women to restore the name of Kuwohi to an area in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park is now one step closer to coming to fruition. The Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) passed Res. No. 72 (2024) unanimously during its regular session on Thursday, Jan. 4 that approves the submittal of an application on behalf of the Tribe to restore the name of the mountain currently known as Clingman's Dome to Kuwohi which means 'mulberry place' in the Cherokee language.

KJZZ: [Coalition of Large Tribes authors letter in support of Navajo Nation's NASA complaint](#)

Gabriel Pietrorazio, January 5, 2024

COLT, or the Coalition of Large Tribes, is standing in solidarity with President Buu Nygren and the Navajo Nation in a letter by airing opposition to NASA's private mission to disburse cremated human remains on the moon. This group of more than 50 large land-mass tribal communities each manage at least over 100,000 acres of land and make up more than half of Indian Country's population. They're calling for the upcoming launch to be delayed or that the remains should be removed from its payload until there has been enough tribal consultation.

DOI and Other Bureau News

Daily Mail: [Biden removes William Penn statue from historic Pennsylvania park in 'inclusive' makeover to show more Native American history](#)

Stephen M. Lepore, January 7, 2024

The Biden administration's National Park Service is starting a 'rehabilitation' process for a Pennsylvania park that includes the removal of a statue of founder William Penn and inclusion of representation of Native American tribes. The Deb Haaland-led parks service sent out the request for input on the changes to Welcome Park Friday on their website and in a post on X. Penn, the founder of Pennsylvania in 1681, was notorious for his amicable relations with the Native tribes of the region. The park was established 300 years later.

National Review: [National Park Service to Remove William Penn Statue from Historic Site](#)

Luther Ray Abel, January 7, 2024

The National Park Service (NPS) has announced it will be rehabilitating (via reduction) Pennsylvania founder William Penn's Welcome Park to "provide a more welcoming, accurate, and inclusive experience." Named after the ship that bore Penn to that city of fraternal affection, the park is the site of his former Philadelphia home and the Slate Roof House. As part of this reimagining of Welcome Park, the park service has confirmed that "the Penn statue and Slate Roof house model will be removed and not reinstalled."

ForTheWin: [Elephant seal's parking effort called out by NPS](#)

Pete Thomas, January 6, 2024

A National Park Service employee recently captured an image showing a northern elephant seal resting in a parking lot at Point Reyes National Seashore. Anyone who is fanatical about perfect placement between the lines will note that the seal could have been more considerate by inching a few feet to its left.

Delaware Online: [Wilmington is recognized as an American World War II Heritage City, one of 11 for 2023](#)

Krys'tal Griffin, January 5, 2024

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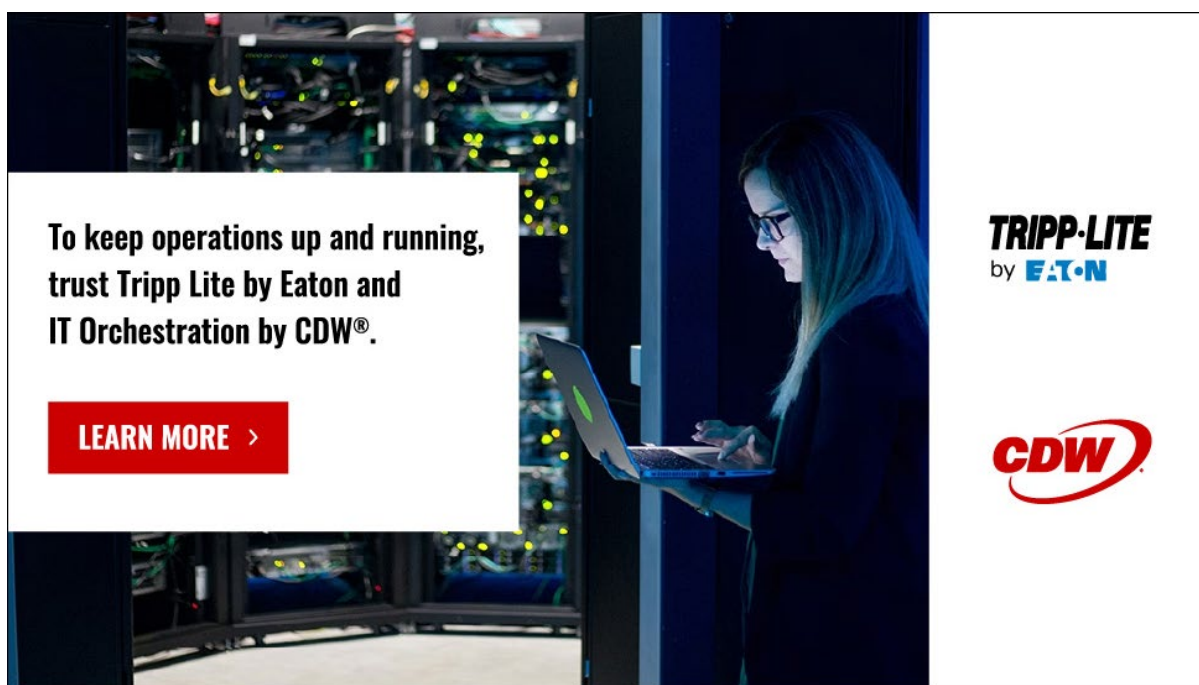
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Investing in America Agenda

Missoula Current: [Federal grant to help preserve fish, floating on Clark Fork River](#)

Laura Lundquist, January 8, 2024

With the help of a federal grant, river conservationists are one step closer to opening more of the upper Clark Fork basin to fish and people. At the end of December, the U.S. Department of the Interior announced grants of more than \$51 million to watershed and river restoration projects nationwide through the Bureau of Reclamation's new WaterSMART Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Program. The Bureau of Reclamation awards were made possible through the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

Billings Gazette: [BLM botanist to discuss native seed program during Jan. 15 talk](#)

Staff, January 8, 2024

Identifying the plant species and habitats in Montana of most conservation concern will be part of Wendy Velman's presentation

on Monday, Jan. 15, in Billings. Velman has been the Botany Program lead for the Bureau of Land Management in Montana and the Dakotas since 2011. She has worked to establish numerous partnerships to help collect, develop and increase native plant materials for use in restoration efforts on public land. Much of the focus for the use of native seeds is to help diversify prairie habitat that was planted with nonnative grass during the homestead era. The Seeds of Success program was established by the Department of the Interior in 2001 to collect and conserve native plant seeds for the restoration of degraded public lands. According to the BLM website, the program has already established more than 27,000 individual native seed collections. This program received a boost in funding from the 2021 Infrastructure Act, and some of the projects will directly benefit Montana.

E&E: [Interior watchdog steps up to monitor billions of dollars](#)

Michael Doyle, January 8, 2024

The influx of money allocated for orphan well cleanup and mine reclamation is among the Interior Department priorities that the Office of Inspector General plans to dig into this year. Interior Department watchdogs will be digging into how the department is spending billions of dollars on abandoned mine reclamation and orphaned well cleanups, under an ambitious oversight plan for the coming year. Heeding the investigative maxim of "follow the money," the fiscal 2024 oversight plan prepared by Interior's Office of Inspector General targets a number of programs that have received big funding boosts in several bills.

Colorado River Basin

The Hill: [Climate change could slash Colorado stream flows, with effects across the US West: report](#)

Sharon Udasin, January 8, 2024

Future warming could lead to significant reductions in Colorado's river flows by mid-century — impacting not only the Centennial State but also its neighbors downstream, a sweeping climate report warned on Monday. Colorado, a "headwaters" state for much of the U.S. West, has seen persistent dry conditions in recent decades, with four of the five most arid years in its 128-year history of records occurring since 2000, according to the state-funded Climate Change in Colorado survey.

Colorado Sun: [Climate change is a threat to Colorado's snowpack. What does that mean for the water in your tap?](#)

Shannon Mullane, January 9, 2024

The state's snowpack, a key water source to millions of people across the Western U.S., could be declining — if experts are reading the signs of climate change correctly. Yearly snow storms form an enormous frozen reservoir in Colorado, but climate change is threatening its future.

DOI and Offshore Energy

KATC: [Louisiana to see its first wind turbine at Port Fourchon](#)

Staff, January 8, 2024

At the Greater Lafourche Port Commission's (GLPC) December board meeting, Gulf Wind Technology approved a lease agreement that will make Port Fourchon the first location in Louisiana to have an actual wind turbine. According GLPC officials, the wind turbine and its components are currently journeying across the Atlantic to the United States. The process to reassemble the turbine will commence shortly after the arrival of its parts.

Maritime Executive: [BOEM Aims to Control Offshore Wind Developments' Risk to Right Whales](#)

Staff, January 8, 2024

In advance of future offshore wind development in the New York Bight, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management is preparing a region-wide environmental impact statement, paving the way for faster federal permitting of each individual project down the road.

North American Wind Power: [BOEM Announces Review of Future New York, New Jersey Development Areas](#)

Kimberley Warner-Cohen, January 8, 2024

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) has invited the public to review and comment on a draft potential

development of six wind lease areas offshore New York and New Jersey, in an area known as the New York Bight. BOEM estimates that full development of leases in this area, totaling more than 488,000 acres, has the potential to create up to 7 GW of offshore energy, enough to power up to two million homes.

Offshore Wind: [BOEM Opens Public Consultation on New York Bight Lease Areas](#)

Adnan Memija, January 9, 2024

The US Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) has launched a public consultation on the potential development of six wind lease areas offshore New York and New Jersey, in an area known as the New York Bight. In February 2022, BOEM held an auction that brought in over USD 4.3 billion for the rights to six lease areas in the New York Bight – a record amount for any US offshore renewable or conventional energy lease sale.

World Oil: [2024: A policy crossroads for American offshore energy](#)

Erik Molito, Opinion, January 8, 2024

As we usher in the close of 2023, the offshore energy sector stands at a pivotal juncture, grappling with the uncertain policies and attitudes of the federal government. While challenges are not unfamiliar to our industry, the current political landscape is laden with profound implications for our nation's energy security and economic prosperity.

E&E: [Interior releases review of building 1,000 wind turbines off NY coast](#)

Heather Richards, January 8, 2024

The analysis proposes various mitigation strategies to reduce the impact of a new industry emerging in the waters off New York and New Jersey. The Interior Department on Monday published a draft analysis of building more than 1,000 offshore wind turbines off the coast of New York, where two years ago developers spent billions for the right to build wind farms in a record sale by the Biden administration. The programmatic environmental impact statement details how offshore wind development in the shallow waters of the New York Bight would affect the environment, such as marine life, as well as other uses of those waters like commercial fishing.

E&E: [Whitehouse crafting legislation to boost offshore wind](#)

Kelsey Brugger, January 9, 2024

The Rhode Island senator is seeking to juice the industry, which has hit rocky times in the past few months. Rhode Island Democratic Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse will release draft legislation Tuesday that aims to boost the offshore wind energy industry. The working text will seek to improve the federal permitting process for offshore wind farms to better power the grid with carbon-free energy.

DOI and the Climate Crisis

New York Times: [Some California Farmers Pay for Groundwater. Is That Workable?](#)

Soumya Karlamangla, January 8, 2024

A conversation with Coral Davenport, a climate reporter, about a novel water payment system in the Pajaro Valley. California's Central Coast is an expensive place to grow food. The Pajaro Valley, which stretches for 10 miles along the coast of Monterey Bay, charges farmers for irrigation water from wells, a system that's far different from elsewhere in the nation, where growers typically water their crops by freely pumping groundwater.

The Cool Down: [New study reveals a concerning reason why the Earth's forests are changing: 'It's clear that we must adapt quickly'](#)

Shah Emami, January 8, 2024

Trees produce the oxygen we breathe and promote biodiversity in our ecosystems. However, the planet's climate is getting too hot for some forests to sustain themselves. [...] "Healthy, resilient forests are critical to helping us respond to the climate impacts being felt by communities across the country, because they store carbon, provide clean air and water, and sustain biodiversity," Tracy Stone-Manning, director of the Bureau of Land Management, said in a statement.

Mohave Daily News: [Agencies respond to low Topock Marsh water levels](#)

Fred Mayson, January 9, 2024

Fisherman Ray Fick says water levels dropping in the Topock Marsh over the past year — and he's not wrong. Fick has been fishing in the area for 38 years and according to him, the water levels have dropped about 10 feet over the past year, particularly in the North Dike area of the marshlands.

St. George News: [Man cycling 18,000 miles to all US national parks hopes to inspire change](#)

Stephanie DeGraw, January 8, 2024

A man cycling through all 51 national parks on a bike said raising awareness of how climate change could damage the parks forever is more challenging than his physical feat. Spencer McCullough, 28, has been on the road since April 2023 and will eventually travel 18,000 miles.

Bloomberg Law: [Well Drilling Request on Wyoming Lease Denied by Federal Court](#)

Shayna Greene, January 8, 2024

An energy trade association lost its bid to get approval for one of its members to drill two wells on Wyoming land where a federal court temporarily barred new lease sale authorizations. The Western Watersheds Project and Center for Biological Diversity challenged oil and gas leases on public lands across multiple western states, raising concern over the greater sage-grouse—a chicken-sized bird seen as an indicator species for the health of the sagebrush ecosystem.

E&E: [House, Senate Democrats ask court to halt Willow project](#)

Niina H. Farah, January 9, 2024

The fossil fuel project undermines a "pressing need to reduce reliance on non-renewable energy sources," the lawmakers told a federal court. More than a dozen Democratic lawmakers are backing conservation groups' calls for a federal appeals court to halt construction of a massive fossil fuel project in Alaska approved by the Biden administration almost a year ago. In a friend of the court brief, members of both chambers of Congress said the Interior Department should not have authorized ConocoPhillips' Willow project in a pristine area of Alaska's National Petroleum Reserve.

DOI and Conservation

New York Times: [Boundary Waters, Minnesota A protected watershed, but for how long?](#)

Stephanie Pearson, January 8, 2024

Last January, Interior Secretary Deb Haaland signed an order that bans toxic mining on 225,504 federal acres within the Rainy River Watershed in northern Minnesota for 20 years. That was good news for the 150,000 annual visitors who paddle the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, a network in the watershed of more than 1,200 miles of canoe routes that connect 1,100 freshwater lakes.

Courthouse News: [Colorado activists sue feds to block proposed trail near former nukes facility](#)

Ryan Knappenberger, January 8, 2024

The proposed trail would pass by the former Rocky Flats plant, which manufactured fission cores and was shut down following an FBI and EPA raid. Environmental activists filed a lawsuit Monday against the federal agencies claiming they ignored potential health concerns when approving a public trail near the former Rocky Flats nuclear weapons production facility just outside Denver, Colorado. The plaintiffs, including Physicians for Social Responsibility, the Rocky Mountain Peace and Justice Center and other Colorado groups seek to block the construction of an 8-mile trail through "the most heavily plutonium contaminated portion" of the Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge.

BNN: [Environmental and Health Advocacy Groups Sue U.S. Federal Agencies over Rocky Flats Greenway](#)

Staff, January 9, 2024

In a significant development, a coalition led by Physicians for Social Responsibility, along with several environmental and health advocacy groups, has lodged a lawsuit against U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, Interior Secretary Deb Haaland, and

four federal agencies. The agencies are the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Federal Highway Administration among others. The lawsuit aims to halt the construction of an 8-mile greenway through Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge.

WV News Report: [Fayette County Residents Oppose the National Park Service's Plan to Demolish Historic Buildings in New River Gorge National Park](#)

Staff, January 8, 2024

The people of Thurmond, a small town in Fayette County, West Virginia, are upset with the National Park Service's (NPS) plans. The NPS wants to knock down 35 old buildings in the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve. This is a part of a project called the Great American Outdoors Act Legacy Restoration Fund. The project's goal is to make the park better, take care of old buildings, and cut down on costs.

WV Metro News: [National Park Service to host meeting regarding proposed demolition plan this week, Thurmond residents to present another option](#)

Katherine Skeldon, January 8, 2024

Residents of one historical community in Fayette County plan to present some more options during an upcoming meeting regarding the National Park Service's proposal to tear down 35 deteriorating and excess buildings within the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve.

Denver Post: [Colorado environmental groups file federal lawsuit to halt Rocky Flats trail](#)

Katie Langford, January 8, 2024

Physicians for Social Responsibility and five Colorado advocacy groups are suing Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, Interior Secretary Deb Haaland and four federal agencies to halt work on a trail through Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge. The lawsuit, filed in federal court in the District of Columbia on Monday, claims that the U.S. departments of Transportation and the Interior, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Federal Highway Administration violated the National Environmental Policy Act by not considering alternatives to constructing an 8-mile greenway "through the most heavily plutonium-contaminated portion" of the refuge.

KDVR: [Advocates sue to block trail through Rocky Flats, citing 'plutonium plume'](#)

Heather Willard, January 8, 2024

A federal lawsuit filed Monday aims to halt the Rocky Mountain Greenway project over concerns the trail would be built on "heavily contaminated portions" of the former Rocky Flats nuclear weapons production facility. The lawsuit was filed in federal court in Washington, D.C. The plaintiffs want alternative routes fairly considered.

WTOL: [Five companies to pay \\$7.2 million settlement for natural resource damages to Toledo watershed areas](#)

Ashley Taylor, January 8, 2024

Ohio Refining Co., Chevron U.S.A. Inc., Energy Transfer (R&M) LLC, Pilkington North America Inc. and Chemtrade Logistics Inc. all agreed to a \$7.2 million settlement to resolve claims of natural resource damage at the Duck & Otter Creek Natural Research Damage Assessment (NRDA) site. [...] "The Maumee River watershed, including Duck and Otter Creeks, provides key habitats for migratory birds and fish, and supports hunting and fishing activities for local residents," said Midwest Regional Director Will Meeks of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).

WVNS: [National Park Service meeting to address new project](#)

Autumn Collins, January 8, 2024

An open house meeting to discuss the project to remove excess structures and address maintenance needs for The National Park Service will be held on Thursday, January 8, 2024. The National Park Service Public Meeting and Open House will be held at The Bank of Glen Jean.

8 News Now: [Colt killed after injuring leg escaping BLM roundup, event captured on video](#)

Greg Haas, January 8, 2024

Video showing a colt hurting its leg as it fights to get away from wranglers is the latest flashpoint in advocates' criticism of

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) roundups on Nevada ranges. The colt was killed after the injury, one of two horses that died on Saturday, Jan. 6, the 10th day of the East Pershing Complex roundup. So far, 11 wild horses have died during the operation. The colt's death is classified as one of three "acute" deaths, with eight others due to chronic conditions that would prevent a horse from surviving in the wild. The horses are "humanely euthanized" according to the BLM.

Rocket Miner: [BLM provides guidelines for comments regarding management plan](#)

Trina Dennis Brittain, January 8, 2024

There are quite a few barriers between the use of technology and older adults, especially when thousands of organizations depend on technology for public input. A Sweetwater County resident brought forth concerns regarding comment guidelines for the Rock Springs Resource Management Plan.

Bloomberg Law: [Feds Fight Injunction Against Release of Gray Wolves in Colorado](#)

Peter Hayes, January 8, 2024

The US Fish and Wildlife Service asked a federal trial court to deny a request for a preliminary injunction that would bar the reintroduction of gray wolves to Colorado while a lawsuit challenging the plan goes forward. The injunction should be denied because the plaintiffs—Colorado Conservation Alliance and two individuals—haven't shown they have suffered an injury, making it unlikely they will succeed on the merits of their claims, the government said in a brief filed in the US District Court for the District of Colorado Jan. 5.

World Animal News: [A New Jaguar Has Been Spotted In Arizona Marking The 8th Jaguar In The Southwest In 30 Years](#)

Karen Lapizco, January 8, 2024

The discovery of a wild Jaguar in southern Arizona in recent trail camera footage is welcome news for the species not previously identified in the state. The images captured last month by wildlife enthusiast Jason Miller and analyzed by the Center for Biological Diversity confirm the eighth jaguar documented in the U.S. Southwest in the past three decades.

E&E: [Greens seek ESA protection for another Nevada wildflower](#)

Michael Doyle, January 8, 2024

The Carson Valley monkeyflower has lost habitat to sprawl in the Carson City area, environmentalists contend. Citing threats from residential sprawl, environmentalists Monday petitioned the Fish and Wildlife Service to provide Endangered Species Act protections to a rare Nevada plant called the Carson Valley monkeyflower. The small annual flower inhabits sagebrush areas in several counties around Carson City in Nevada, as well as a slice of California's Alpine County.

E&E: [Meet the mediator hired to lead gray wolf conversations](#)

Michael Doyle, January 8, 2024

In a Q&A, Francine Madden talks about her assignment from the Fish and Wildlife Service to gather people together on one of the most difficult wildlife topics before the agency. Francine Madden knows the gray wolf. The veteran mediation consultant has gone deep into one state's contentious disagreement about the predator. Now, she's taking that expertise to the national stage.

DOI and Indigenous Peoples

New York Times: [Baaj Nwaavjo l'tah Kukveni, Arizona: Honoring the sacred Indigenous land around the Grand Canyon](#)

Gina Rae La Cerva, January 8, 2024

While Grand Canyon National Park is no stranger to travel bucket lists, there's a new reason to visit the southwestern United States. The recently designated Baaj Nwaavjo l'tah Kukveni, or Ancestral Footprints of the Grand Canyon National Monument, now conserves around 900,000 acres of plateaus, canyons and other land surrounding the Grand Canyon. Considered the ancestral homelands of more than a dozen Indigenous tribes, the monument also preserves more than 3,000 Native cultural and historic sites, reflecting the area's deep spiritual and sacred significance.

New Republic: [This Tribe Got Their "Land Back." But It's No Longer Livable.](#)

Margret Grebowicz, January 9, 2024

The Timbisha Shoshone are legally permitted to live in Death Valley National Park. But the vegetation vital to their traditions and livelihoods is dying. The high temperatures in Death Valley National Park attract tourists from all over the world. Big groups come in shiny luxury buses. Visiting Badwater and Zabriskie Point, the park's most frequented attractions, you're likely to run into at least one film crew or fashion shoot from nearby L.A. And the luxury hotel the Inn at Death Valley boasts a forest of whispering palm trees, a lush golf course, a swimming pool, and gourmet seafood entrees in the middle of the hottest place on earth.

Globe and Mail: [Bison bounce back in the American West, giving Indigenous nations hope for restorations of their own](#)

Nathan Vanderklippe, January 9, 2024

Tribes and the U.S. government are reintroducing herds of native animals like never before, and Canadians who want to do the same are taking notes. Marcus McClung steers a Toyota Tacoma down roads turned into greasy mud by rain. He scans the horizon, occasionally grabbing binoculars in hopes of spotting his quarry among the dark shrubs. But the view is obscured by thick waves of fog that roll in. The bison have vanished into their new landscape.

Cronkite News: [‘We are survivors.’ National, Arizona projects aim to uncover, preserve histories of Native American boarding schools](#)

Ellie Willard, January 8, 2024

A national oral history project aims to document the experiences of Indigenous children who attended federal boarding schools. The Department of the Interior announced the project in September as part of the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative. The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABS) has been entrusted to lead the project with \$3.7 million in grant funding through the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

KELO: [A closer look at state of emergency on Pine Ridge Reservation](#)

Dan Santella and Lauren Soulek, January 8, 2024

Oglala Sioux Tribal President Frank Star Comes Out issued a state of emergency on November 18 for the Pine Ridge Reservation in southwest South Dakota, saying in the proclamation that law and order had broken down because the United States government had failed in its “responsibilities to provide adequate law enforcement on the Reservation.”

DOI and Other Bureau News

AP: [Park Service retracts decision to take down William Penn statue at Philadelphia historical site](#)

Marc Levy, January 8, 2024

The National Park Service withdrew a proposal Monday to take down a statue of William Penn at a Philadelphia historical site as part of a renovation that touched off a torrent of criticism over the legacy of the man who founded the province of Pennsylvania. In a brief statement, Independence National Historical Park said it has withdrawn the proposal it had announced quietly before the weekend about a wider renovation of Welcome Park, located just blocks from the Liberty Bell and the National Constitution Center.

Washington Post: [William Penn statue to stay in Welcome Park after National Park Service reversal](#)

Azi Paybarah, January 8, 2024

NPS initially said removing the statue from the Philadelphia park would make a more ‘welcoming, accurate, and inclusive experience for visitors’. The National Park Service announced on Monday it will not remove a statue of William Penn from the park in Philadelphia where his home once stood.

Wall Street Journal: [Park Service Withdraws Plan to Remove William Penn Statue](#)

Kris Maher, January 8, 2024

The National Park Service withdrew its plan to remove a statue of William Penn from a Philadelphia park after it drew fire from state GOP leaders, who criticized it as an attempt to “cancel” the founder of the colony that would become Pennsylvania. The federal agency said last week that the statue would be removed as part of a proposal to rehabilitate Welcome Park, located on

the site of Penn's former home, to make the park more welcoming, accurate and inclusive.

USA Today: [National Park Service scraps plan to remove Philadelphia statue after online firestorm](#)

Amaris Encinas, January 8, 2024

The National Park Service will no longer move forward with plans to permanently remove Pennsylvania founder William Penn's statue from a historical park, the agency said Monday. Removing the statue, along with a replica of Penn's home, were among some of the changes planned for Welcome Park, a recreation area within Independence National Historical Park in Philadelphia, according to the Friday announcement.

National Review: [National Park Service Retracts Plan to Remove William Penn Statue from Philadelphia Park](#)

David Zimmerman, January 8, 2024

The National Park Service on Monday retracted its plan to remove the William Penn statue as part of rehabilitating Welcome Park in Philadelphia, Pa., three days after it was announced that the landmark sculpture "would be removed and not reinstalled."

PennLive: [No changes planned to William Penn statue in Philly, park service says](#)

Paul Vigna, January 8, 2024

Independence National Historical Park has withdrawn the review of a draft proposal to rehabilitate Welcome Park and closed the public comment period, the National Park Service (NPS) said Monday. The preliminary draft proposal, which was released prematurely and had not been subject to a complete internal agency review, is being retracted.

Philadelphia Inquirer: [William Penn statue will not be removed from Welcome Park, says National Park Service in sudden reversal](#)

Frank Kummer, January 8, 2024

The sudden reversal came after a barrage of complaints, often spearheaded by Republicans, but joined by high-profile Democrats such as Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro. The National Park Service has withdrawn a proposal to permanently remove a statue of William Penn as part of its rehabilitation of Welcome Park in Old City, saying the plan was "released prematurely and had not been subject to a complete internal agency review."

PhillyVoice: [William Penn statue will not be removed from Philly's Welcome Park, NPS says](#)

John Paul Titlow, January 8, 2024

A proposed redesign for the historical site called for the monument to be taken down and greater emphasis placed on the city's Native American history. The proposed plan to remove the William Penn statue from Welcome Park in Old City was withdrawn by the National Park Service on Monday after it was sharply criticized by a Republican state lawmaker and other conservatives.

DelCo Daily Times: [National Park Service walks back plan to remove William Penn statue at Welcome Park in Philadelphia](#)

Medianews Group and Tribune News Service, January 8, 2024

On Monday night, the National Park Service withdrew a draft proposal to rehabilitate Welcome Park, including removing a statue of William Penn in a move that had set off an uproar earlier in the day. The press release read, "Independence National Historical Park has withdrawn the review of a draft proposal to rehabilitate Welcome Park and closed the public comment period. The preliminary draft proposal, which was released prematurely and had not been subject to a complete internal agency review, is being retracted. No changes to the William Penn statue are planned.

CBS News Philadelphia: [Plan to remove William Penn statue, renovate Welcome Park in Philadelphia withdrawn](#)

Tom Ignudo, January 8, 2024

A plan to renovate Philadelphia's Welcome Park, including removing the William Penn Statue, has been withdrawn, the National Park Service said Monday. The NPS said the plan for the park located at Second and Walnut Streets was released "prematurely."

NBC Philadelphia: [NPS withdrawals plan to remove statue of William Penn from site of his Philadelphia home](#)

Hayden Mitman and Kaleah Mcilwain, January 8, 2024

Following public outcry -- and intervention from the governor -- the NPS has withdrawn a renovation plan for Welcome Park at

the site of William Penn's former home in the city's Old City neighborhood.

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Whew! I am glad they were able to get this done instead of passing a new budget, haha

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This is just ridiculous.

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[William Penn statue will not be removed from Welcome Park, says National Park Service in sudden reversal](https://www.inquirer.com/news/william-penn-statue-philadelphia-welcome-park-removal-20240108.html)

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Haha, no doubt. My (b) (6) said the ice was already thick, but they stayed close to shore...

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I suppose with the warm weather there are still boats running, especially up on Red Lake to rescue ice water fisherman

Respectfully,

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Subject: 2024 Watercraft Safety Training Needs Data Call

To all Region 3 USFWS watercraft operators,

The Region 3 Watercraft Safety Program (WSP) is in the process of developing the 2024 training schedule and we need your input to determine which watercraft safety courses need to be offered, where, and how many to hold. To gauge watercraft safety training needs around the region, each office should submit **ONE** Microsoft Form to the WSP (see attached PDF to preview the Form), completed by the Project Leader or their designated representative. If you operate motorized or non-motorized watercraft as part of your official duties, open the attached PDF (PREVIEW - Watercraft Safety Training Needs Form) to view the complete list of watercraft safety courses and determine what trainings are required (or optional) for your job duties. Each course has a brief description, objectives, target audience, and course prerequisites. Please coordinate through your station's Project Leader, Refuge Manager, or designated representative to submit your anticipated training needs in 2024. Each office should submit all training needs on **ONE** Form by **February 2, 2024**. The WSP and MOCC instructors will meet February 21 and 22 to develop a training schedule to meet as many needs as possible based on your input. This data call is for planning purposes only, and requesting a course **DOES NOT** guarantee it will be held or that all employees will be admitted. We hope to have the watercraft safety training schedule finalized in **March 2024**. Thank you!

To all Project Leaders, Refuge Managers, and station leads,

Please coordinate within your station to submit **ONE** Form, either through yourself or your designee, and convey to your staff who will be submitting your station's WSP training needs. Training requests are for USFWS employees that are required to operate watercraft as part of their official duties or need training for safe operation as a USFWS crewmember. Instructor and student seat availability can be limited for all WSP courses. We recognize it is early in the year, so an estimate of training needs for existing staff and staff you hope to on-board this year is acceptable. Thank you!

The Form can be accessed here: [Watercraft Safety Training Needs Form](#)

Winter Airboat – Scheduled for **February 13 and 14, 2024**. Location TBD based on ice availability and proximity to student's duty station. Course prerequisites include completion of MOCC, Airboat Module, and a minimum of 40 hours documented on-board supervised airboat operating time. Email Joshua_Schloesser@fws.gov to register.

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1 [Biden removes William Penn statue from historic Pennsylvania park in 'inclusive' makeover to show more Native American history](#)



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2 Biden removes William Penn statue from historic Pennsylvania park in 'inclusive' makeover to show more Native American history



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4 **US military infiltrated by white supremacists and insurrectionists as experts warn Pentagon report detailing 78 internal plots to overthrow the Government is just the tip of the iceberg**

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5 **User Comment on U.S. Department of the Interior**

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Black people aren't safe at National parks. Secretary of U.S. Department of the Interior **Deb Haaland** has received dozens of phone calls about the racial profiling, assault and wrongful arrest of Jalen Smith by r*cist Whiskeytown Recreation Area park ranger Earl Ray Kimball and Chief John Swindle. These white rac*st li*rs, weeks later, planted drugs in Jalen's car. **Deb Haaland** knows these events occurred and has refused to step in and do anything about it. Chuck Sams is the director of the National park service and Frank Lands is the new deputy director. He was promoted from deputy chief of the National parks in the pacific NW. They have both refused to fire Swindle and Kimball. People who live in Redding, CA have openly stated that Black people visiting the ... Whiskeytown Recreation Area are racially profiled and targeted by Kimball, Swindle and other White, ra*ist park rangers. When we vote Biden out let's send **Deb Haaland**, Chuck Sams and Frank Lands home too. 🇵🇸🇵🇸🇵🇸🇵🇸🇵🇸

6 DKos Asheville Open Thread: We're back

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... hard but rewarding work. It was a mission I didn't know I would ever be on. Mostly though, it was an incredible opportunity to learn not only more about myself, our culture, and our history, but to also educate others willing to learn and understand. The amount of support we have received is overwhelming." She said now is a good time to submit the application as the Secretary of the Interior is **Deb Haaland**, a member of the Pueblo of Laguna. "With a strong leader advocating for Indigenous rights for the Department of Interior, now is the time to act. In 2022, Mount Doane was renamed the First Peoples Mountain in Yellowstone National Park. My hope is that in 2024, Kuwohi will become the official name of the tallest peak in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park – restoring its original name." ...

7 A Biden se le atraganta su Gabinete en el Congreso; EEUU BIDEN



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... de amigo" a Biden al urgirle que retire a Tanden antes de que salga derrotada en una votación. Y muchos demócratas también están abogando de puertas adentro por sustituirla por Shalanda Young, la que tenía que ser su número dos. OTROS DOS NOMINADOS EN APUROS También están en la cuerda floja el nominado para ser secretario de Salud, Xavier Becerra, y la nominada como secretaria del Interior, **Deb Haaland**, aunque esta última recibió este miércoles el importante apoyo de Manchin, que había dicho días antes que estaba "indeciso". **Haaland** sería la primera persona con raíces nativas con un cargo ministerial y estaría, de ser confirmada al frente de Interior, encargada de gestionar las tierras federales que en muchos casos el Gobierno quitó a sus ancestros. Los republicanos parecen ... bastante unidos en contra de **Haaland**, a la que consideran "radical" por sus ideales progresistas en materia medioambiental y en oposición a la extracción de petróleo y gas en las tierras federales. De Becerra, por su parte, sus detractores no ven claro que apoye un sistema de salud público y universal conocido como "Medicare for All", que aunque no está en la agenda de Biden pondría en apuros al lucrativo negocio médico en Estados ...

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8 El Senado de EE.UU. confirma por primera vez a una indígena como ministra; EEUU GOBIERNO



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ABSTRACT Washington, 15 mar (EFE).- El Senado de Estados Unidos confirmó este lunes como nueva secretaria del Interior del Gobierno de Joe Biden a la hasta ahora congresista **Deb Haaland**, convirtiéndola así en la primera persona indígena en asumir un puesto ministerial.,La Cámara Alta

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9 Indicada de Biden a posto ministerial desiste por falta de apoyo no Senado; EUA GOVERNO



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... a vice-diretora do Escritório de Administração e Orçamento. Young teve nesta terça uma audiência no Senado para o cargo de vice-diretora, e os legisladores republicanos deixaram clara sua disposição de apoiá-la como nova indicada. Outros dois dos indicados de Biden que terão que

navegar por un complejo proceso del Senado son los de la Secretaría de Salud, Xavier Becerra, y de la Secretaría del Interior, **Deb Haaland**. EFE

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10 EE.UU. lanza un ambicioso plan para expandir sus parques eólicos marítimos; EEUU ENERGÍA



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... UE), que espera producir al menos 240 gigavatios de energía eólica "offshore" para 2050. El objetivo de Estados Unidos para 2050 es llegar a 110 gigavatios de producción en parques eólicos marítimos, precisó la Casa Blanca. "Durante generaciones, hemos aplazado la transición a la energía limpia, y ahora nos enfrentamos a una crisis climática", dijo la secretaria del Interior de Estados Unidos, **Deb Haaland**, en un acto virtual. **Haaland** y otros miembros del Gobierno de Joe Biden hicieron el anuncio ante decenas de representantes de la industria energética, entre ellos la empresa española Iberdrola, que desarrolla un proyecto para construir un parque eólico marítimo en Massachusetts con 800 megavatios (MW) de potencia. Ese proyecto, llamado Vineyard Wind y que ya ha recibido el ...

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11 Biden marca un profundo contraste con Trump en su primera reunión de gabinete; EEUU GOBIERNO



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... a las reuniones de gabinete de Trump, donde la mayoría de los integrantes eran hombres blancos, con apenas cuatro mujeres, un negro y un latino en su equipo original. Mientras, el gabinete de Biden es el más diverso de la historia del país, con diez mujeres, seis estadounidenses negros, cuatro hispanos y la primera mujer nativa americana que llega a un gabinete, la secretaria de Interior, **Deb Haaland**. Al comienzo de su primera reunión de gabinete, Biden encargó a cinco de sus ministros encargarse de promocionar el plan de 2,3 billones de dólares que la Casa Blanca anunció esta semana, y que de salir adelante en el Congreso, crearía millones de empleos mientras reforma las infraestructuras del país y recorta las emisiones de carbono. Los encargados de esa misión son los secretarios de ...

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... de mortalidad, que requiere de más estudios, puede tener consecuencias en la gestión de la pandemia, apunta la revista médica. ----- EEUU GOBIERNO Senado de EE.UU. confirma por primera vez a una nativa americana como ministra Washington (EFE).- El Senado de Estados Unidos confirmó este lunes como nueva secretaria del Interior del Gobierno de Joe Biden a la hasta ahora congresista **Deb Haaland**, convirtiéndola así en la primera persona nativa americana en asumir un puesto ministerial. La Cámara Alta confirmó a **Haaland** con 51 votos a favor y 40 en contra. Como nueva secretaria del Interior, **Haaland** estará encargada de gestionar las tierras federales, muchas de ellas ocupadas por el Gobierno de Estados Unidos a las tribus indígenas durante la expansión ...

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13 Candidata de Biden a puesto ministerial renuncia por falta de apoyo en Senado; EEUU BIDEN



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... ambos trabajos", afirmó el legislador republicano Lindsey Graham, según la publicación Politico, mientras el también republicano John Neely Kennedy dijo a Young: "puede que seas más que una subdirectora". Otros de los dos nominados por Biden que deberán sortear un proceso complejo en el Senado son el candidato a secretario de Salud, Xavier Becerra, y la nominada como secretaria del Interior, **Deb Haaland**. EFE

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14 Biden's American Climate Corps Faces House Oversight Committee Scrutiny



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... DINKs meme. Administration's A-List Promotes the Initiative The promotional video features an array of key figures from President Biden's Cabinet, each taking turns to detail the initiative and its objectives. The roster includes EPA Administrator Michael Regan, acting Secretary of Labor Julie Su, Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo, Secretary of the Interior **Deb Haaland**, and Secretary of Energy Jennifer Granholm. Transparency and Public Input Further demonstrating the administration's commitment to open dialogue and public input, a series of virtual listening sessions are being planned. These sessions are designed to gather feedback and suggestions from the public on the program. Attendees are expected to include influential figures like Rep. Alexandria Ocasio- ...

15 National Park Service To Remove Statue of William Penn In Philadelphia



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... you rather live with for the next four years? : "The Biden administration's National Park Service will remove a statue of William Penn from a park in Philadelphia commemorating the founder of the state of Pennsylvania as part of an upcoming "rehabilitation" meant to make the park more "welcoming, accurate, and inclusive experience" for visitors. The park service, headed by Interior Secretary **Deb Haaland**, says that after consultation with Native American groups it wants to use the renovation of Welcome Park as an opportunity to expand displays about the indigenous Americans that lived in the area before European settlers arrived. The statue of Penn, along with a model of the Slate Roof House that once occupied the site and was Penn's residence from 1699-1701, will be removed and not replaced as ...

16 Biden admin to remove statue of William Penn from Philadelphia park and 'rehabilitate' the park to commemorate Native Americans



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Joe Biden's National Park Service under Interior Secretary **Deb Haaland** will remove the statue of William Penn from the park erected in 1982 to commemorate the 300th anniversary of his founding of the colony of Pennsylvania. The park is on the site of his original home in Philadelphia. The park, located in Philadelphia near the Delaware River at Sansom and Second Streets, will be "rehabilitated" and that proposal will include an "expanded interpretation of the Native ... "will be removed and not reinstalled." The Park Service claims that at some later date, which is not currently funded, there will be a new exhibit that mentions Penn and his work founding what became the state named for him as well as the city of Philadelphia. The National Park Service, led by National Park Service Director Charles Sams III, who boasts Native American ancestry as does his boss **Haaland**, runs a substantial portion of Philadelphia's historic sites. This agency is in charge of nearly 54 acres of historic sites in

the Old City neighborhood, where the Penn home once stood. The Biden administration praised **Haaland** when she was appointed for becoming "the first Native American to serve as a cabinet secretary." Equity, as the Biden White House recently stated, has " ...

17 **User Comment on Secretary Deb Haaland**



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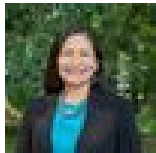
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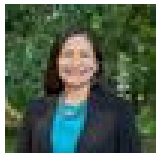
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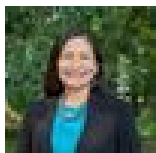
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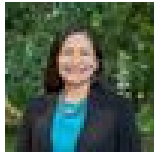
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The Biden administration's National Park Service will remove a statue of William Penn from a park in Philadelphia commemorating the founder of the state of Pennsylvania as part of an upcoming "rehabilitation" meant to make the park more "welcoming, accurate, and inclusive experience" for visitors. The park service, headed by Interior Secretary **Deb Haaland**, says that after consultation with Native American groups it wants to use the renovation of Welcome Park as an opportunity to expand displays about the indigenous Americans that lived in the area before European settlers arrived. The statue of Penn, along with a model of the Slate Roof House that once occupied the site and was Penn's residence from 1699-1701, will be removed and not replaced as ... incorporated in the original 1982 design. City officials in Philadelphia have yet to respond publicly to the park service's plans, which were announced late Friday. Social media, however, has been flooded with comments decrying what users say is the "canceling" of the founder of the state of Pennsylvania. Others noted, however, that another statue of Penn sits atop Philadelphia's city hall. Ms. **Haaland**, a former congresswoman from New Mexico and chair of the New Mexico Democratic Party, was named Interior Secretary by President Biden shortly before he took office and was confirmed by the Senate in March 2021. She is the first Native American cabinet secretary in American history.

23 Biden is removing the William Penn statue from historic Pennsylvania Park as part of an “inclusive” makeover to showcase more Native American history



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The Biden administration's National Park Service is launching a "remediation process" for a park in Pennsylvania that includes removing a statue of William Penn and incorporating a depiction of Native American tribes. The Park Service, led by **Deb Haaland**, sent out a request for comment on the changes to Welcome Park Friday on its website and in a post on X. Penn, the founder of Pennsylvania in 1681, was notorious for his friendly relations with the region's Native American tribes. The park was founded 300 years later. The park itself is named after the ship on which Penn sailed to America and includes a museum dedicated to the life and ...

24 New rules will guide how Native American remains are handled



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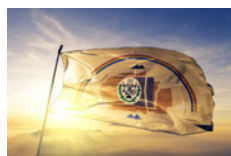
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... remains to tribes under new rules finalized this week. Whittled by compromise and yet still far-reaching, the rules for administering the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act were rolled out as a highlight of the two-day White House Tribal Nations Summit. "Finalizing these changes is an important part of laying the groundwork for the healing of our people," Interior Secretary **Deb Haaland** said. **Haaland**, the first Native American to head the Interior Department, emphasized the benefits for tribes that will ensue from the new rules for the 1990 law. The statute requires museums and federal agencies to identify and repatriate Native American human remains, funerary items and objects of cultural significance currently in their collections. Private collectors and ...

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... spiritually significant to Navajos, but also Lakotas like Semans, of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe in South Dakota. He believes that his people are born from the stars and return to them once they die. "It's a spiritual journey that we take when we leave Mother Earth," says Semans. "We knew our ancestors were making that journey to the stars, and that's where we came from." Although Interior Secretary **Deb Haaland** has been suddenly named to the National Space Council as of Thursday, Weatherwax wrote that this "belated inclusion" of a Native voice is "welcome and we urge her to support the Navajo Nation's and COLT's request for tribal consultation regarding any placement of human remains on the moon." "I think that President Biden needs to get a hold of NASA administrator [Bill Nelson], and basically set ...

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legislative session, a late night amendment in an appropriations bill was introduced by Rep. John Rose (R-TN) to block the order issued in June 2022 by Department of the Interior (DOI) Secretary **Deb Haaland** to phase out single-use plastic on public lands by 2032. Rep. Rose specifically called to exempt plastic straws from the phase-out, arguing that the "alternatives to plastics may not be more environmentally friendly" than plastic, citing a recent study detecting PFAS--a class of more than 15,000 synthetic chemicals--in paper straws. A discussion of the amendment is now upcoming in the Senate ...

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... park in 'inclusive' makeover to show more Native American history By Stephen M. Lepore For Dailymail.Com00:11 08 Jan 2024, updated 00:44 08 Jan 2024 The Biden administration's National Park Service is starting a 'rehabilitation' process for a Pennsylvania park that includes the removal of a statue of founder William Penn and inclusion of representation of Native American tribes. The **Deb Haaland**-led parks service sent out the request for input on the changes to Welcome Park Friday on their website and in a post on X. Penn, the founder of Pennsylvania in 1681, was notorious for his amicable relations with the Native tribes of the region. The park was established 300 years later. The park itself is named after the ship Penn sailed to America and includes a museum dedicated to ...

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The National Park Service, overseen by Joe Biden's Interior Secretary **Deb Haaland**, a former member of Congress from New Mexico, and National Park Service Director Charles Sams III, has announced plans to remove the statue of William Penn from a park in Philadelphia. This park, established in 1982 to mark the 300th anniversary of Penn's founding of Pennsylvania, stands on the site of his original home. The park, near the Delaware River at Sansom and Second Streets, will undergo ... 2021, a bill proposed in the US House sought to remove statues of individuals who served the Confederate States of America from the Capitol, reflecting ongoing debates over how to represent

historical figures in public spaces. The public can provide feedback on this proposal through the National Park Service's planning website found here: <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/> The post Woke diversity hire **Haaland** strikes again appeared first on Piñon Post.

31 National Park Service To Remove Statue of William Penn In Philadelphia



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... live with for the next four years? New York Sun: "The Biden administration's National Park Service will remove a statue of William Penn from a park in Philadelphia commemorating the founder of the state of Pennsylvania as part of an upcoming "rehabilitation" meant to make the park more "welcoming, accurate, and inclusive experience" for visitors. The park service, headed by Interior Secretary **Deb Haaland**, says that after consultation with Native American groups it wants to use the renovation of Welcome Park as an opportunity to expand displays about the indigenous Americans that lived in the area before European settlers arrived. The statue of Penn, along with a model of the Slate Roof House that once occupied the site and was Penn's residence from 1699-1701, will be removed and not replaced as ...

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Good morning, Early Birds. The statue of William Penn in Philadelphia's Welcome Park isn't going anywhere — and neither is a much larger Penn statue atop City Hall. Look how big it is! The sculptor, Alexander Milne Calder, was the grandfather of Alexander Calder,

whose works grace the Hart Senate Office Building and the National Gallery of Art.

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In today's edition ... Release of the bipartisan border security framework is likely delayed ... A look at the violent threats against members of Congress, state officials, local leaders and judges since 2020 ... but first ...



From the courts

The consequences of Trump's immunity court case



Former president Donald Trump during the civil fraud trial against the Trump Organization in New York on Dec. 7. (Eduardo Munoz Alvarez/Pool/AFP/Getty Images)

Former president **Donald Trump** is expected to watch today as his lawyers try to convince three appeals court judges that he can't be tried for his alleged role in the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol and trying to overturn the 2020 election.

The outcome could have big implications for Trump — and future presidents. That's because the case raises a novel issue for the courts, which have never before been asked whether a former president is immune from federal criminal prosecution.

Trump is hoping to avoid a trial in the 2020 election case, which was brought by special counsel **Jack Smith**. He's accused of conspiring to overturn the 2020 election.

Trump is also facing political stakes, as he's on track to become the Republican nomination for president.

“His choice to attend the argument — not uncommon but also not required in an appeal — instead of spending more time in Iowa just one week from the GOP's first nominating contest there reflect the bet he and his campaign are placing on blending his criminal defense with electoral message. Tuesday's appearance is poised to be the first of many times this year that he quickly pivots between the courtroom and the campaign trail or brings the campaign to the courthouse steps as he faces four separate criminal cases and two civil trials,” our colleague **Isaac Arnsdorf** reports.

- Trump's purpose in showing up in the courtroom is to show “seriousness and defiance” and garner media attention as he's going on the offense, according to Isaac's reporting.

To understand the legal aspects of the case, we picked the brains of our fantastic colleagues who cover the ins and outs of the Trump trials.

HOW THE CASE CAME TO BE

Trump appealed the case to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia after U.S. District Judge **Tanya S. Chutkan** rejected his attempt to dismiss the case in December. The former president argued that he is immune from federal prosecution because he was president at the time of the alleged crime.

- “Whatever immunities a sitting President may enjoy, the United States has only one Chief Executive at a time, and that position does not confer a lifelong ‘get-out-of-jail-free’ pass.” Chutkan wrote in her decision. “No court — or any other branch of

government — has ever accepted it. And this court will not so hold.”

- Smith asked the Supreme Court to fast-track the case, but the court refused to do so. It didn't explain why.

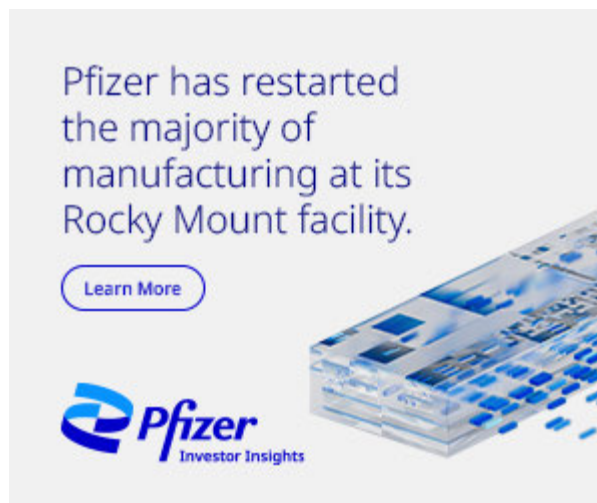
THE ARGUMENTS

The former president is arguing that he is immune from federal prosecution for his acts as president — and because he was not convicted in his impeachment trial, trying him now would amount to double jeopardy.

“Presidential immunity and the Impeachment Judgment Clause foreclose the criminal prosecution of President Trump for his official acts,” his lawyers argued in a brief to the court.


Smith argues that courts haven't found that former presidents have immunity from criminal liability. And even if they do, Smith argues, it wouldn't apply to Trump, who worked with private individuals and government officials to remain in power.


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- Smith has also argued that a lack of conviction in an impeachment trial does not limit Trump's ability to be prosecuted. Trump was acquitted in his Senate impeachment trial.

A NOTE ON THE IMPEACHMENT STANDARD

But about that impeachment argument ... it's complicated.

When **Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell** (R-Ky.) voted to not convict Trump in his trial, he said the courts would be the more appropriate venue for assessing the president's actions.

"Impeachment was never meant to be the final forum for American justice," McConnell argued at the time. "We have a criminal justice system in this country. We have civil litigation. And former Presidents are not immune from being held accountable by either one."

THE JUDGES

None of the judges on the panel, who are randomly assigned, were nominated by Trump.

Judge Karen L. Henderson was nominated by **President George H.W. Bush** and has served on the court since 1990. Reporters and legal watchers will listen to Henderson closely.

The other two judges on the panel, **Florence Y. Pan** and **J. Michelle Childs**, were nominated by **President Biden** and confirmed by the Senate in 2022.

Childs was in the running for former Supreme Court justice **Stephen Breyer's** seat on the court. **Rep. Jim Clyburn** (D-S.C.) and **Sen. Lindsey Graham** (R-S.C.) urged Biden to choose Childs, who was a federal district court judge in South Carolina, but the appointment went to **Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson**. Biden nominated Pan for the seat vacated by Jackson.

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Court, the judges will want to write a thoughtful, in-depth opinion, according to Supreme Court reporter **Ann Marimow**. She predicts that a D.C. Circuit decision will “take weeks — not days.”

But no matter the outcome of today's proceedings, the Supreme Court is likely to have the last word.

“After the D.C. Circuit issues its ruling, either party can seek rehearing by a full complement of appeals court judges or go directly to the Supreme Court,” Ann adds.

THE IMPACT

While the outcome of this case will have huge consequences for the special counsel case, it could have implications in the Georgia case, too.

Trump filed similar claims in the Georgia case on Monday, where is charged with 13 counts related to an alleged conspiracy to overturn the 2020 election results in the state. If the Supreme Court finds that Trump was immune as president, that could affect the Georgia prosecution, even though he is charged with state crimes, Spencer notes.

And presidential immunity would not apply to the Florida case involving classified documents “because he was not president during the time of the alleged actions in the indictment,” our colleague **Perry Stein** says. It also won't apply to the case in New York, which alleges that Trump paid hush money to adult actress **Stormy Daniels**.



What we're watching

ON THE HILL

Austin fallout: We are watching continued fallout over **Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin's failure to disclose his hospital stay** to the president, members of Congress and officials at the Pentagon.

Rep. Matt Rosendale (R-Mont.) is filing articles of impeachment. The top Republican on the **House Armed Services Committee**, **Rep. Mike Rogers** (Ala.), tweeted that he's

“quickly losing faith” in Austin’s ability to lead the Defense Department.

Austin was admitted to a hospital after a procedure on Jan. 1 and was discharged from the intensive care unit last night.

Border security framework probably delayed: Senate negotiators on border security said Monday night that a framework is unlikely to be released this week, which negotiators had suggested was likely as recently as this weekend. Disagreements remain on too many issues, including parole, which has been the most difficult part of already tough negotiations.

“We’ll continue to try and get this nailed down,” **Sen. Chris Murphy** (D-Conn.) told reporters, per our colleague **Paul Kane**.

OVERSEAS

Secretary of State Antony Blinken is in Tel Aviv today as escalating tensions between Israel and the Lebanese militant group **Hezbollah** raise the specter of a full-scale regional war.

On Monday evening, Israeli **Foreign Minister Israel Katz** said in a televised interview that Israel had killed a top Hezbollah commander, **Wissam al-Tawil**, calling it “part of the war,” our colleague **Annabelle Timsit** reports. The targeted killing comes as Israel weighs launching a major military operation in Lebanon.

- But as our colleagues **John Hudson**, **Yasmeen Abutaleb** and **Shane Harris** reported over the weekend, the Biden administration has privately warned Israeli officials against the escalation. Washington believes, based on a secret assessment from the **Defense Intelligence Agency**, that “it will be difficult for the **Israel Defense Forces** (IDF) to succeed because its military assets and resources would be spread too thin given the conflict in Gaza,” our colleagues report.

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The campaign

Violent political threats surge as 2024 begins, haunting American democracy



Law enforcement officers patrol the grounds of the Mississippi Capitol in Jackson on Jan. 4 as they deal with a second consecutive day of bomb threats. (Rogelio V. Solis/AP)

Our colleagues **Sarah Ellison**, **Yvonne Wingett Sanchez** and **Patrick Marley** [take a look](#) at the violent threats and acts of intimidation against many government officials since the 2020 presidential election and its effect on American democracy.

Members of Congress, state officials, local leaders and judges have all been subjected to swatting, bomb threats and death threats.

- Special counsel Jack Smith, who is overseeing the prosecution of Trump in two federal cases, was the target of an attempted swatting at his Maryland residence on Christmas Day, [per NBC News's Michael Kosnar and Zoë Richards](#). Chutkan, the judge presiding over Trump's election subversion case, was the target of a similar incident on Sunday.

The targets of the threats share a common attribute: They have done or said

something that has earned the ire of the former president, our colleagues write.

- “I am really worried that there is going to be a tragedy,” Wisconsin Supreme Court **Justice Jill Karofsky** said in an interview with our colleagues. “I believe people when they say that they want to hurt us or kill us. I don’t think they’re idle threats.”

The Media

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- [Filing alleges ‘improper’ relationship between Fulton DA, top Trump prosecutor.](#) By the **Atlanta Journal-Constitution’s Bill Rankin** and **Tamar Hallerman**.
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Viral

Too soon 



A screenshot of a tweet from Mark Hamill (@MarkHamill) posted on January 8, 2024, at 8:13 PM. The tweet text reads: "Now I have finally met my 'mother', thanks to the @goldenglobes." Below the text is a photograph of Mark Hamill standing next to a woman in a white, floral-patterned dress. The photo is taken indoors, likely at a party or event. The tweet interface shows 391.6K likes, a reply icon, and a copy link icon. A button at the bottom of the tweet says "Read 3.6K replies".



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Gay,

I'm sorry for the delay. Attached is the briefing statement on Welcome Park.

Regards,
Steve

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Briefing Statement FY 2024

Bureau: National Park Service
Issue: Rehabilitation of Welcome Park
Member: Internal to NPS/DOI
Park: Independence National Historical Park (INDE)

Key Points:

- Welcome Park holds significance as the only location in Philadelphia that memorializes William Penn's life and accomplishments through a timeline of his life, a model of his "Slate Roof" house and a smaller scale replica of the statue of William Penn that sits atop City Hall.
- After 40 years, many of the exhibits and other features of Welcome Park are faded and in need of repair.
- Independence National Historical Park, in consultation with Haudenosaunee and Lenape representatives, developed a new design proposal for the park. Consultation was initiated after new information revealed the existence of a "Wampum Lot" deeded to the Haudenosaunee in 1755 by William Penn's grandson for a parcel of land along south Second Street.
- The two stories are not mutually exclusive. They can be told in the same space. In fact, in many ways, they complement each other as Penn is best known today for his policy of religious toleration and his attempt to deal fairly with the tribes he encountered.
- The park initiated a period of public comment on January 5th through the issuance of a press release and social media channels.
- The release has generated an overwhelming response as the release stated that the statue of William Penn will be removed.
- The park is seeking public comment as the new design proposal is exactly that, a proposal. The final decision will be made based upon comments received during the public comment period in PEPC which is open from January 8th until January 21st.
- The proposed design has been in development for four years with informal collaboration with park neighbors, the City, and tribal nations
- Formal tribal consultation was initiated on October 13, 2023.
- Formal consultation with PA State Historic Preservation Office was initiated on December 20, 2023.
- The project is currently in the design development phase.

Background:

- After 40 years, many of the exhibits and other features of Welcome Park are faded and in need of repair.
- Information came to light about 4 years ago that in the 1750's William Penn's grandson deeded a parcel of land along south Second Street to the Haudenosaunee as a site where that would always be available to them should they come to the City.
- This agreement was reaffirmed in 1915 by the Mayor of Philadelphia.
- When new designs for Welcome Park were being considered, the federally recognized tribes associated with INHP were consulted.

- In November of 2022, INHP hosted an event with the Haudenosaunee and a representative of the Delaware Nation at Welcome Park. The parcel of land is referred to as the Wampum Lot by the Haudenosaunee people.
- According to the participants, it was the first time in over 300 years that leadership from the Lenape and the Haudenosaunee met face to face and exchanged gifts.
- Following this event, the park initiated formal consultation with the tribes regarding new design proposals for Welcome Park, with an opportunity to tell the Native American story either on land that had been deeded to them by Penn's grandson or immediately adjacent to that land.
- The National Park Service owns Welcome Park. The project scope includes replacing landscaping and hardscaping, increased site lighting and security cameras, planting of trees, circular benches and a gathering space.
- The new design proposal also called for the removal of the statue of William Penn and the Slate Roof House model for a simplified landscape aesthetic.

Current Status:

- [Public comment](#) is open January 8-January 21, 2024
- INDE is directing all media inquiries to newsmedia@nps.gov until further notice
- Members of the public are being directed to PEPC to submit comments
- INDE is updating the January 5, 2024 news release and social media post to emphasize that INDE initiated this project and that the design is proposed
- Public comments will be used to determine which elements of the new design proposal will remain and which may need to be reworked.
- The park hopes to hear from local organizations, neighbors and other stakeholders were included in the press release.

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3 National, Arizona projects preserve Native American boarding school history

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... even to my sister who went to boarding school with me." Phoenix Indian School, originally Phoenix Industrial School, opened as a Bureau of Indian Affairs-run boarding school in 1891 at the corner of what is now Central Avenue and Indian School Road. It officially closed in 1990, but three school buildings were placed on the National Register of Historic Places. In June 2021, Interior Secretary **Deb Haaland** announced that the U.S. government would investigate its oversight of boarding schools and focus on the intergenerational impact through the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative. The uprooting of children and attempted erasure of Indigenous culture and practices has led to multigenerational trauma and in some cases a loss of identity or heritage within family lines. And that trauma is at the ...

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... 2024, delivering about five megawatts of power during the initial commissioning process. Additional testing is reportedly expected to occur both on and offshore in the coming weeks. Project Background In May 2021, President Joe Biden's administration announced the approval for construction and operation of Vineyard Wind 1. "A clean energy future is within our grasp in the United States," said **Deb Haaland**, Secretary of the Interior, at the time. "The approval of this project is an important step toward advancing the administration's goals to create good-paying union jobs while combatting climate change and powering our nation." New Year, New Energy! Avangrid is proud to deliver the First Power from its nation-leading Vineyard Wind 1 project to Massachusetts. Full story: <https://t.co/> ... of thousands of good-paying, union jobs, with more than 44,000 workers employed in offshore wind by 2030 and nearly 33,000 additional jobs in communities supported by offshore wind activity." Then, in November of the same year, U.S. officials broke ground for the construction of Vineyard Wind 1. The groundbreaking ceremony was held in Covell's Beach, Barnstable, with Secretary of the Interior **Deb Haaland**, Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker and Representative Bill Keating. Work began with the building of two transmission cables to connect the offshore wind facility to the mainland. Vineyard Wind 1 was reportedly expected to contribute to the Biden-Harris administration's goal of 30 gigawatts of offshore wind energy by 2030 and Massachusetts' goal of 5.6 gigawatts within the same timeline. It was ...

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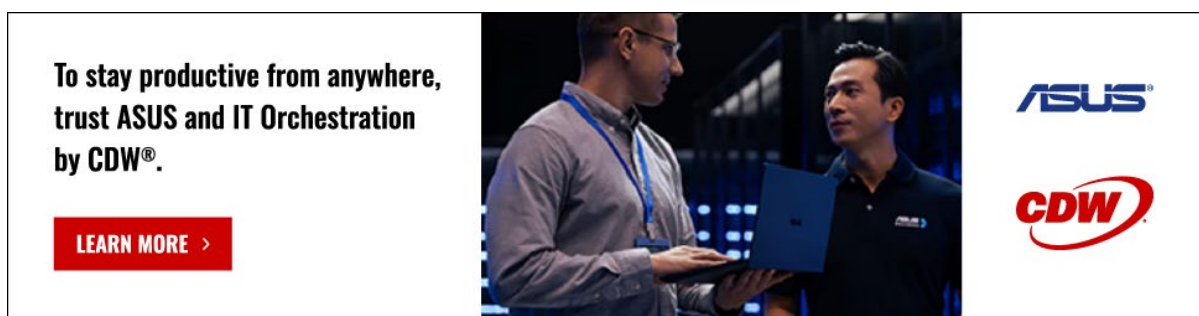
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RYE — Snow-covered Fairhill Marsh at Odiorne Point served as the backdrop Tuesday for a member of the Biden administration touting its salt marsh preservation efforts and other conservation priorities nationwide. U.S. Secretary of the Interior **Deb Haaland**, the country's first Native American cabinet secretary and a former New Mexico congresswoman, visited the site alongside local and state environmental advocates. A previously announced \$2 billion federal funding pool, part of President Joe Biden's America the Beautiful Challenge, will be dedicated to projects across America centered on salt marsh preservation and eight other "keystone initiatives ... ," **Haaland** said. When complete, leaders hope the at-risk saltmarsh sparrow, a bird found mostly in coastal marsh habitats, can return in the spring and flourish at Odiorne Point. "Through targeted investments and local collaboration, this new salt marsh keystone initiative will help to protect the more than 44 million Americans who live on the Atlantic coast from coastal flooding, safeguard important ... wildlife such as the saltmarsh sparrow,

and foster partnerships across federal, tribal and local governments," **Haaland** said Tuesday. "I always say nature is our best ally in our fight against climate change. We have an obligation to our world, to these ecosystems, and together we can build a future in which we respect nature, restore balance to our environments and value every living creature on this planet." In November, the Biden administration and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation announced more than \$ Salt marshes are coastal wetlands that are flooded and drained by tidal salt water, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. "As the climate crisis threatens biodiversity, wildlife communities and their economies everywhere, investing in our landscapes and expanding nature-based solutions are critical to maintaining that connection to the land for future generations," **Haaland** said. The \$2 billion dedicated to conservation projects comes from the bipartisan infrastructure law and the Inflation Reduction Act, two achievements touted by Biden's administration. Other keystone initiatives the Interior Department will address with the funding includes rebuilding the country's sagebrush ecosystem lost due to wildfire, increasing drought resilience in the Klamath Basin, ... coastlines and support robust economies and communities, the Department will work to restore coastal wetlands using nature-based solutions to improve coastal and estuarine habitats and increase resilience against hazards such as storm surge and sea level rise, while protecting important natural carbon storage opportunities," the Interior Department states about its coastal resilience goals. **Haaland** was joined Tuesday by Martha Williams, director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Steve Couture, administrator of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services' coastal program, and Jay Diener, president of the Seabrook Hampton Estuary Alliance. Saltmarsh sparrows have declined According to the National Audubon Society, the saltmarsh sparrow population has declined with the loss of ...

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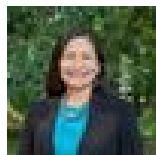
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... ," she says. "This will create opportunities, jobs, resources for us. But to be clear: This isn't like, Hey everybody! Let's move back! " She's still getting used to the fact she's back. Sometimes she gets small reassurances she's on the right track. Like walking along the river and smelling a familiar medicinal plant root her people brought with them to Oklahoma. Or taking Interior Secretary **Deb Haaland**, herself a Native American, on a tour of the area. "Because of erosion, some of the land has been raped down to the clay," Revis says. **Haaland** leaned down, pulled out her medicine pouch, and poured some of its contents on the earth. "As we're walking away, she says to me, 'They're still here. Your ancestors are still here. The land has and will bring back who it needs to restore ...

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... two-thirds of the reservation's adults struggle with alcoholism, with 25% of the reservation's children born with fetal alcohol syndrome. The proclamation also shares that the reservation's suicide rate is notably higher than the national rate, with 177 suicide attempts among people in the 14-32 age bracket in 2020. In the declaration, Star Comes Out also called on President Joe Biden to direct **Deb Haaland**, the U.S. Secretary of the Interior, to ask for enough funding to have 2.8 officers for every thousand people in the service population. Algin Young, chief of police with the Oglala Sioux Tribe, says his department has 60 total sworn officers, with 33 patrol officers among those 60. With a service population of 43,000, the tribe is thus seeking to have about 120 officers. The Oglala Sioux Tribe ...

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... and is named after the ship, the Welcome, that brought Penn to the New World from England in 1682. The Park Service also planned to remove a replica of Penn's home, the Slate Roof House, as well as a Penn timeline on a wall at the park. In other words, the Biden administration was erasing Penn. The Interior Department, which oversees the National Park Service, is led by Biden appointee Secretary **Deb Haaland**, a radical progressive who is the first Native American to serve as a cabinet secretary. Keep reading

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Good morning, Early Birds. The statue of William Penn in Philadelphia's Welcome Park isn't going anywhere — and neither is a much larger Penn statue atop City Hall. Look how big it is! The sculptor, Alexander Milne Calder, was the grandfather of Alexander Calder, whose works grace the Hart Senate Office Building and the National Gallery of Art.

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From the courts

The consequences of Trump's immunity court case



Former president Donald Trump during the civil fraud trial against the Trump Organization in New York on Dec. 7. (Eduardo Munoz Alvarez/Pool/AFP/Getty Images)

Former president **Donald Trump** is expected to watch today as his lawyers try to convince three appeals court judges that he can't be tried for his alleged role in the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol and trying to overturn the 2020 election.

The outcome could have big implications for Trump — and future presidents. That's because the case raises a novel issue for the courts, which have never before been asked whether a former president is immune from federal criminal prosecution.

Trump is hoping to avoid a trial in the 2020 election case, which was brought by special counsel **Jack Smith**. He's accused of conspiring to overturn the 2020 election.

Trump is also facing political stakes, as he's on track to become the Republican nomination for president.

“His choice to attend the argument — not uncommon but also not required in an appeal — instead of spending more time in Iowa just one week from the GOP's first nominating contest there reflect the bet he and his campaign are placing on blending his criminal defense with electoral message. Tuesday's appearance is poised to be the first of many times this year that he quickly pivots between the courtroom and the campaign trail or brings the campaign to the courthouse steps as he faces four separate criminal cases and two civil trials,” our colleague **Isaac Arnsdorf** reports.

- Trump's purpose in showing up in the courtroom is to show “seriousness and defiance” and garner media attention as he's going on the offense, according to Isaac's reporting.

To understand the legal aspects of the case, we picked the brains of our fantastic colleagues who cover the ins and outs of the Trump trials.

HOW THE CASE CAME TO BE

Trump appealed the case to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia after U.S. District Judge **Tanya S. Chutkan** rejected his attempt to dismiss the case in December. The former president argued that he is immune from federal prosecution because he was president at the time of the alleged crime.

- “Whatever immunities a sitting President may enjoy, the United States has only one Chief Executive at a time, and that position does not confer a lifelong ‘get-out-of-jail-free’ pass.” Chutkan wrote in her decision. “No court — or any other branch of government — has ever accepted it. And this court will not so hold.”
- Smith asked the Supreme Court to fast-track the case, but the court refused to do so. It didn't explain why.

THE ARGUMENTS

The former president is arguing that he is immune from federal prosecution for his acts as president — and because he was not convicted in his impeachment trial, trying him now would amount to double jeopardy.

“Presidential immunity and the Impeachment Judgment Clause foreclose the criminal prosecution of President Trump for his official acts,” his lawyers argued in a brief to the court.

Smith argues that courts haven't found that former presidents have immunity from criminal liability. And even if they do, Smith argues, it wouldn't apply to Trump, who worked with private individuals and government officials to remain in power.

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- Smith has also argued that a lack of conviction in an impeachment trial does not limit Trump's ability to be prosecuted. Trump was acquitted in his Senate impeachment trial.

A NOTE ON THE IMPEACHMENT STANDARD

But about that impeachment argument ... it's complicated.

When **Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell** (R-Ky.) voted to not convict Trump in his trial, he said the courts would be the more appropriate venue for assessing the president's actions.

“Impeachment was never meant to be the final forum for American justice,” McConnell argued at the time. “We have a criminal justice system in this country. We have civil litigation. And former Presidents are not immune from being held accountable by either one.”

THE JUDGES

None of the judges on the panel, who are randomly assigned, were nominated by Trump.

Judge Karen L. Henderson was nominated by **President George H.W. Bush** and has served on the court since 1990. Reporters and legal watchers will listen to Henderson closely.

The other two judges on the panel, **Florence Y. Pan** and **J. Michelle Childs**, were nominated by **President Biden** and confirmed by the Senate in 2022.

Childs was in the running for former Supreme Court justice **Stephen Breyer's** seat on the court. **Rep. Jim Clyburn** (D-S.C.) and **Sen. Lindsey Graham** (R-S.C.) urged Biden to choose Childs, who was a federal district court judge in South Carolina, but the appointment went to **Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson**. Biden nominated Pan for the seat vacated by Jackson.

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Our colleague **Devlin Barrett** says it's hard to say whether Trump's legal arguments will hold sway. But he says this: "This appeals court has already found in a separate case that Trump is not immune to civil liability for his actions as a presidential candidate around Jan. 6, so it is hard to imagine they will find he has absolute criminal immunity."

Another colleague, **Spencer S. Hsu**, adds that he's watching what the judges say about each of the arguments raised by Trump.

- For example, are they more concerned with Trump's claim of presidential immunity or his double jeopardy claim that former president's cannot be charged for conduct they have been impeached but not convicted of by the Senate?
- How much credence do they give an argument raised by outside left-leaning analysts suggesting Trump cannot appeal the immunity issue before trial at all?

THE TIMELINE

Time is of the essence. Smith had hoped to begin the trial against Trump on March 4, but that could be delayed depending on the outcome and timeline of a decision in this case.

Because this is a new legal question and they know it will be reviewed by the Supreme Court, the judges will want to write a thoughtful, in-depth opinion, according to Supreme Court reporter **Ann Marimow**. She predicts that a D.C. Circuit decision will “take weeks — not days.”

But no matter the outcome of today's proceedings, the Supreme Court is likely to have the last word.

“After the D.C. Circuit issues its ruling, either party can seek rehearing by a full complement of appeals court judges or go directly to the Supreme Court,” Ann adds.

THE IMPACT

While the outcome of this case will have huge consequences for the special counsel case, it could have implications in the Georgia case, too.

Trump filed similar claims in the Georgia case on Monday, where is charged with 13 counts related to an alleged conspiracy to overturn the 2020 election results in the state. If the Supreme Court finds that Trump was immune as president, that could affect the Georgia prosecution, even though he is charged with state crimes, Spencer notes.

And presidential immunity would not apply to the Florida case involving classified documents “because he was not president during the time of the alleged actions in the indictment,” our colleague **Perry Stein** says. It also won't apply to the case in New York, which alleges that Trump paid hush money to adult actress **Stormy Daniels**.

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Austin fallout: We are watching continued fallout over **Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin's failure to disclose his hospital stay** to the president, members of Congress and officials at the Pentagon.

Rep. Matt Rosendale (R-Mont.) is filing articles of impeachment. The top Republican on the **House Armed Services Committee**, **Rep. Mike Rogers** (Ala.), tweeted that he's "quickly losing faith" in Austin's ability to lead the Defense Department.

Austin was admitted to a hospital after a procedure on Jan. 1 and was discharged from the intensive care unit last night.

Border security framework probably delayed: Senate negotiators on border security said Monday night that a framework is unlikely to be released this week, which negotiators had suggested was likely as recently as this weekend. Disagreements remain on too many issues, including parole, which has been the most difficult part of already tough negotiations.

"We'll continue to try and get this nailed down," **Sen. Chris Murphy** (D-Conn.) told reporters, per our colleague **Paul Kane**.

OVERSEAS

Secretary of State Antony Blinken is in Tel Aviv today as escalating tensions between Israel and the Lebanese militant group **Hezbollah** raise the specter of a full-scale regional war.

On Monday evening, Israeli **Foreign Minister Israel Katz** said in a televised interview that Israel had killed a top Hezbollah commander, **Wissam al-Tawil**, calling it "part of the war," our colleague **Annabelle Timsit** reports. The targeted killing comes as Israel weighs launching a major military operation in Lebanon.

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... jurisdiction on reservations. The law originally gave five states criminal jurisdiction on the reservations within their borders. Those states included: California, Minnesota, Nebraska, Oregon and Wisconsin. In later years other states, including Washington, adopted parts of the law. Four years after Yakama Nation filed a petition for retrocession of Public Law 280 on its lands, the U.S.

Department of the Interior instead approved retrocession of the law for the entire state of Washington. By asserting its sovereignty in this way, the Yakama Tribal Court now has a greater ability to protect and govern its own citizens. Tribal court is the backbone of exercising tribal sovereignty, according to Saluskin. This means holding the community accountable and upholding laws created by the Nation. Yakama elder ...

3 Republicans to thrash Interior offshore drilling plan



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Market United States

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Author By Heather Richards

Category Other

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Language English

A hearing this week will be the first since the **Interior Department** finalized its five-year drilling plan.

4 On This Day: Three days of terrorism, including Charlie Hebdo attack, end in France - Jan. 9, 2015



**Source** [Democratic Underground](#)**Market** United States**Date Collected** Jan 09, 2024 08:35 AM EST**Category** Trade**Language** English

... attacks following the publication of Charlie Hebdo with a depiction of the sacred prophet Muhammad on the cover. The websites of French businesses, religious groups, universities, and municipalities were also hacked and altered to display pro-Islamist messages. Incidents at mosques In the week after the shooting, [there was a call] for strengthening of the surveillance of mosques. The French **interior department** reported that 54 anti-Muslim incidents were recorded in France in the first week after the shootings; this compared to 110 complaints in the first nine months of 2014. The 2015 incidents included 21 reports of shootings and blank grenade throwing at Islamic buildings including mosques; and 33 cases of personal threats and insults. ----- On This ...

5 [Daiseys: Lewes HPARC hearing not needed](#)

**Source** [Cape Gazette](#)**Market** Lewes, DE**Date Collected** Jan 09, 2024 08:18 AM EST**Author** Bill Shull**Category** Local**Est. Audience** 15,216**Est. Publicity** USD \$181**Language** English

... contributing structures in the rear of the property. "Because of all the alterations you're making, you can no longer see those two structures. They're being consumed by the additions," Warnell said. "If any part of the contributing structure is requested to be demolished, moved, elevated or relocated on the property, that's considered demolition." Warnell was referencing guidelines from the U.S.

Secretary of the Interior and the Delaware Historic Preservation Office. HPARC closely follows those guidelines. Commissioner Michael Weider read similar requirements from city code. Warnell also referenced a 1931 Sanborn map that shows two structures on the property. That would make them contributing under HPARC definitions. The commission often uses those maps as a source of information. The Daisey brothers presented ...

6 [When is Martin Luther King Jr. Day this year and why is it celebrated?](#)

**Source** [Yahoo! News](#)**Market** United States

Date Collected Jan 09, 2024 08:11 AM EST**Author** Jana Hayes**Category** National**Est. Audience** 13,913,761**Est. Publicity** USD \$318,940**Language** English

... early 2000. Why is MLK Jr. Day celebrated in America? The holiday is set aside to honor the life and work of Dr. King, and for Americans to "reflect on the principles of racial equality and nonviolent social change espoused by Dr. King," according to Britannica. It is also the only federal holiday set aside as a national day of service, meant to be "a day on, not a day off," according to the **Department of the Interior**. Coretta Scott King once said, according to the department, "The greatest birthday gift my husband could receive is if people of all racial and ethnic backgrounds celebrated the holiday by performing individual acts of kindness through service to others."

7 How to Get Free Survival Maps

**Source** [TruePrepper](#)**Market** United States**Date Collected** Jan 09, 2024 07:44 AM EST**Author** Rusty Collins**Category** Other**Language** English

... few differences: National Geographic USGS maps – a great resource where you can print a quad of your local area just by putting in your town or zip code and clicking on the quads you want to print. It bundles the PDF with adjacent quads so you can easily print areas. This is the traditional USGS map but with added hill shading. USGS US Topo Quadrangles – download the maps used by the USGS and **Department of the Interior** here. The topographical style adds more detail with more lines and fewer colors than the NatGeo maps. These maps are continuously updated, which is a bonus. If you live in an urban or suburban area, you may also want a street map. There is one resource that rises above the others for easily printing street maps, and it is completely free and open source: OpenStreetMap – Less precise than a ...

8 When is Martin Luther King Jr. Day this year and why is it celebrated?

**Source** [NewsOK](#)**Market** Oklahoma, US**Date Collected** Jan 09, 2024 07:38 AM EST**Language** English

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9 **Prairie Band Casino and Resort opens sportsbook in Kansas**



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Market United States

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Category Trade

Est. Audience 5,434

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Language English

... top terminals featuring best-in-class sports betting products, including Kambi's award-winning Bet Builder. Prairie Band Casino & Resort, located close to Topeka, Kansas, received approval in 2023 for an on-site sportsbook at the casino on tribal land. The legalization of sports betting in Kansas in 2022 initiated a long process of negotiations between the Prairie Band Potawatomi tribe, the US **Department of the Interior**, and the state. Joseph "Zeke" Rupnick, chairperson for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, said: "I think when the state first went with sports betting tribes weren't really considered in that and then we had to go back and amend the law to allow us to amend our compact with a state. "I want to thank the governor, all her staff, and of course all the state legislators that worked really hard to ...

10 **This Tribe Got Their "Land Back." But It's No Longer Livable.**



Source [Yahoo! News](#)

Market United States

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Author Margret Grebowicz

Category National

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Est. Publicity USD \$73,423

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... Park Service, whose director, Chuck Sams III, is the first Native American in that role. And something even bigger is at stake. Death Valley is the largest federally designated wilderness in the lower 48 states. This makes it central to the new national climate strategy, which focuses on wilderness as a primary tool in climate change mitigation. In the era of Deb Haaland, the first Indigenous **secretary of the interior**, environmentalists are looking to native knowledges and Indigenous land use across the globe more than ever to fortify wilderness conservation strategies. But the Timbisha need more than just the right to their ancestral land. Living in the hottest place on earth, they need active, ongoing help with stewardship. Durham was happiest during the Covid closure, with all the park staff and tourists ...

11 Indigenous Nations Lead Bison Restoration in the American West



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Author BNN Correspondents

Category National

Est. Audience 346,162

Est. Publicity USD \$3,202

Language English

... communities. The bison, a vital source of sustenance, has thus taken on an additional layer of significance. Their revival is not only a nod to cultural traditions but also a strategic move towards securing food sources for tribal communities. Support from the U.S. Government and Transnational Collaboration The U.S. government, recognizing the importance of this cause, has increased its support. **Secretary of the Interior** Deb Haaland's executive order pledging restoration efforts for the bison and prairie ecosystems and the allocation of funds from the Inflation Reduction Act are significant steps in this direction. The appointment of Indigenous leaders like Haaland and Heather Dawn Thompson to key positions heralds an understanding of tribal values in federal decision-making. This bison restoration movement has ...

12 This Tribe Got Their “Land Back.” But It’s No Longer Livable.



Source [The New Republic Online](#)

Market United States

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Author Margret Grebowicz

Category National

Est. Audience 119,555

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13 WNTP



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Market DMA: 4 Philadelphia, PA



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Est. Publicity USD \$81

... like penn as i went through yesterday show and again if you didn't catch it i would highly suggest you listen to yesterday's podcast because it's important sincerely you know not because it was dazzling great it was but you need to know the history and these national park people know it better than anybody and i'll bet you when they read you're going to do what few people from washington in the **department of the interior** are going to come into philadelphia and pull out the william penn statue and remodel welcome park and make it about some shrine to native americans you're going to try to white wash william penn people naturally start asking what are you going to do next removing from the top of philadelphia city hall we're going to change the name of pennsylvania altogether about the university of pennsylvania ...

14 **Bárcena bets for equality in meeting of consuls and ambassadors of Mexico: "Equality and growth must go hand in hand".**



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... , mainly in the United States.A migration strategy is also expected to be presented to consuls and ambassadors during this afternoon. On the other hand, she assured that Mexico, which belongs to the global south, must have a presence and voice in all regionsDuring this week's meetings, Bárcena explained that Mexican diplomats will have meetings with President Andrés Manuel López Obrador, the **Secretary of the Interior** Luisa María Alcalde and the Secretary of Finance, Rogelio Ramirez de la O.???? On the first day of the XXXV meeting of Mexican embassy and consulate heads #REC2024, the secretary of @SEGOB_mx, @LuisaAlcalde, shared with the foreign minister @aliciabarcena and the people in attendance the political panorama of Mexico????????, which will allow to follow and deepen... pic.twitter.com/sxY4krMmdM- ...

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15 Notimex: Head of STPS asked for 20% of settlements for Sheinbaum's campaign: Sanjuana Martinez



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... (SUTNotimex), until the federal government decided to disappear the agency. In the text published in the newspaper, where she usually has an open platform, Martínez removed all responsibility for the closure of Notimex and launched darts against the union, but also against members of the government of the so-called Fourth Transformation, especially against Luisa María Alcalde Luján, the current **Secretary of the Interior** and former head of the STyPS, and with less virulence against Jesús Ramírez Cuevas, the presidential spokesperson, and Jenaro Villamil, the head of the Mexican State Public Broadcasting System (SPR). Sanjuana Martínez held Luisa Alcalde responsible for the labor conflict and accused her of incurring in a conflict of interest, since she asserted that her father, labor lawyer Arturo Alcalde ...

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16 Chronicle of impunity in Mexico



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... says that there are four of his nationals in the group of hostages. Authorities carry out a massive search operation. Wednesday, January 3 - President López Obrador limits himself to saying in his morning conference that the Security Secretariat is carrying out the investigation and that it is not known which criminal group is involved in the events. In the afternoon, Luisa María Alcalde, **Secretary**

of the Interior, posted on social networks: "Governor Américo Villarreal has just informed us that the 31 migrants kidnapped in Tamaulipas were rescued safe and sound. Thanks to the state authorities, the National Guard and the Armed Forces". Thursday, January 4 - Although it was presumed to be a rescue, in reality the 32 migrants were released by criminals in the parking lot of a commercial plaza in the ...

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17 "My son is here twice and my nephew is missing": irregularities in the new census of missing persons



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... person, as well as the variable on the crime for which the disappearance is being investigated." The adjustment or update to the online registry occurred at a time of friction between the collectives of the disappeared and the administration of President Lopez Obrador, which has been accused of wanting to reduce the figures of the disappeared for electoral reasons. Luisa María Alcalde Luján, **Secretary of the Interior**, assured during the morning conference of December 14, 2023 that the current number of missing persons in Mexico is 12,377 and not 110,964, as the CNB had made official on August 22, days before the resignation of the former head of that agency, Karla Quintana. He explained that this conclusion was reached as part of the "new census" which required door-to-door censuses, the confrontation of ...

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18 AMLO will review human rights protection



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... was. So now we are doing a complete review," said López Obrador. He asks searching mothers to approach Segob President López Obrador stressed his commitment to the mothers of the disappeared and reiterated the government's willingness to attend to their cases directly through the Ministry of the Interior. "(I say) to the searching mothers, relatives of the disappeared, the doors are open and the **Secretary of the Interior** will attend to them, will attend to them directly", assured the Chief Executive during the morning press conference on Monday, January 8.

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19 **Morenistas protest against imposition of candidates in Puebla**

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... in the protest: former mayor Claudia Rivera Vivanco, who is seeking a second term as mayor of Puebla; Rafael Ramírez Hernández, member of the state leadership of the PT, and councilor Elisa Molina Rivera. Also present was Rosa Márquez Cabrera, an official of the National Commission for the Prevention and Eradication of Violence against Women, as well as David Méndez Márquez, former state **Secretary of the Interior**. Among the contingents were Morena leaders from the municipalities of Huehuetla and Zacatlán, which are located in the Sierra Norte of Puebla, as well as from Huejotzingo and Quimixtlán, districts located in the metropolitan area of the state and in the Serdán region, respectively. The demonstrators protested against the "chapulines de la derecha" who joined Morena in the current electoral ...

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20 **Testimony with the story behind the conflict at Notimex**

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... . The lawyers of the telephone union leader Francisco Hernández Juárez always dynamited this possibility by constantly using blackmail and threats. The definitive closing of the agency By the beginning of 2023, the only way to resolve the conflict was to close the institution. In the middle of last year we began conversations with the new Secretary of Labor, Marath Bolaños, who told us that the **Secretary of the Interior** was in charge of negotiating with the union to end the strike and that they were going to give them everything they were asking for. I told them that it was a terrible abuse to inflate the economic bag of settlements to 256 million pesos with 53 cachirules and only 34 strikers: there are more people on that list who are not part of the strike, personnel who have already been liquidated and non- ...

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21 **Tabasco 'Burning' in criminal violence amidst ungovernability:** Riva Palacio

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... of the political decomposition that he himself provoked by confronting his two groups of unconditional supporters in the fight for the governorship," wrote Riva Palacio. YOU MAY BE INTERESTED: PAN deplores 'rampant violence' in Tabasco and Morelos This criminal dispute -the columnist argued- worsened as a result of the fall of Adán Augusto López, who left the governorship of the state to become **Secretary of the Interior** and later presidential aspirant, so that political control and coordination with law enforcement was lost. "On Friday, as a consequence of the wave of violence, he was ordered to dismiss the Secretary of Security, Hernán Bermúdez Requena, Adán Augusto's man, whose attrition, which went through the anointing as gubernatorial candidate of Javier May, his political enemy for three decades, also ...

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22 **WNTP****Source** WNTP (Salem Radio Network)**Market** DMA: 4 Philadelphia, PA**Time** Jan 09, 2024 06:11 AM EST**Clip Length** 1:00**Est. Audience** 23,443**Est. Publicity** USD \$81

... run for two weeks and law enforcement finally corner each shows up and he wants credit for that now he wants credit that they aren't going to remove william penn from welcome park anymore now i don't know how in the world little joshy our diminutive pocket sized governor in pennsylvania is going to take credit for that when we all know damn good and well it was his party and his president and his **interior department** they were all held bent to do it he didn't know anything about it until shows like mine started discussing it he had no intention of getting involved in fact his tweet says my staff

23 **Francos met with provincial authorities on the biofuels issue**

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... to be supportive, it seems to me that we have to raise an issue and a different scenario, transitory and obviously regional economies do not agree absolutely, I think we have to go a zero approach, so it is something that we will discuss," said Busso. Francos was accompanied at the meeting by the Secretary of Agriculture, Livestock and Fishing of the Ministry of Economy, Fernando Villela; the **Secretary of the Interior**, Lisandro Catalá; the Undersecretary of Fuels and Hydrocarbons, Luis de Ridder, and Mariela Beljansky, Undersecretary of Transition and Energy Planning. Also attending for Santa Fe were the Secretary of Energy, Verónica Geese; the Secretary of Foreign Trade, Georgina Losada; and the Undersecretary of Institutional Relations, Juan Rodil, while the Minister of Production, Science and Technological ...

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... the place where humanity finds itself, because we have all the tools — the technology, the wealth, the brainpower — to initiate those changes," Marchand said. "What we lack is the political will." And Native leaders know how to implement traditional practices in a good way. As an example, she noted that in September, Interior Secretary Deb Haaland (Laguna Pueblo) revised four climate-related **Interior Department** policies, all of which now refer to Indigenous knowledge. Marchand credits "Auntie Deb" with implementing this knowledge at a federal level in a way that's not extractive. "We, as a whole, would not be as far without her," Marchand said. Through ATNI, Marchand has had a hand in crafting policy resolutions that might influence states like Washington and Idaho, or perhaps pass up the chain to ...

25 [Mara Lezama works with Mexican government for universal health services in Quintana Roo](#)



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The Governor of Quintana Roo, Mara Lezama Espinosa, participated along with the country's governors, in the meeting headed by the **Secretary of the Interior**, María Luisa Alcalde Albores; the Federal Secretary of Health, Jorge Alcocer Varela; the Director General of the IMSS, Zoé Robledo, and the head of IMSS Bienestar, Alejandro Calderón, to advance in the process of federalization and universality of services for access to public health. In this meeting convened by the Ministry of the Interior, Mara Lezama stressed that health is a top priority for ...

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26 [Government to amend another article of the Omnibus Law:](#)



biofuels and key withholding taxes in the spotlight

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... the new biofuels cut regulation included in the so-called omnibus law and asked for the lowering of withholding taxes on different regional economy products. The meeting took place this morning at the offices of the Ministry of the Interior, being the head of that area, Guillermo Francos, who hosted the meeting. The meeting was also attended by the Secretary of Bioeconomy, Fernando Vilella, the **Secretary of the Interior**, Lisandro Catalán and the Undersecretary of Fuels and Hydrocarbons, Luis de Ridder. El duro análisis del Financial Times sobre Victorial Villaruel: FT The harsh analysis of the Financial Times about Victorial Villaruel: "She is ready for anything".Ciara Nugent "We came to raise articles of the omnibus law that concern us regional economies, particularly on the issue of biofuels. We raised some ...

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27 "Order is being put in place," AMLO insists on missing persons registry



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... that". López Obrador mentioned that what is being carried out is "a review" and a "national search" to clarify what there is in terms of missing persons. "And order is being put in place, and the Interior Ministry is in charge of this work," said the President, with the support of the three levels of government. To the searching mothers, relatives of the disappeared, the doors are open and the **Secretary of the Interior**, Luisa María Alcalde, is attending them directly, said López Obrador.

President López Obrador accused his adversaries of trying to stain his government and defame it. He added that he will continue to report on the issue in his morning conference.

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... the military no longer restrain thugs, much less the drug cartels, which paved the way for a counter-offensive by Sinaloa against the Jalisco New Generation, which heated up its plazas to stop the advance of its adversaries, terrorizing Villahermosa. The criminal war worsened in Tabasco as an externality of the fall of Adán Augusto López, seduced by López Obrador to leave the governorship, become **Secretary of the Interior** and eventually presidential candidate, with which the political control in the state and the coordination of the Armed Forces and the National Guard was lost, because Merino could not reestablish it, leaving his governors at the mercy of the criminals. On Friday, as a consequence of the wave of violence, he was ordered to dismiss the Secretary of Security, Hernán Bermúdez Requena, Adán Augusto's ...

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30 Security choices

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... "vultures". Vultures? Yes, that's what he said. For reporting and investigating, journalists are vultures according to the President. He wanted the truth to be hidden. Less than a year ago 40 migrants burned to death in an INM detention center in Ciudad Juarez, and he also treated the media as vultures. Those responsible for the crime remained at their posts. Now in Tamaulipas, the lies of the **Secretary of the Interior**, Luisa María Alcalde, apparently deceived by Governor Américo Villarreal, have come to light. The state governor, whose links with criminal groups are insistently pointed out, informed that the kidnapped migrants were "rescued" in a fantastic operation of coordination between his police, the National Guard, the Navy, the Army, drones, call tracking, cameras? Pure lies. There was no such rescue. ...

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... eight years ago, this character decided to star in storms in the country. Today he is starting again. Nieto Castillo likes to engage in battles with powerful rivals, which have left him with more wounds than triumphs. In the Peña Nieto government, as electoral prosecutor in the Attorney General's Office (2015-2017), he confronted the presidential legal advisor Humberto Castillejos; the former **Secretary of the Interior**, Miguel Osorio Chong, and tried to imprison the former director of Pemex, Emilio Lozoya. That government kicked him out of office, filed criminal lawsuits against him and leaked a personal file that led to his divorce with his first wife. This Monday, the governor of Hidalgo, Julio Menchaca, will formalize that Nieto -who served only four months as state attorney general- requested a leave of ...

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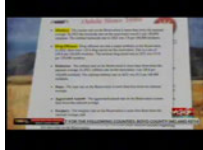
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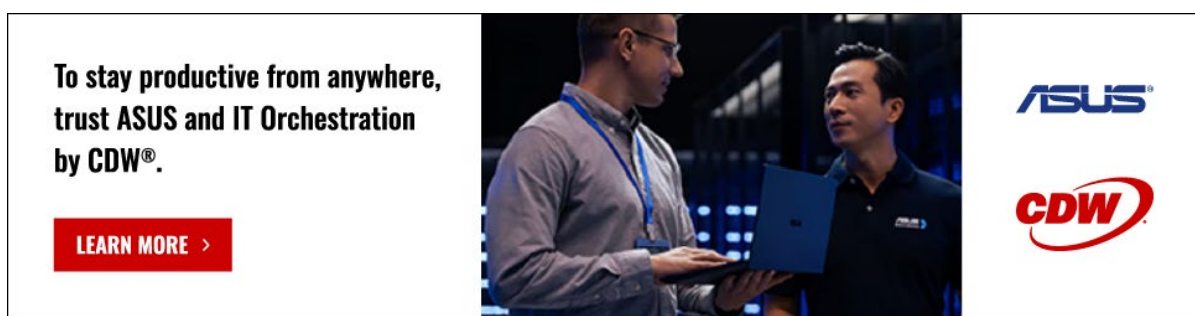
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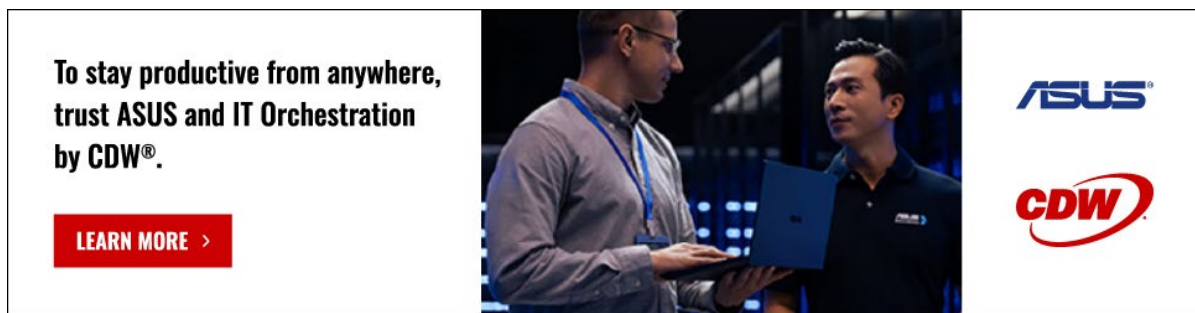
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Good morning, Early Birds. The statue of William Penn in Philadelphia's Welcome Park isn't going anywhere — and neither is a much larger Penn statue atop City Hall. Look how big it is! The sculptor, Alexander Milne Calder, was the grandfather of Alexander Calder, whose works grace the Hart Senate Office Building and the National Gallery of Art.

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In today's edition ... Release of the bipartisan border security framework is likely delayed ... A look at the violent threats against members of Congress, state officials, local leaders and judges since 2020 ... but first ...



From the courts

The consequences of Trump's immunity court case



Former president Donald Trump during the civil fraud trial against the Trump Organization in New York on Dec. 7. (Eduardo Munoz Alvarez/Pool/AFP/Getty Images)

Former president **Donald Trump** is expected to watch today as his lawyers try to convince three appeals court judges that he can't be tried for his alleged role in the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol and trying to overturn the 2020 election.

The outcome could have big implications for Trump — and future presidents. That's because the case raises a novel issue for the courts, which have never before been asked whether a former president is immune from federal criminal prosecution.

Trump is hoping to avoid a trial in the 2020 election case, which was brought by special counsel **Jack Smith**. He's accused of conspiring to overturn the 2020 election.

Trump is also facing political stakes, as he's on track to become the Republican

nomination for president.

“His choice to attend the argument — not uncommon but also not required in an appeal — instead of spending more time in Iowa just one week from the GOP's first nominating contest there reflect the bet he and his campaign are placing on blending his criminal defense with electoral message. Tuesday's appearance is poised to be the first of many times this year that he quickly pivots between the courtroom and the campaign trail or brings the campaign to the courthouse steps as he faces four separate criminal cases and two civil trials,” our colleague [Isaac Arnsdorf](#) reports.

- Trump's purpose in showing up in the courtroom is to show “seriousness and defiance” and garner media attention as he's going on the offense, according to Isaac's reporting.

To understand the legal aspects of the case, we picked the brains of our fantastic colleagues who cover the ins and outs of the Trump trials.

HOW THE CASE CAME TO BE

Trump appealed the case to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia after U.S. District Judge **Tanya S. Chutkan** rejected his attempt to dismiss the case in December. The former president argued that he is immune from federal prosecution because he was president at the time of the alleged crime.

- “Whatever immunities a sitting President may enjoy, the United States has only one Chief Executive at a time, and that position does not confer a lifelong ‘get-out-of-jail-free’ pass.” Chutkan wrote in her decision. “No court — or any other branch of government — has ever accepted it. And this court will not so hold.”
- Smith asked the Supreme Court to fast-track the case, but the court refused to do so. It didn't explain why.

THE ARGUMENTS

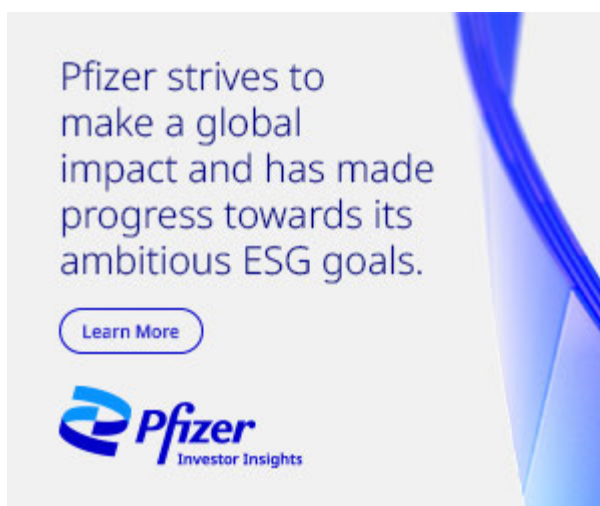
The former president is arguing that he is immune from federal prosecution for his acts as president — and because he was not convicted in his impeachment trial, trying him now

would amount to double jeopardy.

“Presidential immunity and the Impeachment Judgment Clause foreclose the criminal prosecution of President Trump for his official acts,” his lawyers argued in a brief to the court.

Smith argues that courts haven't found that former presidents have immunity from criminal liability. And even if they do, Smith argues, it wouldn't apply to Trump, who worked with private individuals and government officials to remain in power.

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- Smith has also argued that a lack of conviction in an impeachment trial does not limit Trump's ability to be prosecuted. Trump was acquitted in his Senate impeachment trial.

A NOTE ON THE IMPEACHMENT STANDARD

But about that impeachment argument ... it's complicated.

When **Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell** (R-Ky.) voted to not convict Trump in his trial, he said the courts would be the more appropriate venue for assessing the president's actions.

“Impeachment was never meant to be the final forum for American justice,” McConnell argued at the time. “We have a criminal justice system in this country. We have civil litigation. And former Presidents are not immune from being held accountable by either

one.”

THE JUDGES

None of the judges on the panel, who are randomly assigned, were nominated by Trump.

Judge Karen L. Henderson was nominated by **President George H.W. Bush** and has served on the court since 1990. Reporters and legal watchers will listen to Henderson closely.

The other two judges on the panel, **Florence Y. Pan** and **J. Michelle Childs**, were nominated by **President Biden** and confirmed by the Senate in 2022.

Childs was in the running for former Supreme Court justice **Stephen Breyer's** seat on the court. **Rep. Jim Clyburn** (D-S.C.) and **Sen. Lindsey Graham** (R-S.C.) urged Biden to choose Childs, who was a federal district court judge in South Carolina, but the appointment went to **Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson**. Biden nominated Pan for the seat vacated by Jackson.

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Our colleague **Devlin Barrett** says it's hard to say whether Trump's legal arguments will hold sway. But he says this: "This appeals court has already found in a separate case that Trump is not immune to civil liability for his actions as a presidential candidate around Jan. 6, so it is hard to imagine they will find he has absolute criminal immunity."

Another colleague, **Spencer S. Hsu**, adds that he's watching what the judges say about each of the arguments raised by Trump.

- For example, are they more concerned with Trump's claim of presidential immunity or his double jeopardy claim that former president's cannot be charged for conduct they have been impeached but not convicted of by the Senate?
- How much credence do they give an argument raised by outside left-leaning analysts suggesting Trump cannot appeal the immunity issue before trial at all?

THE TIMELINE

Time is of the essence. Smith had hoped to begin the trial against Trump on March 4, but that could be delayed depending on the outcome and timeline of a decision in this case.

Because this is a new legal question and they know it will be reviewed by the Supreme Court, the judges will want to write a thoughtful, in-depth opinion, according to Supreme Court reporter **Ann Marimow**. She predicts that a D.C. Circuit decision will "take weeks — not days."

But no matter the outcome of today's proceedings, the Supreme Court is likely to have the last word.

"After the D.C. Circuit issues its ruling, either party can seek rehearing by a full complement of appeals court judges or go directly to the Supreme Court," Ann adds.

THE IMPACT

While the outcome of this case will have huge consequences for the special counsel case, it could have implications in the Georgia case, too.

Trump filed similar claims in the Georgia case on Monday, where is charged with 13 counts related to an alleged conspiracy to overturn the 2020 election results in the state. If the Supreme Court finds that Trump was immune as president, that could affect the Georgia prosecution, even though he is charged with state crimes, Spencer notes.

And presidential immunity would not apply to the Florida case involving classified documents “because he was not president during the time of the alleged actions in the indictment,” our colleague **Perry Stein** says. It also won't apply to the case in New York, which alleges that Trump paid hush money to adult actress **Stormy Daniels**.

What we're watching

ON THE HILL

Austin fallout: We are watching continued fallout over **Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin's [failure to disclose his hospital stay](#)** to the president, members of Congress and officials at the Pentagon.

Rep. Matt Rosendale (R-Mont.) is filing articles of impeachment. The top Republican on the **House Armed Services Committee**, **Rep. Mike Rogers** (Ala.), [tweeted](#) that he's “quickly losing faith” in Austin's ability to lead the Defense Department.

Austin was admitted to a hospital after a procedure on Jan. 1 and was discharged from the intensive care unit last night.

Border security framework probably delayed: Senate negotiators on border security said Monday night that a framework is unlikely to be released this week, which negotiators had suggested was likely as recently as this weekend. Disagreements remain on too many issues, including parole, which has been the most difficult part of already tough negotiations.

“We'll continue to try and get this nailed down,” **Sen. Chris Murphy** (D-Conn.) told reporters, per our colleague **Paul Kane**.

OVERSEAS

Secretary of State Antony Blinken is in Tel Aviv today as escalating tensions between Israel and the Lebanese militant group **Hezbollah** raise the specter of a full-scale regional war.

On Monday evening, Israeli **Foreign Minister Israel Katz** said in a televised interview that Israel had killed a top Hezbollah commander, **Wissam al-Tawil**, calling it “part of the war,” our colleague **Annabelle Timsit** reports. The targeted killing comes as Israel weighs launching a major military operation in Lebanon.

- But as our colleagues **John Hudson**, **Yasmeen Abutaleb** and **Shane Harris** reported over the weekend, the Biden administration has privately warned Israeli officials against the escalation. Washington believes, based on a secret assessment from the **Defense Intelligence Agency**, that “it will be difficult for the **Israel Defense Forces** (IDF) to succeed because its military assets and resources would be spread too thin given the conflict in Gaza,” our colleagues report.

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The campaign

Violent political threats surge as 2024 begins, haunting American democracy



Law enforcement officers patrol the grounds of the Mississippi Capitol in Jackson on Jan. 4 as they deal with a second

consecutive day of bomb threats. (Rogelio V. Solis/AP)

Our colleagues **Sarah Ellison**, **Yvonne Wingett Sanchez** and **Patrick Marley** [take a look](#) at the violent threats and acts of intimidation against many government officials since the 2020 presidential election and its effect on American democracy.

Members of Congress, state officials, local leaders and judges have all been subjected to swatting, bomb threats and death threats.

- Special counsel Jack Smith, who is overseeing the prosecution of Trump in two federal cases, was the target of an attempted swatting at his Maryland residence on Christmas Day, [per NBC News's Michael Kosnar and Zoë Richards](#). Chutkan, the judge presiding over Trump's election subversion case, was the target of a similar incident on Sunday.

The targets of the threats share a common attribute: They have done or said something that has earned the ire of the former president, our colleagues write.

- "I am really worried that there is going to be a tragedy," Wisconsin Supreme Court **Justice Jill Karofsky** said in an interview with our colleagues. "I believe people when they say that they want to hurt us or kill us. I don't think they're idle threats."



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Investing in America Agenda

Missoula Current: [Federal grant to help preserve fish, floating on Clark Fork River](#)

Laura Lundquist, January 8, 2024

With the help of a federal grant, river conservationists are one step closer to opening more of the upper Clark Fork basin to fish and people. At the end of December, the U.S. Department of the Interior announced grants of more than \$51 million to watershed and river restoration projects nationwide through the Bureau of Reclamation's new WaterSMART Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Program. The Bureau of Reclamation awards were made possible through the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

Billings Gazette: [BLM botanist to discuss native seed program during Jan. 15 talk](#)

Staff, January 8, 2024

Identifying the plant species and habitats in Montana of most conservation concern will be part of Wendy Velman's presentation on Monday, Jan. 15, in Billings. Velman has been the Botany Program lead for the Bureau of Land Management in Montana and the Dakotas since 2011. She has worked to establish numerous partnerships to help collect, develop and increase native plant materials for use in restoration efforts on public land. Much of the focus for the use of native seeds is to help diversify prairie habitat that was planted with nonnative grass during the homestead era. The Seeds of Success program was established by the Department of the Interior in 2001 to collect and conserve native plant seeds for the restoration of degraded public lands. According to the BLM website, the program has already established more than 27,000 individual native seed collections. This program received a boost in funding from the 2021 Infrastructure Act, and some of the projects will directly benefit Montana.

E&E: [Interior watchdog steps up to monitor billions of dollars](#)

Michael Doyle, January 8, 2024

The influx of money allocated for orphan well cleanup and mine reclamation is among the Interior Department priorities that the Office of Inspector General plans to dig into this year. Interior Department watchdogs will be digging into how the department is spending billions of dollars on abandoned mine reclamation and orphaned well cleanups, under an ambitious oversight plan for the coming year. Heeding the investigative maxim of "follow the money," the fiscal 2024 oversight plan prepared by Interior's Office of Inspector General targets a number of programs that have received big funding boosts in several bills.

Colorado River Basin

The Hill: [Climate change could slash Colorado stream flows, with effects across the US West: report](#)

Sharon Udasin, January 8, 2024

Future warming could lead to significant reductions in Colorado's river flows by mid-century — impacting not only the Centennial State but also its neighbors downstream, a sweeping climate report warned on Monday. Colorado, a "headwaters" state for much of the U.S. West, has seen persistent dry conditions in recent decades, with four of the five most arid years in its 128-year history of records occurring since 2000, according to the state-funded Climate Change in Colorado survey.

Colorado Sun: [Climate change is a threat to Colorado's snowpack. What does that mean for the water in your tap?](#)

Shannon Mullane, January 9, 2024

The state's snowpack, a key water source to millions of people across the Western U.S., could be declining — if experts are reading the signs of climate change correctly. Yearly snow storms form an enormous frozen reservoir in Colorado, but climate change is threatening its future.

DOI and Offshore Energy

KATC: [Louisiana to see its first wind turbine at Port Fourchon](#)

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At the Greater Lafourche Port Commission's (GLPC) December board meeting, Gulf Wind Technology approved a lease agreement that will make Port Fourchon the first location in Louisiana to have an actual wind turbine. According GLPC officials, the wind turbine and its components are currently journeying across the Atlantic to the United States. The process to reassemble the turbine will commence shortly after the arrival of its parts.

Maritime Executive: [BOEM Aims to Control Offshore Wind Developments' Risk to Right Whales](#)

Staff, January 8, 2024

In advance of future offshore wind development in the New York Bight, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management is preparing a region-wide environmental impact statement, paving the way for faster federal permitting of each individual project down the road.

North American Wind Power: [BOEM Announces Review of Future New York, New Jersey Development Areas](#)

Kimberley Warner-Cohen, January 8, 2024

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) has invited the public to review and comment on a draft potential development of six wind lease areas offshore New York and New Jersey, in an area known as the New York Bight. BOEM estimates that full development of leases in this area, totaling more than 488,000 acres, has the potential to create up to 7 GW of offshore energy, enough to power up to two million homes.

Offshore Wind: [BOEM Opens Public Consultation on New York Bight Lease Areas](#)

Adnan Memija, January 9, 2024

The US Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) has launched a public consultation on the potential development of six wind lease areas offshore New York and New Jersey, in an area known as the New York Bight. In February 2022, BOEM held an auction that brought in over USD 4.3 billion for the rights to six lease areas in the New York Bight – a record amount for any US offshore renewable or conventional energy lease sale.

World Oil: [2024: A policy crossroads for American offshore energy](#)

Erik Molito, Opinion, January 8, 2024

As we usher in the close of 2023, the offshore energy sector stands at a pivotal juncture, grappling with the uncertain policies and attitudes of the federal government. While challenges are not unfamiliar to our industry, the current political landscape is laden with profound implications for our nation's energy security and economic prosperity.

E&E: [Interior releases review of building 1,000 wind turbines off NY coast](#)

Heather Richards, January 8, 2024

The analysis proposes various mitigation strategies to reduce the impact of a new industry emerging in the waters off New York and New Jersey. The Interior Department on Monday published a draft analysis of building more than 1,000 offshore wind turbines off the coast of New York, where two years ago developers spent billions for the right to build wind farms in a record sale by the Biden administration. The programmatic environmental impact statement details how offshore wind development in the shallow waters of the New York Bight would affect the environment, such as marine life, as well as other uses of those waters like commercial fishing.

E&E: [Whitehouse crafting legislation to boost offshore wind](#)

Kelsey Brugger, January 9, 2024

The Rhode Island senator is seeking to juice the industry, which has hit rocky times in the past few months. Rhode Island Democratic Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse will release draft legislation Tuesday that aims to boost the offshore wind energy industry. The working text will seek to improve the federal permitting process for offshore wind farms to better power the grid with carbon-free energy.

DOI and the Climate Crisis

New York Times: [Some California Farmers Pay for Groundwater. Is That Workable?](#)

Soumya Karlamangla, January 8, 2024

A conversation with Coral Davenport, a climate reporter, about a novel water payment system in the Pajaro Valley. California's Central Coast is an expensive place to grow food. The Pajaro Valley, which stretches for 10 miles along the coast of Monterey Bay, charges farmers for irrigation water from wells, a system that's far different from elsewhere in the nation, where growers typically water their crops by freely pumping groundwater.

The Cool Down: [New study reveals a concerning reason why the Earth's forests are changing: 'It's clear that we must adapt quickly'](#)

Shah Emami, January 8, 2024

Trees produce the oxygen we breathe and promote biodiversity in our ecosystems. However, the planet's climate is getting too

hot for some forests to sustain themselves. [...] “Healthy, resilient forests are critical to helping us respond to the climate impacts being felt by communities across the country, because they store carbon, provide clean air and water, and sustain biodiversity,” Tracy Stone-Manning, director of the Bureau of Land Management, said in a statement.

Mohave Daily News: [Agencies respond to low Topock Marsh water levels](#)

Fred Mayson, January 9, 2024

Fisherman Ray Fick says water levels dropping in the Topock Marsh over the past year — and he's not wrong. Fick has been fishing in the area for 38 years and according to him, the water levels have dropped about 10 feet over the past year, particularly in the North Dike area of the marshlands.

St. George News: [Man cycling 18,000 miles to all US national parks hopes to inspire change](#)

Stephanie DeGraw, January 8, 2024

A man cycling through all 51 national parks on a bike said raising awareness of how climate change could damage the parks forever is more challenging than his physical feat. Spencer McCullough, 28, has been on the road since April 2023 and will eventually travel 18,000 miles.

Bloomberg Law: [Well Drilling Request on Wyoming Lease Denied by Federal Court](#)

Shayna Greene, January 8, 2024

An energy trade association lost its bid to get approval for one of its members to drill two wells on Wyoming land where a federal court temporarily barred new lease sale authorizations. The Western Watersheds Project and Center for Biological Diversity challenged oil and gas leases on public lands across multiple western states, raising concern over the greater sage-grouse—a chicken-sized bird seen as an indicator species for the health of the sagebrush ecosystem.

E&E: [House, Senate Democrats ask court to halt Willow project](#)

Niina H. Farah, January 9, 2024

The fossil fuel project undermines a "pressing need to reduce reliance on non-renewable energy sources," the lawmakers told a federal court. More than a dozen Democratic lawmakers are backing conservation groups' calls for a federal appeals court to halt construction of a massive fossil fuel project in Alaska approved by the Biden administration almost a year ago. In a friend of the court brief, members of both chambers of Congress said the Interior Department should not have authorized ConocoPhillips' Willow project in a pristine area of Alaska's National Petroleum Reserve.

DOI and Conservation

New York Times: [Boundary Waters, Minnesota A protected watershed, but for how long?](#)

Stephanie Pearson, January 8, 2024

Last January, Interior Secretary Deb Haaland signed an order that bans toxic mining on 225,504 federal acres within the Rainy River Watershed in northern Minnesota for 20 years. That was good news for the 150,000 annual visitors who paddle the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, a network in the watershed of more than 1,200 miles of canoe routes that connect 1,100 freshwater lakes.

Courthouse News: [Colorado activists sue feds to block proposed trail near former nukes facility](#)

Ryan Knappenberger, January 8, 2024

The proposed trail would pass by the former Rocky Flats plant, which manufactured fission cores and was shut down following an FBI and EPA raid. Environmental activists filed a lawsuit Monday against the federal agencies claiming they ignored potential health concerns when approving a public trail near the former Rocky Flats nuclear weapons production facility just outside Denver, Colorado. The plaintiffs, including Physicians for Social Responsibility, the Rocky Mountain Peace and Justice Center and other Colorado groups seek to block the construction of an 8-mile trail through “the most heavily plutonium contaminated portion” of the Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge.

BNN: [Environmental and Health Advocacy Groups Sue U.S. Federal Agencies over Rocky Flats Greenway](#)

Staff, January 9, 2024

In a significant development, a coalition led by Physicians for Social Responsibility, along with several environmental and health advocacy groups, has lodged a lawsuit against U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, Interior Secretary Deb Haaland, and four federal agencies. The agencies are the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Federal Highway Administration among others. The lawsuit aims to halt the construction of an 8-mile greenway through Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge.

WV News Report: [Fayette County Residents Oppose the National Park Service's Plan to Demolish Historic Buildings in New River Gorge National Park](#)

Staff, January 8, 2024

The people of Thurmond, a small town in Fayette County, West Virginia, are upset with the National Park Service's (NPS) plans. The NPS wants to knock down 35 old buildings in the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve. This is a part of a project called the Great American Outdoors Act Legacy Restoration Fund. The project's goal is to make the park better, take care of old buildings, and cut down on costs.

WV Metro News: [National Park Service to host meeting regarding proposed demolition plan this week, Thurmond residents to present another option](#)

Katherine Skeldon, January 8, 2024

Residents of one historical community in Fayette County plan to present some more options during an upcoming meeting regarding the National Park Service's proposal to tear down 35 deteriorating and excess buildings within the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve.

Denver Post: [Colorado environmental groups file federal lawsuit to halt Rocky Flats trail](#)

Katie Langford, January 8, 2024

Physicians for Social Responsibility and five Colorado advocacy groups are suing Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, Interior Secretary Deb Haaland and four federal agencies to halt work on a trail through Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge. The lawsuit, filed in federal court in the District of Columbia on Monday, claims that the U.S. departments of Transportation and the Interior, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Federal Highway Administration violated the National Environmental Policy Act by not considering alternatives to constructing an 8-mile greenway "through the most heavily plutonium-contaminated portion" of the refuge.

KDVR: [Advocates sue to block trail through Rocky Flats, citing 'plutonium plume'](#)

Heather Willard, January 8, 2024

A federal lawsuit filed Monday aims to halt the Rocky Mountain Greenway project over concerns the trail would be built on "heavily contaminated portions" of the former Rocky Flats nuclear weapons production facility. The lawsuit was filed in federal court in Washington, D.C. The plaintiffs want alternative routes fairly considered.

WTOL: [Five companies to pay \\$7.2 million settlement for natural resource damages to Toledo watershed areas](#)

Ashley Taylor, January 8, 2024

Ohio Refining Co., Chevron U.S.A. Inc., Energy Transfer (R&M) LLC, Pilkington North America Inc. and Chemtrade Logistics Inc. all agreed to a \$7.2 million settlement to resolve claims of natural resource damage at the Duck & Otter Creek Natural Research Damage Assessment (NRDA) site. [...] "The Maumee River watershed, including Duck and Otter Creeks, provides key habitats for migratory birds and fish, and supports hunting and fishing activities for local residents," said Midwest Regional Director Will Meeks of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).

WVNS: [National Park Service meeting to address new project](#)

Autumn Collins, January 8, 2024

An open house meeting to discuss the project to remove excess structures and address maintenance needs for The National Park Service will be held on Thursday, January 8, 2024. The National Park Service Public Meeting and Open House will be held at The

Bank of Glen Jean.

8 News Now: [Colt killed after injuring leg escaping BLM roundup, event captured on video](#)

Greg Haas, January 8, 2024

Video showing a colt hurting its leg as it fights to get away from wranglers is the latest flashpoint in advocates' criticism of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) roundups on Nevada ranges. The colt was killed after the injury, one of two horses that died on Saturday, Jan. 6, the 10th day of the East Pershing Complex roundup. So far, 11 wild horses have died during the operation. The colt's death is classified as one of three "acute" deaths, with eight others due to chronic conditions that would prevent a horse from surviving in the wild. The horses are "humanely euthanized" according to the BLM.

Rocket Miner: [BLM provides guidelines for comments regarding management plan](#)

Trina Dennis Brittain, January 8, 2024

There are quite a few barriers between the use of technology and older adults, especially when thousands of organizations depend on technology for public input. A Sweetwater County resident brought forth concerns regarding comment guidelines for the Rock Springs Resource Management Plan.

Bloomberg Law: [Feds Fight Injunction Against Release of Gray Wolves in Colorado](#)

Peter Hayes, January 8, 2024

The US Fish and Wildlife Service asked a federal trial court to deny a request for a preliminary injunction that would bar the reintroduction of gray wolves to Colorado while a lawsuit challenging the plan goes forward. The injunction should be denied because the plaintiffs—Colorado Conservation Alliance and two individuals—haven't shown they have suffered an injury, making it unlikely they will succeed on the merits of their claims, the government said in a brief filed in the US District Court for the District of Colorado Jan. 5.

World Animal News: [A New Jaguar Has Been Spotted In Arizona Marking The 8th Jaguar In The Southwest In 30 Years](#)

Karen Lapizco, January 8, 2024

The discovery of a wild Jaguar in southern Arizona in recent trail camera footage is welcome news for the species not previously identified in the state. The images captured last month by wildlife enthusiast Jason Miller and analyzed by the Center for Biological Diversity confirm the eighth jaguar documented in the U.S. Southwest in the past three decades.

E&E: [Greens seek ESA protection for another Nevada wildflower](#)

Michael Doyle, January 8, 2024

The Carson Valley monkeyflower has lost habitat to sprawl in the Carson City area, environmentalists contend. Citing threats from residential sprawl, environmentalists Monday petitioned the Fish and Wildlife Service to provide Endangered Species Act protections to a rare Nevada plant called the Carson Valley monkeyflower. The small annual flower inhabits sagebrush areas in several counties around Carson City in Nevada, as well as a slice of California's Alpine County.

E&E: [Meet the mediator hired to lead gray wolf conversations](#)

Michael Doyle, January 8, 2024

In a Q&A, Francine Madden talks about her assignment from the Fish and Wildlife Service to gather people together on one of the most difficult wildlife topics before the agency. Francine Madden knows the gray wolf. The veteran mediation consultant has gone deep into one state's contentious disagreement about the predator. Now, she's taking that expertise to the national stage.

DOI and Indigenous Peoples

New York Times: [Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni, Arizona: Honoring the sacred Indigenous land around the Grand Canyon](#)

Gina Rae La Cerva, January 8, 2024

While Grand Canyon National Park is no stranger to travel bucket lists, there's a new reason to visit the southwestern United States. The recently designated Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni, or Ancestral Footprints of the Grand Canyon National Monument,

now conserves around 900,000 acres of plateaus, canyons and other land surrounding the Grand Canyon. Considered the ancestral homelands of more than a dozen Indigenous tribes, the monument also preserves more than 3,000 Native cultural and historic sites, reflecting the area's deep spiritual and sacred significance.

New Republic: [This Tribe Got Their “Land Back.” But It’s No Longer Livable.](#)

Margret Grebowicz, January 9, 2024

The Timbisha Shoshone are legally permitted to live in Death Valley National Park. But the vegetation vital to their traditions and livelihoods is dying. The high temperatures in Death Valley National Park attract tourists from all over the world. Big groups come in shiny luxury buses. Visiting Badwater and Zabriskie Point, the park’s most frequented attractions, you’re likely to run into at least one film crew or fashion shoot from nearby L.A. And the luxury hotel the Inn at Death Valley boasts a forest of whispering palm trees, a lush golf course, a swimming pool, and gourmet seafood entrees in the middle of the hottest place on earth.

Globe and Mail: [Bison bounce back in the American West, giving Indigenous nations hope for restorations of their own](#)

Nathan Vanderklippe, January 9, 2024

Tribes and the U.S. government are reintroducing herds of native animals like never before, and Canadians who want to do the same are taking notes. Marcus McClung steers a Toyota Tacoma down roads turned into greasy mud by rain. He scans the horizon, occasionally grabbing binoculars in hopes of spotting his quarry among the dark shrubs. But the view is obscured by thick waves of fog that roll in. The bison have vanished into their new landscape.

Cronkite News: [‘We are survivors.’ National, Arizona projects aim to uncover, preserve histories of Native American boarding schools](#)

Ellie Willard, January 8, 2024

A national oral history project aims to document the experiences of Indigenous children who attended federal boarding schools. The Department of the Interior announced the project in September as part of the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative. The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABS) has been entrusted to lead the project with \$3.7 million in grant funding through the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

KELO: [A closer look at state of emergency on Pine Ridge Reservation](#)

Dan Santella and Lauren Soulek, January 8, 2024

Oglala Sioux Tribal President Frank Star Comes Out issued a state of emergency on November 18 for the Pine Ridge Reservation in southwest South Dakota, saying in the proclamation that law and order had broken down because the United States government had failed in its “responsibilities to provide adequate law enforcement on the Reservation.”

DOI and Other Bureau News

AP: [Park Service retracts decision to take down William Penn statue at Philadelphia historical site](#)

Marc Levy, January 8, 2024

The National Park Service withdrew a proposal Monday to take down a statue of William Penn at a Philadelphia historical site as part of a renovation that touched off a torrent of criticism over the legacy of the man who founded the province of Pennsylvania. In a brief statement, Independence National Historical Park said it has withdrawn the proposal it had announced quietly before the weekend about a wider renovation of Welcome Park, located just blocks from the Liberty Bell and the National Constitution Center.

Washington Post: [William Penn statue to stay in Welcome Park after National Park Service reversal](#)

Azi Paybarah, January 8, 2024

NPS initially said removing the statue from the Philadelphia park would make a more ‘welcoming, accurate, and inclusive experience for visitors’. The National Park Service announced on Monday it will not remove a statue of William Penn from the park in Philadelphia where his home once stood.

Wall Street Journal: [Park Service Withdraws Plan to Remove William Penn Statue](#)

Kris Maher, January 8, 2024

The National Park Service withdrew its plan to remove a statue of William Penn from a Philadelphia park after it drew fire from state GOP leaders, who criticized it as an attempt to “cancel” the founder of the colony that would become Pennsylvania. The federal agency said last week that the statue would be removed as part of a proposal to rehabilitate Welcome Park, located on the site of Penn’s former home, to make the park more welcoming, accurate and inclusive.

USA Today: [National Park Service scraps plan to remove Philadelphia statue after online firestorm](#)

Amaris Encinas, January 8, 2024

The National Park Service will no longer move forward with plans to permanently remove Pennsylvania founder William Penn’s statue from a historical park, the agency said Monday. Removing the statue, along with a replica of Penn’s home, were among some of the changes planned for Welcome Park, a recreation area within Independence National Historical Park in Philadelphia, according to the Friday announcement.

National Review: [National Park Service Retracts Plan to Remove William Penn Statue from Philadelphia Park](#)

David Zimmerman, January 8, 2024

The National Park Service on Monday retracted its plan to remove the William Penn statue as part of rehabilitating Welcome Park in Philadelphia, Pa., three days after it was announced that the landmark sculpture “would be removed and not reinstalled.”

PennLive: [No changes planned to William Penn statue in Philly, park service says](#)

Paul Vigna, January 8, 2024

Independence National Historical Park has withdrawn the review of a draft proposal to rehabilitate Welcome Park and closed the public comment period, the National Park Service (NPS) said Monday. The preliminary draft proposal, which was released prematurely and had not been subject to a complete internal agency review, is being retracted.

Philadelphia Inquirer: [William Penn statue will not be removed from Welcome Park, says National Park Service in sudden reversal](#)

Frank Kummer, January 8, 2024

The sudden reversal came after a barrage of complaints, often spearheaded by Republicans, but joined by high-profile Democrats such as Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro. The National Park Service has withdrawn a proposal to permanently remove a statue of William Penn as part of its rehabilitation of Welcome Park in Old City, saying the plan was “released prematurely and had not been subject to a complete internal agency review.”

PhillyVoice: [William Penn statue will not be removed from Philly’s Welcome Park, NPS says](#)

John Paul Titlow, January 8, 2024

A proposed redesign for the historical site called for the monument to be taken down and greater emphasis placed on the city’s Native American history. The proposed plan to remove the William Penn statue from Welcome Park in Old City was withdrawn by the National Park Service on Monday after it was sharply criticized by a Republican state lawmaker and other conservatives.

DelCo Daily Times: [National Park Service walks back plan to remove William Penn statue at Welcome Park in Philadelphia](#)

Medianews Group and Tribune News Service, January 8, 2024

On Monday night, the National Park Service withdrew a draft proposal to rehabilitate Welcome Park, including removing a statue of William Penn in a move that had set off an uproar earlier in the day. The press release read, “Independence National Historical Park has withdrawn the review of a draft proposal to rehabilitate Welcome Park and closed the public comment period. The preliminary draft proposal, which was released prematurely and had not been subject to a complete internal agency review, is being retracted. No changes to the William Penn statue are planned.

CBS News Philadelphia: [Plan to remove William Penn statue, renovate Welcome Park in Philadelphia withdrawn](#)

Tom Ignudo, January 8, 2024

A plan to renovate Philadelphia’s Welcome Park, including removing the William Penn Statue, has been withdrawn, the National

Park Service said Monday. The NPS said the plan for the park located at Second and Walnut Streets was released "prematurely."

NBC Philadelphia: [NPS withdrawals plan to remove statue of William Penn from site of his Philadelphia home](#)

Hayden Mitman and Kaleah Mcilwain, January 8, 2024

Following public outcry -- and intervention from the governor -- the NPS has withdrawn a renovation plan for Welcome Park at the site of William Penn's former home in the city's Old City neighborhood.

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- For example, are they more concerned with Trump's claim of presidential immunity or his double jeopardy claim that former president's cannot be charged for conduct they have been impeached but not convicted of by the Senate?
- How much credence do they give an argument raised by outside left-leaning analysts suggesting Trump cannot appeal the immunity issue before trial at all?

THE TIMELINE

Time is of the essence. Smith had hoped to begin the trial against Trump on March 4, but that could be delayed depending on the outcome and timeline of a decision in this case.

Because this is a new legal question and they know it will be reviewed by the Supreme Court, the judges will want to write a thoughtful, in-depth opinion, according to Supreme Court reporter **Ann Marimow**. She predicts that a D.C. Circuit decision will "take weeks — not days."

But no matter the outcome of today's proceedings, the Supreme Court is likely to have the last word.

“After the D.C. Circuit issues its ruling, either party can seek rehearing by a full complement of appeals court judges or go directly to the Supreme Court,” Ann adds.

THE IMPACT

While the outcome of this case will have huge consequences for the special counsel case, it could have implications in the Georgia case, too.

Trump filed similar claims in the [Georgia case](#) on Monday, where is charged with 13 counts related to an alleged conspiracy to overturn the 2020 election results in the state. If the Supreme Court finds that Trump was immune as president, that could affect the Georgia prosecution, even though he is charged with state crimes, Spencer notes.

And presidential immunity would not apply to the Florida case involving classified documents “because he was not president during the time of the alleged actions in the indictment,” our colleague **Perry Stein** says. It also won't apply to the case in New York, which alleges that Trump paid hush money to adult actress **Stormy Daniels**.

What we're watching

ON THE HILL

Austin fallout: We are watching continued fallout over **Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin's [failure to disclose his hospital stay](#)** to the president, members of Congress and officials at the Pentagon.

Rep. Matt Rosendale (R-Mont.) is filing articles of impeachment. The top Republican on the **House Armed Services Committee**, **Rep. Mike Rogers** (Ala.), [tweeted](#) that he's “quickly losing faith” in Austin's ability to lead the Defense Department.

Austin was admitted to a hospital after a procedure on Jan. 1 and was discharged from the intensive care unit last night.

Border security framework probably delayed: Senate negotiators on border security said Monday night that a framework is unlikely to be released this week, which negotiators

had suggested was likely as recently as this weekend. Disagreements remain on too many issues, including parole, which has been the most difficult part of already tough negotiations.

“We’ll continue to try and get this nailed down,” **Sen. Chris Murphy** (D-Conn.) told reporters, per our colleague **Paul Kane**.

OVERSEAS

Secretary of State Antony Blinken is in Tel Aviv today as escalating tensions between Israel and the Lebanese militant group **Hezbollah** raise the specter of a full-scale regional war.

On Monday evening, Israeli **Foreign Minister Israel Katz** said in a televised interview that Israel had killed a top Hezbollah commander, **Wissam al-Tawil**, calling it “part of the war,” our colleague **Annabelle Timsit** reports. The targeted killing comes as Israel weighs launching a major military operation in Lebanon.

- But as our colleagues **John Hudson, Yasmeen Abutaleb** and **Shane Harris** reported over the weekend, the Biden administration has privately warned Israeli officials against the escalation. Washington believes, based on a secret assessment from the **Defense Intelligence Agency**, that “it will be difficult for the **Israel Defense Forces** (IDF) to succeed because its military assets and resources would be spread too thin given the conflict in Gaza,” our colleagues report.

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The campaign

Violent political threats surge as 2024 begins, haunting American democracy



Law enforcement officers patrol the grounds of the Mississippi Capitol in Jackson on Jan. 4 as they deal with a second consecutive day of bomb threats. (Rogelio V. Solis/AP)

Our colleagues **Sarah Ellison**, **Yvonne Wingett Sanchez** and **Patrick Marley** take a look at the violent threats and acts of intimidation against many government officials since the 2020 presidential election and its effect on American democracy.

Members of Congress, state officials, local leaders and judges have all been subjected to swatting, bomb threats and death threats.

- Special counsel Jack Smith, who is overseeing the prosecution of Trump in two federal cases, was the target of an attempted swatting at his Maryland residence on Christmas Day, per **NBC News's Michael Kosnar** and **Zoë Richards**. Chutkan, the judge presiding over Trump's election subversion case, was the target of a similar incident on Sunday.

The targets of the threats share a common attribute: They have done or said something that has earned the ire of the former president, our colleagues write.

- "I am really worried that there is going to be a tragedy," Wisconsin Supreme Court **Justice Jill Karofsky** said in an interview with our colleagues. "I believe people when

they say that they want to hurt us or kill us. I don't think they're idle threats.”

The Media

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- For example, are they more concerned with Trump's claim of presidential immunity or his double jeopardy claim that former president's cannot be charged for conduct they have been impeached but not convicted of by the Senate?
- How much credence do they give an argument raised by outside left-leaning analysts suggesting Trump cannot appeal the immunity issue before trial at all?

THE TIMELINE

Time is of the essence. Smith had hoped to begin the trial against Trump on March 4, but that could be delayed depending on the outcome and timeline of a decision in this case.

Because this is a new legal question and they know it will be reviewed by the Supreme Court, the judges will want to write a thoughtful, in-depth opinion, according to Supreme Court reporter **Ann Marimow**. She predicts that a D.C. Circuit decision will "take weeks —

not days.”

But no matter the outcome of today's proceedings, the Supreme Court is likely to have the last word.

“After the D.C. Circuit issues its ruling, either party can seek rehearing by a full complement of appeals court judges or go directly to the Supreme Court,” Ann adds.

THE IMPACT

While the outcome of this case will have huge consequences for the special counsel case, it could have implications in the Georgia case, too.

Trump filed similar claims in the [Georgia case](#) on Monday, where is charged with 13 counts related to an alleged conspiracy to overturn the 2020 election results in the state. If the Supreme Court finds that Trump was immune as president, that could affect the Georgia prosecution, even though he is charged with state crimes, Spencer notes.

And presidential immunity would not apply to the Florida case involving classified documents “because he was not president during the time of the alleged actions in the indictment,” our colleague **Perry Stein** says. It also won't apply to the case in New York, which alleges that Trump paid hush money to adult actress **Stormy Daniels**.

What we're watching

ON THE HILL

Austin fallout: We are watching continued fallout over **Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin's** [failure to disclose his hospital stay](#) to the president, members of Congress and officials at the Pentagon.

Rep. Matt Rosendale (R-Mont.) is filing articles of impeachment. The top Republican on the **House Armed Services Committee**, **Rep. Mike Rogers** (Ala.), [tweeted](#) that he's “quickly losing faith” in Austin's ability to lead the Defense Department.

Austin was admitted to a hospital after a procedure on Jan. 1 and was discharged from the intensive care unit last night.

Border security framework probably delayed: Senate negotiators on border security said Monday night that a framework is unlikely to be released this week, which negotiators had suggested was likely as recently as this weekend. Disagreements remain on too many issues, including parole, which has been the most difficult part of already tough negotiations.

“We’ll continue to try and get this nailed down,” **Sen. Chris Murphy** (D-Conn.) told reporters, per our colleague **Paul Kane**.

OVERSEAS

Secretary of State Antony Blinken is in Tel Aviv today as escalating tensions between Israel and the Lebanese militant group **Hezbollah** raise the specter of a full-scale regional war.

On Monday evening, Israeli **Foreign Minister Israel Katz** said in a televised interview that Israel had killed a top Hezbollah commander, **Wissam al-Tawil**, calling it “part of the war,” our colleague **Annabelle Timsit** reports. The targeted killing comes as Israel weighs launching a major military operation in Lebanon.

- But as our colleagues **John Hudson, Yasmeeen Abutaleb** and **Shane Harris** reported over the weekend, the Biden administration has privately warned Israeli officials against the escalation. Washington believes, based on a secret assessment from the **Defense Intelligence Agency**, that “it will be difficult for the **Israel Defense Forces** (IDF) to succeed because its military assets and resources would be spread too thin given the conflict in Gaza,” our colleagues report.

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The campaign

Violent political threats surge as 2024 begins, haunting American democracy



Law enforcement officers patrol the grounds of the Mississippi Capitol in Jackson on Jan. 4 as they deal with a second consecutive day of bomb threats. (Rogelio V. Solis/AP)

Our colleagues **Sarah Ellison**, **Yvonne Wingett Sanchez** and **Patrick Marley** [take a look](#) at the violent threats and acts of intimidation against many government officials since the 2020 presidential election and its effect on American democracy.

Members of Congress, state officials, local leaders and judges have all been subjected to swatting, bomb threats and death threats.

- Special counsel Jack Smith, who is overseeing the prosecution of Trump in two federal cases, was the target of an attempted swatting at his Maryland residence on Christmas Day, [per NBC News's Michael Kosnar and Zoë Richards](#). Chutkan, the judge presiding over Trump's election subversion case, was the target of a similar incident on Sunday.

The targets of the threats share a common attribute: They have done or said something that has earned the ire of the former president, our colleagues write.

- “I am really worried that there is going to be a tragedy,” Wisconsin Supreme Court **Justice Jill Karofsky** said in an interview with our colleagues. “I believe people when they say that they want to hurt us or kill us. I don't think they're idle threats.”

The Media

Must reads

From The Post:

- [Millions of gig workers could qualify as employees under new Biden-era rule.](#) By **Lauren Kaori Gurley**.
- [Rep. Steny Hoyer to seek reelection, quashing speculation of retirement.](#) By **Erin Cox**.

From across the web:

- [Biden renominates Julie Su for labor secretary after Senate declined to confirm her for ten months.](#) By the **Associated Press**.
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Colorado River Basin

Salt Lake Tribune: [Feds will take over if Western states can't agree on Colorado River plan](#)

Anastasia Hufham, January 6, 2024

The rules that have guided Colorado River operations for two decades will expire at the end of 2026. Water negotiators across the West have been devising a new set of guidelines — dubbed “post-2026 operations” — that will address water use imbalances, the effects of climate change and tribal water rights. Now, Colorado River Basin states — Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming — only have a few months to finalize a plan to present to the U.S. Department of the Interior.

The Water Desk: [What to watch on the Colorado River in 2024](#)

Luke Runyon, January 4, 2024

A wet year in 2023 brought short-term relief, but long-term uncertainty still hangs over the West's critical waterway. After years of dry conditions throughout the West, 2023 gave the region's water managers the greatest gift of all: a hefty snowpack. This year's winter snow eventually melted and boosted the Colorado River's beleaguered reservoirs. The Hail Mary winter storms came just in time. Without the savior snows, the river's second-largest reservoir, Lake Powell, was on a glide path toward losing the ability to produce hydropower at Glen Canyon Dam, not to mention the harm to the long-term ecological health of the river and its main tributaries.

Investing in America Agenda

New York Times: [Colorado River States Are Racing to Agree on Cuts Before Inauguration Day](#)

Christopher Flavelle, January 6, 2024

California, Arizona and others, fearing a political shake-up of negotiating teams after the November election, are aiming to wrap up work this year. The states that rely on the Colorado River, which is shrinking because of climate change and overuse, are rushing to agree on a long-term deal to share the dwindling resource by the end of the year. They worry that a change in administrations after the election could set back talks.

Chicago Sun Times: [For conservation's sake, transfer Joliet Training Area to Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie](#)

Michael Davidson, Paul Botts and Jack Darin, Opinion, January 5, 2024

An investment in Midewin, one of the largest prairie restorations east of the Mississippi River, is an investment in a climate-resilient future for our region, leaders of Openlands, Wetlands Initiative and Sierra Club Illinois write. Recently, at the United Nations Climate Change Conference, COP28, Assistant Secretary for the Interior Shannon Estenoz said, "Investing in nature is investing in ourselves. By employing nature-based solutions, land managers and decision-makers can restore and sustain healthy ecosystems that in turn support healthy communities and economies."

Public News Service: [Federal funding could transform Ohio Valley into a manufacturing hub](#)

Nadia Ramlagan, January 8, 2024

Manufacturers in Ohio employ around 12% of the state's workforce, and advocates say the state's Appalachian region could bolster its economy by turning itself into a green manufacturing hub. Dana Kuhnline - program director with the group ReImagine Appalachia - said manufacturing in the clean-energy sector would create good jobs and help build local economies, as well as help curb climate change. "What can we manufacture in Appalachia?" said Kuhnline. "How can we reuse shuttered facilities, like closed steel facilities and shuttered coal plants? And what are sustainable products that Appalachia could become a hub for, that we could make in this region? "

Yakima Herald: [Yakama Nation Fisheries receives grant funding to realign highway near Leavenworth](#)

Jasper Kenzo Sundeen, January 6, 2024

Yakama Nation Fisheries is set to receive almost \$3.5 million in grant funding for efforts to restore salmon habitat at Nason Creek in Chelan County. The funding would help cover a \$12 million project to restore floodplain around Nason Creek and State Route 207, which connects with U.S. Highway 2 nearby, about 15 miles north of Leavenworth. Almost \$3 million would come from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and \$500,000 would come from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

Oil City News: [National Park Service, American Forests partner to restore threatened whitebark pine](#)

Staff, January 5, 2024

The National Park Service and American Forests have signed a five-year agreement to help return threatened whitebark pine to its range in the western U.S., including Yellowstone National Park, Grand Teton National Park and other parts of Wyoming. As part of President Joe Biden's Investing in America agenda, the partnership will support restoration activities in national parks where whitebark pine grows. Initial projects in Yellowstone, Glacier and Grand Teton national parks are part of \$44 million in funding from the Inflation Reduction Act, the largest climate and conservation investment in history.

E&E: [How current is that wildfire risk map? Depends on the state.](#)

Avery Ellfeldt, January 8, 2024

Limited funding has made it hard for states to keep their wildfire risk maps up to date, even as global warming increases the danger. For years, Colorado's wildfire risk map was so inaccurate that state officials all but ignored it. It was long outdated, especially in the state's western half. There, but unmarked on the map, was more than 3 million acres of forest where mountain pine beetles had killed lodgepole, limber and ponderosa pines — transforming the forest floor into a tinderbox of dead kindling.

DOI and Offshore Energy

NPR: [Offshore wind farm starts generating power](#)

Barbara Moran, January 4, 2024

Offshore wind is a young industry in the U.S. This week, it hit a milestone when one of the country's first two commercial-scale projects, Vineyard Wind, started sending power to the grid. Vineyard Wind, off the coast of Massachusetts, delivered five megawatts of electricity from one turbine. Now, that may not sound like much, but it is a big deal for this new industry.

The Cool Down: [State makes history with its first offshore wind project: 'The next chapter in \[our\] great history'](#)

Jeremiah Budin, January 8, 2024

Louisiana is set to break a clean energy milestone in the United States, launching the first two offshore wind farms in state waters. The projects, known as Cajun Wind and Diamond Offshore Wind, have already been approved by Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards and the state's Department of Natural Resources. Cajun Wind is being developed by Danish manufacturer Vestas Wind Systems (via its North American arm Steelhead Americas) and Diamond Offshore Wind is being developed by Mitsubishi.

BNN: [US BOEM Updates Offshore Renewable Energy Guidelines](#)

Rafia Tasleem, January 6, 2024

The US Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) has unveiled revised guidelines for providing geophysical, geotechnical, and geohazard information crucial to offshore renewable energy projects. The guidelines, stipulated under 30 CFR Part 585, were initially published in May 2020, focusing primarily on the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf (OCS).

Coastal Point: [U.S. Wind initiates benefits talk with towns](#)

Mike Smith, January 5, 2024

US Wind has formally presented to the Delaware Association of Coastal Towns (ACT) a package of community benefits for the good of Delaware's coastal residents. The ACT communities of Henlopen Acres, Rehoboth Beach, Dewey Beach, Bethany Beach and South Bethany have begun to evaluate the offer and will proceed with discussions through their respective public meeting processes.

Shore News Network: [Another Offshore Wind Farm Project Off the Jersey Shore Bites the Dust](#)

Robert Walker, January 6, 2024

Equinor (EQNR.OL) and BP (BP.L) announced the termination of their power sale agreement with New York State for the proposed Empire Wind 2 offshore wind farm. The decision, attributed to rising inflation, higher borrowing costs, and supply chain challenges, repositions the project for future development opportunities. Equinor, in a statement on Wednesday, referenced the impact of broad economic changes on the industry. The move coincides with New York's new offshore wind solicitation, allowing companies to renegotiate or exit old contracts.

Shore News Network: [New Jersey Governor Full Steam Ahead on Wind Farms Amid Crippling Industry Crisis](#)

Robert Walker, January 7, 2024

The offshore wind energy sector in New Jersey and New York is experiencing significant challenges. In New Jersey, Governor Phil Murphy's renewable energy goals suffered a blow with Ørsted's withdrawal from two key offshore wind projects, Ocean Winds I and II. The Danish company cited inflation, interest rate hikes, and supply chain issues, leading to a \$2.8 billion reduction in the

first project's value.

Clean Technica: [Giant Subsea "Starfish" To Help Push The Cost Of Floating Offshore Wind Down And Downer](#)

Tina Casey, January 7, 2024

The US is depending on floating wind turbine technology to get its hands on more offshore wind resources. However, floating wind is a relatively new industry and costs tend to run higher, compared to the more familiar offshore wind turbines that sit on high towers fixed to the seabed. Fortunately, solutions have been emerging, and it looks like a key goal is already within reach.

E&E: [Offshore wind faces more financial turbulence in 2024](#)

Heather Richards, January 8, 2024

To meet the White House's mandates for offshore wind, the Interior Department will have to accelerate its pace in assessing projects. The offshore wind industry is hoping for new momentum in 2024 to counter the broken contracts, canceled wind farms and missed targets characterizing its last 18 months. While experts say the nascent industry is getting back on its feet after being thrashed by inflationary costs and an immature supply chain after the pandemic, the enormous scale of building a new U.S. renewable sector from scratch still poses significant challenges that could stall a key plank of President Joe Biden's climate agenda.

E&E: [Republicans to thrash Interior offshore drilling plan](#)

Heather Richards, January 8, 2024

A hearing this week will be the first since the Interior Department finalized its five-year drilling plan. A House Natural Resources subcommittee will pick apart President Joe Biden's offshore energy agenda during a hearing this week. Titled "Examining the Biden Administration's Limits on Access to the [Outer Continental Shelf]: Impacts on Consumers, States and Operators," the Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee hearing will be the first since the Interior Department published its five-year offshore leasing plan in December.

DOI and the Climate Crisis

NBC New York: [A magnitude 1.7 earthquake hit NYC. Is climate change a culprit?](#)

Linda Gaudino, January 6, 2024

New York City dwellers were abruptly awoken at the crack of dawn on Tuesday by an escalating, rumbling vibration that sired a rush of police cars and fire trucks. What sounded the alarms for a possible explosion turned into a minor earthquake, a seemingly foreign experience to New Yorkers, but what turns out to be nature running its course. The United States Geological Survey (USGS) reported a magnitude 1.7 earthquake occurred at 5:45 a.m. Tuesday near Astoria, Queens.

DOI and Conservation

CBS News: [Endangered jaguar previously unknown to U.S. is caught on camera in Arizona](#)

Staff, January 8, 2024

There's been another jaguar sighting in southern Arizona and it's the eighth different jaguar documented in the southwestern U.S. since 1996, according to wildlife officials. Jason Miller, a hobbyist wildlife videographer who posts trail camera footage online, captured the image of a roaming jaguar late last month in the Huachuca Mountains near Tucson, CBS affiliate KPHO-TV reported. A spokesman for the Arizona Game and Fish Department said the agency has authenticated Miller's footage and has confirmed this is a new jaguar to the United States.

NowThis News: [To Save One Owl Species, We Have To Kill Another](#)

Sophia Anderson, January 5, 2024

In order to save one endangered owl species, hunters might have to shoot and kill the 470,000 barred owls that are overcrowding forests on the West Coast of the United States, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) argued in a new proposal. If we don't take action, the agency said, roughly 7,000 of the remaining northern spotted owls could become extinct.

Arizona Republic: [1,000 wild Arizona burros are going to be relocated. Here's why](#)

Rey Covarrubias Jr., January 6, 2024

Bureau of Land Management announced on Dec. 20 that it plans to gather and relocate 1,000 wild burros near Kingman due to overpopulation concerns. The burros lived in the Black Mountain Herd Management Area in Mohave County, and the herd grew to three times the appropriate size, according to a news release from the Bureau of Land Management.

Nevada Independent: [Conservationists seek federal protection for rare Nevada wildflower](#)

Amy Alonzo, January 8, 2024

*Come spring, clusters of tiny, yellow wildflowers will blanket Washoe, Eagle and Carson valleys. The vibrant display put on by *Erythranthe carsonensis* — the Carson Valley monkeyflower — is endemic to just a few areas around Northern Nevada and a miniscule corner of California's Alpine County, growing on sandy flats and gentle slopes within sagebrush habitat. But it's highly threatened, according to conservationists at the Center for Biological Diversity who, on Monday, will officially petition the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to add the plant to the endangered species list, arguing that federal protections along with designation of critical habitat are needed to maintain the survival of the delicate flowers.*

Cowboy State Daily: [Dennis Sun: Endangered Species Act -- All Stick and No Carrots](#)

Dennis Sun, Opinion, January 5, 2024

The Endangered Species Act (ESA) is 50 years old and is possibly one of the most controversial acts ever passed. In 1973, the ESA passed in the U.S. House and U.S. Senate by a large majority and was signed by President Nixon. As the act reads, it "authorized the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service to establish a list of endangered and threatened plant and animal species and made it illegal to collect, harm or kill certain species."

Las Vegas Sun: [BLM aims to round up thousands of horses in Nevada](#)

Hillary Davis, January 7, 2024

The ongoing wild horse roundup in rural Northern Nevada is planned to be what is likely the single largest gather conducted by the federal government. The Bureau of Land Management plans to gather and remove 2,875 mustangs from what the agency calls the East Pershing Complex. The roundup started Dec. 28, and as of Jan. 3, had netted 733 animals using low-flying helicopters and wranglers to drive the feral horses toward traps, according to BLM reports. The operation could last through February.

Northern Journal: [Alaska lost a lawsuit that challenged a COVID-era emergency moose hunt. Now, it's appealing for a second time.](#)

Nathaniel Herz, January 5, 2024

It's one of multiple cases in which the Dunleavy administration is clashing with the federal government over fish and game management, and over who has the ultimate regulatory power in that realm. In the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic, the leader of a Southeast Alaska island village's tribal government asked federal managers to open an emergency hunt, citing the community's fears about having enough food. The request was approved by a federal management agency, the Federal Subsistence Board, and the harvest of moose and deer went ahead, supplying 135 households with meat.

Grand Junction Daily Sentinel: [Comments being taken on recovery plan for lynx, which faces climate-change threat](#)

Dennis Webb, January 8, 2024

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is continuing to accept comments through Jan. 30 on a recently released draft recovery plan for the Canada lynx in Colorado and other Lower 48 states, where it is now considered to be primarily threatened by climate change.

Tucson Sentinel: [New wild jaguar spotted in Southern Arizona, enviros confirm](#)

Paul Ingram, January 5, 2024

A remote trail camera in Southern Arizona operated by a wildlife enthusiast recorded a previously unknown jaguar in late December, the Center for Biological Diversity confirmed Friday. The Tucson-based group said the footage shows a jaguar "not previously identified in the state," making the charismatic big cat the eighth jaguar documented in Arizona over the last 30 years

—decades after the species was all but eliminated from the southwestern United States.

Missoulian: [Guest view: MHCA vital for family farms and ranches](#)

Eric Hansen, Dan High and Tony Johnson, Opinion, January 6, 2024

It's no secret that family ranches in southwest Montana are struggling. Younger generations can't afford to buy a home, let alone a ranch that easily costs 10 times what a cow or hay can produce. What working ranch doesn't need to buy out multiple family members, so the people working on these ranches can carry on or make moves towards succession? Since they first homesteaded, many ranch families have faced financial hardships trying to get their land passed onto the upcoming generation. That's why we are deeply disappointed by the shortsighted opposition to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service proposal to create the Missouri Headwaters Conservation Area.

Post and Courier: [In the South, developers enter a complicated relationship with endangered bats](#)

Clare Fieseler, January 5, 2024

Fireflies flickered in near synchronicity against the dark canopy as two researchers worked below in a swampy clearing. Standing over a dented card table, they placed a tiny, screeching bat in a canvas bag. Then they delicately set it on a scale. Jennifer Kindel, a bat biologist, recited the weight. A wildlife technician tapped the number into a tablet with a gloved hand. Both donned surgical masks.

Amherst Bulletin: [Keeping eagles aloft: Marking 50 years of Endangered Species Act successes in Valley and beyond](#)

Maddie Fabian, January 5, 2024

Ask almost any conservationist about an Endangered Species Act (ESA) success story and they will tell you about the bald eagle. "Growing up, I would have never seen a bald eagle in western Massachusetts," said Jeff Collins, senior director of conservation science at Mass Audubon. The national bird was nearly driven extinct in the lower 48 states, in large part because of the infamous insecticide DDT, formerly widely used in agriculture.

KPAX: [FWP: 'Incidental captures' of lynx reported in Northwest Montana](#)

Staff, January 5, 2024

State wildlife officials report that bobcat trappers in Northwest Montana caught two lynx last week. Both instances were self-reported by the trappers and were subsequently reported to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) by Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP). Lynx are listed as a threatened species and protected under the Endangered Species Act and the USFWS "has established an allowable incidental take for lynx in the lower 48 states," a news release states.

E&E: [Interior shuffles personnel for public lands, minerals slots](#)

Hannah Northey, January 5, 2024

The agency made several moves Friday to oversee President Biden's vision for clean energy projects, mining reforms and public lands. The Interior Department on Friday made several personnel moves that they say will help the agency usher in clean energy projects, mining reforms and oversee President Biden's vision for public lands. Steve Feldgus has been tapped to serve as principal deputy assistant secretary for land and minerals management after serving as deputy assistant secretary for almost three years.

E&E: [Q&A: Fish and Wildlife's new Midwest director digs in](#)

Michael Doyle, January 5, 2024

Will Meeks will oversee work in eight states, from the Great Lakes to controversial gray wolf protections. This Fish and Wildlife Service career employee has a lot more to learn about his native Midwest. Born and raised in northern Ohio, Will Meeks last November was named director of the federal agency's Midwest region. The position oversees about 1,000 employees and spans Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin.

DOI and Indigenous Peoples

Los Angeles Times: [Opinion: Protecting Alaska's wilderness — and our Indigenous way of life — is critical to a green future](#)

Ricko Dewilde, Opinion, January 8, 2024

"Alaska is America's natural resource warehouse." That is what Republican Gov. Mike Dunleavy told then-President Trump in 2018. But our home is far more than storage for the next fad of consumer desires in the Lower 48 states. In Alaska, we are facing an onslaught of proposed projects that threaten to destroy our way of life. Perhaps the most concerning of these is the proposed Ambler industrial mining road.

Cherokee One Feather: [Effort to restore Kuwohi name moving forward](#)

Scott McKie, January 5, 2024

The effort by two Cherokee women to restore the name of Kuwohi to an area in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park is now one step closer to coming to fruition. The Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) passed Res. No. 72 (2024) unanimously during its regular session on Thursday, Jan. 4 that approves the submittal of an application on behalf of the Tribe to restore the name of the mountain currently known as Clingman's Dome to Kuwohi which means 'mulberry place' in the Cherokee language.

KJZZ: [Coalition of Large Tribes authors letter in support of Navajo Nation's NASA complaint](#)

Gabriel Pietrorazio, January 5, 2024

COLT, or the Coalition of Large Tribes, is standing in solidarity with President Buu Nygren and the Navajo Nation in a letter by airing opposition to NASA's private mission to disburse cremated human remains on the moon. This group of more than 50 large land-mass tribal communities each manage at least over 100,000 acres of land and make up more than half of Indian Country's population. They're calling for the upcoming launch to be delayed or that the remains should be removed from its payload until there has been enough tribal consultation.

DOI and Other Bureau News

Daily Mail: [Biden removes William Penn statue from historic Pennsylvania park in 'inclusive' makeover to show more Native American history](#)

Stephen M. Lepore, January 7, 2024

The Biden administration's National Park Service is starting a 'rehabilitation' process for a Pennsylvania park that includes the removal of a statue of founder William Penn and inclusion of representation of Native American tribes. The Deb Haaland-led parks service sent out the request for input on the changes to Welcome Park Friday on their website and in a post on X. Penn, the founder of Pennsylvania in 1681, was notorious for his amicable relations with the Native tribes of the region. The park was established 300 years later.

National Review: [National Park Service to Remove William Penn Statue from Historic Site](#)

Luther Ray Abel, January 7, 2024

The National Park Service (NPS) has announced it will be rehabilitating (via reduction) Pennsylvania founder William Penn's Welcome Park to "provide a more welcoming, accurate, and inclusive experience." Named after the ship that bore Penn to that city of fraternal affection, the park is the site of his former Philadelphia home and the Slate Roof House. As part of this reimagining of Welcome Park, the park service has confirmed that "the Penn statue and Slate Roof house model will be removed and not reinstalled."

ForTheWin: [Elephant seal's parking effort called out by NPS](#)

Pete Thomas, January 6, 2024

A National Park Service employee recently captured an image showing a northern elephant seal resting in a parking lot at Point Reyes National Seashore. Anyone who is fanatical about perfect placement between the lines will note that the seal could have been more considerate by inching a few feet to its left.

Delaware Online: [Wilmington is recognized as an American World War II Heritage City, one of 11 for 2023](#)

Krys'tal Griffin, January 5, 2024

Wilmington recently was designated as an American World War II Heritage City for 2023. The distinction comes from the National Park Service's American World War II Heritage City Program, which serves to recognize the historic importance of the nation's involvement in World War II.

Times Free Press: [Opinion: National Parks are kind of a big deal](#)

Tricia King Mims, Opinion, January 6, 2024

National parks are more popular than ever, and visitation is surging back to pre-pandemic levels. Around the 2016 centennial of the National Park Service, a free annual pass became available for every fourth grader in the country, and family vacations are often planned around national park sites. Filling up a park passport with stamps has become a life's mission for college students, retirees and all lifestyles in between.

Billings Gazette: [Charging international tourists more to visit Yellowstone, Glacier, others parks could boost funding, study suggests](#)

Staff, January 5, 2024

Charging international tourists more to visit U.S. national parks has the potential to raise millions of dollars in fees that could help offset costs for park infrastructure, staffing and maintenance. That's the gist of a new study written by Tate Watkins, a research fellow at the Bozeman-based Property and Environment Research Center. The center touts as its goal finding market solutions for conservation issues. Based on his research, Watkins said about 14 million people from other countries visit a national park each year. If they paid a \$25 surcharge the parks system could raise around \$330 million annually, he calculated.

News 5 Cleveland: [Should Madison be worried about its twin quakes? We ask the experts.](#)

Katie Ussin and Amanda Merrell, January 5, 2024

We're less than a week into 2024 and already, Madison Village has been rattled by two earthquakes. The first happened New Year's Day. The second followed Friday morning. It's not the first time this region felt the Earth move under their feet. But the two-fer this week has people who live there, like Terri Epple, wondering what's up.

Washington Lawyer: [Nature's Legal Champions](#)

Richard Blaustein, January 5, 2024

In 1978, while on vacation at the Grand Canyon, traveling on a wooden dory down the Colorado River, environmental lawyer Lois Schiffer experienced a turning point in her career. "I had been working on legal issues related to public lands, and then suddenly I was in the essence of the most fabulous public lands," says Schiffer, former general counsel for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. At the time, Schiffer headed the general litigation section of the U.S. Department of Justice's Land and Natural Resources Division (now the Environment and Natural Resources Division).[...] Solicitor Robert Anderson of the U.S. Department of the Interior can relate to the sentiment.

Live Science: [Satellite images reveal just how much cities on the US East Coast are sinking](#)

Robert Lea, January 5, 2024

"Continuous unmitigated subsidence on the U.S. East Coast should cause concern." Images collected by numerous satellites have shown that major cities and population centers across the U.S. East Coast are sinking. Land sinking, or "subsidence," as seen by these satellites, is dangerous because it can undermine the foundations of buildings, potentially causing collapse. It can also damaging roads as well as gas and water lines. When coupled with rising sea levels caused by human-driven climate change, subsidence in coastal regions can increase the risk of flooding and worsen subsequent damage.

E&E: [Republicans put parks maintenance backlog under microscope](#)

Nidhi Prakash, January 8, 2024

The backlog has increased despite funding from the Great American Outdoors Act. A House Natural Resources subcommittee will hold a hearing Wednesday on what Republicans say is a worrying increase in the backlog of deferred federal maintenance on public lands. The National Park Service's backlog has long been the subject of concern. By 2022, it had reached more than \$22

billion — almost \$10 billion more than it had been four years earlier.

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Good morning, Early Birds. The statue of William Penn in Philadelphia's Welcome Park [isn't going anywhere](#) — and neither is a much larger Penn statue atop City Hall. Look [how big it is!](#) The sculptor, Alexander Milne Calder, was the grandfather of Alexander Calder, whose works grace the Hart Senate Office Building and the National Gallery of Art.

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In today's edition ... Release of the bipartisan border security framework is likely delayed ... A look at the violent threats against members of Congress, state officials, local leaders and judges since 2020 ... but first ...



From the courts

The consequences of Trump's immunity court case



Former president Donald Trump during the civil fraud trial against the Trump Organization in New York on Dec. 7. (Eduardo Munoz Alvarez/Pool/AFP/Getty Images)

Former president **Donald Trump** is expected to watch today as his lawyers try to convince three appeals court judges that he can't be tried for his alleged role in the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol and trying to overturn the 2020 election.

The outcome could have big implications for Trump — and future presidents. That's because the case raises a novel issue for the courts, which have never before been asked whether a former president is immune from federal criminal prosecution.

Trump is hoping to avoid a trial in the 2020 election case, which was brought by special counsel **Jack Smith**. He's accused of conspiring to overturn the 2020 election.

Trump is also facing political stakes, as he's on track to become the Republican nomination for president.

“His choice to attend the argument — not uncommon but also not required in an appeal — instead of spending more time in Iowa just one week from the GOP's first nominating contest there reflect the bet he and his campaign are placing on blending his criminal

defense with electoral message. Tuesday's appearance is poised to be the first of many times this year that he quickly pivots between the courtroom and the campaign trail or brings the campaign to the courthouse steps as he faces four separate criminal cases and two civil trials," our colleague **Isaac Arnsdorf** reports.

- Trump's purpose in showing up in the courtroom is to show "seriousness and defiance" and garner media attention as he's going on the offense, according to Isaac's reporting.

To understand the legal aspects of the case, we picked the brains of our fantastic colleagues who cover the ins and outs of the Trump trials.

HOW THE CASE CAME TO BE

Trump appealed the case to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia after U.S. District Judge **Tanya S. Chutkan** rejected his attempt to dismiss the case in December. The former president argued that he is immune from federal prosecution because he was president at the time of the alleged crime.

- "Whatever immunities a sitting President may enjoy, the United States has only one Chief Executive at a time, and that position does not confer a lifelong 'get-out-of-jail-free' pass." Chutkan wrote in her decision. "No court — or any other branch of government — has ever accepted it. And this court will not so hold."
- Smith asked the Supreme Court to fast-track the case, but the court refused to do so. It didn't explain why.

THE ARGUMENTS

The former president is arguing that he is immune from federal prosecution for his acts as president — and because he was not convicted in his impeachment trial, trying him now would amount to double jeopardy.

"Presidential immunity and the Impeachment Judgment Clause foreclose the criminal prosecution of President Trump for his official acts," his lawyers argued in a brief to the court.

Smith argues that courts haven't found that former presidents have immunity from criminal liability. And even if they do, Smith argues, it wouldn't apply to Trump, who worked with private individuals and government officials to remain in power.

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- Smith has also argued that a lack of conviction in an impeachment trial does not limit Trump's ability to be prosecuted. Trump was acquitted in his Senate impeachment trial.

A NOTE ON THE IMPEACHMENT STANDARD

But about that impeachment argument ... it's complicated.

When **Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell** (R-Ky.) voted to not convict Trump in his trial, he said the courts would be the more appropriate venue for assessing the president's actions.

"Impeachment was never meant to be the final forum for American justice," McConnell argued at the time. "We have a criminal justice system in this country. We have civil litigation. And former Presidents are not immune from being held accountable by either one."

THE JUDGES

None of the judges on the panel, who are randomly assigned, were nominated by Trump.

Judge Karen L. Henderson was nominated by **President George H.W. Bush** and has served on the court since 1990. Reporters and legal watchers will listen to Henderson closely.

The other two judges on the panel, **Florence Y. Pan** and **J. Michelle Childs**, were nominated by **President Biden** and confirmed by the Senate in 2022.

Childs was in the running for former Supreme Court justice **Stephen Breyer's** seat on the court. **Rep. Jim Clyburn** (D-S.C.) and **Sen. Lindsey Graham** (R-S.C.) urged Biden to

choose Childs, who was a federal district court judge in South Carolina, but the appointment went to **Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson**. Biden nominated Pan for the seat vacated by Jackson.

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TRUMP'S CHANCES FOR SUCCESS

Our colleague **Devlin Barrett** says it's hard to say whether Trump's legal arguments will hold sway. But he says this: "This appeals court has already found in a separate case that Trump is not immune to civil liability for his actions as a presidential candidate around Jan. 6, so it is hard to imagine they will find he has absolute criminal immunity."

Another colleague, **Spencer S. Hsu**, adds that he's watching what the judges say about each of the arguments raised by Trump.

- For example, are they more concerned with Trump's claim of presidential immunity or his double jeopardy claim that former president's cannot be charged for conduct they have been impeached but not convicted of by the Senate?
- How much credence do they give an argument raised by outside left-leaning analysts suggesting Trump cannot appeal the immunity issue before trial at all?

THE TIMELINE

Time is of the essence. Smith had hoped to begin the trial against Trump on March 4, but that could be delayed depending on the outcome and timeline of a decision in this case.

Because this is a new legal question and they know it will be reviewed by the Supreme Court, the judges will want to write a thoughtful, in-depth opinion, according to Supreme Court reporter **Ann Marimow**. She predicts that a D.C. Circuit decision will "take weeks — not days."

But no matter the outcome of today's proceedings, the Supreme Court is likely to have the last word.

“After the D.C. Circuit issues its ruling, either party can seek rehearing by a full complement of appeals court judges or go directly to the Supreme Court,” Ann adds.

THE IMPACT

While the outcome of this case will have huge consequences for the special counsel case, it could have implications in the Georgia case, too.

Trump filed similar claims in the Georgia case on Monday, where is charged with 13 counts related to an alleged conspiracy to overturn the 2020 election results in the state. If the Supreme Court finds that Trump was immune as president, that could affect the Georgia prosecution, even though he is charged with state crimes, Spencer notes.

And presidential immunity would not apply to the Florida case involving classified documents “because he was not president during the time of the alleged actions in the indictment,” our colleague **Perry Stein** says. It also won't apply to the case in New York, which alleges that Trump paid hush money to adult actress **Stormy Daniels**.

What we're watching

ON THE HILL

Austin fallout: We are watching continued fallout over **Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin's failure to disclose his hospital stay** to the president, members of Congress and officials at the Pentagon.

Rep. Matt Rosendale (R-Mont.) is filing articles of impeachment. The top Republican on the **House Armed Services Committee**, **Rep. Mike Rogers** (Ala.), tweeted that he's “quickly losing faith” in Austin's ability to lead the Defense Department.

Austin was admitted to a hospital after a procedure on Jan. 1 and was discharged from the intensive care unit last night.

Border security framework probably delayed: Senate negotiators on border security said Monday night that a framework is unlikely to be released this week, which negotiators

had suggested was likely as recently as this weekend. Disagreements remain on too many issues, including parole, which has been the most difficult part of already tough negotiations.

“We’ll continue to try and get this nailed down,” **Sen. Chris Murphy** (D-Conn.) told reporters, per our colleague **Paul Kane**.

OVERSEAS

Secretary of State Antony Blinken is in Tel Aviv today as escalating tensions between Israel and the Lebanese militant group **Hezbollah** raise the specter of a full-scale regional war.

On Monday evening, Israeli **Foreign Minister Israel Katz** said in a televised interview that Israel had killed a top Hezbollah commander, **Wissam al-Tawil**, calling it “part of the war,” our colleague **Annabelle Timsit** reports. The targeted killing comes as Israel weighs launching a major military operation in Lebanon.

- But as our colleagues **John Hudson**, **Yasmeen Abutaleb** and **Shane Harris** reported over the weekend, the Biden administration has privately warned Israeli officials against the escalation. Washington believes, based on a secret assessment from the **Defense Intelligence Agency**, that “it will be difficult for the **Israel Defense Forces** (IDF) to succeed because its military assets and resources would be spread too thin given the conflict in Gaza,” our colleagues report.

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The campaign

Violent political threats surge as 2024 begins, haunting American democracy



Law enforcement officers patrol the grounds of the Mississippi Capitol in Jackson on Jan. 4 as they deal with a second consecutive day of bomb threats. (Rogelio V. Solis/AP)

Our colleagues **Sarah Ellison**, **Yvonne Wingett Sanchez** and **Patrick Marley** [take a look](#) at the violent threats and acts of intimidation against many government officials since the 2020 presidential election and its effect on American democracy.

Members of Congress, state officials, local leaders and judges have all been subjected to swatting, bomb threats and death threats.

- Special counsel Jack Smith, who is overseeing the prosecution of Trump in two federal cases, was the target of an attempted swatting at his Maryland residence on Christmas Day, [per NBC News's Michael Kosnar and Zoë Richards](#). Chutkan, the judge presiding over Trump's election subversion case, was the target of a similar incident on Sunday.

The targets of the threats share a common attribute: They have done or said something that has earned the ire of the former president, our colleagues write.

- "I am really worried that there is going to be a tragedy," Wisconsin Supreme Court **Justice Jill Karofsky** said in an interview with our colleagues. "I believe people when

they say that they want to hurt us or kill us. I don't think they're idle threats.”

The Media

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[Biden admin removing William Penn statue in 'rehabilitation' of park](#)

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• Penn, the founder of Pennsylvania in 1681, was notorious for his amicable relations with the Native tribes of the region • However, the parks service says it wants to 'provide a more welcoming, accurate, and inclusive experience for visitors' • That means, according to the request for ideas, an 'expanded interpretation of the Native American history of Philadelphia' The Biden administration's National Park Service is starting a 'rehabilitation' process for a Pennsylvania park that includes...

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[Park Service to Remove Statue of William Penn from Philadelphia Park, Replace it With More 'Inclusive' Displays](#)

By [Scott Norvell](#)

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The Biden administration's National Park Service will remove a statue of William Penn from a park in Philadelphia commemorating the founder of the state of Pennsylvania as part of an upcoming "rehabilitation" meant to make the park more "welcoming, accurate, and inclusive experience" for visitors.

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Alaska

[OPINION: A better alternative to the Ambler Road](#)

By [Carl Benson](#)

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The Ambler Road is not needed. An alternative exists for mining in Western Alaska that is more economical and produces less damage to the environment. The proposed Ambler Road would traverse about 200 miles of ice-rich permafrost. Its cost is excessive both in dollars and the irreversible damage to a large wilderness area. The alternative road, or preferably railroad, is only about 50 miles long to the Bering Sea. It would reduce the net road construction by 75%.

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[See why the fat bears are big fans](#)

The Gaston Gazette (North Carolina)

Many people couldn't point out Katmai National Park and Preserve on a map, but they've probably heard of it burly residents. Each fall, Katmai hosts Fat Bear Week, a beloved celebration of the park's brown bears and larger ecosystem in the northern Alaska Peninsula.

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Pacific West

[Lake Mead moves to cashless fee system](#)

By [Coleby Phillips](#)

The Arizona Republic

The Lake Mead National Recreation Area transitioned to a cashless fee collection system for 2024, accepting only electronic card payments for entrance, lake use, and campground fees, according to park officials. The transition to cashless, which went into effect Jan. 1, will align Lake Mead with 29 other National Park Service locations across the U.S., according to a news release. It also notes that the new system allows for more efficient, cost-effective operations.

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[Time running out for landmark 'Inverness Shipwreck' that became a California social media star](#)

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INVERNESS, Calif. — Time is apparently running out for California's "Inverness Shipwreck," an old wooden boat that became an Instagram star as it rotted on a shoreline north of San Francisco. Recent storms have made a shambles of the forlorn vessel named Point Reyes, which was already deteriorated from the over-attention of visitors to the Marin County coast, San Francisco Bay news media reported.

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South Dakotan named new facility manager at Devils Tower

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South Dakota-raised John Hinrichs has been named the new facility manager at Devils Tower National Monument. "We are happy to welcome John to the Tower's Leadership Team. John's knowledge and expertise are a great fit for this position," said Superintendent Doug Crossen.

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Actor Pierce Brosnan charged with going off-trail in Yellowstone National Park

By [Paul Hamby](#)

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Pierce Brosnan, the Irish actor who starred in four James Bond films, has been cited for allegedly skirting travel regulations in Yellowstone National Park. The 70-year-old Brosnan was charged on Dec. 26 in U.S. District Court for the District of Wyoming with traveling off a trail in one of the park's thermal areas and not adhering to the park's closure and limited use notices.

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Opinion: A passenger rail to Moab is long overdue

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The entrance road to Arches National Park outside of Moab begins to back up with visitors on Sept. 19, 2021. Passenger rail between the Wasatch Front and Moab would be relatively affordable, while requiring relatively little new infrastructure, one reader writes. | Spenser Heaps, Deseret News According to the National Park Service over 1.8 million people visited southeastern Utah's national parks in 2020, equivalent to over half of Utah's population.

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Former James Bond actor Pierce Brosnan charged with crime at Yellowstone National Park - here's what happened

By [Doric Sam](#)

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Pierce Brosnan has faced his fair share of sticky situations while playing James Bond, but he's now in hot water in real life. What happened? BBC reported that Brosnan was charged by U.S. National Park Service rangers with trespassing in Yellowstone National Park. The 70-year-old actor, who was in the area shooting the Western "Unholy Trinity" that also stars Samuel L. Jackson, was caught going off trail near the Mammoth Hot Springs on Nov. 1. Brosnan has yet to comment on the matter.

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Why You'll Have To Pre-Plan Your Visits To These Popular National Parks

By [Tricia Goss](#)

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Why You'll Have To Pre-Plan Your Visits To These Popular National Parks Fly View Productions/Getty Images
America's national parks are some of the most breathtaking natural wonders in the world, and millions of people visit them every year. But their immense popularity has led to a few problems that need to be addressed. To tackle issues like overcrowding, environmental harm, and safety concerns, famous parks like Yellowstone, Yosemite, and the Grand Canyon have implemented reservation,...

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Montana to start trucking grizzlies into Yellowstone region to improve delisting prospects – Daily Montanan

By [Mike Koshmrl](#)

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Fresh grizzly bear bloodlines are expected to arrive in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem this summer, adding genetic diversity to a population of animals that's been isolated for a century. The infusion of genetics will come from the North Continental Divide Ecosystem, and it will roll down the highway in the form of a slumbering grizzly or two. Why truck in grizzly bears to a population last estimated at nearly 1,000 animals?

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Midwest

Recently retired superintendent presided over historic transitions at Indiana Dunes and Pullman National Parks, developed many miles of trail

By [Joseph S. Pete](#)

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Paul Labovitz took an interest in nature from the time he caught a lizard in the New Jersey woods at the age of 7. Despite growing up in Philadelphia, where the National Park Service runs Independence Hall, other historic sites, and the Valley Forge National Historic Park, he never visited a national park until he was hired to work for the National Park Service.

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Plover restrictions may expand at popular Sleeping Bear beach

By [Garret M. Ellison](#)

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BENZIE COUNTY, MI — Beachgoers may share more of Platte Point with an endangered shorebird this year after a Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore excavation project. The National Park Service may restrict beach areas previously open to the public if piping plovers nest in a new habitat area created by an excavation project that removed dredged sand and rocks from the Platte River mouth.

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Nature & history: Five sites that showcase importance of Mississippi River

Jacksonville Journal-Courier (IL)

When you picture America's national parks and historic places, you might be thinking of the impressive Teton mountain range, the rock formations of Bryce Canyon or the geysers at Yellowstone. But you can make your way through several sites of national importance just by following one of the nation's great rivers: the Mississippi. Here, we've rounded up National Park Service sites and other federally protected places along the river.

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National Capital

Rock Slides On Chestnut Hill Road Raise Concerns

By [Toni Milbourne](#)

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HARPERS FERRY — Route 340 near Harpers Ferry recently reopened after a three-month closure for rockslide mitigation on a segment of the roadway. Closed to through traffic at the same time was Chestnut Hill Road, a steep mountainside highway just off Route 340 that leads to several neighborhoods on the Blue Ridge. The mitigation work was a result of years' worth of study on rockslides or potential rockslides in the area.

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Trump and Biden views on Jan. 6 split nation; Voters divided by starkly different versions of day

By [Maureen Groppe](#), [Lauren Villagran](#), [Sudiksha Kochi](#)

USA Today

WASHINGTON For Donald Trump, Jan. 6, 2021, was "a beautiful day." For Joe Biden, it was the day "we nearly lost America." As the nation passed the third anniversary of the nation's most serious insurrection since the Civil War, the contrasting views encapsulate how Trump and Biden are approaching the 2024 campaign. And their split over Jan.

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Northeast (Mid Atlantic)

William Penn statue in Philadelphia will be removed from Welcome Park, National Park Service proposes

By [Frank Kummer](#)

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New plans by the National Park Service to renovate Old City's Welcome Park include removing the centerpiece statue of William Penn permanently, and redesigning the park to highlight Native American history — a move that has angered Pennsylvania's Republican leadership. The plan is a major shift considering that the park was built on the site of Penn's home, the Slate Roof House, and is named for the ship, Welcome, that transported him from England.

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Susan Gray Detweiler, 85, longtime art curator, historian, author, community leader

Philadelphia Daily News

Susan Gray Detweiler, 85, of Philadelphia, longtime curator of the Robert L. McNeil Jr. Americana art collection, former curatorial assistant at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, historian, celebrated author, and community leader, died Tuesday, Dec. 26, of complications from heart disease and Parkinson's disease at her home in Chestnut Hill. Devoted to the preservation of American art and ceramics, especially U.S. presidential china, Mrs.

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THE END OF PENN? Biden Admin Removing William Penn Statue for More 'Inclusive' Experience

The Sean Hannity Show

Collecting the Latest Stories... According to a Fox News report, the Biden Administration is planning on removing a statue of William Penn in Welcome Park in Philadelphia, PA. The park is named after the ship Penn took to Philadelphia in 1682. The proposed "rehabilitation" of the park includes a focus on Native American history.

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Speeding e-bikes have this D&L Trail community eyeing 10 mph limit

By [Kurt Bresswein](#)

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With the proliferation of e-bikes, coexisting on Lehigh Valley multi-use trails can mean staying on high alert, listening for the rapidly approaching crunch of gravel from behind. Now a community that owns a stretch of the D&L Trail in Carbon County is considering taking action by instituting a 10 mph speed limit. That's half the 20 mph limit the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources put into effect in late 2022.

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Northeast (New England)

Maine's sea stars: Down but not out

By [Lynda DeWitt](#)

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Turns out we've been looking at starfish all wrong. First, they're not fish. They belong to a group of marine invertebrates called echinoderms, which also includes sea urchins, sand dollars and sea cucumbers. Starfish now go by the classy common name of sea stars. Then there's the matter of those arms. It's true, sea stars can regrow, or regenerate, if an arm should be torn off by, say, the sharp bill of a hungry sea gull. But recent studies show those arms are actually heads.

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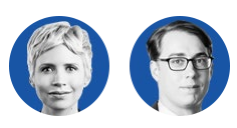
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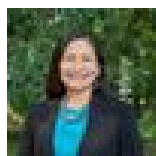
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... ," she says. "This will create opportunities, jobs, resources for us. But to be clear: This isn't like, Hey everybody! Let's move back! " She's still getting used to the fact she's back. Sometimes she gets small reassurances she's on the right track. Like walking along the river and smelling a familiar medicinal plant root her people brought with them to Oklahoma. Or taking Interior Secretary **Deb Haaland**, herself a Native American, on a tour of the area. "Because of erosion, some of the land has been raped down to the clay," Revis says. **Haaland** leaned down, pulled out her medicine pouch, and poured some of its contents on the earth. "As we're walking away, she says to me, 'They're still here. Your ancestors are still here. The land has and will bring back who it needs to restore ...

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... Wuhan'... (Continue to full article) Biden removes William Penn statue from historic Pennsylvania park in 'inclusive' makeover to show more Native American history The Biden administration's National Park Service is starting a 'rehabilitation' process for a Pennsylvania park that includes the removal of a statue of founder William Penn and inclusion of representation of Native American tribes. The **Deb Haaland**-led parks service sent out the request for input on the changes to Welcome Park Friday on their website and in a post on X. Penn, the founder of Pennsylvania in 1681, was notorious for his amicable relations with the Native tribes of the region. The park was established 300 years later. Many on social media have already given more than their negative two cents about the decision... (Continue to ...)

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... two-thirds of the reservation's adults struggle with alcoholism, with 25% of the reservation's children born with fetal alcohol syndrome. The proclamation also shares that the reservation's suicide rate is notably higher than the national rate, with 177 suicide attempts among people in the 14-32 age bracket in 2020. In the declaration, Star Comes Out also called on President Joe Biden to direct **Deb Haaland**, the U.S. Secretary of the Interior, to ask for enough funding to have 2.8 officers for every thousand people in the service population. Algin Young, chief of police with the Oglala Sioux Tribe, says his department has 60 total sworn officers, with 33 patrol officers among those 60. With a service population of 43,000, the tribe is thus seeking to have about 120 officers. The Oglala Sioux Tribe ...

10 Biden Admin Reverses Decision to Remove William Penn Statue



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... and is named after the ship, the Welcome, that brought Penn to the New World from England in 1682. The Park Service also planned to remove a replica of Penn's home, the Slate Roof House, as well as a Penn timeline on a wall at the park. In other words, the Biden administration was erasing Penn. The Interior Department, which oversees the National Park Service, is led by Biden appointee Secretary **Deb Haaland**, a radical progressive who is the first Native American to serve as a cabinet secretary. Keep reading

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Good morning, Early Birds. The statue of William Penn in Philadelphia's Welcome Park [isn't going anywhere](#) — and neither is a much larger Penn statue atop City Hall. Look [how big it is!](#) The sculptor, Alexander Milne Calder, was the grandfather of Alexander Calder, whose works grace the Hart Senate Office Building and the National Gallery of Art.

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In today's edition ... Release of the bipartisan border security framework is likely delayed ... A look at the violent threats against members of Congress, state officials, local leaders and judges since 2020 ... but first ...

 **From the courts**

The consequences of Trump's immunity court case



Former president Donald Trump during the civil fraud trial against the Trump Organization in New York on Dec. 7. (Eduardo Munoz Alvarez/Pool/AFP/Getty Images)

Former president **Donald Trump** is expected to watch today as his lawyers try to convince three appeals court judges that he can't be tried for his alleged role in the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol and trying to overturn the 2020 election.

The outcome could have big implications for Trump — and future presidents. That's because the case raises a novel issue for the courts, which have never before been asked whether a former president is immune from federal criminal prosecution.

Trump is hoping to avoid a trial in the 2020 election case, which was brought by special counsel **Jack Smith**. He's accused of conspiring to overturn the 2020 election.

Trump is also facing political stakes, as he's on track to become the Republican nomination for president.

“His choice to attend the argument — not uncommon but also not required in an appeal — instead of spending more time in Iowa just one week from the GOP's first nominating contest there reflect the bet he and his campaign are placing on blending his criminal

defense with electoral message. Tuesday's appearance is poised to be the first of many times this year that he quickly pivots between the courtroom and the campaign trail or brings the campaign to the courthouse steps as he faces four separate criminal cases and two civil trials," our colleague **Isaac Arnsdorf** reports.

- Trump's purpose in showing up in the courtroom is to show "seriousness and defiance" and garner media attention as he's going on the offense, according to Isaac's reporting.

To understand the legal aspects of the case, we picked the brains of our fantastic colleagues who cover the ins and outs of the Trump trials.

HOW THE CASE CAME TO BE

Trump appealed the case to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia after U.S. District Judge **Tanya S. Chutkan** rejected his attempt to dismiss the case in December. The former president argued that he is immune from federal prosecution because he was president at the time of the alleged crime.

- "Whatever immunities a sitting President may enjoy, the United States has only one Chief Executive at a time, and that position does not confer a lifelong 'get-out-of-jail-free' pass." Chutkan wrote in her decision. "No court — or any other branch of government — has ever accepted it. And this court will not so hold."
- Smith asked the Supreme Court to fast-track the case, but the court refused to do so. It didn't explain why.

THE ARGUMENTS

The former president is arguing that he is immune from federal prosecution for his acts as president — and because he was not convicted in his impeachment trial, trying him now would amount to double jeopardy.

"Presidential immunity and the Impeachment Judgment Clause foreclose the criminal prosecution of President Trump for his official acts," his lawyers argued in a brief to the court.

Smith argues that courts haven't found that former presidents have immunity from criminal liability. And even if they do, Smith argues, it wouldn't apply to Trump, who worked with private individuals and government officials to remain in power.

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- Smith has also argued that a lack of conviction in an impeachment trial does not limit Trump's ability to be prosecuted. Trump was acquitted in his Senate impeachment trial.

A NOTE ON THE IMPEACHMENT STANDARD

But about that impeachment argument ... it's complicated.

When **Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell** (R-Ky.) voted to not convict Trump in his trial, he said the courts would be the more appropriate venue for assessing the president's actions.

"Impeachment was never meant to be the final forum for American justice," McConnell argued at the time. "We have a criminal justice system in this country. We have civil litigation. And former Presidents are not immune from being held accountable by either one."

THE JUDGES

None of the judges on the panel, who are randomly assigned, were nominated by Trump.

Judge Karen L. Henderson was nominated by **President George H.W. Bush** and has served on the court since 1990. Reporters and legal watchers will listen to Henderson closely.

The other two judges on the panel, **Florence Y. Pan** and **J. Michelle Childs**, were nominated by **President Biden** and confirmed by the Senate in 2022.

Childs was in the running for former Supreme Court justice **Stephen Breyer's** seat on the court. **Rep. Jim Clyburn** (D-S.C.) and **Sen. Lindsey Graham** (R-S.C.) urged Biden to choose Childs, who was a federal district court judge in South Carolina, but the appointment went to **Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson**. Biden nominated Pan for the seat vacated by Jackson.

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TRUMP'S CHANCES FOR SUCCESS

Our colleague **Devlin Barrett** says it's hard to say whether Trump's legal arguments will hold sway. But he says this: "This appeals court has already found in a separate case that Trump is not immune to civil liability for his actions as a presidential candidate around Jan. 6, so it is hard to imagine they will find he has absolute criminal immunity."

Another colleague, **Spencer S. Hsu**, adds that he's watching what the judges say about each of the arguments raised by Trump.

- For example, are they more concerned with Trump's claim of presidential immunity or his double jeopardy claim that former president's cannot be charged for conduct they

have been impeached but not convicted of by the Senate?

- How much credence do they give an argument raised by outside left-leaning analysts suggesting Trump cannot appeal the immunity issue before trial at all?

THE TIMELINE

Time is of the essence. Smith had hoped to begin the trial against Trump on March 4, but that could be delayed depending on the outcome and timeline of a decision in this case.

Because this is a new legal question and they know it will be reviewed by the Supreme Court, the judges will want to write a thoughtful, in-depth opinion, according to Supreme Court reporter **Ann Marimow**. She predicts that a D.C. Circuit decision will “take weeks — not days.”

But no matter the outcome of today's proceedings, the Supreme Court is likely to have the last word.

“After the D.C. Circuit issues its ruling, either party can seek rehearing by a full complement of appeals court judges or go directly to the Supreme Court,” Ann adds.

THE IMPACT

While the outcome of this case will have huge consequences for the special counsel case, it could have implications in the Georgia case, too.

Trump filed similar claims in the Georgia case on Monday, where is charged with 13 counts related to an alleged conspiracy to overturn the 2020 election results in the state. If the Supreme Court finds that Trump was immune as president, that could affect the Georgia prosecution, even though he is charged with state crimes, Spencer notes.

And presidential immunity would not apply to the Florida case involving classified documents “because he was not president during the time of the alleged actions in the indictment,” our colleague **Perry Stein** says. It also won't apply to the case in New York, which alleges that Trump paid hush money to adult actress **Stormy Daniels**.



What we're watching

ON THE HILL

Austin fallout: We are watching continued fallout over **Defense Secretary Lloyd**

Austin's failure to disclose his hospital stay to the president, members of Congress and officials at the Pentagon.

Rep. Matt Rosendale (R-Mont.) is filing articles of impeachment. The top Republican on the **House Armed Services Committee**, **Rep. Mike Rogers** (Ala.), tweeted that he's "quickly losing faith" in Austin's ability to lead the Defense Department.

Austin was admitted to a hospital after a procedure on Jan. 1 and was discharged from the intensive care unit last night.

Border security framework probably delayed: Senate negotiators on border security said Monday night that a framework is unlikely to be released this week, which negotiators had suggested was likely as recently as this weekend. Disagreements remain on too many issues, including parole, which has been the most difficult part of already tough negotiations.

"We'll continue to try and get this nailed down," **Sen. Chris Murphy** (D-Conn.) told reporters, per our colleague **Paul Kane**.

OVERSEAS

Secretary of State Antony Blinken is in Tel Aviv today as escalating tensions between Israel and the Lebanese militant group **Hezbollah** raise the specter of a full-scale regional war.

On Monday evening, Israeli **Foreign Minister Israel Katz** said in a televised interview that Israel had killed a top Hezbollah commander, **Wissam al-Tawil**, calling it "part of the war," our colleague **Annabelle Timsit** reports. The targeted killing comes as Israel weighs launching a major military operation in Lebanon.

- But as our colleagues **John Hudson**, **Yasmeen Abutaleb** and **Shane Harris**

reported over the weekend, the Biden administration has privately warned Israeli officials against the escalation. Washington believes, based on a secret assessment from the **Defense Intelligence Agency**, that “it will be difficult for the **Israel Defense Forces** (IDF) to succeed because its military assets and resources would be spread too thin given the conflict in Gaza,” our colleagues report.

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Violent political threats surge as 2024 begins, haunting American democracy



Law enforcement officers patrol the grounds of the Mississippi Capitol in Jackson on Jan. 4 as they deal with a second consecutive day of bomb threats. (Rogelio V. Solis/AP)

Our colleagues **Sarah Ellison**, **Yvonne Wingett Sanchez** and **Patrick Marley** [take a look](#) at the violent threats and acts of intimidation against many government officials since the 2020 presidential election and its effect on American democracy.

Members of Congress, state officials, local leaders and judges have all been subjected to swatting, bomb threats and death threats.

- Special counsel Jack Smith, who is overseeing the prosecution of Trump in two federal cases, was the target of an attempted swatting at his Maryland residence on Christmas Day, per **NBC News's Michael Kosnar** and **Zoë Richards**. Chutkan, the judge presiding over Trump's election subversion case, was the target of a similar incident on Sunday.

The targets of the threats share a common attribute: They have done or said something that has earned the ire of the former president, our colleagues write.

- "I am really worried that there is going to be a tragedy," Wisconsin Supreme Court **Justice Jill Karofsky** said in an interview with our colleagues. "I believe people when they say that they want to hurt us or kill us. I don't think they're idle threats."



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William Penn statue won't be removed from Philadelphia's Welcome Park after all

Welcome Park at 2nd Street and Sansom Walk is located on the site of William Penn's former home -- the Slate Roof House.

By [6abc Digital Staff](#) and [TaRhonda Thomas](#)

PHILADELPHIA (WPVI) -- The Independence National Historical Park has withdrawn the review of a draft proposal to rehabilitate Welcome Park in Philadelphia's Old City neighborhood, which included removing the William Penn statue.

Officials say the preliminary draft proposal -- which suggested the permanent removal of Penn's statue and the Slate Roof House model -- had been released prematurely and had not been subject to a complete internal agency review.

Because of this, it is being retracted. No changes to the William Penn statue are planned, according to park authorities.

After the proposal was withdrawn, Pennsylvania Governor Josh Shapiro posted a message on X, formerly known as Twitter, stating that his office had spoken with the Biden Administration about the possible statue removal.

"I'm pleased Welcome Park will remain the rightful home of this William Penn statue - right here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Penn founded," said Shapiro.

Welcome Park at 2nd Street and Sansom Walk is located on the site of William Penn's former home -- the Slate Roof House -- and is named after the ship, Welcome, which brought Penn to Philadelphia.

The site, funded by the Independence Historical Trust, was completed in 1982.

Park officials say they are still committed to rehabilitating Welcome Park as the nation prepares to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence in 2026.

"Upon completion of all the necessary internal reviews, the park looks forward to engaging in a robust public process to consider options for refurbishing the park in the coming years," said the Independence National Historical Park in a news release.

Before the proposal was withdrawn, some residents across Philadelphia had mixed feelings about the potential changes coming to the 41-year-old park.

Pennsylvania House Representative Leader Bryan Cutler thought that taking away Penn's statue would be an attempt to erase history.

"Let's start with the fact that William Penn, his name is literally in our state," said Cutler (R. - Lancaster County). "Attempts to remove him from his home place, I think is unacceptable."

Others said Penn will always be prevalent in the city, statue or not.

"I don't think there's any erasing William Penn in Philadelphia, considering he sits atop City Hall," said Democrat Mary Isaacson, who represents the district where the statue stands.

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Park withdraws review of Welcome Park rehabilitation proposal

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Updates on the project may be found on the park's website at www.nps.gov/INDE.

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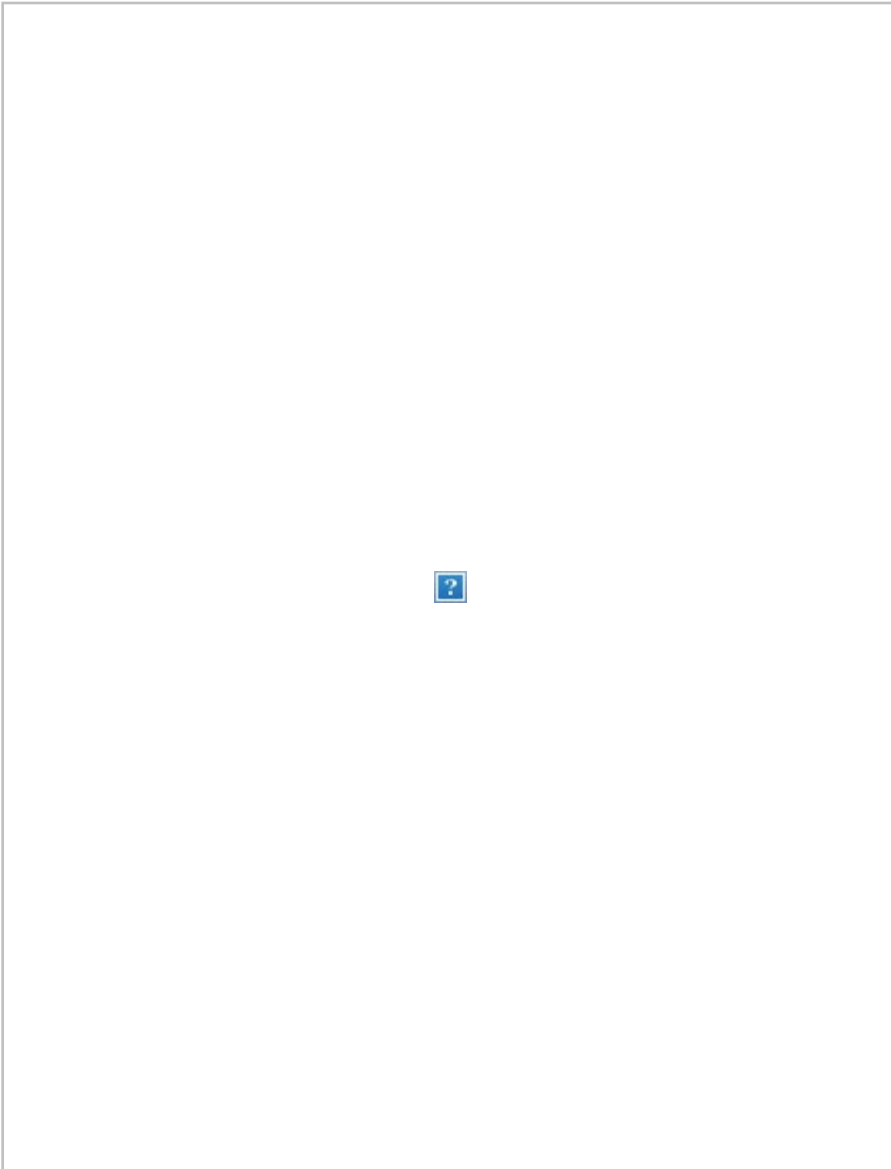
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All, as you know Independence and NER have drafted an updated news release to pull back their design proposal and public comment period for Welcome Park. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns before I send this to Tyler.

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Welcome Park was designed by the design firm Venturi & Scott Brown Associates. The park is located on the site of William Penn's home, the Slate Roof House, and is named for the ship, Welcome, which transported Penn to Philadelphia. The design and construction of Welcome Park was funded by the Independence Historical Trust and was completed in 1982.

Updates on the project as plans evolve may be found on the park's website at www.nps.gov/INDE.

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2 [William Penn, Founder of Philadelphia, Gets Canceled in](#)



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William Penn, the founder of Philadelphia and Pennsylvania, is getting canceled in the city he founded. And it's coming from above, from the Biden administration. The Post Millennial explains: Joe Biden's National Park Service under Interior Secretary **Deb Haaland** will remove the statue of William Penn from the park erected in 1982 to commemorate the 300th anniversary of his founding of the colony of Pennsylvania. The park is on the site of his original home in Philadelphia. [Biden admin to remove statue of William Penn from Philadelphia park and 'rehabilitate' the park to commemorate Native Americans, by Libby Emmons, anuary 7, 2024] Note that Penn ...

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... even to my sister who went to boarding school with me." Phoenix Indian School, originally Phoenix Industrial School, opened as a Bureau of Indian Affairs-run boarding school in 1891 at the corner of what is now Central Avenue and Indian School Road. It officially closed in 1990, but three school buildings were placed on the National Register of Historic Places. In June 2021, Interior Secretary **Deb Haaland** announced that the U.S. government would investigate its oversight of boarding schools and focus on the intergenerational impact through the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative. The uprooting of children and attempted erasure of Indigenous culture and practices has led to multigenerational trauma and in some cases a loss of identity or heritage within family lines. And that trauma is at the ...

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... 2024, delivering about five megawatts of power during the initial commissioning process. Additional testing is reportedly expected to occur both on and offshore in the coming weeks. Project Background In May 2021, President Joe Biden's administration announced the approval for construction and operation of Vineyard Wind 1. "A clean energy future is within our grasp in the United States," said **Deb Haaland**, Secretary of the Interior, at the time. "The approval of this project is an important step toward advancing the administration's goals to create good-paying union jobs while combatting climate change and powering our nation." New Year, New Energy! Avangrid is proud to deliver the First Power from its nation-leading Vineyard Wind 1 project to Massachusetts. Full story: <https://t.co/> ... of thousands of good-paying, union jobs, with more than 44,000 workers employed in offshore wind by 2030 and nearly 33,000 additional jobs in communities supported by offshore wind activity." Then, in November of the same year, U.S. officials broke ground for the construction of Vineyard Wind 1. The groundbreaking ceremony was held in Covell's Beach, Barnstable, with Secretary of the Interior **Deb Haaland**, Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker and Representative Bill Keating. Work began with the building of two transmission cables to connect the offshore wind facility to the mainland. Vineyard Wind 1 was reportedly expected to contribute to the Biden-Harris administration's goal of 30 gigawatts of offshore wind energy by 2030 and Massachusetts' goal of 5.6 gigawatts within the same timeline. It was ...

5 Biden Adming Removes William Penn Statue, The FOUNDER Of Pennsylvania, From Pennsylvania Park To Be More 'Inclusive'

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... to anyone who completed second grade. They also lack self-awareness. When you combine those two traits, you get this story. — (@) According to The Daily Mail: "The Biden administration's National Park Service is starting a 'rehabilitation' process for a Pennsylvania park that includes the removal of a statue of founder William Penn and inclusion of representation of Native American tribes. The **Deb Haaland**-led parks service sent out the request for input on the changes to Welcome Park Friday on their website and in a post on X. Penn, the founder of Pennsylvania in 1681, was notorious for his amicable relations with the Native tribes of the region. The park was established 300 years later. The park itself is named after the ship Penn sailed to America and includes a museum dedicated to

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... Civil Rights Museum at the Lorraine Hotel (Memphis, Tennessee) Civil Rights Memorial Center (Montgomery, Alabama) Martin Luther King Jr. Worksheets, Activities, and Lesson Plans Find engaging and purposeful ways to teach Martin Luther King Jr. for kids, from pre-K through high school, with these top resources. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service Volunteers on Martin Luther King Jr. Day / **Deb Haaland**, Public domain, via Wikimedia Commons Each year, people across the country use the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday to give back to their communities. Organize a day of service with your students to join the movement. Learn more: Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service at U.S. Department of the Interior Meaningful Martin Luther King Jr. Classroom Activities We Are Teachers / Deep Space Sparkle / ...

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Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Funding for Plugging Orphaned Wells

Kentucky Today: [\\$25 million grant funds initial capping of orphan oil and gas wells](#)

Tom Latek, August 26, 2022

Governor Andy Beshear has announced a \$25 million grant to plug so-called orphan oil and gas wells across Kentucky, an initiative that is part of his Better Kentucky Plan Building Stronger Communities Program, which is expected to create 180 jobs. "This initial grant will not only create jobs, but it will allow us to plug these orphan oil and gas wells which have affected our farmers and other private landowners," Beshear said. The Building Stronger Communities Program will use grant funds provided through the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law that allow communities, businesses and local governments to benefit from this well capping, as well as projects focused upon energy efficiency, forestry, renewable energy, waste management and water. Specific segments of the federal grants program will collectively help Kentucky make significant progress in reclaiming abandoned mine lands and redeveloping brownfields.

Carlsbad Current-Argus: [\\$25M sent to New Mexico from Biden administration to clean up abandoned oil and gas wells](#)

Adrian Hedden, August 27, 2022

Abandoned oil and gas wells in New Mexico will be targeted for cleanup using \$25 million in federal funds granted to the state Thursday through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act signed last year by President Joe Biden. New Mexico identified 200 wells in need of plugging for the initial grant application through the U.S. Department of Interior, located throughout the southeast Permian Basin and northwest San Juan Basin regions. Oil and gas wells are often left abandoned by operators who decide they are no longer financially viable, continually releasing air pollutants like methane when going unmonitored.

Shreveport Times: [Louisiana to plug more than 250 orphaned oil wells with money from Biden's infrastructure law](#)

Ashley White, August 28, 2022

Louisiana was awarded a \$25 million grant that will go toward plugging, capping and reclaiming orphaned oil and gas wells in the state. The money, which was provided to the state through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law signed by President Joe Biden, will fund the plugging of 250-900 documented wells near low-income communities, according to a Thursday announcement from the U.S. Department of the Interior. Plugging the orphan wells also will provide training and employment opportunities for energy workers. An orphan well is an oil line that has been abandoned because the resources were tapped dry or the business became too pricey for the owner. Wells are considered orphaned if the government can't figure out who the owner is, if there is no responsive operator or if the operator went out of business.

Bluefield Daily Telegraph: [\\$25 million infrastructure funds set to plug 'orphan' wells in state](#)

Charles Boothe, August 28, 2022

West Virginia will receive \$25 million to plug, remediate and reclaim 160 orphaned wells throughout the state. U.S. Senators Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., Chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, and Shelley Moore Capito, R-W.Va., made the announcement Friday. The funding was made possible by the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act through the Department of the Interior. These are orphan oil and gas wells that have been abandoned by companies over the years. "I'm pleased the Department of the Interior is continuing to effectively implement my bipartisan infrastructure law by announcing this additional funding for orphaned well clean-up projects, including 160 wells across West Virginia," Manchin said.

Public Radio Tulsa: [Oklahoma awarded \\$25 million to seal nearly 1,200 abandoned oil and gas wells](#)

Cassidy Mudd, August 26, 2022

The U.S. Department of the Interior awarded Oklahoma an initial \$25 million to help address legacy pollution caused by orphaned oil and gas wells left abandoned across the state. The funds will be utilized to plug nearly 1,200 documented, orphaned wells on state, federal, private, and tribal lands. Not only will the program help to seal the abandoned wells, it will be used to remediate the land around the well. Some wells stretch tens of thousands of feet beneath the surface — while others have

rusting tanks that leak methane.

WCIA: [Illinois planning to plug hundreds of abandoned oil, gas wells](#)

Joey Schneider, August 28, 2022

Illinois is planning to plug hundreds of abandoned oil and gas wells in rural communities, ultimately sealing off wells no longer capable of producing enough fuel to help the state profit. Plans call for addressing anywhere from 600 to 800 wells, or up to 20% of abandoned oil and gas wells in Illinois. Funding from President Joe Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will allow the state to pursue such plans. The U.S. Department of Interior awarded an \$560 million to 24 states to begin plugging and remediating more than 10,000 high-priority well sites across the country, including \$25 million to help support Illinois' remediation efforts.

News6: [Department Of Interior Announces Award For 24 States To Plug Abandoned Oil, Gas Wells](#)

Alex Cameron, August 26, 2022

The Department of the Interior announced Friday it has awarded an initial \$560 million from the Biden administration's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to 24 states, including Oklahoma, to begin to plug, cap and reclaim orphaned oil and gas wells. Millions of Americans across the country live within a mile of an orphaned oil and gas well. The allocation is part of \$1.15 billion in Phase One funding for states to remediate approximately 10,000 abandoned wells. In total, the law dedicates \$4.7 billion to cleaning up these legacy pollution sites. "This is a mammoth program," said Matt Skinner, Director of Public Information at the Oklahoma Corporation Commission in an interview Friday. Oklahoma will get \$25 million in the program's initial stage, with the money becoming available October 1, the start of the federal fiscal year. It's yet clear how the funds will be administered in Oklahoma.

KHLX: [Montana receiving \\$25M federal grant to plug orphaned oil, gas wells](#)

Jonathon Ambarian, August 26, 2022

Montana is set to receive \$25 million from the federal government, to help plug more than 200 orphaned oil and gas wells across the state. The U.S. Department of the Interior announced Thursday that it had awarded \$560 million to 24 states, from the bipartisan infrastructure law passed last year. That money will be used to start capping thousands of high-priority well sites. After an oil or gas well reaches the end of its useful life, it is generally "plugged and abandoned" – meaning the well shaft is filled with cement, it's capped at the surface and the site is restored to how it was before drilling began. An "orphaned" well is one that hasn't been plugged and no longer has a responsible operator to complete the work.

KTUL: [Oklahoma gets federal grant to plug orphaned wells](#)

Sam Gelfand, August 28, 2022

The Department of the Interior is giving Oklahoma \$25 million to protect communities from hazardous oil and gas wells. An orphaned well is a long-abandoned oil or gas well that hasn't been permanently plugged. They haven't been used in years, but they could still be put back into production. However, that noncommittal status creates a serious problem for Americans and Oklahomans alike. President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law carved out \$4.7 billion specifically for sealing orphaned wells.

Recycling Today: [Oil well dismantling receives renewed funding](#)

Brian Taylor, August 29, 2022

The United States Department of the Interior (DOI) says it has awarded an initial \$560 million from the federal Infrastructure Law to 24 states to begin work to plug, cap and reclaim orphaned oil and gas wells. The department says 22 states will receive \$25 million each to go toward such work, while "Arkansas and Mississippi will receive \$5 million each to support methane measurement and begin plugging wells." Eligible states have indicated there are more than 10,000 "high-priority" well sites across the country ready for immediate remediation efforts, according to the DOI, with "many more lined up for future action." Methane leaking from unplugged wells is called "a serious safety hazard and is a significant cause of climate change, being more than 25 times as potent as carbon dioxide at trapping heat in the atmosphere," says the DOI.

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Funding for Delaware River Watershed Restoration

The Philadelphia Inquirer: [Nearly \\$32 million in grants will help fish, birds, streams, trails in the Delaware River Watershed](#)

Frank Kummer, August 26, 2022

The money will fund 45 projects along or near tributaries of the watershed in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware. The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced \$15.8 million in grants this week toward

Delaware River watershed conservation that includes helping restore shad in the Brandywine, preserving wildlife on Delaware Bay, and enhancing the Schuylkill River Trail — among a host of other projects. Environmental and conservation groups pitched in an additional \$16 million in matching grants, bringing the total to \$31.8 million for watershed projects. The money will fund 45 projects along or near tributaries of the watershed in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware. The grants are designed to enhance recreation, water quality, and habitat conservation. Nearly \$5 million came from the bipartisan infrastructure law signed by President Joe Biden last year.

Times Leader: [\\$15.8M federal investment approved to restore Delaware River watershed](#)

Staff, August 27, 2022

The U.S. Department of the Interior this week announced a nearly \$15.8 million investment in the Delaware River watershed to improve wildlife habitat, enhance resilience to climate change, and engage under-served communities in conservation. Funding for 45 grants will be provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and William Penn Foundation through the Delaware Watershed Conservation Fund (DWCF) and Delaware River Restoration Fund (DRRF), in partnership with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF). This includes \$4.7 million from President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to support innovative green-infrastructure projects that contribute to the health and economic vitality of communities in the watershed.

NJ.com: [2M in federal funds flowing to local waterways for dam removal and more in Delaware watershed](#)

Steve Novak, August 28, 2022

Federal funds are flowing back this way to help remove dams and repair local waterways in and around the Lehigh Valley. The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on Thursday announced a fresh round of funding for projects in the Delaware River watershed. The announcement noted that it is the first round of grants to include funding from last fall's federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which dedicated \$26 million to the four-state watershed over five years.

DOI and the Climate Crisis

AP: [Groups challenge adequacy of review for Alaska oil project](#)

Staff, August 26, 2022

The Biden administration's approval of a five-year exploration program at an oil field on Alaska's North Slope is being challenged by environmental groups who say a federal agency failed to assess greenhouse gas emissions. The U.S. Bureau of Land Management "approved the program without assessing the greenhouse gas emissions that would result from oil and gas produced and consumed if exploration results in discovery, development, and production," the lawsuit states. The land agency "later assessed only a fraction of the direct emissions that would result from on-the-ground operations to conduct the exploration."

Washington Post: [The Colorado River is in crisis. There are no painless solutions.](#)

Editorial Board, August 26, 2022

After 22 straight years of drought, the Colorado River is no stranger to crisis. But even by its standards, the outlook this summer is bleak. The nation's two largest reservoirs, Lake Mead and Lake Powell, are nearly three-quarters empty. Satellite images show the river's topography has changed dramatically since 2017, and scenes on the ground are no less shocking: stranded houseboats, dead plants and cracked lake beds.

Washington Post: [In fast-warming Nevada, climate bill may not lift Democrats](#)

Maxine Joselow, August 28, 2022

About a week after President Biden signed into law the largest climate bill in U.S. history, Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.) laid out to voters here how she helped get \$4 billion in the bill to combat the acute drought now punishing the American West. Outside the air-conditioned offices of the Las Vegas Valley Water District where she spoke, the temperature stood at 93 degrees — on its way to an oppressive 106 later that day. "As you all know, the western U.S. continues to face a historic drought, and we need to do all we can to combat it," Cortez Masto said Monday, standing before a photo showing the nation's largest reservoir, Lake Mead, at record lows. "That's why I have been championing measures to help Southern Nevada further conserve, recycle and reduce water use."

Bloomberg: [The Future of the American West Is in Central Oregon](#)

Francis Wilkinson, Opinion, August 28, 2022

Central Oregon is not the Pacific Northwest. The landscape bears little resemblance to the green and piney coast; there are no rainforests. The region looks more like dusty Nevada. In Portland, on the west side of the Cascade range, it rains three feet per year. On the east side, in Bend, annual rainfall is about one foot, slightly less than the historical average for Los Angeles. This year, like last, water is particularly scarce. Almost two-thirds of the state is in drought. Central Oregon is part of the American West, what John Wesley Powell called the “arid region” of the US. Historically parched, warped by the occasional deluge, the West is experiencing a drought that may be the worst in 1,200 years. On the August days when I visited irrigation districts near Bend, the fast-growing seat of Deschutes County, the temperature peaked at about 100 degrees.

Voice of America: [Climate Change Affecting US National Parks](#)

Deborah Block, August 28, 2022

U.S. national parks are in danger from climate change, and people need to take action to protect them, said Brendan Cummings, conservation director for the Center for Biological Diversity, a nonprofit organization working to protect endangered species. From coast to coast, in 63 iconic parks, visitors can see soaring waterfalls, colorful hot springs and giant sequoia trees in landscapes that vary from wetlands to desert. The landscapes are under stress, and climate change is making it worse, Garrett Dickman, a Yosemite National Park forest ecologist, told VOA. Scientists are warning that if the warming continues at its current rate, much of the wildlife and vegetation in the parks is in danger of disappearing by the end of the century.

Ski-Hi News: [Major water providers across Colorado River Basin announce commitment to significant reductions in water use](#)

Staff, August 28, 2022

On August 24, large municipal water providers from across the Colorado River Basin announced a commitment to substantially expand existing efforts to conserve water, reduce demands and expand reuse and recycling of water supplies. The agreement includes water providers in both the upper and lower basins of the Colorado River, stretching from Colorado’s Front Range to Las Vegas and Los Angeles. The providers invite other utilities in the basin to join in the commitment to increasing water-use efficiency and reducing the demand for water. The agreement comes amid a two-decade drought on the river that affects 40 million people who rely on it for drinking water, agriculture, power production, landscape irrigation, recreation and more. Demands for water in the basin have exceeded available supply, reducing storage levels in lakes Mead and Powell to critically low levels.

East Valley Tribune: [QC unruffled by states’ water bickering](#)

Mark Moran and Scott Shumaker, August 29, 2022

In the West, whiskey is for drinking; water is for fighting. Arizona residents felt the reality of that maxim on Aug. 15 as several Western states announced that two months of closed-door negotiations to cut an emergency 12% to 25% from next year’s Colorado River withdrawals had yielded bupkus. The Bureau of Reclamation in June demanded the deep cuts to bolster the amount of water in Lakes Powell and Mead, which have been dropping faster than predicted in recent years amid long-term drought and warming climate.

Aspenjournalism.com: [Vague and voluntary proposals may do little to help Colorado River](#)

Heather Sackeett, August 26, 2022

Water managers in recent weeks have put forth plans for conservation aimed at addressing the water-scarcity crisis on the Colorado River. But the proposals, which are vague and voluntary and lack goals with numbers, will probably do little to get additional water into the nation’s two largest reservoirs with the urgency officials say is needed. In June, federal officials said the seven Colorado River basin states had to conserve an additional 2 million to 4 million acre-feet and threatened to take unilateral action if the states didn’t come up with a plan within 60 days. But the deadline came and went without a basinwide deal or drastic action by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, except to implement the next round of cuts already agreed to by the states in the 2019 Drought Contingency Plan. As of Friday, there was still no plan from the lower basin states — California, Nevada and Arizona — on which upper basin water managers say the bulk of the responsibility to conserve rests.

CleanTechnica: [Cape Cod Offshore Wind Moves Ahead — Despite Controversy](#)

Carolyn Fortuna, August 28, 2022

Fierce opponents of Cape Cod offshore wind have held their ground over decades. But, remarkably, the project is now underway for a 35-mile offshore transmission cable serving Vineyard Wind. The 62 turbine project planned in federal waters south of Martha’s Vineyard will connect with Cape Cod’s center south shore in Barnstable. What changed? Barnstable community

residents were initially reluctant to accept a 220-kilovolt line landing in their town. Would safety concerns arise? Would property values be affected? Would the already stop-and-go summer traffic worsen? It took extensive public outreach — lots of hours of 1-to-1 question-and-answer sessions from Vineyard Wind — to soothe community concerns. A \$16 million payment to the town didn't hurt, either.

E&E News: [Interior OKs landmark CO2 storage project on public lands](#)

Carlos Anchonda, August, 26, 2022

The Bureau of Land Management has approved a proposal by oil major Exxon Mobil Corp. to sequester carbon dioxide on public lands in Wyoming, the agency said in a statement this week. Exxon's plan includes a CO2 disposal well pad and pipeline, which will "provide the opportunity for permanent underground storage" of the greenhouse gas when the conduit is completed, BLM said in a news release. The agency said it's the first project of its type to be approved on lands it manages.

E&E News: [Greens sue Interior over climate impacts of Arctic oil exploration](#)

Heather Richards, August, 26, 2022

Several environmental groups sued the Biden administration yesterday, alleging that it approved exploration for a potential billion-barrel oil reserve in the Arctic without considering long-term greenhouse gas emissions. The lawsuit targets 88 Energy's Peregrine project in the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska. The Australia-based company says it has found as much as 1.6 billion barrels of oil, and it is in the midst of an Interior Department-approved five-year program to further prove and appraise what could be extracted from that reservoir. But in a lawsuit filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Alaska, Earthjustice argues the Bureau of Land Management violated the National Environmental Policy Act, alleging that on several occasions, the agency declined to weigh Peregrine's potential to produce greenhouse gas emissions and contribute to climate change if developed.

DOI and Conservation

AP: [Judge won't block Idaho wolf trapping, snaring regulations](#)

Keith Ridler, August 26, 2022

Trappers can continue pursuing wolves under Idaho's current regulations after a federal judge rejected a request by conservation groups to temporarily block the state's expanded wolf trapping and snaring rules. The decision earlier this week by a U.S. magistrate judge isn't on the merits of the case. It instead rejects a request by the groups fighting to halt the trapping and snaring rules until the case plays out and is decided. The Center for Biological Diversity and other groups in a lawsuit filed late last year contend Idaho's expanded wolf-killing regulations violate the Endangered Species Act because they will lead to the illegal killing of federally protected grizzly bears and Canada lynx.

NBC Montana: [AG Knudsen asks panel to overturn bison grazing decision](#)

Staff, August 26, 2022

On Friday, Montana Attorney General Austin Knudsen asked the federal board to overturn the Bureau of Land Management decision to grant a permit change to allow bison grazing in Phillips County. The following was sent out by the Montana Dept. of Justice: Montana Attorney General Austin Knudsen today asked a federal board to overturn the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) decision to grant a permit change allowing bison grazing in Phillips County. The permit is a part of the American Prairie Reserve's broader effort to expand bison grazing on the plains across northern and eastern Montana. Attorney General Knudsen's appeal asks the U.S. Department of the Interior Office of Hearings and Appeals to overturn the decision and issue a stay until the appeal is resolved to prevent irreparable harm to the grazing allotments and surrounding communities.

National Parks Traveler: [Fifty Years Of Fighting And A Case For Independence](#)

John Miles, August 29, 2022

Advice to writers is to write what you know, and few know more about America's recent national park history than the brothers Jarvis. Jon enjoyed a 40-year career with the National Park Service, rising through posts as ranger, biologist and resource management specialist, superintendent of eight national parks, regional director, and director of the National Park Service from 2009 to 2017. Destry's career involved leadership roles at the National Parks Conservation Association, Student Conservation Association, National Park Service, and National Parks and Recreation Association. Jon brings the perspective of a veteran National Park Service insider, and Destry's decades of lobbying and political work on park issues from outside the park agency

complements Jon's and makes for a most insightful combination of perspectives.

E&E News: [NPS gears up for Alcatraz Island rehab](#)

Rob Hotakainen, August 26, 2022

Alcatraz Island, once home to a federal prison that held some of the country's most notorious criminals, will soon get a \$35 million facelift. The National Park Service, which manages the historic site in Northern California, said it will use money generated from the Great American Outdoors Act to fix a concrete wharf that has not been rehabilitated since the facility was built in 1939. The popular island in the San Francisco Bay, which served as an active prison until it was closed in the 1960s, became part of the NPS Golden Gate National Recreation Area in 1972.

DOI and Indigenous Peoples

Traverse City Record Eagle: [What's in a name: Use of slur in 31 state features to be renamed](#)

Sierra Clark, August 29, 2022

The word "squaw" in the English language is getting a closer look, as are places with the word in its name. The word is derived from the Algonquin language, and refers to "woman, or young girl," but the context of the word has been skewed by colonial use as a term to disparage Indigenous women. Place names containing the word are numerous throughout the United States. White settlers, mostly in the 18th and 19th centuries, used it to name many places in the state. In Michigan, it appears in the names of 13 lakes, 10 streams, three canals, two islands, an Upper Peninsula cape, an Alpena County bay and a Lake Superior beach, a total of 35 times, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

Nevada Current: [Nevada officials weigh in against case that threatens to erode Indian Child Welfare Act](#)

Jennifer Solis, August 29, 2022

Several Nevada lawmakers, tribes, and state leaders are urging the U.S. Supreme Court in an amicus brief to reject a challenge to the federal Indian Child Welfare Act, saying that disturbing the law would damage Native American families and could ripple through other important aspects of Native American law. The Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978, or ICWA, imposes federal standards for state child custody cases involving Native American children. The 44-year-old law prioritizes placement of Native children in the foster system with extended family or Native communities whenever possible. The case, Haaland v. Brackeen, was brought in 2017 by a white Texas couple, who sued in a federal district court in Texas after the Navajo Nation intervened under the ICWA to object to their attempt to adopt a Navajo child. The district court ruled the law unconstitutional after Texas and other opponents claimed the law is based on race, but was later reversed twice by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit.

DOI and Other Bureau News

AP: [US seeks to invalidate Idaho water rights forfeiture laws](#)

Keith Ridler, August 26, 2022

U.S. officials are seeking to invalidate Idaho laws passed over the last five years that create a path through the Idaho Department of Water Resources for ranchers to take control of federal public land instream water rights with a state-approved forfeiture procedure. The Idaho Legislature in court documents filed last month is seeking to intervene in the case with statewide ramifications for millions of acres of land in Idaho administered by the U.S. Forest Service and U.S. Bureau of Land Management. The U.S. Department of Justice in a lawsuit filed in June against Idaho and the Idaho Department of Water Resources contends that the state's forfeiture procedure violates the U.S. Constitution's supremacy clause. It states that federal law takes precedence over state law. The Justice Department also says the laws violate parts of the Idaho Constitution.

Eos: [New USGS Director: Partnerships Are Our Superpower](#)

Kimberly M. S. Cartier, August 26, 2022

On 15 August, David Applegate was sworn in as director of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS). Applegate, who had been exercising the delegated authority of the director since January 2021, is a natural hazards scientist who has been with the survey for 18 years. At the ceremony, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland said, "As people, wildlife and ecosystems face the impacts of the climate crisis, David's long and impressive tenure will continue to be essential to ensuring that the Department continues to be an international leader in developing the climate science needed to understand the Earth's past, present and future climate."

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This administration isn't concerned with national security. Its goal is to process as many illegal immigrants into the interior of our country as fast as possible, regardless of the cost.

nypost.com/2024/01/07/new...

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Senator Bob Casey  @SenBobCasey



I heard concerns that there were plans to permanently remove William Penn's statue from Welcome Park. After checking in with the Department of the Interior, I'm pleased to report that there are no plans to remove William Penn at this time.

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What Mayorkas is saying here is simply not true. He cannot affirmatively claim that if an

asylum claim is rejected “they are removed”. There are 6 million + on the non-detained docket, including those with final orders of removal who *have not been removed* & ICE interior...



 **Jennie Taer** 
@JennieSTaer



Reporter: “They [migrants] are coming because they’re being released.”

Mayorkas: “I would take issue with your characterization that it is easy.”



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Bighorn sheep address their issues head-on. When their horns collide, they produce a resounding crash that echoes through the landscape and can be heard up to one mile away. Witnessing a ram battle is a rare and treasured experience.

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ICE has been handcuffed from doing its job – removing illegal migrants and preserving our security and sovereignty

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Secure the border

Enforce the laws on the books

Fix the broken asylum process

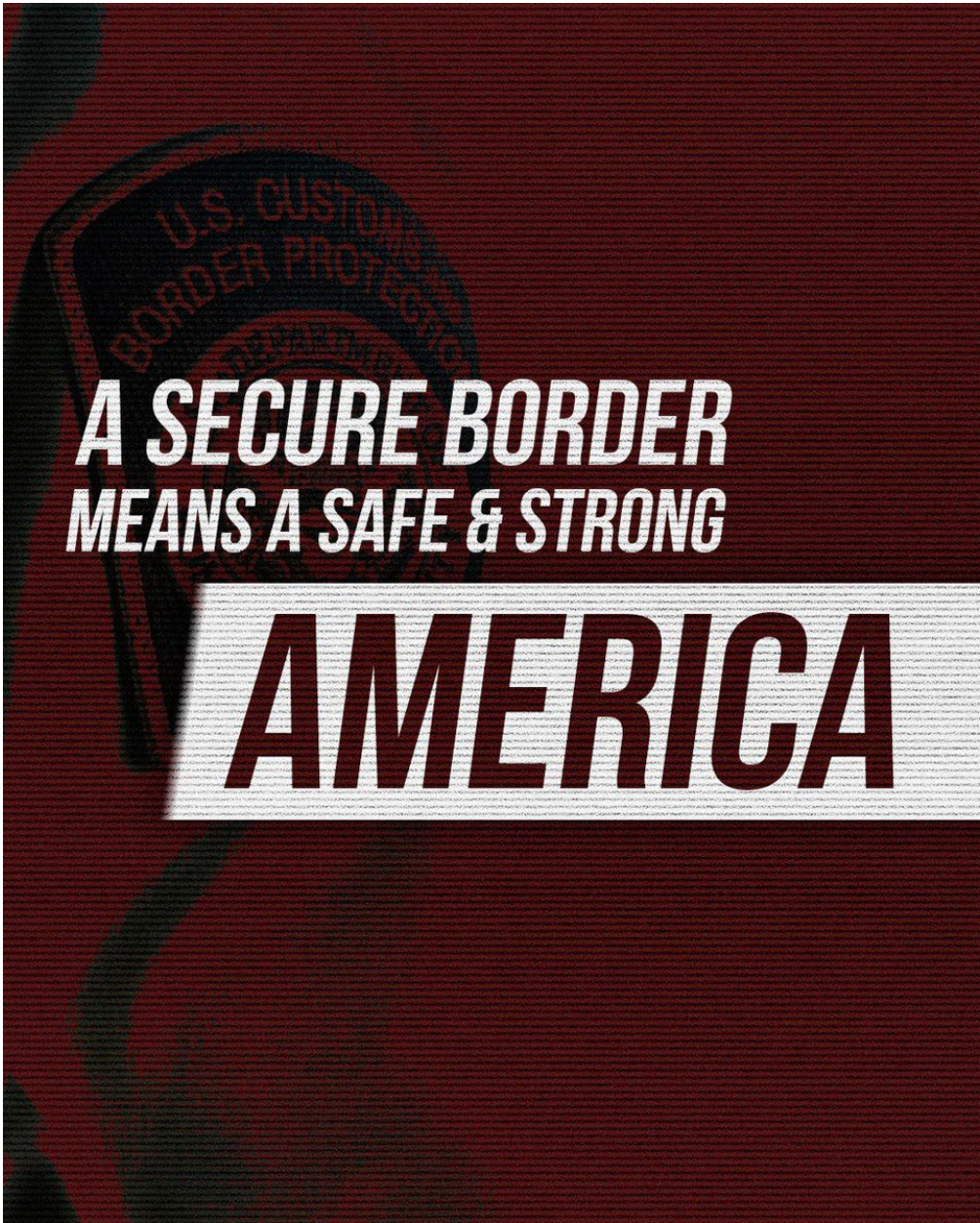
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FYSA, the EO has been signed and released on the statue garden.
No mentions of NPS. A few highlighted bits below.

Executive Order on Building the National Garden of American Heroes

Issued on: January 18, 2021

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By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. Background. In Executive Order 13934 of July 3, 2020 (Building and Rebuilding Monuments to American

Heroes), I made it the policy of the United States to establish a statutory park named the National Garden of American Heroes (National Garden). To begin the process of building this new monument to our country's greatness, I established the Interagency Task Force for Building and Rebuilding Monuments to American Heroes (Task Force) and directed its members to plan for construction of the National Garden. The Task Force has advised me it has completed the first phase of its work and is prepared to move forward. This order revises Executive Order 13934 and provides additional direction for the Task Force.

Sec. 2. Purpose. The chronicles of our history show that America is a land of heroes. As I announced during my address at Mount Rushmore, the gates of a beautiful new garden will soon open to the public where the legends of America's past will be remembered.

The National Garden will be built to reflect the awesome splendor of our country's timeless exceptionalism. It will be a place where citizens, young and old, can renew their vision of greatness and take up the challenge that I gave every American in my first address to Congress, to "[b]elieve in yourselves, believe in your future, and believe, once more, in America."

Across this Nation, belief in the greatness and goodness of America has come under attack in recent months and years by a dangerous anti-American extremism that seeks to dismantle our country's history, institutions, and very identity. The heroes of 1776 have been desecrated, with statues of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and Benjamin Franklin vandalized and toppled. The dead who gave their lives to end slavery and save the Union during the Civil War have been dishonored, with monuments to Abraham Lincoln, Hans Christian Heg, and the courageous 54th Regiment left damaged and disfigured. The brave warriors who saved freedom from Nazi fascism have been disgraced with a memorial to World War II veterans defaced with the hammer and sickle of Soviet communism.

The National Garden is America's answer to this reckless attempt to erase our heroes, values, and entire way of life. On its grounds, the devastation and discord of the moment will be overcome with abiding love of country and lasting patriotism. This is the American way. When the forces of anti-Americanism have sought to burn, tear down, and destroy, patriots have built, rebuilt, and lifted up. That is our history. America responded to the razing of the White House by building it back in the same place with unbroken resolve, to the murders of Abraham Lincoln and Martin Luther King, Jr., with a national temple and the Stone of Hope, and to the terrorism of 9/11 with a new Freedom Tower. In keeping with this tradition, America is responding to the tragic toppling of monuments to our founding generation and the giants of our past by commencing a new national project for their restoration, veneration, and celebration.

The National Garden will draw together and fix in the soil of a single place what Abraham Lincoln called "[t]he mystic chords of memory, stretching from every battlefield, and patriot grave, to every living heart." In the peace and harmony of this vast outdoor park, visitors will come and learn the amazing stories of some of the greatest Americans who have ever lived. The National Garden will feature a roll call of heroes who deserve honor, recognition, and lasting tribute because of the battles they won, the ideas they championed, the diseases they cured, the lives they saved, the heights they achieved, and the hope they passed down to all of us — that united as one American people trusting in God, there is no challenge that cannot be overcome and no dream that is beyond our reach.

In short, each individual has been chosen for embodying the American spirit of daring and defiance, excellence and adventure, courage and confidence, loyalty and love. Astounding the world by the sheer power of their example, each one of them has contributed indispensably to America's noble history, the best chapters of which are still to come.

Sec. 3. Honoring Additional American Heroes. (a) Section 3(c) of Executive Order 13934 is amended by striking the words "In addition to the requirements of subsection 3(b) of this order, the proposed options for the" and inserting in their place the word "The".

(b) Section 3(c)(i) of Executive Order 13934 is amended to read as follows: “The National Garden should be composed of statues, including statues of Ansel Adams, John Adams, Samuel Adams, Muhammad Ali, Luis Walter Alvarez, Susan B. Anthony, Hannah Arendt, Louis Armstrong, Neil Armstrong, Crispus Attucks, John James Audubon, Lauren Bacall, Clara Barton, Todd Beamer, Alexander Graham Bell, Roy Benavidez, Ingrid Bergman, Irving Berlin, Humphrey Bogart, Daniel Boone, Norman Borlaug, William Bradford, Herb Brooks, Kobe Bryant, William F. Buckley, Jr., Sitting Bull, Frank Capra, Andrew Carnegie, Charles Carroll, John Carroll, George Washington Carver, Johnny Cash, Joshua Chamberlain, Whittaker Chambers, Johnny “Appleseed” Chapman, Ray Charles, Julia Child, Gordon Chung-Hoon, William Clark, Henry Clay, Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain), Roberto Clemente, Grover Cleveland, Red Cloud, William F. “Buffalo Bill” Cody, Nat King Cole, Samuel Colt, Christopher Columbus, Calvin Coolidge, James Fenimore Cooper, Davy Crockett, Benjamin O. Davis, Jr., Miles Davis, Dorothy Day, Joseph H. De Castro, Emily Dickinson, Walt Disney, William “Wild Bill” Donovan, Jimmy Doolittle, Desmond Doss, Frederick Douglass, Herbert Henry Dow, Katharine Drexel, Peter Drucker, Amelia Earhart, Thomas Edison, Jonathan Edwards, Albert Einstein, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Duke Ellington, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Medgar Evers, David Farragut, the Marquis de La Fayette, Mary Fields, Henry Ford, George Fox, Aretha Franklin, Benjamin Franklin, Milton Friedman, Robert Frost, Gabby Gabreski, Bernardo de Gálvez, Lou Gehrig, Theodor Seuss Geisel, Cass Gilbert, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, John Glenn, Barry Goldwater, Samuel Gompers, Alexander Goode, Carl Gorman, Billy Graham, Ulysses S. Grant, Nellie Gray, Nathanael Greene, Woody Guthrie, Nathan Hale, William Frederick “Bull” Halsey, Jr., Alexander Hamilton, Ira Hayes, Hans Christian Heg, Ernest Hemingway, Patrick Henry, Charlton Heston, Alfred Hitchcock, Billie Holiday, Bob Hope, Johns Hopkins, Grace Hopper, Sam Houston, Whitney Houston, Julia Ward Howe, Edwin Hubble, Daniel Inouye, Andrew Jackson, Robert H. Jackson, Mary Jackson, John Jay, Thomas Jefferson, Steve Jobs, Katherine Johnson, Barbara Jordan, Chief Joseph, Elia Kazan, Helen Keller, John F. Kennedy, Francis Scott Key, Coretta Scott King, Martin Luther King, Jr., Russell Kirk, Jeane Kirkpatrick, Henry Knox, Tadeusz Kościuszko, Harper Lee, Pierre Charles L’Enfant, Meriwether Lewis, Abraham Lincoln, Vince Lombardi, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Clare Boothe Luce, Douglas MacArthur, Dolley Madison, James Madison, George Marshall, Thurgood Marshall, William Mayo, Christa McAuliffe, William McKinley, Louise McManus, Herman Melville, Thomas Merton, George P. Mitchell, Maria Mitchell, William “Billy” Mitchell, Samuel Morse, Lucretia Mott, John Muir, Audie Murphy, Edward Murrow, John Neumann, Annie Oakley, Jesse Owens, Rosa Parks, George S. Patton, Jr., Charles Willson Peale, William Penn, Oliver Hazard Perry, John J. Pershing, Edgar Allan Poe, Clark Poling, John Russell Pope, Elvis Presley, Jeannette Rankin, Ronald Reagan, Walter Reed, William Rehnquist, Paul Revere, Henry Hobson Richardson, Hyman Rickover, Sally Ride, Matthew Ridgway, Jackie Robinson, Norman Rockwell, Caesar Rodney, Eleanor Roosevelt, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Theodore Roosevelt, Betsy Ross, Babe Ruth, Sacagawea, Jonas Salk, John Singer Sargent, Antonin Scalia, Norman Schwarzkopf, Junípero Serra, Elizabeth Ann Seton, Robert Gould Shaw, Fulton Sheen, Alan Shepard, Frank Sinatra, Margaret Chase Smith, Bessie Smith, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Jimmy Stewart, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Gilbert Stuart, Anne Sullivan, William Howard Taft, Maria Tallchief, Maxwell Taylor, Tecumseh, Kateri Tekakwitha, Shirley Temple, Nikola Tesla, Jefferson Thomas, Henry David Thoreau, Jim Thorpe, Augustus Tolton, Alex Trebek, Harry S. Truman, Sojourner Truth, Harriet Tubman, Dorothy Vaughan, C. T. Vivian, John von Neumann, Thomas Ustick Walter, Sam Walton, Booker T. Washington, George Washington, John Washington, John Wayne, Ida B. Wells-Barnett, Phillis Wheatley, Walt Whitman, Laura Ingalls Wilder, Roger Williams, John Winthrop, Frank Lloyd Wright, Orville Wright, Wilbur Wright, Alvin C. York, Cy Young, and Lorenzo de Zavala.”

Sec. 4. Additional Amendments to Executive Order 13934. (a) Section 3(b) of Executive Order 13934 is amended to read as follows: “The Secretary, in consultation with the Task Force, shall identify a site suitable for the establishment of the National Garden. The Secretary shall proceed with construction of the National Garden at that site, to the extent consistent with the Secretary’s existing authorities or authority later provided by the Congress.”

(b) Section 7 of Executive Order 13934 is amended to read as follows: “Definition. The term “historically significant American” means an individual who made substantive contributions to America’s public life or otherwise had a substantive effect on America’s history.”

Sec. 5. Funding. (a) The Secretary of the Interior shall provide funding, as appropriate and consistent with available appropriations and applicable law, for the establishment and maintenance of the National Garden.

(b) The Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Arts and the Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Humanities, in consultation with the National Council on the Arts and the National Council on the Humanities, respectively, and the Task Force, should target spending one-twelfth of the discretionary funds available to their agencies on commissioning statues of individuals set forth in section 3(c)(i) of Executive Order 13934, as amended by section 3(b) of this order, for placement in the National Garden, as appropriate and consistent with applicable law.

Sec. 6. Public Report. Until such time as the National Garden is established and includes statues of all individuals set forth in section 3(c)(i) of Executive Order 13934, as amended by section 3(b) of this order, the **Task Force shall publish an annual public report describing progress on establishing the National Garden and on building statues of American heroes**. This report shall include, as applicable, the steps the Task Force agencies have taken in the preceding year to prepare the National Garden to be opened for public access and listing all statues either commissioned for or placed in the National Garden.

Sec. 7. 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.

DONALD J. TRUMP

THE WHITE HOUSE,
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Good evening. Relevant to your question from this morning, please see the below press release. Thank you.

Park withdraws review of Welcome Park rehabilitation proposal

PHILADELPHIA, PA — Independence National Historical Park has withdrawn the review of a draft proposal to rehabilitate Welcome Park and closed the public comment period. The preliminary draft proposal, which was released prematurely and had not been subject to a complete internal agency review, is being retracted. No changes to the William Penn statue are planned.

The National Park Service (NPS) remains committed to rehabilitating Welcome Park as the nation prepares to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence in 2026. Upon completion of all the necessary internal reviews, the park looks forward to engaging in a robust public process to consider options for refurbishing the park in the coming years.

The park is located on the site of William Penn's home, the Slate Roof House, and is named for the ship, Welcome, which transported Penn to Philadelphia. The design and construction of Welcome Park was funded by the Independence Historical Trust and was completed in 1982.

Updates on the project may be found on the park's website at www.nps.gov/INDE.

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Hi Elaine,

I have a very odd constituent question for you that I'm wondering if you can help provide some information on. A constituent

reached out about the announcement that the statue of William Penn will be removed from a park in Philadelphia. He would like to know if there will be a process to purchase the statue, perhaps through an auction or RFP subject to legal/regulatory requirements. Not sure if this would be a question for NPS or GSA but hoping you can provide some information I can relay.

Apologies for the random question! Definitely not something I have any experience with... Thanks!

Sam Crofts
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1 [Biden Admin Reverses Decision to Remove William Penn Statue](#)



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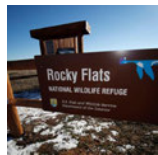
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... the Welcome, that brought Penn to the New World from England in 1682. The Park Service also planned to remove a replica of Penn's home, the Slate Roof House, as well as a Penn timeline on a wall at the park. In other words, the Biden administration was erasing Penn. National Park Service photos. The Interior Department, which oversees the National Park Service, is led by Biden appointee Secretary **Deb Haaland**, a radical progressive who is the first Native American to serve as a cabinet secretary. Interior Secretary **Deb Haaland** with a transgender park ranger identified as "Pattie Gonia." (@SecDebHaaland / X screen shot) October 2023. To celebrate LGBT History Month, I joined outdoor advocate and climate movement icon @pattiegonia to discuss how places like @StonewallNPS help tell our ... country's full and honest story. pic.twitter.com/XSIGs1qz9z — Secretary **Deb Haaland** (@SecDebHaaland) October 2, 2023 Pennsylvania's Democrat Governor Josh Shapiro took credit for the reversal, "My team has been in contact with the Biden Administration throughout the day to correct this decision. I'm pleased Welcome Park will remain the rightful home of this William Penn statue —

right here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Penn founded." My team has been in contact with the ...

2 The Denver Post



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Physicians for Social Responsibility and five Colorado advocacy groups are suing Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, Interior Secretary **Deb Haaland** and four federal agencies to halt work on a trail through Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge.

3 Environmental and Health Advocacy Groups Sue U.S. Federal Agencies over Rocky Flats Greenway



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In a significant development, a coalition led by Physicians for Social Responsibility, along with several environmental and health advocacy groups, has lodged a lawsuit against U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, Interior Secretary **Deb Haaland**, and four federal agencies. The agencies are the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Federal Highway Administration among others. The lawsuit aims to halt the construction of an 8-mile greenway through Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge. This legal action, filed in federal court in the District of Columbia, accuses the defendants of violating the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) by ...

4 Colorado environmental groups file federal lawsuit to halt Rocky Flats trail



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Lawsuit claims federal agencies did not consider alternatives to "plutonium-contaminated" portion of refuge Physicians for Social Responsibility and five Colorado advocacy groups are suing Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, Interior Secretary **Deb Haaland** and four federal agencies to halt work on a trail through Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge. The lawsuit, filed in federal court in the District of Columbia on Monday, claims that the U.S. departments of Transportation and the Interior, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Federal Highway Administration violated the National Environmental Policy Act by not considering alternatives to ...

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... future will require a focus on equity. "It's interesting, the place where humanity finds itself, because we have all the tools — the technology, the wealth, the brainpower — to initiate those changes," Marchand said. "What we lack is the political will." And Native leaders know how to implement traditional practices in a good way. As an example, she noted that in September, Interior Secretary **Deb Haaland** (Laguna Pueblo) revised four climate-related Interior Department policies, all of which now refer to Indigenous knowledge. Marchand credits "Auntie **Deb**" with implementing this knowledge at a federal level in a way that's not extractive. "We, as a whole, would not be as far without her," Marchand said. Through ATNI, Marchand has had a hand in crafting policy resolutions that ...

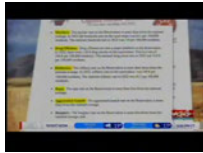
6 This Tribe Got Their "Land Back." But It's No Longer Livable.

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... to the future of the entire National Park Service, whose director, Chuck Sams III, is the first Native American in that role. And something even bigger is at stake. Death Valley is the largest federally

designated wilderness in the lower 48 states. This makes it central to the new national climate strategy, which focuses on wilderness as a primary tool in climate change mitigation. In the era of **Deb Haaland**, the first Indigenous secretary of the interior, environmentalists are looking to native knowledges and Indigenous land use across the globe more than ever to fortify wilderness conservation strategies. But the Timbisha need more than just the right to their ancestral land. Living in the hottest place on earth, they need active, ongoing help with stewardship. Durham was happiest during the Covid ...

7 KELOLAND News at Six



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... -thirds of the reservations adults struggle with alcoholism with 25% of the reservations children born with fetal alcohol syndrome. star comes out. Proclamation also shared that the reservation suicide rate is notably higher than the national rate with 177 suicide attempts among people in the 14 to 32 age bracket in 2020. In the declaration start comes out called on President Joe Biden to direct **Deb Haaland**, the u.s. Secretary of the interior task for not funding the have 2.8 officers for every 1000 people in the service population. Elgin Young chief of police of the Oglala Sioux Tribe says his department has 60 total sworn

8 Tribes cheer updated BIA land acquisition rules



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... day deadline. The BIA will no longer apply heightened scrutiny based on distance of the land from the tribe's reservation, and the agency will now explicitly start with a presumption in favor of tribes seeking to acquire land within their reservation boundaries. "This is another step to put power back in

the hands of tribal communities in determining how their lands are used," Interior Secretary **Deb Haaland** said. But while the land acquisition rules largely received a warm reception when cited by Biden administration officials at last week's White House Tribal Nations Summit met some local government opposition. "It is essential to take into consideration the negative impacts the land acquisition may have on the local municipalities and residents," wrote Richard Lemack, town administrator of Davie, ...

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9 Feds move closer to Colorado mineral withdrawal



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... camp for the 10th Mountain Division that deployed to Italy's northern Apennines in 1945. The Forest Service and BLM submitted applications to the Agriculture and Interior secretaries, respectively, asking for the mineral withdrawal in October 2022, which kicked off a two-year pause on any new drilling or mining claims while the withdrawal proposal is analyzed. If finalized, Interior Secretary **Deb Haaland** would sign a public land order authorizing the 20-year withdrawal. "The purpose of the requested withdrawal is to prevent sale or exchange of [Forest Service] and BLM administered lands in the withdrawal application area and protect these lands, and the natural resources therein, from the potential adverse effects that may arise from mineral exploration and development," according to the draft ...

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10 Biden admin announces Atlantic offshore wind sale, more to come



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... , marking the potential fifth wind sale in the ocean since President Joe Biden took office and promised to supercharge the industry. The proposed sale would offer up to two areas to wind developers able to support up to 2.2. million homes with wind power. One is located roughly 40 miles from the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay. A second area is situated 30 miles from Delaware Bay. Interior Secretary **Deb Haaland** characterized the proposed auction as "another step forward in the Biden-Harris administration's pursuit of a clean energy future." She said in a statement Monday: "We are taking action to jumpstart America's offshore wind industry and using American innovation to deliver reliable, affordable power to homes and businesses, while also addressing the climate crisis." Interior also announced Monday ...

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11 Panel to debate climate-driven 'energy poverty' bill



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... that "prohibits or delays" oil and gas lease sales, drilling permit or the issuance of new coal leases. Hageman - a fierce Biden administration critic who last month unsuccessfully introduced an amendment to the fiscal 2024 Interior-Environment appropriations package that would have slashed by 50 percent funding for the Bureau of Land Management - has in recent months grilled Interior Secretary **Deb Haaland** and a senior BLM official on the energy poverty issue. Hageman also railed against administration energy policies during a Natural Resources Committee hearing in February, saying, "I believe that there is a special place in hell for those people who push policies that are intended to increase the cost of housing, food and energy." She said during that hearing that the Biden administration had " ... on that point with Mike Nedd, BLM's deputy director of operations. "Why is it

that every policy this administration pursues is intended to create energy poverty?" she said. Nedd pushed back, saying he "can't agree with that premise," noting at the time that the administration had permitted more than 9,000 oil and gas wells. At a separate Natural Resources Committee hearing last spring, she asked **Haaland**: "Do you believe energy poverty is a good thing?" **Haaland** replied that she was unfamiliar with the term. Geothermal, leasing bills Two other bills are scheduled for debate: * H.R. 6474 , filed in November by Rep. Michelle Steel (R-Calif.). It would amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to speed up geothermal exploration and development "in previously studied or developed areas ...

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12 'We are survivors:' National, Arizona projects aim to uncover, preserve histories of Native American boarding schools



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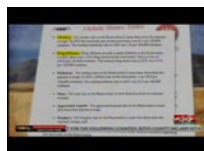
... even to my sister who went to boarding school with me." Phoenix Indian School, originally Phoenix Industrial School, opened as a Bureau of Indian Affairs-run boarding school in 1891 at the corner of what is now Central Avenue and Indian School Road. It officially closed in 1990, but three school buildings were placed on the National Register of Historic Places. In June 2021, Interior Secretary **Deb Haaland** announced that the U.S. government would investigate its oversight of boarding schools and focus on the intergenerational impact through the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative. The uprooting of children and attempted erasure of Indigenous culture and practices has led to multigenerational trauma and in some cases a loss of identity or heritage within family lines. And that trauma is at ...

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... landscape is laden with profound implications for our nation's energy security and economic prosperity. For too long, we've eagerly anticipated the launch of the much-awaited federal offshore oil and gas leasing program, a legal imperative. Astonishingly, when the previous program expired in June 2022, a replacement was nowhere in sight. Fig. 1. Under the leadership of Secretary of the Interior **Deb Haaland**, the federal offshore oil and gas leasing program has had a number of stops and starts. Image: U.S. Department of the Interior. The failed Biden leasing plan. Come late September, the administration (Fig. 1) unveiled the new leasing program, succinctly described in one word: a failure. It offers a mere three offshore oil and gas lease sales in the Gulf of Mexico, scheduled for 2025, 2027, and ...

15 **Boebert bill would stop BLM ban on new drilling in western Colo.**



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By Scott Streater Colorado Republican Rep. Lauren Boebert, one of President Joe Biden's fiercest congressional critics, has filed a bill that aims to block Interior Secretary **Deb Haaland** from implementing land-use plan revisions that would ban new oil and gas leasing across more than a million acres in the Centennial State. Boebert's bill, H.R. 6547 , which she formally introduced Dec. 1, would prohibit **Haaland** from implementing the draft plan covering roughly 1.6 million acres of federal lands in Colorado managed by the Bureau of Land Management. The bureau in ...

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16 From PC to DC: Carson completes NOAA policy fellowship at The White House



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... Indigenous, Ohkay Owingeh, but this was the one first time in my life that I have had the opportunity to work with other Indigenous people on IK work. It really helped connect further with this part of my identity. There is so much amazing work being done, and so much more left to do; I am inspired to be a part of this incredibly important progress." Another 'pinch me' moment for Carson: meeting **Deb Haaland**, Secretary of the U.S. Interior and the first Native American to serve as a cabinet secretary. Carson posed with **Haaland** for a White House photo in November honoring Native American Heritage Month and the largest group of Native American federal officials and senior staff in history. "It was so amazing, and I was so nervous!" said Carson. "I am just in awe of all of the positive ...

17 Nevada tribe says coalitions, not lawsuits, will protect sacred sites



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... Pass, the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony will focus on organizing a broad coalition to build public support for sacred places. Tribal members are concerned other culturally significant areas will end up in the path of a modern day Gold Rush that has companies scouting for lithium and other materials needed to meet Biden's clean energy agenda. Melendez was among those thrilled when Biden appointed **Deb Haaland** to lead the Interior Department. A member of Laguna Pueblo, **Haaland** is the first Native American to serve as a cabinet secretary. Melendez, a former member of the U.S. Human Rights Commission who has led his colony for 32 years, said he understands the difficulty of navigating the electoral landscape in a western swing state where the mining industry's political clout is second ... only to the power wielded by casinos. Still, he was disappointed **Haaland** declined an invitation to visit the massacre site. "The largest lithium project in the United States and they don't even have the time to come out here and meet with the tribal nations in the state of Nevada," he said. The tribe's lawyer, Will Falk, urged other tribes to resist "tricking ourselves into believing that just because the first Native American secretary of Interior is in office that ...

18 **Bison bounce back in the American West, giving Indigenous nations hope for restorations of their own**



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... herds.Nathan VanderKlippe/The Globe and Mail The COVID-19 pandemic was a motivator, exposing vulnerabilities for tribal members in remote places, some of whom struggled to secure food during lockdowns. "Tribes used what happened in COVID to say never again," Mr. Heinert said. The U.S. government, too, has begun to change course. Early last year, an executive order from Secretary of the Interior **Deb Haaland** pledged new efforts "to restore wild and healthy populations of American bison and the prairie grassland ecosystem," and committed more than US\$25-million from the Inflation Reduction Act for such work. The Joe Biden administration has placed dozens of Indigenous leaders into prominent positions, including Ms. **Haaland**, the interior secretary, and Heather Dawn Thompson, the ...

19 **Pentagon Chief Austin won't resign, Biden won't fire him after secretive hospital stay**



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clue as to where he was, or might be," Trump wrote on Truth Social. From left: U.S. Interior Secretary **Deb Haaland**, Secretary of State Antony Blinken, Biden and Austin are seen at a meeting at the White House in October 2023. (Brendan Smialowski/AFP/Getty Images) Elise Stefanik, chair of the House Republican Conference and member of the House armed services committee, which oversees the Pentagon, also called for Austin's resignation. "There must be full accountability beginning with the immediate resignation ...

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NPS drops plan to remove statue of Pennsylvania founder

The agency said it reversed course because the plan had been “released prematurely.” Republicans had blasted the move, while Gov. Josh Shapiro (D) urged NPS to keep the statue of William Penn in Philadelphia's Welcome Park.

BY:

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GREENWIRE | In a quick reversal, the National Park Service on Monday abandoned a controversial plan to take down a popular statue of William Penn from Welcome Park, a site in Philadelphia that honors the founder of Pennsylvania.

In a statement, NPS said it retracted the plan because it had been “released prematurely” before an internal agency review had been completed.

As a result, NPS said: “No changes to the William Penn statue are planned.”

The plan, unveiled Friday, had drawn sharp criticism from the state’s Democratic governor and top Republicans.

In a post on the social media platform X, Gov. Josh Shapiro expressed satisfaction with the turnabout, saying his team had worked with the Biden administration throughout the day Monday “to correct this decision.”

“I’m pleased Welcome Park will remain the rightful home of this William Penn statue — right here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Penn founded,” Shapiro said.

Under its original plan, NPS said it wanted to scrap the statue as part of a rehabilitation of Welcome Park “to provide a more welcoming, accurate, and inclusive experience for visitors.” The agency said its plan would include “expanded interpretation of the Native American history of Philadelphia.”

The agency also said that it had developed the plan after consulting with representatives of the Indigenous nations of the Haudenosaunee, Delaware Nation, Delaware Tribe of Indians, Shawnee Tribe and Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma.

The park, created in 1982, is situated at the site of Penn’s home, the Slate Roof House. It’s named for the ship Welcome that brought Penn to Philadelphia in the late 1600s.

Penn, who founded the province of Pennsylvania during the British colonial era, has long been regarded as a hero for many in the state.

The William Penn statue can be seen in the middle of Welcome Park in Philadelphia. | Matt Rourke/AP

Before the agency withdrew its plan, Republican Senate candidate Dave McCormick, who’s seeking to unseat Democratic Sen. Bob Casey this year, said that removing the statue would be “indefensible” and said the Interior Department wanted to eliminate “all mention of our commonwealth’s founder.”

“What’s next?” he said on X, formerly known as Twitter. “The William Penn statue of top of City Hall?”

Similarly, Pennsylvania House Republican Leader Bryan Cutler called the proposal “another sad example of the left in this country scraping the bottom of the barrel of wokeism to advance an extreme ideology and a nonsensical view of history.”

Republicans in recent months had also cheered Penn, an influential Quaker, as a champion of religious

freedom.

In October, Republican state Sen. Doug Mastriano, who lost a bid to become the state's governor in 2022, held an event in Harrisburg to celebrate Penn's landing in the state, to commemorate a treaty he signed with a local tribe and to recognize Penn's "historic contributions ... to the cause of religious liberty."

The proposal to remove the statue attracted a torrent of online criticism: "Sickening, when are we going to stop this madness?" said one opponent on X, while another urged NPS to "stop trying to erase our nation's founding."

One critic feared the Rocky statue at the Philadelphia Museum of Art could become the next target, while another suggested NPS rename the park as the Karl Marx Indoctrination and Hospitality Center.

The criticism also extended to Capitol Hill. In a tweet Monday night, Republican Rep. Jim Jordan (R-Ohio), the chair of the House Judiciary Committee, asked: "Are they going to try and rename the state, too?"

In its statement, NPS said it still wants to rehabilitate the park before the nation marks its 250th anniversary in 2026.

"Upon completion of all the necessary internal reviews, the park looks forward to engaging in a robust public process to consider options for refurbishing the park in the coming years," NPS said.

Greg Pence won't seek reelection to Indiana House seat

Former Vice President Mike Pence's brother made the announcement in a brief statement Tuesday.

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GREENWIRE | Indiana Republican Rep. Greg Pence, the brother of former Vice President Mike Pence, announced Tuesday he would not seek a fourth term in office.

"As a former Marine Officer, I approached the job with purpose," he said in a statement posted to X, formerly known as Twitter. "After three terms, I've made the decision to not file for reelection."

Pence is a member of the Energy and Commerce Committee, which will see several departures. His southeast Indiana district is heavily Republican and will likely stay in GOP hands.

Steny Hoyer running for reelection

The 84-year-old is a former member of the House Democratic leadership.

BY:

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GREENWIRE | Maryland Rep. Steny Hoyer will seek a 23rd congressional term this year and plans to file for reelection Tuesday.

The Democrat left House leadership along with former Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) after the party lost its majority in the last election cycle.

Some speculated the former House majority leader would join the rising ranks of House retirees, but both he and Pelosi are aiming to keep their seats.

"I believe I have more work to complete on behalf of my district, my state, and my country," he said in a statement Monday, adding that he believes this cycle will bring another Democratic House majority.

"I am blessed to have the good health, strength, and enduring passion necessary to continue serving my constituents at this decisive moment for Maryland and America."

The 84-year-old, who was first elected in a special election in 1981, is the longest-serving current member from Maryland, followed by Sen. Ben Cardin (D-Md.), who was first elected in 1986 but is retiring this year. But Hoyer is not the oldest representative running for reelection — that distinction belongs to Rep. Bill Pascrell (D-N.J.), who will turn 87 this month.

Hoyer won his seat in Maryland's 5th District by 32 points in 2022 and reported around \$784,000 in cash on

hand last quarter.

The Washington Post was the first to report the news.

NOAA approves Gulf of Mexico seismic testing for oil

The surveys would affect whales and other marine mammals.

BY:

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GREENWIRE | NOAA Fisheries on Tuesday approved an oil company's request to survey for oil under the Gulf of Mexico seafloor, potentially injuring up to four pygmy and dwarf sperm whales and disturbing hundreds of dolphins and other marine species.

Offshore energy's impact on marine life has increasingly become the focus of environmental pushback during the Biden administration, with both legacy drilling and new offshore wind development catching heat. The [seismic survey approved to disturb marine life Tuesday](#) for Anadarko Petroleum, a subsidiary of Occidental Petroleum, would be in 3,500-foot-deep waters south of the Alabama coast. It's planned to take up to eight days, beginning in February.

The NOAA approval details thousands of marine animals that could be disturbed by the testing, which Anadarko is using to get a better picture of the complex geology at an existing well to help future development.

The permit allows the harassment of more than 900 beaked whales, as well as pygmy killer whales, spinner dolphins and short finned pilot whales.

NOAA is allowing just one pair of species, the pygmy sperm whale and the dwarf sperm whale, to experience potential injuries. It says up to four individuals may be harmed by the activity. The agency, which did not comment in time for publication, does not expect any animals to die.

The oil company said in its application that observers would watch for protected species and sea turtles. Occidental did not provide comment in time for publication.

NOAA said modeling can create "unrealistic projections" for some rare species. Concerning the killer whale, which is not often present in the Gulf of Mexico, and the Rice's whale, an endangered species, NOAA used additional data to determine the surveying will not cause harassment or injury.

Geotechnical surveys are a routine activity in the Gulf to inform drillers about the potential of oil and gas and provide detailed pictures of subsurface rock.

The practice picked up in 2023 following a lull in approvals caused by delayed rules from NOAA Fisheries and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management.

Feds still tracking old oil spill that mysteriously tainted coast

What became known as the "Oregon-Washington Coast Mystery Oil Spill" eventually extended along 55 miles in the two states.

BY:

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GREENWIRE | An old West Coast environmental mishap that's known to have killed lots of birds but is still dubbed a "mystery" oil spill could get some more answers.

The guilty party, though, has apparently escaped justice.

In the latest chapter of what's become an ecological page turner, the Fish and Wildlife Service on Tuesday said it will undertake restoration planning for the spill that in early March 1999 cast tar balls and oiled birds ashore in Oregon and Washington. The federal agency and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife are partners in the restoration effort.

"The purpose of this restoration planning effort is to assess injuries to natural resources resulting from the spill and develop and implement a plan for the restoration of these injured resources," the [Fish and Wildlife Service](#) stated.

The basic plot of what the federal government calls the "Oregon-Washington Coast Mystery Oil Spill" is already known.

On March 4, 1999, state and federal officials began receiving reports of tarballs and oiled birds coming ashore, initially on approximately 8 miles along Oregon's Sunset Beach. Eventually, the spill extended to 55 miles of Oregon and Washington state coastline.

Wildlife surveys conducted over the next week collected a total of 272 bird carcasses from 17 species. These included two marbled murrelets, which are listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act.

"It is likely that additional birds were killed by the incident but were not recovered by search teams," the Interior Department's case summary states.

According to a 2020 [incident claims report](#) from the National Pollution Funds Center, Interior calculated that the actual bird casualty count ranged from 3,049 to 3,385.

FWS recounted that at the time, state and federal agencies were already responding to an oil spill that had occurred 120 miles to the south, when a ship called the New Carissa ran aground in Coos Bay and spilled about 70,000 gallons of fuel oil.

An Associated Press account published March 6, 1999, reported that in the Oregon coastal village of Waldport, "so many sightseers have flooded this town of 1,750 to catch a glimpse of the wreck" that the state's governor urged people to stay away. The wrecked ship turned tourist attraction was also initially suspected as the source of the oil that came ashore farther north starting March 4.

"But chemical analysis of tarballs and oiled bird feathers indicated that the oil in the northern Oregon and southern Washington area did not match the New Carissa source samples," FWS recounted Tuesday, adding that "the vessel responsible for the spill was never identified."

Hence the "mystery" spill.

The Oregon-Washington episode is one of several incidents designated as a mystery oil spill on Interior's Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration Program [incident library](#).

Another mystery spill, for instance, occurred in early April 2002, when a mixture of diesel fuel and lube waste oil was observed in Michigan's Rouge River. Spilled oil eventually damaged approximately 17 miles of shoreline in the United States and almost 10 miles on the Canadian side of the Detroit River.

In some cases, spill mysteries unravel after decades.

[A 2006 report](#) by NOAA Fisheries and other agencies, for instance, recounted that on July 14, 1953, the freighter S.S. Jacob Luckenbach collided with another vessel and sank in the Gulf of the Farallones. On the ocean floor, the wreck leaked oil and became the source of many subsequent spills.

"Major oiling events have occurred every few winters since at least 1973-74," the report stated, but "it was not until January 2002 that these 'mystery spills' were linked to the Luckenbach."

The assessment of the Oregon-Washington spill will primarily focus on the extent of bird injuries along the coastline. The Oil Pollution Act authorizes the government to seek damages from the responsible party to pay for a restoration plan.

But in the case of a mystery spill like the 1999 one, where a responsible party cannot be identified, the government agencies designated as trustees can seek funding from the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund, which is administered by the U.S. Coast Guard's National Pollution Funds Center.

The funding that will be sought would support planning of projects that protect seabird nesting habitat. This might include, for instance, land acquisition or removal of mink and raccoon populations, among other activities.

Arrest warrant issued for Montana man accused of killing eagles

Two men, working with others, killed about 3,600 birds on Montana's Flathead Indian Reservation and elsewhere over a six-year period beginning in 2015, according to a grand jury indictment unsealed last month.

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GREENWIRE | BILLINGS, Montana — A federal judge issued an arrest warrant Monday for a Montana man who failed to show up for an initial court appearance on charges of killing thousands of birds, including bald and golden eagles. A second defendant pleaded not guilty.

The two men, working with others, killed about 3,600 birds on Montana's Flathead Indian Reservation and elsewhere over a six-year period beginning in 2015, according to a [grand jury indictment unsealed last month](#). The defendants also were accused of selling eagle parts on a black market that has been a long-running problem for U.S. wildlife officials.

Magistrate Judge Kathleen DeSoto issued a warrant for Simon Paul, 42, of St. Ignatius, Montana, after he failed to appear at his scheduled arraignment Monday in U.S. District Court in Missoula.

Travis John Branson, 48, of Cusick, Washington, pleaded not guilty and was released pending further proceedings in the case.

The two defendants are charged with a combined 13 counts of unlawful trafficking of bald and golden eagles and one count each of conspiracy and violating wildlife trafficking laws.

Paul and Branson worked with others who were not named in the indictment to hunt and kill the birds, and in at least one instance used a dead deer to lure an eagle that was then shot, according to prosecutors. The men then conspired to sell eagle feathers, tails, wings and other parts for "significant sums of cash," the indictment said.

They face up to five years in federal prison on each of the conspiracy and wildlife trafficking violations. Trafficking eagles carries a penalty of up to one year in prison for a first offense and two years in prison for each subsequent offense.

Branson could not be reached for comment and his court-appointed attorney, federal defender Michael

Donahoe, did not immediately respond to a message left at his office. Paul could not be reached for comment.

Bald eagles are the national symbol of the United States, and both bald and golden eagles are widely considered sacred by American Indians. U.S. law prohibits anyone without a permit from killing, wounding or disturbing eagles or taking any parts such as nests or eggs.

Bald eagles were killed off across most of the U.S. over the last century, due in large part to the pesticide DDT, but later flourished under federal protections and came off the federal endangered species list in 2007.

Golden eagle populations are less secure, and researchers say illegal shootings, energy development, lead poisoning and other problems have pushed the species to the brink of decline.

Big Green? The clean energy leader enraging environmentalists

Jason Grumet has helmed the American Clean Power Association for one year. During that time, he's attacked environmentalists and cozied up to fossil fuel interests.

BY:

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GREENWIRE | In the year since he took the helm of the nation's main renewable energy trade association, Jason Grumet has repeatedly accused environmentalists of standing in the way of carbon-free energy development.

He has openly embraced the fossil fuel industry, teaming up with it to push certain policies while highlighting a likely long-term role for some fossil fuels like liquefied natural gas. And he's endorsed some changes to limit decades-old environmental laws.

Grumet has also been sharply critical of some Democrats for resisting policy changes that he says would grow renewable energy deployment, like overhauling permitting standards. And he's openly courting Republicans and supported permitting elements in [H.R. 1](#), the House's fossil fuel-friendly energy bill.

There's good reason for taking this bulldog approach, Grumet says.

"We are moving from kind of a clean-versus-dirty, renewables-versus-fossil imagination of this kind of bifurcated energy industry to the reality that these are big companies with both renewable and fossil assets," Grumet, a self-styled centrist and CEO of the American Clean Power Association, explained in a recent interview. "And doing things really, really big and really, really fast."

"We are a clean energy business association," he added, putting a slight but perceptible emphasis on "business."

In the last year, Grumet has hired dozens of staffers to juggle the group's more than 800 member companies, which include renewable developers like Ørsted, Invenergy and Avangrid; utilities like AES and NextEra; and others like Shell and BP. The organization will be moving to a bigger office to accommodate that growth.

There's Big Pharma, Big Tech and Big Oil. Now, with Grumet — pronounced groo-MAY — at the helm, the American Clean Power Association is positioning itself as Big Green.

The shift comes at a time of big change in the industry. Renewables are growing quickly, accounting for 21 percent of the nation's electricity mix last year — the largest share ever.

ACP was launched in 2021 as a rebranding and expansion of the former American Wind Energy Association,

a reflection of the changing industry's advocacy needs.

But Grumet also represents a different approach. He's more outspoken and forceful than the group's previous president, Heather Zichal.

He's been called a "prick" by none other than the current Veterans Affairs secretary. He's a zealous proponent for harnessing passion into compromise and has shown little reluctance to anger those who would seem natural allies.

And anger them he has.

"Jason Grumet was an unapologetic cheerleader for the LNG export boom and the repealing of the crude export ban. These are the two most disastrous energy policy developments of the last decade," said Lukas Ross, senior energy program manager at Friends of the Earth. Others have accused him of "greenwashing" the natural gas industry.

Focus on permitting

Wind turbines near power lines in California. | Mario Tama/Getty Images

Greens have long been the most powerful voices in favor of replacing fossil fuels with renewables. But from Grumet's perspective, they've got it all wrong and are holding back the sector, particularly with their anti-corporate messaging.

"The only way we'll solve the climate challenge doesn't exactly resonate with some of the kind of core values in classic environmental community," he said, pointing to a German-born [economist who was critical of industrial capitalism](#).

"E.F. Schumacher, 'small is beautiful,' community-based decisionmaking, while that's not the dominant view across the entire environmental community ... there's some anti-corporate energy," Grumet said.

He noted the Inflation Reduction Act, which is "providing significant tax credits to very big companies to do big things very fast. And we are now confronting a lot of the challenges that the rest of the very big energy industry faces. And that's where I think there's some tension."

It's a reflection, in part, of the industry's new priorities. While Grumet still wants to protect the renewable energy subsidies from Republicans, he no longer sees that as the top threat. Instead, he's zeroed in on permitting changes for energy projects, an issue greens mostly object to.

The renewable sector has an uneasy relationship with the left on permitting. Energy advocates say current laws often stand in the way of new solar farms, high-voltage transmission, manufacturing facilities and more — especially when local officials can derail projects.

Democrats in particular have long seen laws like the National Environmental Policy Act and the Endangered Species Act as sacrosanct, and argued that many permitting tweaks would be fatal blows to them.

Since taking over at ACP, Grumet hasn't shied away from pointing fingers and arguing that his opponents are relying on outdated ideas.

"Permitting reform has been a part of the climate culture war for a long time. It was the way that organizations that felt like we were not taking climate seriously could slow down a system that they felt was heading in the wrong direction," he said at an April event on permitting hosted by the U.S. Chamber of

Commerce — a big business group historically at odds with Democrats.

With the IRA and other laws, the U.S. now has a clear climate policy, Grumet argues.

“The current permitting system is designed, basically, to slow down bad things,” he said at a Harvard University event in October. “And now there’s a mind shift to speeding up good things, in which there will be actual public health benefits.”

Grumet speaking at last year's Climate Forward summit. | Bennett Raglin/Getty Images

This month marks one year since Grumet started at ACP, and it’s been “a fantastically fun and exhausting” time, he told E&E News.

The organization has hired 49 people — about 40 of whom were new positions — putting its roster at about 105. It’s relocating about five blocks south to the historic Warner Building just off Pennsylvania Avenue near the White House.

Grumet said he was chosen to lead the clean energy group, in part, to “recalibrate” some of the industry’s relationships, including the historically lopsided politics, in which Democrats have been seen as far more reliable allies.

“The sense was that the clean energy industry was somehow kind of a wholly owned subsidiary of the Democratic Party and the environmental movement,” he said. “And that is both not true, but also not in the interests of an industry that is trying to create long, durable national policy.”

Going forward, that means pushing Democrats on what the industry sees as their shortcomings — particularly on permitting — while trying to make the most of Republican priorities.

“Generally, once conservative politicians embrace clean energy as an essential part of the security solution and local economy, they’re pretty inclined to build things fast,” he said. “So if we could combine the best tendencies of both parties, we would have a country that was committed to the climate solution and committed to actually implementing it quickly.”

'Pay-to-play operative'

Grumet's approach has rankled many lawmakers and activists, including Ross of Friends of the Earth, who pointed to Grumet's previous work at the Bipartisan Policy Center promoting the export of oil and liquefied natural gas.

“At the end of the day, I would not have chosen a pay-to-play operative with a history of taking fossil fuel money to run my renewable trade association,” Ross said. “But that’s just me.”

Ross also faulted Grumet’s advocacy for permitting at ACP. “It is breathtakingly shortsighted for a clean energy trade association to side with Big Oil against our bedrock environmental laws,” he said.

The Revolving Door Project assembled [an 18-page briefing](#) on Grumet and ACP, criticizing the group’s fossil fuel ties and Grumet’s history at “fossil fuel-friendly” BPC.

“In a just world, Grumet would be held accountable for greenwashing natural gas instead of further entrenching his powerbroker status within policymaking circles,” Jeff Hauser, the group’s executive director, said in a statement.

The Calcasieu Pass liquefied natural gas terminal in Louisiana. | Venture Global LNG

Grumet said much of that criticism stems from anti-corporate attitudes among liberals. And he defended his work on oil and gas exports.

“Those policies are a net decrease in global emissions,” Grumet said, arguing that U.S. oil is produced with lower emissions than in other countries, and that natural gas exports replace coal for electricity production around the world.

“The reflexive idea that the climate solution is benefited by any and all efforts to suppress fossil fuel development is just not ecologically accurate. It's not economically feasible and it's politically divisive,” Grumet said.

“Most people, I think, accurately saw the Bipartisan Policy Center as very forward-leaning on, how do you deal with the climate crisis? The fact that we were also good at building coalitions bigger than ourselves, we thought, was one of the things we added to the debate.”

Internal strife

Grumet has not only clashed with environmentalists, he's also split with some of his group's own members. Twice this year, renewable energy companies have released public letters taking positions on the IRA's green hydrogen tax credit that differ from ACP's.

The association itself took a middle ground approach on issues including the degree to which renewable power used for "green" hydrogen production must be new to the electric grid and how closely the electricity production and hydrogen production must coincide in order to count for the credits.

One letter from environmentalists and companies including EDP Renewables and Intersect Power, published in February, advocated a more stringent approach, while one in April from companies including NextEra Energy and National Grid pushed for more flexibility.

Grumet recently alluded to the internal politics of running a trade association, especially when different companies' interests clash, like renewable developers and utilities.

“There is also an effort underway — and this is of course real time — is just figuring out how you build an organization that's very different from what it used to look like,” he said at the Harvard event, alluding to the workload of the expanded mission and membership.

“We have, like, 200 committees,” said Grumet. “I'm never supposed to admit that. ... Part of the reason is, every technology had its own game, and now we're trying to coalesce everybody into one multi-tech platform.”

With those disagreements and others, Grumet is still trying to make the most out of people who hold strong and varied goals coming together.

“This is a huge challenge. Anybody who can bring solutions to the table is going to be part of our team.”

Jason Grumet.

That is perhaps most pronounced in the permitting debate, where he's teamed up with industry groups representing oil, natural gas, nuclear and more to advance what he sees as shared goals.

Many of those groups share members with ACP. Most of the association's member companies have fossil fuel assets, as do companies building most of the new renewable energy projects in the country.

“I think that as the debate got polarized around climate, there was an assumption of an oppositional relationship between clean power and incumbent industry. Which just was never really true,” Grumet told

reporters last month.

“So a little bit of what we’re doing is just revealing publicly and taking charge of our own narrative, taking it out of that more polarized debate.”

He also wants those other sectors to reduce their carbon emissions, which he says they’re doing.

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Deep background in environment, energy

Grumet, 56, has staked much of his life on harnessing greatly opposed viewpoints.

Through three decades, he has worked in government and advocacy on a host of environmental and energy issues. Along the way, he picked up a law degree from Harvard.

From 2001 to 2007 he was executive director of the National Commission on Energy Policy, a bipartisan nonprofit he founded.

That group released a series of major energy policy recommendations, some of which aligned with provisions enacted in the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, including on auto efficiency and greenhouse gas emissions standards, expanding electricity transmission infrastructure, and growing advanced nuclear energy technology.

Grumet (center) at a January 2010 news conference launching the Bipartisan Policy Center's Debt Reduction Task Force. | Alex Wong/Getty Images

With the lessons from that project, Grumet launched the Bipartisan Policy Center in 2007, alongside former Senate leaders from both parties: Tom Daschle, Bob Dole, George Mitchell and Howard Baker. It sought to expand principles of bipartisanship and durable policy to areas like health care and transportation, and incorporated the National Commission on Energy Policy into its structure.

Grumet's vision for BPC was an embrace of the partisanship of Republicans and Democrats, a vision he called “a constructive collision of ideas.”

“The courage it takes in this democracy to actually create consensus across those differences was, at times, brutal, but gratifying,” he said. “Members of Congress generally believe, accurately, that people who assert that they're nonpartisan are full of it, are so detached from the reality of their lives, that they're just dangerous and not that helpful.”

At a 2018 BPC event, Grumet explained its mission by criticizing the concept that political polarization is necessarily bad.

“The story of this country has not been placid compromise. It has been an aggressive, constructive collision of ideas that has actually taken the necessary aggression of 300 million people and turned it into resilient public,” he said.

“And so we are bipartisan. We are not post-partisan or meta-partisan or nonpartisan or trans-partisan or any different imagination that seeks to take the true debate out of our government.”

WikiLeaks hack

Grumet in 2008 became an energy adviser to Barack Obama's presidential campaign. He promoted Obama in public appearances as someone who took seriously challenges like energy independence and climate change.

Internal [Obama campaign emails](#) showed some clashes between Grumet and other advisers. The emails, from an account used by then-transition leader John Podesta, were released publicly on WikiLeaks in 2016 after Russian intelligence agents hacked the account.

In one instance, Grumet wondered why he was asked to co-chair the Department of Energy's transition team, instead of a more central policy transition job. "Do we owe this to this guy?" Podesta asked campaign adviser Denis McDonough at the time.

McDonough, now President Joe Biden's Veterans Affairs secretary, called Grumet a "prick."

Podesta was also surprised when Grumet said Obama would classify carbon dioxide as a pollutant that could be regulated under the Clean Air Act.

Asked about the campaign and transition process last month, Grumet called the experience "pretty fun" and attributed the issues to his bipartisan ideology.

"I was accurately understood to be a centrist. And there were certainly some aggressive forces that did not want to see a centrist in a prominent role in the climate apparatus," he said.

Grumet was floated to potentially become Obama's EPA administrator, but the job ended up going to Lisa Jackson.

"It's not surprising that there's quite a bit of competition for those jobs," he said, theorizing that when he rails against tribalism, "the tribes don't love that."

He continued to lead BPC until his move to ACP this year.

Influence at BPC

Sens. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) and Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.). | Francis Chung/POLITICO

The Bipartisan Policy Center proved influential, not just in its ability to bring together lawmakers from both parties for frequent events, but also in policy advocacy.

It has had its stamp on legislation like the attempts at cap and trade for greenhouse gases, the 2015 deal to extend renewable energy tax credits and lift the ban on crude oil exports, and the Energy Act of 2020.

"Jason's theory of change is really what drew me into going to the Bipartisan Policy Center and leading energy innovation policy," said Addison Stark, who was BPC's associate director of energy innovation from 2018 to 2021.

That period included much of the work between Sens. Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.) and Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska), leaders of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, on what became the Energy Act of 2020.

"It was the trust that Jason had built at BPC on both sides of the aisle — particularly in the Senate, but also in the House — where you could walk in and have serious conversations with leaders on both sides, to be able to make resilient policy change," he continued.

“As an engineer in a policymaker’s world, Jason’s view is compelling to me, because it’s what it took,” Stark said.

David Hayes, a lecturer at Stanford University Law School who has crossed paths with Grumet many times over the last two decades, said his brand of policy should serve the renewables industry well.

“Jason has been around the block in Washington, and at every step of the way has been a great communicator and an effective strategist. He brings a sense of balanced sophistication to issues. He’s a thoughtful guy,” Hayes said.

“I’m hopeful that Jason can help ensure that clean energy doesn’t continue to become politicized.”

Hayes worked on the Obama transition and was part of the email conversations about Grumet that were revealed after the Podesta hack, but he declined to comment on it.

How to achieve climate goals?

ACP’s positions on permitting include many asks that other energy sectors would benefit from. They also coincide with Republican goals.

The group wants to improve permitting for major electric transmission lines, change the judicial appeal process for environmental reviews, limit the authority of states to veto Clean Water Act permits and permit more domestic mining.

Without those changes, Grumet argues, the United States is at risk of falling significantly short of where it needs to be on greenhouse gas emissions reductions.

“I think it’s fair to consider the National Environmental Policy Act a fossil fuel subsidy,” he said during *The New York Times’* Climate Forward meeting last year. “The longer we take, the longer we’re taking to actually enable the transition.”

He warned this month that Biden’s goals, like a net-zero economy by 2050, are likely already out of reach.

“Our industry has to be extraordinarily successful in order to move our country towards a net-zero emission profile,” Grumet said.

“The question fundamentally is,” he said in a September panel for National Clean Energy Week, “are we trying to achieve our climate and security goals in theory or in practice?”

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Proposal to remove William Penn statue from Pa. park results in angry outcry

By [Chris Mautner | cmautner@pennlive.com](mailto:cmautner@pennlive.com)

A proposal to renovate and redesign a Philadelphia park has some members of the state GOP, as well as many online commenters, up in arms, mainly because it involves removing a statue of William Penn.

The National Park Service [unveiled its proposal](#) on Jan. 5 to make [Welcome Park](#) a “more welcoming, accurate, and inclusive experience for visitors.”

The redevelopment would offer an “expanded interpretation of the Native American history of Philadelphia” as well as a new planted buffer on three sides, and a ceremonial gathering space with circular benches.

Several elements of the park would remain, such as the city street grid. However, the statue of Penn and a model of the “Slate Roof House,” where Penn lived would be removed.

Located on the site of Penn’s home, and part of Independence National Historical Park, Welcome Park was named after the ship, the Welcome, that Penn took from England to the U.S. The park was built in 1982 to commemorate the 300th anniversary of Penn’s arrival.

According to [the Philadelphia Inquirer](#), parts of the park’s granite floor are broken and the area is in general need of repair.

However, some Republican members of the Pennsylvania legislature see this proposal as the latest salvo in the ongoing culture war.

“The decision by President Biden and his administration to try and cancel William Penn out of whole cloth is another sad example of the left in this country scraping the bottom of the barrel of wokeism to advance an extreme ideology and a nonsensical view of history,” Bryan Cutler, R-Lancaster, [said in a statement](#).

“This issue is also deeply personal to me,” Cutler said. “The first Cutlers came to Pennsylvania in 1685 on the ship Rebekah, not long after Penn’s arrival in 1682. They came to Pennsylvania because they were Quakers who shared Penn’s view of religious tolerance and peace.”

Cutler said he plans to introduce a resolution to honor Penn and will encourage the National Park Service to rethink their proposal, [the Inquirer said](#).

Scott Martin, R-Berks, and chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, called the move “Absolutely disgraceful” [on X, formerly known as Twitter](#).

“As the United States and our Commonwealth are planning the coming celebration of America250, for anyone to think doing this to the founder of Pennsylvania and the City of Philadelphia, which was the epicenter of freedom and our nation’s founding, was a good idea, is completely absurd,” he wrote.

[A social media post](#) from the NPS on the proposal resulted in a deluge of negative comments, with one person writing, “How about no more of our tax money for the US Park Service?”

There are two other statues of Penn in Philadelphia. One is at Penn Treaty Park, while the other famously stands atop the dome of City Hall.

The public is invited to [submit comments](#) on the Park Service’s proposal until midnight Jan. 21.

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This park was planned and executed by notables and the dismantling of their efforts and investment would be a crime. I strongly advocate that another venue be discovered in order to honor and commemorate the indigenous community that was in place prior to the founding of the colony.

Yours,

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... about five megawatts of power during the initial commissioning process. Additional testing is reportedly expected to occur both on and offshore in the coming weeks. Project Background In May 2021, President Joe Biden's administration announced the approval for construction and operation of Vineyard Wind 1. "A clean energy future is within our grasp in the United States," said Deb Haaland, **Secretary of the Interior**, at the time. "The approval of this project is an important step toward advancing the administration's goals to create good-paying union jobs while combatting climate change and powering our nation." New Year, New Energy! ???? Avangrid is proud to deliver the First Power from its nation-leading Vineyard Wind 1 project to Massachusetts. Full story:

<https://t.co/XrzfnZITdP> [pic.twitter.com/ ...](https://pic.twitter.com/...) review, which included the prohibition of installing turbines in locations closest to the coast and reducing the number of turbines from 100 to 84 or fewer. Additional changes also required that the turbines be constructed no less than 1 nautical mile apart to ease navigation and that a federal program is established to study the project's effect on scientific fishery surveys. In 2019, the **Interior Department** put a pause on the project by extending the environmental study in August. Then approved, the Vineyard Wind 1 was cited for construction over 160,000 acres of leased property roughly 12 nautical miles from the shoreline of Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. Estimated to have a \$2.8 billion price tag, joint venture Iberdrola and Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners had already been tapped for the ... in Europe, however, due to the lack of a U.S. supply chain for the domestic industry, the company noted, but then reported that the facility confirmed the use of GE Renewable Energy's huge Haliade-X turbines. The decision to use GE means that the project would reportedly only require up to 62 turbines. The project is reported to run in line with President Biden's—alongside the U.S. Department of **Interior**, **Department** of Energy and Department of Commerce—planned to deploy 30 gigawatts of offshore wind in America by 2030, while protecting biodiversity and promoting ocean co-use. According to the President's Fact Sheet, if the target was met it would "trigger more than \$12 billion per year in capital investment in projects on both U.S.

coasts, create tens of thousands of good-paying, union jobs, with more than ... 44,000 workers employed in offshore wind by 2030 and nearly 33,000 additional jobs in communities supported by offshore wind activity." Then, in November of the same year, U.S. officials broke ground for the construction of Vineyard Wind 1. The groundbreaking ceremony was held in Covell's Beach, Barnstable, with **Secretary of the Interior** Deb Haaland, Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker and Representative Bill Keating. Work began with the building of two transmission cables to connect the offshore wind facility to the mainland. Vineyard Wind 1 was reportedly expected to contribute to the Biden-Harris administration's goal of 30 gigawatts of offshore wind energy by 2030 and Massachusetts' goal of 5.6 gigawatts within the same ...

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... throughout the day to correct this decision. I'm pleased Welcome Park will remain the rightful home of this William Penn statue -- right here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Penn founded." Pa. Sen. Bob Casey added similar sentiments on his X account: "I heard concerns that there were plans to permanently remove William Penn's statue from Welcome Park. After checking in with the **Department of the Interior**, I'm pleased to report that there are no plans to remove William Penn at this time." The park is located on the site of William Penn's home, the Slate Roof House, and is named for the ship, Welcome, which transported Penn to Philadelphia. The design and construction of Welcome Park was funded by the Independence Historical Trust and was completed in 1982, the release said. Updates on the ...

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... . Peter Joseph Campion is a former NFL draft pick with a terminal degree from a research one academic institution. He has extensive collegiate teaching and research experience. Dr. Campion began his journey in federal service in 2021 at the Department of Defense Equal Opportunity Institute (DEOMI) as a Training Specialist. He currently serves as a Management Initiatives Program Manager at the **Department of the Interior** (DOI) ' Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) ' Equal Employment Opportunity Directive (EEOD). Dr. Campion's primary tasks include managing education and training for the BSEE EEOD and managing disability programming for the BSEE. I would like to acknowledge my friends Sid Sharma and Zoey Woolridge for their amazing work. This blog was formed out of our collaboration to increase ...

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12 Wind Farm Produces First Energy Del...



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Category Trade

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Est. Publicity USD \$15

Language English

... about five megawatts of power during the initial commissioning process. Additional testing is reportedly expected to occur both on and offshore in the coming weeks. Project Background In May 2021, President Joe Biden's administration announced the approval for construction and operation of Vineyard Wind 1. "A clean energy future is within our grasp in the United States," said Deb Haaland, **Secretary of the Interior**, at the time. "The approval of this project is an important step toward advancing the administration's goals to create good-paying union jobs while combatting climate change and powering our nation." New Year, New Energy! Avangrid is proud to deliver the First Power from its nation-leading Vineyard Wind 1 project to Massachusetts. Full story: <https://t.co/XrzfnZITdP> pic.twitter.com/... review, which included the prohibition of installing turbines in locations closest to the coast and reducing the number of turbines from 100 to 84 or fewer. Additional changes also required that the turbines be constructed no less than 1 nautical mile apart to ease navigation and that a federal program is established to study the project's effect on scientific fishery surveys. In 2019, the **Interior Department** put a pause on the project by extending the environmental study in August. Then approved, the Vineyard Wind 1 was cited for construction over 160,000 acres of leased property roughly 12 nautical miles from the shoreline of Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. Estimated to have a \$2.8 billion price tag, joint venture Iberdrola and Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners had already been tapped for the ... in Europe, however, due to the lack of a U.S. supply chain for the domestic industry, the company noted, but then reported that the facility confirmed the use of GE Renewable Energy's huge Haliade-X turbines. The decision to use GE means that the project would reportedly only require up to 62 turbines. The project is reported to run in line with President Biden's—alongside the U.S. Department of **Interior, Department** of Energy and Department of Commerce—planned to deploy 30 gigawatts of offshore wind in America by 2030, while protecting biodiversity and promoting ocean co-use. According to the President's Fact Sheet, if the target was met it would "trigger more than \$12 billion per year in capital investment in projects on both U.S. coasts, create tens of thousands of good-paying, union jobs, with more than ... 44,000 workers employed in offshore wind by 2030 and nearly 33,000 additional jobs in communities supported by offshore wind activity." Then, in November of the same year, U.S. officials broke ground for the construction of Vineyard Wind 1. The groundbreaking ceremony was held in Covell's Beach, Barnstable, with **Secretary of the Interior** Deb Haaland, Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker and Representative Bill Keating. Work began with the building of two transmission cables to connect the offshore wind facility to the mainland. Vineyard Wind 1 was reportedly expected to contribute to the Biden-Harris administration's goal of 30 gigawatts of offshore wind energy by 2030 and Massachusetts' goal of 5.6 gigawatts within the same ...

13 **KCMO****Source** KCMO (Westwood One Network)**Market** DMA: 33 Kansas City, MO**Time** Jan 09, 2024 12:38 AM EST**Clip Length** 1:00**Est. Audience** 9,799**Est. Publicity** USD \$23

... either port runners yeltsin seattle as %hesitation like a ten foot high bronze statue of %hesitation of vladimir lenin vladimir iliad you're not his real name they'll use fake names but but they're fine with that nobody's trying to tear that down at the same time pan park it's called hand part but asheville park service put out a press release as is the biden administrations national park service **interior department** tearing down william penn from penn park in pennsylvania because they're here to dismantle our country they should probably rename the state after %hesitation george floyd dodger thanks many domi come floyd okay yeah a georgia vanya that too much like george washington and me george floyd a vein yeah pen part

14 **Nevada tribe says coalitions, not lawsuits, will protect sacred sites**

Online News

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... Indian Colony will focus on organizing a broad coalition to build public support for sacred places. Tribal members are concerned other culturally significant areas will end up in the path of a modern day Gold Rush that has companies scouting for lithium and other materials needed to meet Biden's clean energy agenda. Melendez was among those thrilled when Biden appointed Deb Haaland to lead the **Interior Department**. A member of Laguna Pueblo, Haaland is the first Native American to serve as a cabinet secretary. Melendez, a former member of the U.S. Human Rights Commission who has led his colony for 32 years, said he understands the difficulty of navigating the electoral landscape in a western swing state where the mining industry's political clout is second only to the power wielded by casinos. Still, he "The largest lithium project in the United States and they don't even have the time to come out here and meet with the tribal nations in the state of Nevada," he said. The tribe's lawyer, Will Falk, urged other tribes to resist "tricking ourselves into believing that just because the first Native American secretary of Interior is in office that she actually cares about protecting sacred sites." **Interior Department** spokeswoman Melissa Schwartz didn't respond directly to that criticism but said in an email to The Associated Press that there has been "significant communications and partnership with tribes in Nevada." The federal government in early December published new guidance for dealing with sacred sites. While Falk and others are skeptical, they acknowledged the document speaks to

concerns tribes have ...

15 America: Facts vs. Fiction



Source AHCHD - Network
Market National Programming

Time Jan 08, 2024 11:55 PM EST

Cast & Crew Luke Ellis, Matt Hickey, Jamie Kaler, Liz Massie

Genre History

Clip Length 1:00

National Audience 16,601

National Publicity USD \$5,081

when the **secretary of the interior** surprises everyone by naming the dam after then-president herbert hoover. three years later, when fdr takes office, the new **secretary of the interior** changes the name back to boulder dam. but then, in 1947, congress changes it back to hoover dam, and it's remained that way ever since. look, i-i told you it was complicated. [clears throat] pretty great dam, though, isn't it? hoover might not have wanted his name associated with the dam if nothing had been done about another popular myth -- claiming that the dam's construction is virtually ...

16 Governor urges united stand on Amata's bill



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Author Monica Miller

Category Consumer

Est. Audience 706

Est. Publicity USD \$7

Language English

... to our constitution," explained Lemanu. He said the hearing on January 18 will decide if American Samoa will be granted autonomy to approve changes to the constitution. HR 6962 that Congresswoman Uifaatali introduced would remove the provision for Congress to approve any changes to the Constitution of American Samoa. Instead the final approval of constitutional changes would rest with the US **Secretary of the Interior**. The Governor told the Fono leaders, "As a show of solidarity it is fitting that we present a united front at this critical hearing on behalf of our territory. We hope that your esteemed colleagues will consider sending representatives to support Congresswoman Uifaatali's initiative."

17 'We are survivors:' National, Arizona projects aim to uncover, preserve histories of Native American boarding schools



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Author Adnan Alam

Category Local

Est. Audience 10,729

Est. Publicity USD \$99

Language English

PHOENIX – A national oral history project aims to document the experiences of Indigenous children who attended federal boarding schools. The **Department of the Interior** announced the project in September as part of the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative. The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABS) has been entrusted to lead the project with \$3.7 million in grant funding through the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the National Endowment for the Humanities. "NABS is an organization that does this work already and approaches the ...

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18 On March 28, 1868, a mystery shrouded the fire which destroyed the Greene County Courthouse



Online News

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Author Donna R Causey

Category Other

Language English

... Patron! "The circumstances connected with the origin of the fire, as we have heard them, leave no room for doubt as to its having been the work of an incendiary. They also create the presumption that the deed was done for the purpose of destroying certain records or papers in the Clerk's office."

Erected on the old foundation On the historic nomination form of March 24, 1971, to the United States

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public buildings, two of which are also historic. The Probate Office was erected in 1856, and the Grand Jury Building in 1842. ...

19 [BLM to conduct public information forum for Pantheon Solar Project](#)



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Language English

The U.S. **Department of the Interior** Bureau of Land Management issued the following news release: ELY, Nev. - The Bureau of Land Management Ely District, Bristlecone Field Office will host an information forum on Jan. 23, 2024, to gather public input on the Pantheon Solar Project proposed in a solar variance area on approximately 2,682 acres of BLM-managed land in White Pine County, approximately 16 miles west of Ely, Nev. The ...

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20 [BLM announces oil and gas lease sale in North Dakota](#)



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Est. Publicity USD \$120

Language English

The U.S. **Department of the Interior** Bureau of Land Management issued the following news release:

Operations at an oil and gas site. BILLINGS, Mont. - The Bureau of Land Management Montana-Dakotas State Office announced an oil and gas lease sale scheduled for March 12, 2024, to offer six oil and gas parcels totaling 2,336 acres in North Dakota. The BLM completed scoping on these parcels in Sept. 2023 and held a public comment period ...

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21 FIVE COMPANIES AGREE TO PAY \$7.2 MILLION TO SETTLE ALLEGATIONS OF NATURAL RESOURCE DAMAGES TO WATERSHED AREAS IN TOLEDO, OHIO



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Market United States

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Category Press Wire

Est. Audience 3,667

Est. Publicity USD \$43

Language English

... additional benefits to the local community and this important river and coastal area." "For decades, these companies released toxic industrial pollutants into Ohio waterways, damaging our local wildlife and ecosystem," said U.S. Attorney Rebecca C. Lutzko for the Northern District of Ohio. "Our office is proud to assist the Justice Department's Environment and Natural Resources Division and the **Department of the Interior** in taking this critical step to protect our residents' health, preserve our environment and ensure compliance with CERCLA and other environmental laws." A draft Restoration Plan, also being made available today by the USFWS for a 30-day public review and comment period, recommends restoration work at the Delaware and Clark Island Complex within the Maumee River. This project will improve water ... 23 acres of alluvial islands and constructing shoreline enhancements to reduce further island erosion. The project also includes the creation and restoration of island, wetland and submerged habitat for aquatic and bird wildlife as well as vegetation, including plantings of native plants. Attorneys from ENRD's Environmental Enforcement Section are handling the case in conjunction with the **Department of the Interior** and USFWS. The proposed consent decrees were lodged in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio. The settlements are subject to a 30-day comment period and final court approval. The consent decrees will be available for viewing on the Justice Department's website at www.justice.gov/enrd/consent-decrees.

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23 WSPC-AM



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Market DMA: 21 Charlotte, NC

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Clip Length 1:00

Est. Audience 547

Est. Publicity USD \$2

Service put out a press release as is the Biden administration's National Park Service **interior department** tearing down William Penn from Penn Park in Pennsylvania because they're here to dismantle our country they should probably rename the state after %hesitation George Floyd mansion thank maybe don't mean come Floyd ovarian yeah made Georgia vein yeah that too much like George Washington enemy George Floyd a vein yeah Penn part seeks in port on the re have military shun of welcome park it's called ...

24 WTAG-AM



Source WTAG-AM (Fox News Radio)

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Clip Length 1:00

Est. Audience 7,389

Est. Publicity USD \$33

East that he could go for days without talking to his secretary of defense I find that hard to believe

given what's going on in the world right now okay he can go for days without talking to the secretary of labor **secretary of the interior** come home secretary of transportation show are useless but secretary of defense secretary of state and secretary of the treasury three pretty you're telling me that the secretary defense with everything that's going on in the world with with china rattling their sabres around taiwan north korea doing what they do ukraine all of this you're telling me that israel gaza

25 KYCA-AM



Radio

Source KYCA-AM

Market DMA: 11 Phoenix (Prescott), AZ

Time Jan 08, 2024 09:38 PM EST

Clip Length 1:00

at the same time penn park it's called penn park the national park service put out a press release this is the biden administration's national park service **interior department** tearing down william penn from penn park in pennsylvania because they are here to dismantle our country they should probably rename the state after george floyd don't you think maybe it'll become floyd oven george gavin not too much like george washington i'll be george floyd avena penn park seeks input on the rehabilitation of welcome park it's called welcome park independence national ...

26 Biden Admin Reverses Decision to Remove William Penn Statue



Source [The Gateway Pundit](#)

Market United States

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Author [Kristinn Taylor](#)

Category Trade

Est. Audience 1,592,261

Est. Publicity USD \$5,560

Language English

... , even though the park is built where Penn's home once stood and is named after the ship, the Welcome, that brought Penn to the New World from England in 1682. The Park Service also planned to remove a replica of Penn's home, the Slate Roof House, as well as a Penn timeline on a wall at the park. In other words, the Biden administration was erasing Penn. National Park Service photos. The **Interior Department**, which oversees the National Park Service, is led by Biden appointee Secretary Deb Haaland, a radical progressive who is the first Native American to serve as a cabinet secretary. Interior Secretary Deb Haaland with a transgender park ranger identified as "Pattie Gonja." (@SecDebHaaland / X screen shot) October 2023. To celebrate LGBT History Month, I joined outdoor advocate and climate movement ... strip our commonwealth of its history in the name of "inclusivity." Casey is too weak to lead. Time for new leadership. <https://t.co/bkgtV0HWtF> — Dave McCormick (@DaveMcCormickPA) January 8, 2024 Casey spoke out Monday evening after the Park Service had already caved, "I heard concerns that there were plans to permanently remove William Penn's statue from Welcome Park. After checking in with the **Department of the Interior**, I'm pleased to report that there are no plans to remove William Penn at this time." I heard concerns that there were plans to

permanently remove William Penn's statue from Welcome Park. After checking in with the **Department of the Interior**, I'm pleased to report that there are no plans to remove William Penn at this time. — Senator Bob Casey (@SenBobCasey) January 8, 2024 New ...

27 Francos received provincial officials to discuss biofuels



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Market United States

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Author [World Nation News Desk](#)

Category National

Language English

Together with the Secretary of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries of the Ministry of Economy, Fernando Vilella; to the **Secretary of the Interior**, Lisandro Catalán; and the Undersecretary of Fuels and Hydrocarbons, Luis de Ridder; Francos indicated that during the meeting it was possible to "clarify some issues that are not well understood in the draft Law 'Base and Starting Points for the Freedom of Argentines' in relation to cutting bioethanol and biodiesel, which has a strong impact in the activity of small and medium-sized businesses ...

28 WTAG-AM



Source WTAG-AM (Fox News Radio)

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Clip Length 1:00

Est. Audience 8,266

Est. Publicity USD \$30

Returning of labor right I can see if the secretary of labor went into the hospital big deal okay **secretary of the interior** big deal let me she's agreeing anyway but let's go to this not telling the president so there's two things out of this one we got children running the country or to the president did it was on a need to know basis and since joe biden isn't really running the country why tell him his secretary of defense is in the hospital did barak %hesitation bomb I know he was in the hospital probably did would ...

29 POTUS



Source POTUS (Sirius XM)

Market National Programming

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Clip Length 1:00

... you look at almost a heartbreaking examples of presidents who got gifts from foreign governments,

who brought them immediately to Congress when they wanted to keep them. I mean, Abraham Lincoln during the Civil War got a gift of two elephant tusks from the King of Siam. He immediately turned them over to Congress and asked if he could keep them. And Congress said no. Turn them over to the U.S. **Department of the Interior**. You know, President Kennedy was offered citizenship by the country of Ireland, which was obviously proud of Kennedy's Irish heritage. And he said even though it didn't violate the letter of the Emoluments Clause, which says you can't take any money of any kind, whatever. And he said it violated the spirit of the monuments clause and he turned it down. The Barack Obama.

30 **2023: A year in review**



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Est. Publicity USD \$6

Language English

... on the outside of the Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge Red Wolf Center one mile south of Columbia on Highway 94. The project transformed a nondescript beige building into an eye-catching work of art aimed at bringing awareness to the endangered red wolf population. MAY: The former Davis High School in Engelhard was listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) by the U.S. **Department of the Interior**/National Park Service. The NRHP is an official list of the nation's historic places worthy of preservation, authorized by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. Davis High School (later known as Davis School) was built in 1953 just west of the rural Hyde County fishing village of Engelhard and served black students from the nearby communities of Engelhard, Fairfield, Middletown, Nebraska ...

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31 **Pueblo's construction of water treatment plant ruffles feathers of its rural neighbors**



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... The Bureau of Reclamation is the entity ultimately responsible for the design and construction of the system," Moquino wrote. The public had a chance to review and comment on the system's design, including the water treatment plant's location, in a series of meetings in 2016 and 2017, Moquino wrote. The bureau hosted several of the hearings and invited written comments at that time, he added. The **Interior Department** approved the pueblo's "preferred alternative" for the treatment plant's location in 2019, he wrote. Although the system will serve other pueblos and county users, San Ildefonso agreed to house most of the infrastructure, including the treatment plant, on its land to serve the larger area, he added. San Ildefonso, he wrote, "sees this as benefitting not just the pueblo but the entire community in ...

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32 Congressional Deadlines to Watch in Early 2024

**Source** [Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP](#)**Market** United States**Date Collected** Jan 08, 2024 07:23 PM EST**Category** Trade**Est. Audience** 7,608**Est. Publicity** USD \$54**Language** English

... group do not receive additional funding, there will be a full government shutdown: Defense — U.S. Department of Defense Commerce, Justice and Science — U.S. Department of Commerce and U.S. Department of Justice Financial Services and General Government — U.S. Department of the Treasury Homeland Security — U.S. Department of Homeland Security Interior, Environment and Related Agencies — U.S. **Department of the Interior**, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Labor, Health, Human Services and Education — U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, U.S. Department of Labor, U.S. Department of Education Legislative Operations — U.S. Congress State and Foreign Operations — U.S. Department of State April 30: As part of the Fiscal Responsibility Act, Congress agreed to caps in defense and nondefense discretionary ...

33 No changes planned to William Penn statue in Philly, park service says

**Source** [PennLive.com](#)



Market Mechanicsburg, PA

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Author [Paul Vigna](#)

Category Local

Est. Audience 179,333

Est. Publicity USD \$3,338

Language English

... Administration throughout the day to correct this decision. I'm pleased Welcome Park will remain the rightful home of this William Penn statue — right here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Penn founded." Pa. Sen. Bob Casey added similar sentiments on his X account: "I heard concerns that there were plans to permanently remove William Penn's statue from Welcome Park. After checking in with the **Department of the Interior**, I'm pleased to report that there are no plans to remove William Penn at this time." The park is located on the site of William Penn's home, the Slate Roof House, and is named for the ship, Welcome, which transported Penn to Philadelphia. The design and construction of Welcome Park was funded by the Independence Historical Trust and was completed in 1982, the release said. Updates on the project ...

34 **Tender Notice: INTERIOR, DEPARTMENT OF THE Seeks "Noi for Noncompetitive Acquisition of Dataloggers" (140G0324Q0021)**



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United States, Jan. 8 -- **INTERIOR, DEPARTMENT OF THE** has posted a tender notice for "Noi for Noncompetitive Acquisition of Dataloggers." Tender Details: Description This is a notice of intent to solicit from a single source for the USGS Volcano Science Center.The US Geological Survey (USGS) intends to negotiate a purchase order with Nanometrics, Inc. for the purchase of quantity 4, Nanometrics Pegasus, PGS-140-128GB-MC digital recorders, ...

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35 **Environment and energy cases to watch this year**





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Author [NIINA H. FARAH](#)

Category Trade

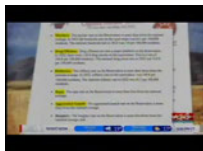
Est. Audience 2,103,088

Est. Publicity USD \$17,856

Language English

... of Pyrologix, a Montana-based wildfire risk assessment and modeling firm. Better times ahead for offshore wind? Optimism for the offshore wind industry is on the rise again after a battering year of canceled projects and supply chain struggles, Heather Richards writes. But time is of the essence for industry and President Joe Biden, who made offshore wind a key part of his climate agenda. The **Interior Department** has 10 months to make good on its pledges, including approving 16 wind arrays by 2025. Still, "I think the headlines are different for 2024," said Theodore Paradise, an energy attorney at K&L Gates. "We've got better contracts, we've got better timelines, we've got a better sense of the supply chain." Can climate win in Utah? Utah's Curtis is burnishing his climate credentials amid a crowded ...

36 KELOLAND News at Six



Source KELO (CBS) - Local

Market DMA: 112 Sioux Falls, SD

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Genre News

Clip Length 1:00

National Audience 40,808

National Publicity USD \$3,126

... adults struggle with alcoholism with 25% of the reservations children born with fetal alcohol syndrome. star comes out. Proclamation also shared that the reservation suicide rate is notably higher than the national rate with 177 suicide attempts among people in the 14 to 32 age bracket in 2020. In the declaration start comes out called on President Joe Biden to direct Deb Haaland, the u.s.

Secretary of the interior task for not funding the have 2.8 officers for every 1000 people in the service population. Elgin Young chief of police of the Oglala Sioux Tribe says his department has 60 total sworn

37 KELOLAND News at Six



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Genre News**Clip Length** 1:00**National Audience** 40,808**National Publicity** USD \$3,126

... down because the u.s. government has failed in its quote, responsibility provide adequate law enforcement. Tonight Keloland's Dan Santella and Lawrence Olick continue their series emergency and hope on Pine Ridge with a closer look at the declaration and the reality that communities on the reservation face. >> Oglala Sioux Tribe, President Frank Start comes out. Emergency proclamation says the **Department of the Interior** and Bureau of Indian Affairs not advocating for law enforcement funding has been a contributing factor in high

38 [Biden admin announces Atlantic offshore wind sale, more to come](#)



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By Heather Richards The **Interior Department** plans to hold an offshore wind auction next year off the coast of Virginia and Delaware, marking the potential fifth wind sale in the ocean since President Joe Biden took office and promised to supercharge the industry. The proposed sale would offer up to two areas to wind developers able to support up to 2.2. million homes with wind power. One is located roughly 40 miles from the mouth of the ...

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39 [Biden threatens veto for House regulations bill](#)



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... hurdles that would encumber the rulemaking process without providing any additional benefits, as there are procedures already in place that provide for engagement, oversight, and accountability by Executive Branch agency leadership," OMB said in the statement. Republicans' concerns over the practice came to a head in October, when Biden elevated Laura Daniel-Davis to the No. 2 spot at the **Interior Department**. Republicans on the Energy and Natural Resources Committee had previously blocked her confirmation to a lower position, citing concerns about her views on climate change. GOP senators have expressed similar concerns about Biden's appointment of former UCLA professor and climate law expert Ann Carlson to serve as head of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The White House withdrew ...

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40 Congress prepares for year-end legislative scramble



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... that do not require confirmation. "Rules promulgated by Federal agencies effectively hold the same weight as law, and having rules issued by unelected career bureaucrats rather than an individual appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate is unacceptable," Cline said in a statement. The issue resurfaced in October, when Biden elevated Laura Daniel-Davis to the No. 2 spot at the **Interior Department**. Republicans on the Energy and Natural Resources Committee had previously blocked her confirmation to a lower position, citing concerns about her views on climate change. Commerce, Science and Transportation ranking member Ted Cruz (R-Texas) and other Republicans have expressed similar worries about Ann Carlson, a former UCLA professor with expertise in climate law who Biden earlier this year ...

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41 Biden admin officials, industry leaders to testify on mining



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... . As it stands, the General Mining Act of 1872 requires mines to pay no royalties, but the official said the mining sector has said it would support a rate of 2 percent. Also on the agenda is the "Clean Energy Minerals Reform Act of 2023,"S. 1742 , from Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.), which would set a gross royalty rate of no more than 8 percent and allow states and tribes to petition the **Interior Department** to remove lands from mining. While the Biden administration has yet to weigh in formally on the bills, Interior earlier this year released a raft of policy recommendations for boosting hardrock mining, which included a net royalty of between 4 and 8 percent. That money would then go toward reclaiming disturbed land, establishing a leasing system, and supporting communities and tribes affected by ...

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42 [Biden's new offshore ally: Oil majors](#)



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... has warned BOEM that insurance providers may not be interested in offering the bonds BOEM is pushing for. The White House decline to comment for this story. For its part, BOEM has said it's trying to cover a massive gap in liability coverage offshore that accrued over many years by requiring more financial backup from the companies that are more at risk of abandoning infrastructure. In 2015, the

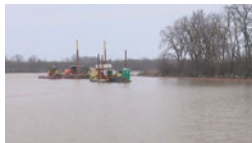
Interior Department held less than \$3 billion in bonds to cover roughly \$38 billion in decommissioning costs on the outer continental shelf, according to a Government Accountability Office study. BOEM Director Liz Klein told members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee in October that the rules were justified given the rate of financial insolvency offshore. "Recent corporate bankruptcies in the ...

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43 **Five companies to pay \$7.2 million settlement for natural resource damages to Toledo watershed areas**



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Language English

... , Ohio's goal moving forward is to maintain compliance under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). "For decades, these companies released toxic industrial pollutants into Ohio waterways, damaging our local wildlife and ecosystem," said Lutzko. "Our office is proud to assist the Justice Department's Environment and Natural Resources Division and the **Department of the Interior** in taking this critical step to protect our residents' health, preserve our environment and ensure compliance with CERCLA and other environmental laws." The Toledo mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz also commented that the settlement was a win for the city and benefited upcoming restoration projects planned for the area. "Toledo is committed to safeguarding our environment, and these settlements represent ...

44 **2024: A policy crossroads for American offshore energy**



Online News

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... , the current political landscape is laden with profound implications for our nation's energy security and economic prosperity. For too long, we've eagerly anticipated the launch of the much-awaited federal offshore oil and gas leasing program, a legal imperative. Astonishingly, when the previous program expired in June 2022, a replacement was nowhere in sight. Fig. 1. Under the leadership of **Secretary of the Interior** Deb Haaland, the federal offshore oil and gas leasing program has had a

number of stops and starts. Image: U.S. **Department of the Interior**. The failed Biden leasing plan. Come late September, the administration (Fig. 1) unveiled the new leasing program, succinctly described in one word: a failure. It offers a mere three offshore oil and gas lease sales in the Gulf of Mexico, ... scheduled for 2025, 2027, and 2029—a stark departure from the historical norm of at least 10 sales in the Gulf over the program's duration. Compounding this misstep, the **Department of the Interior** chose to postpone the requisite lease sale-specific environmental reviews. Traditionally completed concurrently with program development, these reviews take one to two years. Previous administrations, regardless of their political affiliations, diligently followed this process to ensure uninterrupted leasing activities. Remarkably, the decision to include only three sales in the next oil and gas ... leasing program will impede momentum behind offshore wind development. To issue offshore wind leases while adhering to the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), the DOI must offer at least 60 million acres annually for offshore oil and gas leasing. With only three potential sales spread across five years, the **Interior Department** will be unable to comply with the IRA and legally conduct offshore wind lease sales annually through 2029—a critical factor for supporting the growth of offshore renewables along America's coastlines. Fig. 2. The Rice's whale has been the centerpiece of administration attempts to sidestep Congress, the public, and established regulatory processes, to impose extensive restrictions on Gulf of ...

45 Islanders clear over 640 pounds of beach trash



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46 National Oral History Project Documents Experiences of Indigenous Children at Federal Boarding Schools



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Author [BNN Correspondents](#)**Category** National**Est. Audience** 346,162**Est. Publicity** USD \$3,202**Language** English

Unveiling a crucial chapter in U.S. history, the **Department of the Interior**, under the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative, has launched a groundbreaking national oral history project. The project aims to document the experiences of Indigenous children who were subjected to federal boarding schools in the country. Tasked with leading this project is the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABS), which has been granted \$3.7 million in funding ...

47 [Tender Notice: DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT - REGION III Seeks "Board and Lodging - Strat Plan" \(2024-0109\)](#)



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Language English

Philippines, Jan. 8 -- **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT - REGION III** has posted a tender notice for "Board and Lodging - Strat Plan." Tender Details: Tender are invited for Board and Lodging - Strat Plan Procurement Mode : Negotiated Procurement - Small Value Procurement (Sec. 53.9) Classification : Goods - General Support Services Category : Hotel and Lodging and Meeting Facilities Contract Duration : 7 Day/s Budget for the ...

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48 [New Findings from Occidental College Describe Advances in Renewable Energy \[Red Rock Crab \(Cancer Productus\) Movement Is Not Influenced By Electromagnetic Fields Produced By a Submarine Power Transmission Cable\]](#)



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... renewable energy (MRE) devices, such as ones that harness offshore wind and wave energy, are an effective supplement to traditional energy sources and can support the energy grid while combating climate change. As MRE development increases pace, it is important to anticipate impacts of these infrastructure projects on the marine environment." Financial support for this research came from US **Department of the Interior**, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) , Environmental Studies Program, Washington, DC. The news reporters obtained a quote from the research from Occidental College, "One potential impact is a localized change in electromagnetic fields (EMF) produced by energized submarine transmission cables. Though many marine species are sensitive to EMF, primarily for navigation and orientation purposes ...

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49 [Charging international tourists more to visit Yellowstone, Glacier, others parks could boost funding, study suggests](#)



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... to Yellowstone National Park pay \$35 a vehicle to enter. Increasing the fee for international travelers as a means to boost park income is considered in a recently published Property and Environment Research Center study.(Jacob W. Frank, NPS) Past ideas Proposals to raise national park entrance fees have been floated in the past, but have always withered. In 2017, Montana Congressmen and then **Secretary of the Interior** Ryan Zinke proposed raising entrance fees for all

visitors to \$70 a vehicle at 17 of the nation's most popular parks. The idea faced fierce headwinds since park passes had been boosted a year earlier. The same year, the University of Montana's Institute for Tourism and Recreation Research authored a report looking at park entrance fee increases and the possible effect on gateway communities. The ...

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50 'We are survivors:' National, Arizona projects aim to uncover, preserve histories of Native American boarding schools



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Author [Ellie Willard Cronkite](#)

Category Local

Est. Audience 2,174

Est. Publicity USD \$214

Language English

A national oral history project aims to document the experiences of Indigenous children who attended federal boarding schools. The **Department of the Interior** announced the project in September as part of the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative. The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABS) has been entrusted to lead the project with \$3.7 million in grant funding through the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

51 Minority-serving institution designations and their implications at UCLA



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... minority-serving institutions, which aim to serve specific minority groups with various resources and opportunities. UCLA is currently on the road to becoming both a Hispanic-serving institution and an Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-serving institution. With these goals in mind, what does it mean for a university to earn these designations? According to the United States

Department of the Interior, minority-serving institutions are institutions of higher education that serve minority populations and offer social and educational skills in an effort to minimize the effects of racial discrimination and limited economic opportunities in academia. Marla Franco, vice president for the HSI initiatives at the University of Arizona, said becoming an MSI means higher education institutions ensure an ...

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52 **Fish & Wildlife Service Info Collection: Federal Fish, Wildlife Permit Applications, Reports - Native Endangered, Threatened Species**



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Language English

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 -- The U.S. **Department of the Interior** Fish and Wildlife Service has proposed an information collection entitled "Federal Fish and Wildlife Permit Applications and Reports - Native Endangered and Threatened Species." The notice was issued by Madonna Baucum, Information Collection Clearance Officer. COMMENT DEADLINE: February 7, 2024 * * * SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife ...

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53 **National Park Service: Sites in 11 States Proposed for National Register of Historic Places**



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WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 -- The U.S. **Department of the Interior** National Park Service has issued a notice, published in the Federal Register on Jan. 8, 2024, entitled "National Register of Historic Places; Notification of Pending Nominations and Related Actions." The notice was issued by Sherry A. Frear, Chief, National Register of Historic Places/National Historic Landmarks Program. COMMENT DEADLINE: January 23, 2024 * * * SUMMARY: The National Park Service ...

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54 **BLM: Notice of Intent to Amend Resource Management Plan for Uncompahgre Field Office, Prepare Associated EIS, Colo.**



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WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 -- The U.S. **Department of the Interior** Bureau of Land Management has issued a notice, published in the Federal Register on Jan. 5, 2024, entitled "Notice of Intent to Amend the Resource Management Plan for the Uncompahgre Field Office and Prepare an Associated Environmental Impact Statement, Colorado." The notice was issued by Douglas J. Vilsack, BLM Colorado State Director. COMMENT DEADLINE: February 20, 2024 * * * SUMMARY: In ...

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55 **National Park Service: Native American Human Remains Held by University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee From Clark County, Ind., Inventoried**



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WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 -- The U.S. **Department of the Interior** National Park Service has issued a notice, published in the Federal Register on Jan. 8, 2024, entitled "Notice of Inventory Completion: University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee." The notice was issued by Melanie O'Brien, Manager, National NAGPRA Program. * * * SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM) has ...

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56 [National Park Service: Native American Human Remains Held by Bonanzaville, Cass County Historical Society From Unknown Locations Inventoried](#)



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WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 -- The U.S. **Department of the Interior** National Park Service has issued a notice, published in the Federal Register on Jan. 8, 2024, entitled "Notice of Inventory Completion: Bonanzaville, Cass County Historical Society, West Fargo, ND." The notice was issued by Melanie O'Brien, Manager, National NAGPRA Program. * * * SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), Bonanzaville, Cass ...

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57 National Park Service: Native American Human Remains Held by California State University From Chico Inventoried



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Language English

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 -- The U.S. **Department of the Interior** National Park Service has issued a notice, published in the Federal Register on Jan. 8, 2024, entitled "Notice of Inventory Completion: California State University, Chico." The notice was issued by Melanie O'Brien, Manager, National NAGPRA Program. * * * SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the California State University, Chico (CSU ...

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58 National Park Service: Native American Human Remains Held by Lake Mead National Recreation Area From Clark County, Nev., Inventoried



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Language English

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 -- The U.S. **Department of the Interior** National Park Service has issued a

notice, published in the Federal Register on Jan. 8, 2024, entitled "Notice of Inventory Completion: Lake Mead National Recreation Area, NV." The notice was issued by Melanie O'Brien, Manager, National NAGPRA Program. * * * SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the U.S. ... Repatriation Act, 25 U.S.C. 3003, and the implementing regulations, 43 CFR 10.9, 10.10, and 10.14. Dated: December 28, 2023. Melanie O'Brien, Manager, National NAGPRA Program. [FR Doc. 2024-00125 Filed 1-5-24; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4312-52-P * * * The document was published in the Federal Register:

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59 National Park Service: Native American Human Remains Held by Portland State University From Tillamook County, Ore., Inventoried



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WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 -- The U.S. **Department of the Interior** National Park Service has issued a notice, published in the Federal Register on Jan. 8, 2024, entitled "Notice of Inventory Completion: Portland State University, OR." The notice was issued by Melanie O'Brien, Manager, National NAGPRA Program. * * * SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), Portland State University (PSU) has completed an ...

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60 National Park Service: Native American Human Remains Held by Yosemite National Park From Mariposa County, Calif., Inventoried



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WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 -- The U.S. **Department of the Interior** National Park Service has issued a notice, published in the Federal Register on Jan. 8, 2024, entitled "Notice of Inventory Completion: Yosemite National Park, El Portal, CA." The notice was issued by Melanie O'Brien, Manager, National NAGPRA Program. * * * SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the U.S. ... Repatriation Act, 25 U.S.C. 3003, and the implementing regulations, 43 CFR 10.9, 10.10, and 10.14. Dated: December 28, 2023. Melanie O'Brien, Manager, National NAGPRA Program. [FR Doc. 2024-00124 Filed 1-5-24; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4312-52-P * * * The document was published in the Federal Register:

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61 [National Park Service: Native American Human Remains Held by Portland State University From Clark County, Wash.; Columbia County, Ore., Inventoried](#)



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WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 -- The U.S. **Department of the Interior** National Park Service has issued a notice, published in the Federal Register on Jan. 8, 2024, entitled "Notice of Inventory Completion: Portland State University, OR." The notice was issued by Melanie O'Brien, Manager, National NAGPRA Program. * * * SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), Portland State University (PSU) has completed an ...

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62 National Park Service: Native American Human Remains Held by Portland State University From Columbia County, Ore.; Cowlitz County, Wash., Inventoried

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 -- The U.S. **Department of the Interior** National Park Service has issued a notice, published in the Federal Register on Jan. 8, 2024, entitled "Notice of Inventory Completion: Portland State University, OR." The notice was issued by Melanie O'Brien, Manager, National NAGPRA Program. * * * SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), Portland State University (PSU) has completed an ...

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63 National Park Service: California State University Intends to Repatriate Native American Cultural Items From Butte County

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 -- The U.S. **Department of the Interior** National Park Service has issued a notice, published in the Federal Register on Jan. 8, 2024, entitled "Notice of Intent to Repatriate Cultural Items: California State University, Chico." The notice was issued by Melanie O'Brien, Manager, National NAGPRA Program. * * * SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), California State University, ...

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 -- The U.S. **Department of the Interior** National Park Service has issued a notice, published in the Federal Register on Jan. 8, 2024, entitled "Notice of Inventory Completion: Portland State University, OR." The notice was issued by Melanie O'Brien, Manager, National NAGPRA Program. * * * SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), Portland State University (PSU) has completed an ...

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65 National Park Service: Native American Human Remains Held by Fort Ticonderoga Association From Essex County, N.Y., Inventoried



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WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 -- The U.S. **Department of the Interior** National Park Service has issued a notice, published in the Federal Register on Jan. 8, 2024, entitled "Notice of Inventory Completion: The Fort Ticonderoga Association, NY." The notice was issued by Melanie O'Brien, Manager, National NAGPRA Program. * * * SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), The Fort Ticonderoga Association has ...

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66 Islanders clear over 640 lbs of beach trash



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67 Biden Admin to Remove William Penn Statue in



'Rehabilitation' of Park Dedicated to Pennsylvania Founder



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Language English

... , Jan. 8, 2024: The statue of William Penn targeted for removal is on the ground in the "Welcome Park" in Philadelphia. An earlier version of this article confused it with another statue of the Pennsylvania founder atop City Hall. The Biden administration is continuing its efforts to reshape American history. In a news release Friday, the National Park Service, which is governed by the **Department of the Interior**, said it would remove the statue of Pennsylvania founder William Penn from the Welcome Park in Philadelphia in order to "rehabilitate" the area and "provide a more welcoming, accurate, and inclusive experience for visitors." "The park is located on the site of William Penn's home, the Slate Roof House, and is named for the ship, Welcome, which transported Penn to Philadelphia ," the release ...

68 Well Drilling Request on Wyoming Lease Denied by Federal Court



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Author [Shayna Greene](#)

Category Trade

Est. Audience 103,325

Est. Publicity USD \$7,250

Language English

Judge said proposed drilling might affect bird habitat **Interior Department** looking at environmental impact on remand An energy trade association lost its bid to get approval for one of its members to drill two wells on Wyoming land where a federal court temporarily barred new lease sale authorizations. The Western Watersheds Project and Center for Biological Diversity challenged oil and gas leases on public lands across multiple western states, raising concern over the ...

69 Wind Farm Produces First Energy Delivery



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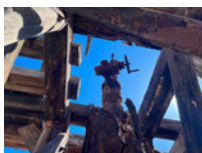
Market United States

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Category Trade**Est. Audience** 2,174**Est. Publicity** USD \$15**Language** English

... about five megawatts of power during the initial commissioning process. Additional testing is reportedly expected to occur both on and offshore in the coming weeks. Project Background In May 2021, President Joe Biden's administration announced the approval for construction and operation of Vineyard Wind 1. "A clean energy future is within our grasp in the United States," said Deb Haaland, **Secretary of the Interior**, at the time. "The approval of this project is an important step toward advancing the administration's goals to create good-paying union jobs while combatting climate change and powering our nation." New Year, New Energy! Avangrid is proud to deliver the First Power from its nation-leading Vineyard Wind 1 project to Massachusetts. Full story: <https://t.co/XrzfnZITdP> pic.twitter.com/... review, which included the prohibition of installing turbines in locations closest to the coast and reducing the number of turbines from 100 to 84 or fewer. Additional changes also required that the turbines be constructed no less than 1 nautical mile apart to ease navigation and that a federal program is established to study the project's effect on scientific fishery surveys. In 2019, the **Interior Department** put a pause on the project by extending the environmental study in August. Then approved, the Vineyard Wind 1 was cited for construction over 160,000 acres of leased property roughly 12 nautical miles from the shoreline of Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. Estimated to have a \$2.8 billion price tag, joint venture Iberdrola and Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners had already been tapped for the ... in Europe, however, due to the lack of a U.S. supply chain for the domestic industry, the company noted, but then reported that the facility confirmed the use of GE Renewable Energy's huge Haliade-X turbines. The decision to use GE means that the project would reportedly only require up to 62 turbines. The project is reported to run in line with President Biden's—alongside the U.S. Department of **Interior, Department** of Energy and Department of Commerce—planned to deploy 30 gigawatts of offshore wind in America by 2030, while protecting biodiversity and promoting ocean co-use. According to the President's Fact Sheet, if the target was met it would "trigger more than \$12 billion per year in capital investment in projects on both U.S. coasts, create tens of thousands of good-paying, union jobs, with more than ... 44,000 workers employed in offshore wind by 2030 and nearly 33,000 additional jobs in communities supported by offshore wind activity." Then, in November of the same year, U.S. officials broke ground for the construction of Vineyard Wind 1. The groundbreaking ceremony was held in Covell's Beach, Barnstable, with **Secretary of the Interior** Deb Haaland, Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker and Representative Bill Keating. Work began with the building of two transmission cables to connect the offshore wind facility to the mainland. Vineyard Wind 1 was reportedly expected to contribute to the Biden-Harris administration's goal of 30 gigawatts of offshore wind energy by 2030 and Massachusetts' goal of 5.6 gigawatts within the same ...

70 Interior watchdog steps up to monitor billions of dollars

**Source** [E&E News - Greenwire](#)**Market** United States**Date Collected** Jan 08, 2024 03:01 PM EST**Author** [Michael Doyle](#)

Category Other**Est. Audience** 12,499**Est. Publicity** USD \$116**Language** English

The influx of money allocated for orphan well cleanup and mine reclamation is among the **Interior Department** priorities that the Office of Inspector General plans to dig into this year.

71 'We are survivors:' National, Arizona projects aim to uncover, preserve histories of Native American boarding schools

**Source** [Cronkite News Arizona PBS](#)**Market** Phoenix, AZ**Date Collected** Jan 08, 2024 02:56 PM EST**Author** [Adnan Alam](#)**Category** Local**Est. Audience** 4,970**Est. Publicity** USD \$19**Language** English

... made by a Phoenix Indian School graduate. (Photo by Ellie Willard/Cronkite News) When Phoenix Indian School closed in 1990, students gathered to carve their names into the walls of the building to preserve their legacy. (Photo by Ellie Willard/Cronkite News) PHOENIX – A national oral history project aims to document the experiences of Indigenous children who attended federal boarding schools. The **Department of the Interior** announced the project in September as part of the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative. The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABS) has been entrusted to lead the project with \$3.7 million in grant funding through the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the National Endowment for the Humanities. "NABS is an organization that does this work already and approaches the ...

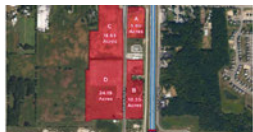
72 Islanders clear over 640 lbs of beach trash

**Source** [Martha's Vineyard Times](#)**Market** Vineyard Haven, MA**Date Collected** Jan 08, 2024 02:55 PM EST**Category** Local**Est. Audience** 7,608**Est. Publicity** USD \$171**Language** English

... Island last month. The Beach BeFriends also organized an "emergency cleanup" at Squibnocket Beach in December and cleared over 300 lbs of trash. Sponsored by the Vineyard Conservation Society, the Beach BeFriends have more beach cleanups planned for the year. The next one will be done in collaboration with the Lagoon Pond Association in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, which the U.S. **Department of the Interior** states is designated by Congress as a national day of service.

Rich said the next beach cleanup will take place from 2 pm until sunset on Jan. 15 and volunteers will be posted at three locations around the Lagoon with "bags, gloves, and ice cream tokens for the kids," although she did recommend that people bring their own gloves and reused bags if they have them. The cleanups are planned at ...

73 [Menominee Tribe to host community open house on proposed Kenosha casino](#)



Source [Kenosha News](#)

Market Kenosha, WI

Date Collected Jan 08, 2024 02:48 PM EST

Author [Daniel Gaitan](#)

Category Local

Est. Audience 9,238

Est. Publicity USD \$54

Language English

... in the agreement. People are also reading... Last week, the City Council voted 11-6 to approve its own intergovernmental agreement with the tribe, which hopes to work with Florida-based Hard Rock International and build a \$360 million casino complex in the City of Kenosha on 60 acres just west of Interstate 94. Under both the city and county agreements, the Menominee would apply to the U.S.

Department of the Interior to place the lands in federal trust for gaming purposes, effectively taking them out of taxing jurisdictions. Payments in the intergovernmental agreements are intended to help offset projected losses from tax revenues and costs for projected future increased costs of law enforcement and social services as a result of the casino. The County Board postponed voting on the agreement last month with ...

74 [Environmental Regulations to Watch in 2024](#)

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Category Trade

Est. Audience 676,170

Est. Publicity USD \$6,255

Language English

January 8th, 2024 (JD Supra — Delivered by Newstex) [author: Stephanie Sebor] Several federal agencies, including the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Federal Trade Commission,

Department of the Interior, and Securities and Exchange Commission, have a slew of pending environmental regulations that they anticipate finalizing in 2024. When issued, these regulations will affect a broad swath of regulated industry groups, creating a host of new compliance obligations. The Biden Administration will be under time pressure to finalize these regulations before the November 2024 elections, after which ...

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75 **National, Arizona projects preserve Native American boarding school history**



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Market Phoenix, AZ

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Est. Publicity USD \$19

Language English

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76 **WMBS-AM**



Source WMBS-AM (CBS News Radio)

Market DMA: 26 Pittsburgh, PA

Time Jan 08, 2024 02:17 PM EST

Clip Length 1:00

Est. Audience 764

Est. Publicity USD \$2

In ten of the story actually came out of the %hesitation millennial %hesitation %hesitation which is a conservative canada based web site and %hesitation near the **interior department** is run by yeah howland she's a native american I think her second in command there who runs the national park service is also native american and %hesitation basically they're going to %hesitation take %hesitation william penn statue down %hesitation it's you know it was to commemorate a bounty down to bang I believe apart name is welcomed clark single park out philadelphia's ashley name back ...

77 Environmental Regulations to Watch in 2024



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Market United States

JENNER & BLOCK

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Category Trade

Est. Audience 124,990

Est. Publicity USD \$399

Language English

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78 Man cycling 18,000 miles to all US national parks hopes to inspire change



Source [St George News](#)

Market United States

Date Collected Jan 08, 2024 01:51 PM EST

Author [Stephanie DeGraw](#)

Category National

Est. Audience 33,693

Est. Publicity USD \$254

Language English

... around less emission transportation. He hopes to "get people excited about riding their bikes and reclaiming some of their space in the parks." Additionally, McCullough wants more people to advocate for better cycling safety, access and infrastructure in national parks. His long-range goal is to organize people he has met along his trip to take their concerns to park superintendents and the U.S.

Department of the Interior. Follow McCullough's trek at this link. Photo Gallery Spencer McCullough and a friend hike The Narrows, Zion National Park, Utah, unspecified date | Photo courtesy of Spencer McCullough, St. George News Spencer McCullough is promoting cycling instead of emissions-releasing vehicles in national parks nationwide, Bryce Canyon National Park, Utah, unspecified date | Photo courtesy of Spencer ...

79 POTUS



Source POTUS (Sirius XM)

Market National Programming



Time Jan 08, 2024 01:45 PM EST

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... back and you look at almost heartbreaking examples of presidents who got gifts from foreign governments, who brought them immediately to Congress when they wanted to keep them. I mean, Abraham Lincoln during the Civil War got a gift of two elephant tusks from the King of Siam. He immediately turned them over to Congress and asked if he could keep them, and Congress said no. Turn them over to the **Department of the Interior**. You know, President Kennedy was offered citizenship by the country of Ireland, which was obviously proud of Kennedy's Irish heritage. And he said even though it didn't violate the letter of the Emoluments Clause, which says you can't take any money of any kind, whatever, and he said it violated the spirit furthermore clause and he turned it down.

80 WUTQ-FM



Source WUTQ-FM (CBS News Radio)

Market DMA: 172 Utica, NY

Time Jan 08, 2024 01:38 PM EST

Clip Length 1:00

Est. Audience 6,625

Est. Publicity USD \$45

Fine with that nobody's trying to tear that down at the same time pen park it's called hand part but asheville park service put out a press release as is the Biden administration's national park service **interior department** tearing down William Penn from Penn Park in Pennsylvania because they're here to dismantle our country they should probably rename the state after %hesitation George Floyd gunship thank maybe it'll be come Floyd okay nyah but Georgia Vanya that too much like George Washington at me George Floyd a vein yeah Penn apart seeks input on the rehabilitation of welcome park it's called welcome park ...

81 2023: A year in review



Source [Coastland Times](#)

Market Manteo, NC

Date Collected Jan 08, 2024 01:21 PM EST

Author [Philip S. Ruckle Jr](#)

Category Local

Est. Audience 3,261

Est. Publicity USD \$4

Language English

... on the outside of the Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge Red Wolf Center one mile south of Columbia on Highway 94. The project transformed a nondescript beige building into an eye-catching work of art aimed at bringing awareness to the endangered red wolf population. MAY: The former Davis High School in Engelhard was listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) by the U.S. **Department of the Interior**/National Park Service. The NRHP is an official list of the nation's historic places worthy of preservation, authorized by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. Davis High School (later known as Davis School) was built in 1953 just west of the rural Hyde County fishing village of Engelhard and served black students from the nearby communities of Engelhard, Fairfield, Middletown, Nebraska ...

82 Biden Admin to Remove William Penn Statue in 'Rehabilitation' of Park Dedicated to Pennsylvania Founder



Source IJR

Market United States

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Author [Ben Kew, Western Journal](#)

Category Other

Est. Audience 52,713

Est. Publicity USD \$488

Language English

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83 DOI Proposes To Overhaul NRD Assessment Rule To Encourage Settlements



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January 4, 2024 The **Interior Department** (DOI) is proposing to update its Superfund natural resource damage assessment and restoration (NRDAR) rules, overhauling the rarely used "Type A" streamlined assessments to provide more flexibility and encourage settlements. "The Department is

proposing to re-formulate the Type A Rule as a procedural structure for negotiated settlements by utilizing tools tailored to incidents of smaller scale ...

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84 Federal grant to help preserve fish, floating on Clark Fork River



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Market Missoula, MT

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Author [Laura Lundquist - Missoula Current](#)

Category Local

Est. Audience 8,152

Est. Publicity USD \$78

Language English

MISSOULA — River conservationists are one step closer to opening more of the upper Clark Fork basin to fish and people thanks to help from a federal grant. At the end of December, the U.S.

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85 2023: A year in review - The Coastland Times



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Market North Carolina, US

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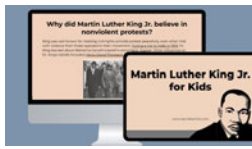
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86 Martin Luther King Jr. for Kids (Google Slides, Videos, and More)





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Market United States

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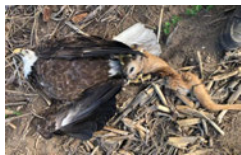
Author [Jill Staake](#)

Category Other

Language English

... , with these top resources. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service Volunteers on Martin Luther King Jr. Day / Deb Haaland, Public domain, via Wikimedia Commons Each year, people across the country use the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday to give back to their communities. Organize a day of service with your students to join the movement. Learn more: Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service at U.S. **Department of the Interior** Meaningful Martin Luther King Jr. Classroom Activities We Are Teachers / Deep Space Sparkle / Activities for Kids Our roundup of Martin Luther King Jr. activities includes coloring pages, classroom lessons, school and community activities, and much more. Try it: Meaningful Martin Luther King Jr. Activities for All Ages Martin Luther King Jr. Worksheets We Are Teachers These free Martin Luther ...

87 [Wisconsin Hunter Finds Dead Bald Eagle With Its Talons Buried In A Deer Fawn's Skull](#)



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Market United States

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Author [Wes Langelier](#)

Category Consumer

Est. Audience 47,822

Est. Publicity USD \$581

Language English

... a smart move on his part. The species is federally protected under the Bald & Golden Eagle Protection Act which provides criminal penalties for persons who: "Take, possess, sell, purchase, barter, offer to sell, purchase or barter, transport, export or import, at any time or any manner, any bald or golden eagle, alive or dead, or any part, nest, or egg thereof without a permit issued by the **Secretary of the Interior**." Given the circumstances the DNR was able to grant him permission to relocate the bird to their possession. DNR biologists will run a series of tests on the bird to see if they can gain more insights on the potential cause of death. Neal Herrman discovered this wild scene while scouting turkeys. He believes the deer had been dead for three days or so and the eagle about 12 hours when ...

88 [Five Companies Agree to Pay \\$7.2 Million to Settle Allegations of Natural Resource Damages to Watershed Areas in Toledo, Ohio](#)



Source [United States Department of Justice](#)

Market United States



Date Collected Jan 08, 2024 12:16 PM EST


Category Government

Est. Audience 442,898

Est. Publicity USD \$6,813

Language English

... additional benefits to the local community and this important river and coastal area." "For decades, these companies released toxic industrial pollutants into Ohio waterways, damaging our local wildlife and ecosystem," said U.S. Attorney Rebecca C. Lutzko for the Northern District of Ohio. "Our office is proud to assist the Justice Department's Environment and Natural Resources Division and the **Department of the Interior** in taking this critical step to protect our residents' health, preserve our environment and ensure compliance with CERCLA and other environmental laws." A draft Restoration Plan, also being made available today by the USFWS for a 30-day public review and comment period, recommends restoration work at the Delaware and Clark Island Complex within the Maumee River. This project will improve water ... 23 acres of alluvial islands and constructing shoreline enhancements to reduce further island erosion. The project also includes the creation and restoration of island, wetland and submerged habitat for aquatic and bird wildlife as well as vegetation, including plantings of native plants. Attorneys from ENRD's Environmental Enforcement Section are handling the case in conjunction with the **Department of the Interior** and USFWS. The proposed consent decrees were lodged in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio. The settlements are subject to a 30-day comment period and final court approval. The consent decrees will be available for viewing on the Justice Department's website at www.justice.gov/enrd/consent-decrees.

89 Weekly: Sotera Health (SHC: \$15.75) slides 7% on thin volume;  -\$1.10 [6.5%]

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Est. Audience 3,667

Est. Publicity USD \$2

Language English

... 2015 to September 2019, where she oversaw the company's \$140 million annual charitable contributions. She was a partner at Crowell & Moring in Washington, D.C. from 2006 to 2007, where she served as co-chair of the firm's Environment and Natural Resources Group. Prior to Crowell &

Moring, she served as general counsel to the USEPA, as counselor and special assistant to the Secretary of the U.S. **Department of the Interior** and as chief counsel to the U.S. Senate's Environment and Public Works Committee. Ms. Klee is currently a director at Wabtec Corporation and is the chair of the EHS subcommittee of the nominating and corporate governance committee of the board of directors. She holds a B.A. with High Honors in classics from Swarthmore College and a J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School. She ...

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90 Weekly: Liberty Oilfield Services (LBRT: \$18.64) shares post best week in three weeks; +50c [2.8%]



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Language English

... Norton has over three decades of experience handling energy, natural resources and environmental issues. She has been the President of Norton Regulatory Strategies, a consulting firm, since 2011. From 2007 to 2010, she served as General Counsel, Unconventional Oil, of Royal Dutch Shell, an international oil and natural gas company. Prior to joining Shell, Ms. Norton served as the **Secretary of the Interior** of the United States under President George W. Bush from 2001 to 2006, helping shape our nation's energy policies. She was Attorney General of the State of Colorado from 1991 to 1999. Shareholder Value:Creation of shareholder value in Liberty Oilfield Services:Since appointment as Director: The present value of \$1,000 invested on the appointment date of July 23, 2019 at close price of \$13.45 is \$...

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91 Weekly: FMC (FMC: \$60.78) drops 3.6% on firm volume; -\$2.27 [3.6%]



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... Public Accountants and Financial Executives International. 13.2 Profiles of Board of DirectorsDirk A. KempthorneDirectorPrincipal Occupation: President and CEO, American Council of Life Insurers Age: 64 Director Since: 2009Governor Kempthorne was appointed to his current position with the American Council of Life Insurers in November 2010. Prior to that, he served as the 49th United States **Secretary of the Interior** from June 2006 until January 2009. From January 1999 until his appointment as **Secretary of the Interior**, Governor Kempthorne served as the Governor of Idaho. He was also a United States Senator representing the State of Idaho from 1993 to 1999 and was the Mayor of Boise, Idaho from 1986 to 1993. Governor Kempthorne has been Chairman of the National Governors Association, ...

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92 Biden Admin to Remove William Penn Statue in 'Rehabilitation' of Park Dedicated to Pennsylvania Founder

**Source** [Independent Journal](#)**Market** United States**Date Collected** Jan 08, 2024 12:03 PM EST**Author** [Western Journal](#)**Category** National**Est. Audience** 52,713**Est. Publicity** USD \$962**Language** English

The Biden administration is continuing its efforts to reshape American history. In a news release Friday, the National Park Service, which is governed by the **Department of the Interior**, said it would remove the statue of Pennsylvania founder William Penn from the Welcome Park in Philadelphia in order to "rehabilitate" the area and "provide a more welcoming, accurate, and inclusive experience for visitors." "The park is located on the site of William Penn's home, the Slate Roof House, and is named for the ship, Welcome, which transported Penn to Philadelphia," the release said. ...

93 Federal grant to help preserve fish, floating on Clark Fork River

**Source** [Missoula Current](#)**Market** Missoula, MT



Date Collected Jan 08, 2024 11:12 AM EST

Author [Missoula Current](#)

Category Local

Est. Audience 4,619

Est. Publicity USD \$44

Language English

Laura Lundquist (Missoula Current) With the help of a federal grant, river conservationists are one step closer to opening more of the upper Clark Fork basin to fish and people. At the end of December, the U.S. **Department of the Interior** announced grants of more than \$51 million to watershed and river restoration projects nationwide through the Bureau of Reclamation's new WaterSMART Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Program. The Bureau of Reclamation awards were made possible through the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Within the awards package, Trout Unlimited received \$5.8 million for projects in Montana, Idaho, Wyoming and ...

94 THE DARK SIDE OF ELECTRIFICATION



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Market United States

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Author [John Hitch](#)

Category Trade

Est. Audience 105,000

Est. Publicity USD \$300

Language English

... political consequences," ATA President and CEO Chris Spear responded, adding that "California's sure-to-fail approach is not the only option." Spear reasoned that a better strategy is "ensuring the necessary infrastructure is in place and allowing for a range of technological solutions to prevail, rather than one-size-fits-all mandates." In another broad move to protect the environment, Biden's **Interior Department** has placed a moratorium in Minnesota on mining cobalt, needed to make the large lithium-ion batteries used in electric trucks, and other metals. The Republic of Congo currently supplies a majority of the world's cobalt, which it sends to China to refine and make batteries. The mines require the cutting down of millions of trees, which naturally remove CO2 from the atmosphere, and extraction of ...

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95 The Conservative Circus w/ James T. Harris



Source KFYLAM (Fox News Radio) - Local

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Time Jan 08, 2024 10:55 AM EST

Genre Talk

Clip Length 1:00

Est. Audience 107,500

Est. Publicity USD \$295

Days, according to two senior administration officials, what was in the ICU for at least four days. I mean, I could maybe understand not knowing if like the **secretary of the interior** was in the hospital or like the energy secretary or, you know, this is the defense secretary, This is probably the most, if not the second most important cabinet member that you have, especially at a time when we're fighting one proxy war in Europe and, you know, heavily involved in a military conflict in the Middle East, we got U.S. forces under attack, bases under attack, assets under attack. ...

96 KNST



Source KNST (Premiere Networks)

Market DMA: 65 Tucson, AZ

Time Jan 08, 2024 10:55 AM EST

Clip Length 1:00

Est. Audience 31,399

Est. Publicity USD \$174

Maybe understand not knowing if like the **secretary of the interior** was in the hospital are like the energy secretary or you know the defense secretary is probably the most if not a second most important cabinet member that you have it specially at a time more fighting %hesitation one proxy war in europe and you know heavily involved in a military conflict in the middle east we guide %hesitation U. S. Forces under attack base is under attack assets under attack ...

97 KARN-FM



Source KARN-FM (CBS News Radio)

Market DMA: 60 Little Rock, AR

Time Jan 08, 2024 10:39 AM EST

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Est. Audience 29,236

Est. Publicity USD \$150

As is the Biden administration's national park service **interior department** tearing down William Penn from Penn Park in Pennsylvania because they're here to dismantle our country Penn Park seeks input

on the rehab militate shun of welcome park it's called welcome park they should probably rename the state after G. %hesitation george floyd dodger thank maybe it'll be come floyd obeying yeah a georgia vanya that too much like george washington and me george floyd of thing ...

98 WHBO-AM



Radio

Source WHBO-AM (Fox Sports Radio)

Market DMA: 13 Tampa, FL

Time Jan 08, 2024 10:38 AM EST

Clip Length 1:00

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Est. Publicity USD \$14

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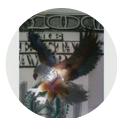
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KRQE: [In New Mexico, federal funds improving Bosque del Apache, Socorro Nature Area](#)

Curtis Segarra, August 31, 2023

South of Albuquerque, several federally operated outdoor sites provide stunning views, birding opportunities, and a breath of fresh air. Those locations are getting millions of dollars' worth of upgrades from a federal act that may sunset after fiscal year 2025. Thursday, August 13, Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland visited the sites in New Mexico to highlight the upgrades funded by the Great American Outdoors Act. They include improvements to locations like Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge, Socorro Nature Area, and Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge

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Philadelphia Inquirer: [\\$35 million in grants given for Delaware River watershed protection in Philly, South Jersey](#)

Frank Kummer, August 31, 2023

Federal and private matching grants totaling nearly \$35 million were announced Thursday for Delaware River Watershed conservation projects, including a water trail in Camden, a possible South Philadelphia wetlands park, and a 5,400-square-foot floating workshop at Fairmount Water Works. The money comes from nearly \$15 million in grants from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and \$20 million in matching funds from groups such as Philadelphia-based William Penn Foundation.

Delaware Public Media: [Nearly \\$35 million is being invested in restoration efforts along the Delaware River Basin](#)

Quinn Kirkpatrick, August 31, 2023

The Delaware River Watershed encompasses parts of Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and New York, and represents one of the most densely populated urban areas in the nation. About \$35 million in public and private dollars will fund 36 conservation projects across those 4 states. Five of the 36 projects funded are in Delaware - and will receive nearly \$2 million (\$1,926,700) from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and private partners through the Delaware Watershed Conservation Fund.

National Park Visitation Sets New Record as Economic Engines

WKYC: [Cuyahoga Valley National Park tourism adds \\$86 million to Northeast Ohio economy, report says](#)

Joshua Bailey, August 31, 2023

In 2022, more than 2 million tourists visited the Cuyahoga Valley National Park benefiting the local economy, according to a new National Park Service report. A new report from the National Park Service estimates the Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) added \$86 million to the local economy in 2022. According to the report, \$56 million was estimated to come from tourists who spent money in nearby communities and in the park. The spending supported more than 778 jobs, adding an additional \$30 million to the economy in the area.

WABI: [Report shows 2022 tourism to Acadia National Park gave big boost to local economy](#)

Staff, August 31, 2023

A new report from the National Park Service estimates Acadia National Park had nearly 4 million visits last year, providing \$479 million to the local economy. That spending supported nearly 6,700 jobs in the Bar Harbor area and had a cumulative benefit of \$691 million. The report also shows \$23.9 billion in direct spending by nearly 312 million park visitors in communities within 60 miles of a national park.

This spending supported hundreds of thousands of jobs nationally. As for the economics of visitor spending, the report says the lodging sector had the highest direct effects with \$9 billion in economic output nationally.

WRIC: [Tourism for Shenandoah National Park contributes \\$145 million to Virginia communities in 2023](#)

Tannock Blair, August 31, 2023

A new report from the National Park Service shows that there were 1.4 million visitors to Shenandoah National Park in 2022. The report also found that visitors generated an estimated \$104 million spent in communities near the park, the spending of which supported 1,240 local jobs and had a cumulative benefit to the local economy of \$145 million.

The Colorado River Basin

AZ Family: [New CAP manager weighs in on Colorado River water supply, current challenges](#)

Whitney Clark, September 1, 2023

Brenda Burman started her role this year as important negotiations are beginning. While Arizona is getting a small break

regarding cuts to our Colorado River water supply next year, some big negotiations are just beginning. The wet winter last year gave Arizona some stability when it comes to our Colorado River water supply, according to Brenda Burman, but it's not a long-term solution. She began her role as the general manager of the Central Arizona Project this year. The CAP is a more than 300-mile-long system of tunnels, pipelines and more that delivers Colorado River water to nearly 6 million people in our state. It brings water through Maricopa County and down to Tucson. It took about 20 years to build.

Las Vegas Review-Journal: [Nevada, other states lay out future goals for Colorado River](#)

Colton Lochhead, August 30, 2023

Nevada and the other Colorado River basin states are laying out their goals for the future of the river that supplies water to some 40 million Americans in the Southwest. States, cities, farmers, tribes, environmental groups and more submitted comments this month to the Bureau of Reclamation as part of the lengthy process for rewriting the rules that govern how the river and its major dams and reservoirs will be managed in the coming decades.

Kingman Daily Miner: [Our View | Misguided measures: NPS wants to eradicate a popular gamefish from the Colorado River](#)

Editorial, Opinion, August 31, 2023

The recent decision by the National Park Service to employ chemical eradication methods to remove smallmouth bass and green sunfish from the Colorado River near the Glen Canyon Dam has sparked a contentious debate over conservation tactics and their implications for both the ecosystem and local communities. While the NPS claims that the aim is to protect the humpback chub, a threatened native species, the approach has raised significant concerns that merit a critical evaluation. It is undeniable that the resurgence of the humpback chub, as well as the razorback sucker, is a success story that demonstrates nature's resilience and the potential for recovery without resorting to chemical interventions. The remarkable progress of these native species suggests that they can coexist with the river's current inhabitants, including smallmouth bass.

Investing in America Agenda

Buffalo Bulletin: [BLM office has built national well-plugging model](#)

Peder Schaefer, August 31, 2023

When it comes to plugging oil and gas wells in the Powder River Basin, what comes to mind first is often heavy machinery, loads of concrete and taxpayer money being funnelled straight into the ground. But for the team at the Bureau of Land Management Field Office in Buffalo, the trick to developing a nation-leading legal framework to plug wells is the choice weapon of many a bureaucrat: an avalanche of paperwork. "I think it's easy for people to be complacent and to think it's quiet and there isn't coalbed methane development, so there's nothing happening, when in fact there is a lot happening," said Jim Verplancke, the supervisory natural resource specialist in the Buffalo Field Office.

Cal Matters: [The world's largest dam demolition has begun. Can the dammed Klamath River finally find salvation?](#)

Rachel Becker, August 31, 2023

As four aging hydroelectric dams are demolished, tribes and communities along the Klamath River wait anxiously to see what the future holds. "Once a river is dammed, is it damned forever?" experts ask. Oshun O'Rourke waded into the dark green water, splashing toward a net that her colleagues gently closed around a cluster of finger-length fish. The Klamath River is wide and still here, making its final turn north to the coast as it winds through the Yurok reservation in Humboldt County. About 150 baby chinook salmon, on their long journey to the Pacific, were resting in cool waters that poured down from the forest.

KUNC: [News brief with The Colorado Sun: oil & gas leaks halt development; water-saving effort underwhelms](#)

Nikole Robinson Carroll, August 31, 2023

Each week, we talk with our colleagues at The Colorado Sun about the stories they're following. This time, Sun Editor Lance Benzel joined us to discuss oil and gas leaks holding up housing development along the Front Range and the latest about the state's leading Colorado River conservation program. Erie and Longmont have residential developments that are stalled because oil and gas wells that were plugged decades ago have started leaking.

DOI and Offshore Energy

Nantucket Current: [SouthCoast Wind Will Pay \\$60 Million To Terminate Power Purchase Agreements](#)

Jason Graziadei, August 31, 2023

While Vineyard Wind's turbines are rising in the waters off Nantucket, another offshore wind energy developer seeking to build an even larger wind farm south of the island is facing a major setback. SouthCoast Wind, which hopes to construct 149 offshore wind turbines 20 nautical miles south of Nantucket, is attempting to back out of the power purchase agreements it had signed with three Massachusetts utility companies.

Western Standard: [On the Rocks: US offshore wind industry in peril after setbacks](#)

Shaun Polczer, August 31, 2023

Despite lavish subsidies and tax credits under the Biden Administration's signature Inflation Reduction Act, the US offshore wind industry is in turmoil after the world's largest wind producer said it may be forced to walk away from multi-billion dollar wind projects on the eastern seaboard. The world's largest publicly listed offshore wind producer, Oslo-based Ørsted, on Wednesday saw its shares fall more than 25% after it said it may be forced to take massive write offs due to what its CEO calls "severe" economic and logistical conditions in the US for renewable energy.

Rigzone: [Biden Admin Holds First Ever GOM Offshore Wind Energy Auction](#)

Andreas Exarheas, August 31, 2023

The U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) announced this week that it held the first ever offshore wind energy auction for the Gulf of Mexico region. This lease sale offered two areas offshore Galveston, Texas - with one area comprising 102,480 acres and the other 96,786 acres - and a third, 102,480-acre area offshore Lake Charles, Louisiana, a statement posted on the DOI's website highlighted.

Straight Arrow News: [First-ever offshore wind lease sale in the Gulf of Mexico attracts just 2 bids](#)

Jack Aylmer, August 31, 2023

The recent fist-ever auction of offshore wind farm leases in the Gulf of Mexico has been hailed by the Department of the Interior as a "significant stride" in the Biden administration's "efforts to create a clean energy future." However, the response from investors has been less enthusiastic, potentially signaling challenges ahead for the offshore wind industry's expansion in the region. The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) completed auctions on Tuesday, Aug. 29, for three lease areas: one off the coast of Lake Charles, Louisiana, and two off the coast of Galveston, Texas. These combined leasing areas have the potential to generate electricity for nearly 1.3 million homes, presenting a substantial opportunity for clean energy production.

Offshore Engineer: [UH Aims to Develop Subsea Pipeline Inspection Autonomous Robot](#)

Staff, August 31, 2023

University of Houston researchers are developing an autonomous robot to identify potential pipeline leaks and structural failures during subsea inspections. The technology will aim to make the inspection process safer and more cost effective. From 1964 through 2015, a total of 514 offshore pipeline-related oil spills were recorded, 20 of which incurred spill volumes of more than 1,000 barrels, according to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management. The SmartTouch technology now in development at UH consists of ROVs equipped with multiple stress wave-based smart touch sensors, video cameras and scanning sonars that can swim along a subsea pipeline to inspect flange bolts – bolted connections have accelerated the rate of pipeline accidents that result in leakage, according to the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE).

Offshore Magazine: [Autonomous robot for subsea pipeline inspection being developed at University of Houston](#)

Staff, August 31, 2023

With an increasing number of severe accidents in the global oil and gas industry caused by damaged pipelines, University of Houston researchers are developing an autonomous robot to identify potential pipeline leaks and structural failures during subsea inspections. Researchers at the UH College of Mechanical Engineering say that the technology will be designed to make the inspection process safer and more cost effective, while also protecting subsea environments from disaster.

Maritime Journal: [Bidders take wind out of US offshore sails](#)

Staff, September 1, 2023

The US's plans to expand offshore wind have fallen flat with the first lease sale for projects in the Gulf of Mexico receiving just one winning bid. RWE Offshore US Gulf won the Lake Charles Lease Area by virtue of the fact that it was one of only two contenders. The area was won for \$5.6 million, and the area is estimated to have the potential for generating 1.24GW of energy. The two other areas in the lease sale, which were both offshore Galveston, Texas, with one of just over 100,000 acres, the other of 97,000 acres – did not receive a single bid.

Offshore Wind: [US Government to Fund Research to Improve Offshore Wind and Marine Energy Deployments](#)

Amir Garanovic, September 1, 2023

The US Department of Energy (DOE) and the Department of the Interior (DOI) have unveiled plans to collaborate and jointly fund research to further support durable and environmentally responsible offshore wind and marine energy deployments in the United States. The agencies will launch the upcoming funding opportunity through Wind Energy Technologies Office (WETO), Water Power Technologies Office (WPTO), Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) and Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE).

The Engineer: [SmartTouch autonomous robot to identify potential pipeline leaks](#)

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Oilfield Technology: [BSEE conducts exercise and equipment deployment in Pacific Ocean](#)

Emily Thomas, September 1, 2023

As part of its mission to protect the environment and ensure offshore oil and gas operators are prepared to respond rapidly and effectively to oil spills, the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) conducted a Government Initiated Unannounced Exercise (GIUE) on 29 – 30 August to assess DCOR, LLC's ability to activate its incident management team and carry out procedures in its approved oil spill response plan. "BSEE designs and conducts GIUEs to evaluate the ability of the offshore exploration and production community to respond to a spill with no prior warning," said Robert Zaragoza, BSEE Oil Spill Preparedness Division exercise designer and controller.

Clean Technica: [Louisiana & Poland To Beat Texas On Offshore Wind](#)

Tina Casey, August 31, 2023

Texas had a shot at two offshore wind energy leases in the Gulf of Mexico totaling 2.4 gigawatts, but came away empty-handed. What if they gave an offshore wind party in Texas and nobody came? That's what happened last week, when the Biden administration tempted the global wind industry to compete for two new offshore lease areas along the Texas coast. Nobody bit, and now it's back to the drawing board for state energy planners who are already struggling with an overstrained, isolated grid.

DOI and Conservation

AP: [In Mississippi, a tiny fish is reintroduced to the river where it disappeared 50 years ago](#)

Stephen Smith and Kevin McGill, September 1, 2023

A species of tiny fish that once flourished in a river running hundreds of miles from central Mississippi into southeastern Louisiana is being reintroduced to the Pearl River after disappearing 50 years ago. Wildlife experts say a number of factors likely contributed to the disappearance of the pearl darter from the Pearl River system, including oil and gas development, agricultural runoff, urban pollution, and dam construction. All are deemed detrimental to the pearl darter's habitat and survival.

Fox News: [Farmers, ranchers, landowners take aim at Biden admin for latest crackdown](#)

Thomas Catenacci, September 1, 2023

A wide range of groups representing farmers, cattle ranchers, hunters, landowners and energy companies are fighting Biden administration regulations expanding wildlife protections. In individual comments submitted earlier this month, the groups said the regulations — unveiled in June by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) — represent federal overreach and would harm small businesses, according to federal filings reviewed by Fox News Digital. In addition to the industry groups, state wildlife agencies and a coalition of 18 GOP attorneys general submitted comments opposing the rules.

Los Angeles Times: [After more than 100 years, gray wolves reappear in Giant Sequoia National Monument](#)

Louis Sahagun, August 30, 2023

On the morning of July 6, Michelle Harris saw a huge canid with yellow eyes dash across a fire road lined with charred snags and giant sequoias blackened by recent wildfires. The animal “paused, started to pace and made clipped barking sounds — like it was very worried about something,” recalled Harris, a biologist who was working on a restoration project in the area. “Then it tilted its head back and let out a really decent howl.” “All I could think was, ‘It doesn’t look like a coyote, but it has to be, right?’ ”

Colorado Sun: [Federal roundup seeks to remove entire wild horse herd in western Colorado starting Friday](#)

Jennifer Brown, September 1, 2023

The Bureau of Land Management wants to remove the 122 horses living in West Douglas. One-third of the horses gathered in the last roundup there died of equine flu. Colorado’s first scheduled wild horse roundup this year is set to begin Friday, when federal land managers plan to start removing the entire West Douglas herd in Rio Blanco County along the Utah border. A low-flying helicopter will try to push all 122 horses, which are on public and private land, into temporary corrals before hauling them to the U.S. Bureau of Land Management’s holding pens in Cañon City.

NM Political Report: [Wildlife Services strengthens the standards for determining if a wolf killed a domestic animal](#)

Hannah Grover, August 30, 2023

The federal agency that investigates claims that a domestic animal has been killed by a predator has released new, stronger standards that it will use when deciding if a Mexican wolf is responsible for livestock death. Conservation groups have been pushing Wildlife Services, a branch of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, to strengthen its standards so that wolves are not falsely blamed for livestock deaths. The groups praised the new standards, which require evidence that the animal was still alive when it encountered the wolves. That involves looking for things like subcutaneous hemorrhage and tissue damage.

Deseret News: [National ‘blueprint’ embraces more outdoor recreation on public lands](#)

Amy Joi O’Donoghue, August 31, 2023

Bureau of Land Management seeks to meet growing demand for outdoor enthusiasts. With COVID-19 in full swing in 2020, people wanted to breathe fresh air and get away from the crowds. Restaurants, movie theaters and concert venues were all off limits, so other opportunities were embraced. Enter outdoor recreation. From 2020 to 2021, Utah’s outdoor recreation economy grew by 27.3%, according to a U.S. Department of Commerce’s Bureau of Economic Analysis. Additionally, that growth fueled \$6.1 billion in value-added dollars for the state’s economy, accounting for 2.7% of its gross domestic product and supporting nearly 67,000 jobs.

Vail Daily: [BLM creates blueprint to guide outdoor recreation in response to increased public lands use](#)

John LaConte, August 31, 2023

In another outdoor recreation-related announcement, the Bureau of Land Management on Thursday said it is developing a “blueprint” to respond to increasing public lands visitation and is welcoming feedback on how to implement the ideas it lays out. The BLM said its new “Blueprint for 21st Century Outdoor Recreation” is intended to guide investments, partnerships, outreach, and program development to respond to current demand and chart a course to meet future needs.

KQTV: [Fish and Wildlife Service Moves to Maintain Water Rights in Kansas, May Leave Farms High and Dry](#)

Nicole Scott, August 31, 2023

Kansas, According to a media release from Kansas Senator Jerry Moran, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) which maintains the Quivira National Wildlife Refuge has had water rights to Rattlesnake Creek since 1957. Local farms have been using Rattlesnake Creek to irrigate their crops and reports from 2016 show that Quivira may not have been getting the amount of water it is entitled to through the water rights.

DOI and Indigenous Peoples

NPR: [Indigenous nations still feel the devastating effects of bison's near extinction](#)

Darian Woods, August 30, 2023

In June, members of Blackfeet Nation released their first herd of bison to roam. The program director spoke about why the near-extinction was so devastating and how he's helping to bring them back. For more than 10,000 years, many people in what's now known as North America relied on bison. Thirty million of the creatures stretched from Canada down to Mexico, and then they were hunted nearly to extinction.

Play USA: [Department of the Interior Calls Arguments For Rehearing 'Strawmen' In Court Response](#)

Matthew Kredell, August 31, 2023

The Department of the Interior on Thursday told the DC Circuit US Court of Appeals it should deny rehearing a case on the validity of the gaming compact between the Seminole Tribe and State of Florida. The DOI was responding to West Flagler's petition for the Court to rehear en banc, or in front of all 11 of its judges, its legal challenge of the compact's inclusion of statewide online sports betting on tribal lands.

Sports Handle: [Don't Expect Seminoles' Hard Rock Bet To Be Live In Florida Anytime Soon](#)

Jill R. Dorson, August 31, 2023

The U.S. Department of the Interior didn't mince words Thursday when it opposed arguments by West Flagler and Associates in a court case involving the future of sports betting in Florida and wrote that a request for a rehearing is "unwarranted." The DOI and a pair of Florida parimutuels are battling in federal court over the legality of a compact signed between the the state of Florida and the Seminole Tribe. It centers on whether the DOI rightfully approved the compact, which would give the tribe a monopoly on retail and digital sports betting in the state.

SBC Americas: [DOI files response on rehearing Florida sports betting case](#)

Jessica Welman, September 1, 2023

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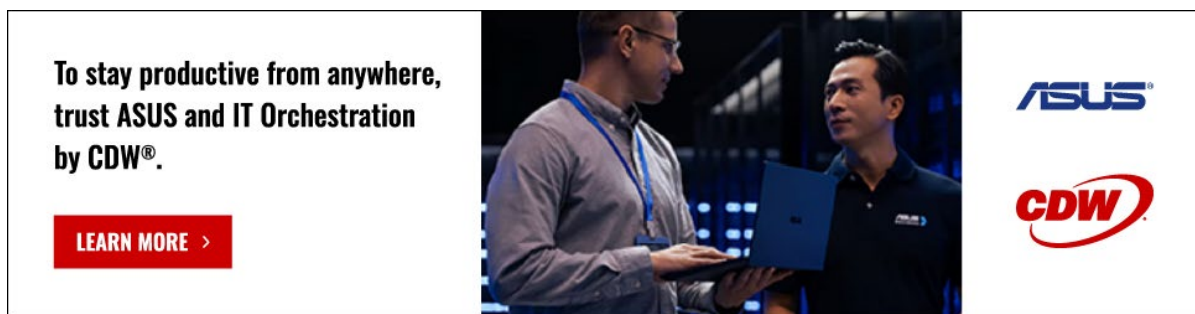
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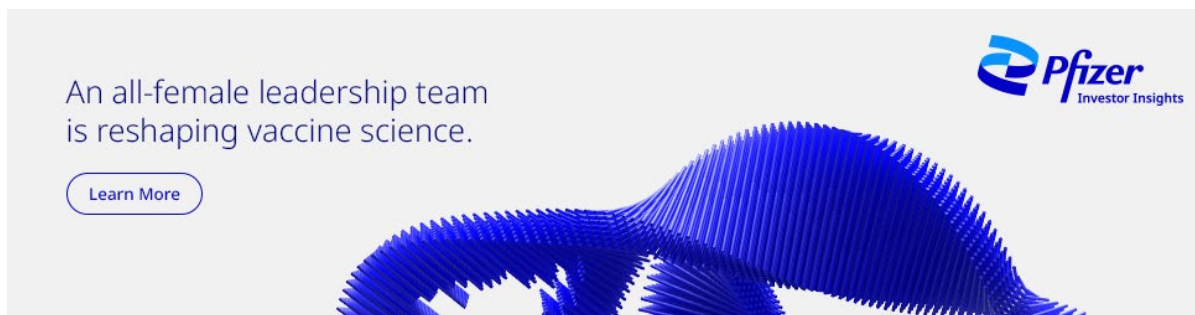
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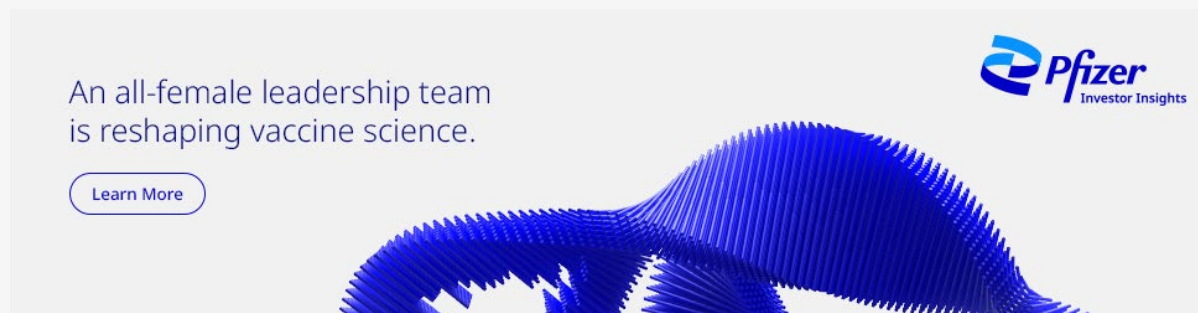
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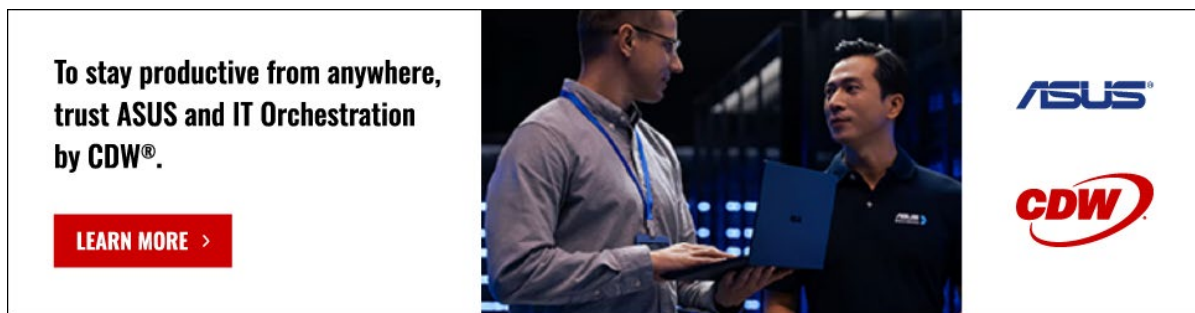
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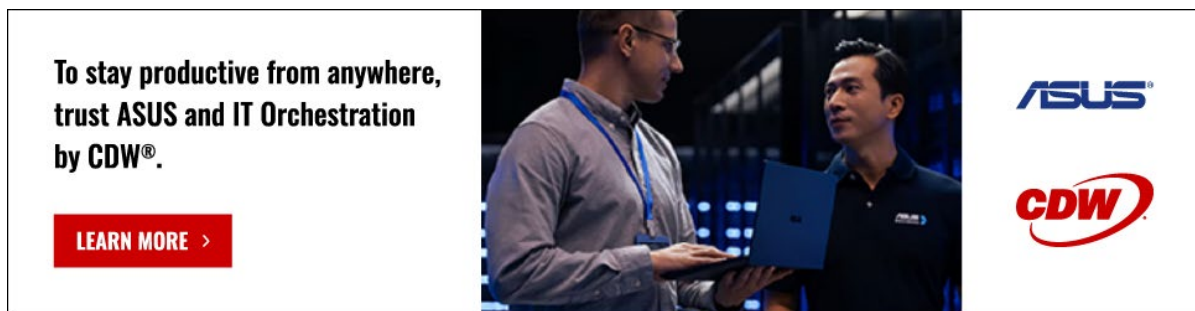
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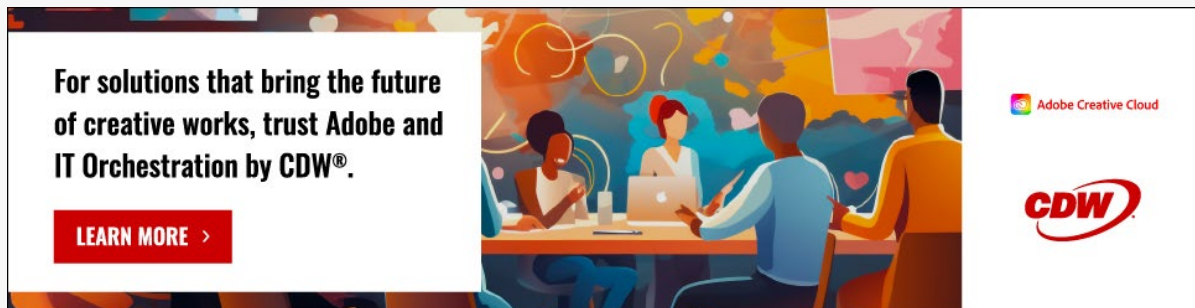
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The consequences of Trump's immunity court case



Former president Donald Trump during the civil fraud trial against the Trump Organization in New York on Dec. 7. (Eduardo Munoz Alvarez/Pool/AFP/Getty Images)

Former president **Donald Trump** is expected to watch today as his lawyers try to convince three appeals court judges that he can't be tried for his alleged role in the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol and trying to overturn the 2020 election.

The outcome could have big implications for Trump — and future presidents. That's because the case raises a novel issue for the courts, which have never before been asked whether a former president is immune from federal criminal prosecution.

Trump is hoping to avoid a trial in the 2020 election case, which was brought by special counsel **Jack Smith**. He's accused of conspiring to overturn the 2020 election.

Trump is also facing political stakes, as he's on track to become the Republican

nomination for president.

“His choice to attend the argument — not uncommon but also not required in an appeal — instead of spending more time in Iowa just one week from the GOP's first nominating contest there reflect the bet he and his campaign are placing on blending his criminal defense with electoral message. Tuesday's appearance is poised to be the first of many times this year that he quickly pivots between the courtroom and the campaign trail or brings the campaign to the courthouse steps as he faces four separate criminal cases and two civil trials,” our colleague [Isaac Arnsdorf](#) reports.

- Trump's purpose in showing up in the courtroom is to show “seriousness and defiance” and garner media attention as he's going on the offense, according to Isaac's reporting.

To understand the legal aspects of the case, we picked the brains of our fantastic colleagues who cover the ins and outs of the Trump trials.

HOW THE CASE CAME TO BE

Trump appealed the case to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia after U.S. District Judge **Tanya S. Chutkan** rejected his attempt to dismiss the case in December. The former president argued that he is immune from federal prosecution because he was president at the time of the alleged crime.

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- Smith asked the Supreme Court to fast-track the case, but the court refused to do so. It didn't explain why.

THE ARGUMENTS

The former president is arguing that he is immune from federal prosecution for his acts as president — and because he was not convicted in his impeachment trial, trying him now

would amount to double jeopardy.

“Presidential immunity and the Impeachment Judgment Clause foreclose the criminal prosecution of President Trump for his official acts,” his lawyers argued in a brief to the court.

Smith argues that courts haven't found that former presidents have immunity from criminal liability. And even if they do, Smith argues, it wouldn't apply to Trump, who worked with private individuals and government officials to remain in power.

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- Smith has also argued that a lack of conviction in an impeachment trial does not limit Trump's ability to be prosecuted. Trump was acquitted in his Senate impeachment trial.

A NOTE ON THE IMPEACHMENT STANDARD

But about that impeachment argument ... it's complicated.

When **Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell** (R-Ky.) voted to not convict Trump in his trial, he said the courts would be the more appropriate venue for assessing the president's actions.

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one.”

THE JUDGES

None of the judges on the panel, who are randomly assigned, were nominated by Trump.

Judge Karen L. Henderson was nominated by **President George H.W. Bush** and has served on the court since 1990. Reporters and legal watchers will listen to Henderson closely.

The other two judges on the panel, **Florence Y. Pan** and **J. Michelle Childs**, were nominated by **President Biden** and confirmed by the Senate in 2022.

Childs was in the running for former Supreme Court justice **Stephen Breyer's** seat on the court. **Rep. Jim Clyburn** (D-S.C.) and **Sen. Lindsey Graham** (R-S.C.) urged Biden to choose Childs, who was a federal district court judge in South Carolina, but the appointment went to **Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson**. Biden nominated Pan for the seat vacated by Jackson.

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Our colleague **Devlin Barrett** says it's hard to say whether Trump's legal arguments will

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Another colleague, **Spencer S. Hsu**, adds that he’s watching what the judges say about each of the arguments raised by Trump.

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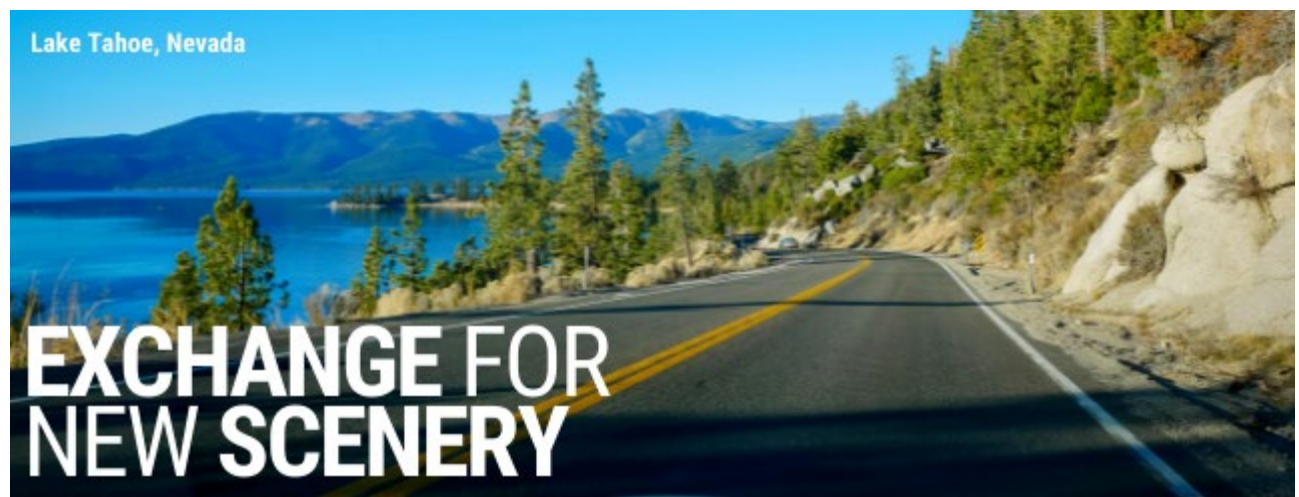
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Public News Service: [Federal funding could transform Ohio Valley into a manufacturing hub](#)

Nadia Ramlagan, January 8, 2024

Manufacturers in Ohio employ around 12% of the state's workforce, and advocates say the state's Appalachian region could bolster its economy by turning itself into a green manufacturing hub. Dana Kuhnline - program director with the group ReImagine Appalachia - said manufacturing in the clean-energy sector would create good jobs and help build local economies, as well as help curb climate change. "What can we manufacture in Appalachia?" said Kuhnline. "How can we reuse shuttered facilities, like closed steel facilities and shuttered coal plants? And what are sustainable products that Appalachia could become a hub for, that we could make in this region? "

Yakima Herald: [Yakama Nation Fisheries receives grant funding to realign highway near Leavenworth](#)

Jasper Kenzo Sundeen, January 6, 2024

Yakama Nation Fisheries is set to receive almost \$3.5 million in grant funding for efforts to restore salmon habitat at Nason Creek in Chelan County. The funding would help cover a \$12 million project to restore floodplain around Nason Creek and State Route 207, which connects with U.S. Highway 2 nearby, about 15 miles north of Leavenworth. Almost \$3 million would come from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and \$500,000 would come from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

Oil City News: [National Park Service, American Forests partner to restore threatened whitebark pine](#)

Staff, January 5, 2024

The National Park Service and American Forests have signed a five-year agreement to help return threatened whitebark pine to its range in the western U.S., including Yellowstone National Park, Grand Teton National Park and other parts of Wyoming. As part of President Joe Biden's Investing in America agenda, the partnership will support restoration activities in national parks where whitebark pine grows. Initial projects in Yellowstone, Glacier and Grand Teton national parks are part of \$44 million in funding from the Inflation Reduction Act, the largest climate and conservation investment in history.

E&E: [How current is that wildfire risk map? Depends on the state.](#)

Avery Ellfeldt, January 8, 2024

Limited funding has made it hard for states to keep their wildfire risk maps up to date, even as global warming increases the danger. For years, Colorado's wildfire risk map was so inaccurate that state officials all but ignored it. It was long outdated, especially in the state's western half. There, but unmarked on the map, was more than 3 million acres of forest where mountain pine beetles had killed lodgepole, limber and ponderosa pines — transforming the forest floor into a tinderbox of dead kindling.

DOI and Offshore Energy

NPR: [Offshore wind farm starts generating power](#)

Barbara Moran, January 4, 2024

Offshore wind is a young industry in the U.S. This week, it hit a milestone when one of the country's first two commercial-scale projects, Vineyard Wind, started sending power to the grid. Vineyard Wind, off the coast of Massachusetts, delivered five megawatts of electricity from one turbine. Now, that may not sound like much, but it is a big deal for this new industry.

The Cool Down: [State makes history with its first offshore wind project: 'The next chapter in \[our\] great history'](#)

Jeremiah Budin, January 8, 2024

Louisiana is set to break a clean energy milestone in the United States, launching the first two offshore wind farms in state waters. The projects, known as Cajun Wind and Diamond Offshore Wind, have already been approved by Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards and the state's Department of Natural Resources. Cajun Wind is being developed by Danish manufacturer Vestas Wind Systems (via its North American arm Steelhead Americas) and Diamond Offshore Wind is being developed by Mitsubishi.

BNN: [US BOEM Updates Offshore Renewable Energy Guidelines](#)

Rafia Tasleem, January 6, 2024

The US Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) has unveiled revised guidelines for providing geophysical, geotechnical, and geohazard information crucial to offshore renewable energy projects. The guidelines, stipulated under 30 CFR Part 585, were initially published in May 2020, focusing primarily on the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf (OCS).

Coastal Point: [U.S. Wind initiates benefits talk with towns](#)

Mike Smith, January 5, 2024

US Wind has formally presented to the Delaware Association of Coastal Towns (ACT) a package of community benefits for the good of Delaware's coastal residents. The ACT communities of Henlopen Acres, Rehoboth Beach, Dewey Beach, Bethany Beach and South Bethany have begun to evaluate the offer and will proceed with discussions through their respective public meeting processes.

Shore News Network: [Another Offshore Wind Farm Project Off the Jersey Shore Bites the Dust](#)

Robert Walker, January 6, 2024

Equinor (EQNR.OL) and BP (BP.L) announced the termination of their power sale agreement with New York State for the proposed Empire Wind 2 offshore wind farm. The decision, attributed to rising inflation, higher borrowing costs, and supply chain challenges, repositions the project for future development opportunities. Equinor, in a statement on Wednesday, referenced the impact of broad economic changes on the industry. The move coincides with New York's new offshore wind solicitation, allowing companies to renegotiate or exit old contracts.

Shore News Network: [New Jersey Governor Full Steam Ahead on Wind Farms Amid Crippling Industry Crisis](#)

Robert Walker, January 7, 2024

The offshore wind energy sector in New Jersey and New York is experiencing significant challenges. In New Jersey, Governor Phil Murphy's renewable energy goals suffered a blow with Ørsted's withdrawal from two key offshore wind projects, Ocean Winds I

and II. The Danish company cited inflation, interest rate hikes, and supply chain issues, leading to a \$2.8 billion reduction in the first project's value.

Clean Technica: [Giant Subsea "Starfish" To Help Push The Cost Of Floating Offshore Wind Down And Downer](#)

Tina Casey, January 7, 2024

The US is depending on floating wind turbine technology to get its hands on more offshore wind resources. However, floating wind is a relatively new industry and costs tend to run higher, compared to the more familiar offshore wind turbines that sit on high towers fixed to the seabed. Fortunately, solutions have been emerging, and it looks like a key goal is already within reach.

E&E: [Offshore wind faces more financial turbulence in 2024](#)

Heather Richards, January 8, 2024

To meet the White House's mandates for offshore wind, the Interior Department will have to accelerate its pace in assessing projects. The offshore wind industry is hoping for new momentum in 2024 to counter the broken contracts, canceled wind farms and missed targets characterizing its last 18 months. While experts say the nascent industry is getting back on its feet after being thrashed by inflationary costs and an immature supply chain after the pandemic, the enormous scale of building a new U.S. renewable sector from scratch still poses significant challenges that could stall a key plank of President Joe Biden's climate agenda.

E&E: [Republicans to thrash Interior offshore drilling plan](#)

Heather Richards, January 8, 2024

A hearing this week will be the first since the Interior Department finalized its five-year drilling plan. A House Natural Resources subcommittee will pick apart President Joe Biden's offshore energy agenda during a hearing this week. Titled "Examining the Biden Administration's Limits on Access to the [Outer Continental Shelf]: Impacts on Consumers, States and Operators," the Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee hearing will be the first since the Interior Department published its five-year offshore leasing plan in December.

DOI and the Climate Crisis

NBC New York: [A magnitude 1.7 earthquake hit NYC. Is climate change a culprit?](#)

Linda Gaudino, January 6, 2024

New York City dwellers were abruptly awoken at the crack of dawn on Tuesday by an escalating, rumbling vibration that sired a rush of police cars and fire trucks. What sounded the alarms for a possible explosion turned into a minor earthquake, a seemingly foreign experience to New Yorkers, but what turns out to be nature running its course. The United States Geological Survey (USGS) reported a magnitude 1.7 earthquake occurred at 5:45 a.m. Tuesday near Astoria, Queens.

DOI and Conservation

CBS News: [Endangered jaguar previously unknown to U.S. is caught on camera in Arizona](#)

Staff, January 8, 2024

There's been another jaguar sighting in southern Arizona and it's the eighth different jaguar documented in the southwestern U.S. since 1996, according to wildlife officials. Jason Miller, a hobbyist wildlife videographer who posts trail camera footage online, captured the image of a roaming jaguar late last month in the Huachuca Mountains near Tucson, CBS affiliate KPHO-TV reported. A spokesman for the Arizona Game and Fish Department said the agency has authenticated Miller's footage and has confirmed this is a new jaguar to the United States.

NowThis News: [To Save One Owl Species, We Have To Kill Another](#)

Sophia Anderson, January 5, 2024

In order to save one endangered owl species, hunters might have to shoot and kill the 470,000 barred owls that are overcrowding forests on the West Coast of the United States, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) argued in a new

proposal. If we don't take action, the agency said, roughly 7,000 of the remaining northern spotted owls could become extinct.

Arizona Republic: [1,000 wild Arizona burros are going to be relocated. Here's why](#)

Rey Covarrubias Jr., January 6, 2024

Bureau of Land Management announced on Dec. 20 that it plans to gather and relocate 1,000 wild burros near Kingman due to overpopulation concerns. The burros lived in the Black Mountain Herd Management Area in Mohave County, and the herd grew to three times the appropriate size, according to a news release from the Bureau of Land Management.

Nevada Independent: [Conservationists seek federal protection for rare Nevada wildflower](#)

Amy Alonzo, January 8, 2024

Come spring, clusters of tiny, yellow wildflowers will blanket Washoe, Eagle and Carson valleys. The vibrant display put on by *Erythranthe carsonensis* — the Carson Valley monkeyflower — is endemic to just a few areas around Northern Nevada and a miniscule corner of California's Alpine County, growing on sandy flats and gentle slopes within sagebrush habitat. But it's highly threatened, according to conservationists at the Center for Biological Diversity who, on Monday, will officially petition the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to add the plant to the endangered species list, arguing that federal protections along with designation of critical habitat are needed to maintain the survival of the delicate flowers.

Cowboy State Daily: [Dennis Sun: Endangered Species Act -- All Stick and No Carrots](#)

Dennis Sun, Opinion, January 5, 2024

The Endangered Species Act (ESA) is 50 years old and is possibly one of the most controversial acts ever passed. In 1973, the ESA passed in the U.S. House and U.S. Senate by a large majority and was signed by President Nixon. As the act reads, it "authorized the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service to establish a list of endangered and threatened plant and animal species and made it illegal to collect, harm or kill certain species."

Las Vegas Sun: [BLM aims to round up thousands of horses in Nevada](#)

Hillary Davis, January 7, 2024

The ongoing wild horse roundup in rural Northern Nevada is planned to be what is likely the single largest gather conducted by the federal government. The Bureau of Land Management plans to gather and remove 2,875 mustangs from what the agency calls the East Pershing Complex. The roundup started Dec. 28, and as of Jan. 3, had netted 733 animals using low-flying helicopters and wranglers to drive the feral horses toward traps, according to BLM reports. The operation could last through February.

Northern Journal: [Alaska lost a lawsuit that challenged a COVID-era emergency moose hunt. Now, it's appealing for a second time.](#)

Nathaniel Herz, January 5, 2024

It's one of multiple cases in which the Dunleavy administration is clashing with the federal government over fish and game management, and over who has the ultimate regulatory power in that realm. In the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic, the leader of a Southeast Alaska island village's tribal government asked federal managers to open an emergency hunt, citing the community's fears about having enough food. The request was approved by a federal management agency, the Federal Subsistence Board, and the harvest of moose and deer went ahead, supplying 135 households with meat.

Grand Junction Daily Sentinel: [Comments being taken on recovery plan for lynx, which faces climate-change threat](#)

Dennis Webb, January 8, 2024

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is continuing to accept comments through Jan. 30 on a recently released draft recovery plan for the Canada lynx in Colorado and other Lower 48 states, where it is now considered to be primarily threatened by climate change.

Tucson Sentinel: [New wild jaguar spotted in Southern Arizona, enviros confirm](#)

Paul Ingram, January 5, 2024

A remote trail camera in Southern Arizona operated by a wildlife enthusiast recorded a previously unknown jaguar in late December, the Center for Biological Diversity confirmed Friday. The Tucson-based group said the footage shows a jaguar "not

previously identified in the state," making the charismatic big cat the eighth jaguar documented in Arizona over the last 30 years—decades after the species was all but eliminated from the southwestern United States.

Missoulian: [Guest view: MHCA vital for family farms and ranches](#)

Eric Hansen, Dan High and Tony Johnson, Opinion, January 6, 2024

It's no secret that family ranches in southwest Montana are struggling. Younger generations can't afford to buy a home, let alone a ranch that easily costs 10 times what a cow or hay can produce. What working ranch doesn't need to buy out multiple family members, so the people working on these ranches can carry on or make moves towards succession? Since they first homesteaded, many ranch families have faced financial hardships trying to get their land passed onto the upcoming generation. That's why we are deeply disappointed by the shortsighted opposition to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service proposal to create the Missouri Headwaters Conservation Area.

Post and Courier: [In the South, developers enter a complicated relationship with endangered bats](#)

Clare Fieseler, January 5, 2024

Fireflies flickered in near synchronicity against the dark canopy as two researchers worked below in a swampy clearing. Standing over a dented card table, they placed a tiny, screeching bat in a canvas bag. Then they delicately set it on a scale. Jennifer Kindel, a bat biologist, recited the weight. A wildlife technician tapped the number into a tablet with a gloved hand. Both donned surgical masks.

Amherst Bulletin: [Keeping eagles aloft: Marking 50 years of Endangered Species Act successes in Valley and beyond](#)

Maddie Fabian, January 5, 2024

Ask almost any conservationist about an Endangered Species Act (ESA) success story and they will tell you about the bald eagle. "Growing up, I would have never seen a bald eagle in western Massachusetts," said Jeff Collins, senior director of conservation science at Mass Audubon. The national bird was nearly driven extinct in the lower 48 states, in large part because of the infamous insecticide DDT, formerly widely used in agriculture.

KPAX: [FWP: 'Incidental captures' of lynx reported in Northwest Montana](#)

Staff, January 5, 2024

State wildlife officials report that bobcat trappers in Northwest Montana caught two lynx last week. Both instances were self-reported by the trappers and were subsequently reported to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) by Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP). Lynx are listed as a threatened species and protected under the Endangered Species Act and the USFWS "has established an allowable incidental take for lynx in the lower 48 states," a news release states.

E&E: [Interior shuffles personnel for public lands, minerals slots](#)

Hannah Northey, January 5, 2024

The agency made several moves Friday to oversee President Biden's vision for clean energy projects, mining reforms and public lands. The Interior Department on Friday made several personnel moves that they say will help the agency usher in clean energy projects, mining reforms and oversee President Biden's vision for public lands. Steve Feldgus has been tapped to serve as principal deputy assistant secretary for land and minerals management after serving as deputy assistant secretary for almost three years.

E&E: [Q&A: Fish and Wildlife's new Midwest director digs in](#)

Michael Doyle, January 5, 2024

Will Meeks will oversee work in eight states, from the Great Lakes to controversial gray wolf protections. This Fish and Wildlife Service career employee has a lot more to learn about his native Midwest. Born and raised in northern Ohio, Will Meeks last November was named director of the federal agency's Midwest region. The position oversees about 1,000 employees and spans Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin.

DOI and Indigenous Peoples

Los Angeles Times: [Opinion: Protecting Alaska's wilderness — and our Indigenous way of life — is critical to a green future](#)

Ricko Dewilde, Opinion, January 8, 2024

"Alaska is America's natural resource warehouse." That is what Republican Gov. Mike Dunleavy told then-President Trump in 2018. But our home is far more than storage for the next fad of consumer desires in the Lower 48 states. In Alaska, we are facing an onslaught of proposed projects that threaten to destroy our way of life. Perhaps the most concerning of these is the proposed Ambler industrial mining road.

Cherokee One Feather: [Effort to restore Kuwohi name moving forward](#)

Scott McKie, January 5, 2024

The effort by two Cherokee women to restore the name of Kuwohi to an area in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park is now one step closer to coming to fruition. The Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) passed Res. No. 72 (2024) unanimously during its regular session on Thursday, Jan. 4 that approves the submittal of an application on behalf of the Tribe to restore the name of the mountain currently known as Clingman's Dome to Kuwohi which means 'mulberry place' in the Cherokee language.

KJZZ: [Coalition of Large Tribes authors letter in support of Navajo Nation's NASA complaint](#)

Gabriel Pietrorazio, January 5, 2024

COLT, or the Coalition of Large Tribes, is standing in solidarity with President Buu Nygren and the Navajo Nation in a letter by airing opposition to NASA's private mission to disburse cremated human remains on the moon. This group of more than 50 large land-mass tribal communities each manage at least over 100,000 acres of land and make up more than half of Indian Country's population. They're calling for the upcoming launch to be delayed or that the remains should be removed from its payload until there has been enough tribal consultation.

DOI and Other Bureau News

Daily Mail: [Biden removes William Penn statue from historic Pennsylvania park in 'inclusive' makeover to show more Native American history](#)

Stephen M. Lepore, January 7, 2024

The Biden administration's National Park Service is starting a 'rehabilitation' process for a Pennsylvania park that includes the removal of a statue of founder William Penn and inclusion of representation of Native American tribes. The Deb Haaland-led parks service sent out the request for input on the changes to Welcome Park Friday on their website and in a post on X. Penn, the founder of Pennsylvania in 1681, was notorious for his amicable relations with the Native tribes of the region. The park was established 300 years later.

National Review: [National Park Service to Remove William Penn Statue from Historic Site](#)

Luther Ray Abel, January 7, 2024

The National Park Service (NPS) has announced it will be rehabilitating (via reduction) Pennsylvania founder William Penn's Welcome Park to "provide a more welcoming, accurate, and inclusive experience." Named after the ship that bore Penn to that city of fraternal affection, the park is the site of his former Philadelphia home and the Slate Roof House. As part of this reimagining of Welcome Park, the park service has confirmed that "the Penn statue and Slate Roof house model will be removed and not reinstalled."

ForTheWin: [Elephant seal's parking effort called out by NPS](#)

Pete Thomas, January 6, 2024

A National Park Service employee recently captured an image showing a northern elephant seal resting in a parking lot at Point Reyes National Seashore. Anyone who is fanatical about perfect placement between the lines will note that the seal could have been more considerate by inching a few feet to its left.

Delaware Online: [Wilmington is recognized as an American World War II Heritage City, one of 11 for 2023](#)

Krys'tal Griffin, January 5, 2024

Wilmington recently was designated as an American World War II Heritage City for 2023. The distinction comes from the National Park Service's American World War II Heritage City Program, which serves to recognize the historic importance of the nation's involvement in World War II.

Times Free Press: [Opinion: National Parks are kind of a big deal](#)

Tricia King Mims, Opinion, January 6, 2024

National parks are more popular than ever, and visitation is surging back to pre-pandemic levels. Around the 2016 centennial of the National Park Service, a free annual pass became available for every fourth grader in the country, and family vacations are often planned around national park sites. Filling up a park passport with stamps has become a life's mission for college students, retirees and all lifestyles in between.

Billings Gazette: [Charging international tourists more to visit Yellowstone, Glacier, others parks could boost funding, study suggests](#)

Staff, January 5, 2024

Charging international tourists more to visit U.S. national parks has the potential to raise millions of dollars in fees that could help offset costs for park infrastructure, staffing and maintenance. That's the gist of a new study written by Tate Watkins, a research fellow at the Bozeman-based Property and Environment Research Center. The center touts as its goal finding market solutions for conservation issues. Based on his research, Watkins said about 14 million people from other countries visit a national park each year. If they paid a \$25 surcharge the parks system could raise around \$330 million annually, he calculated.

News 5 Cleveland: [Should Madison be worried about its twin quakes? We ask the experts.](#)

Katie Ussin and Amanda Merrell, January 5, 2024

We're less than a week into 2024 and already, Madison Village has been rattled by two earthquakes. The first happened New Year's Day. The second followed Friday morning. It's not the first time this region felt the Earth move under their feet. But the two-fer this week has people who live there, like Terri Epple, wondering what's up.

Washington Lawyer: [Nature's Legal Champions](#)

Richard Blaustein, January 5, 2024

In 1978, while on vacation at the Grand Canyon, traveling on a wooden dory down the Colorado River, environmental lawyer Lois Schiffer experienced a turning point in her career. "I had been working on legal issues related to public lands, and then suddenly I was in the essence of the most fabulous public lands," says Schiffer, former general counsel for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. At the time, Schiffer headed the general litigation section of the U.S. Department of Justice's Land and Natural Resources Division (now the Environment and Natural Resources Division).[...] Solicitor Robert Anderson of the U.S. Department of the Interior can relate to the sentiment.

Live Science: [Satellite images reveal just how much cities on the US East Coast are sinking](#)

Robert Lea, January 5, 2024

"Continuous unmitigated subsidence on the U.S. East Coast should cause concern." Images collected by numerous satellites have shown that major cities and population centers across the U.S. East Coast are sinking. Land sinking, or "subsidence," as seen by these satellites, is dangerous because it can undermine the foundations of buildings, potentially causing collapse. It can also damaging roads as well as gas and water lines. When coupled with rising sea levels caused by human-driven climate change, subsidence in coastal regions can increase the risk of flooding and worsen subsequent damage.

E&E: [Republicans put parks maintenance backlog under microscope](#)

Nidhi Prakash, January 8, 2024

The backlog has increased despite funding from the Great American Outdoors Act. A House Natural Resources subcommittee will hold a hearing Wednesday on what Republicans say is a worrying increase in the backlog of deferred federal maintenance on public lands. The National Park Service's backlog has long been the subject of concern. By 2022, it had reached more than \$22 billion — almost \$10 billion more than it had been four years earlier.

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Must Read Alaska
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Biden vs. America: William Penn historic statue is next to be canceled by Park Service

By [Suzanne Downing](#)



The continued erasure of America’s historic statues continues under President Joe Biden. Late last year, a statue dedicated to reconciliation between the northern and southern states was removed from Arlington National Cemetery after a brief hold was placed on the removal by a judge.

Now, it’s the founder of Pennsylvania, William Penn, who is being cancelled.

The Penn statue that sits atop his historic home site will be removed from the property, according to the U.S. Park Service. In its place, more memorials to American Indians will be installed.

Penn was a Quaker who came to America to avoid religious persecution in England. By most accounts, he was a stellar advocate for democracy, justice, and fairness to indigenous people.

“The National Park Service proposes to rehabilitate Welcome Park to provide a more welcoming, accurate, and inclusive experience for visitors. Welcome Park was designed by the internationally acclaimed design firm Venturi & Scott Brown Associates. The park is located on the site of William Penn’s home, the Slate Roof House, and is named for the ship, Welcome, which transported Penn to Philadelphia. The design and construction of Welcome Park was funded by the Independence Historical Trust and was completed in 1982,” the Park Service said.

The proposed “rehabilitation” of Welcome Park includes “expanded interpretation of the Native American history of Philadelphia and was developed in consultation with representatives of the indigenous nations of the Haudenosaunee, the Delaware Nation, Delaware Tribe of Indians, the Shawnee Tribe, and the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma,” according to the agency.

“The reimagined Welcome Park maintains certain aspects of the original design such as the street grid, the rivers and the east wall while adding a new planted buffer on three sides, and a ceremonial gathering space with circular benches. The Penn statue and Slate Roof house model will be removed and not reinstalled. In a separate and future effort, new exhibit panels will be installed on the south site wall to replace the Penn timeline,” the Park Service said.

Penn befriended local Indians and ensured that they were paid fairly for their lands. He learned several Indian dialects in order to negotiate land deals without interpreters. Penn introduced laws in the colony that guaranteed that if an Indian was wronged by a European settler, there would be a fair trial, with both Indians and Europeans in equal numbers on the jury.

“Penn chose to acquire lands for his colony through business rather than conquest. He paid the Indians 1200 pounds for their land under the treaty, an amount considered fair, according to ushistory.org. “Voltaire praised this ‘Great Treaty’ as ‘the only treaty between those people [Indians and Europeans] that was not ratified by an oath, and that was never infringed.’”

The public is invited to submit comments on the proposed design for the “rehabilitation” of Welcome Park for a 14-day period from Jan-21, 2024, through the National Park Service’s Planning, Environment and Public Comment at <https://parkplanning.nps.gov>.

Comments submitted through social media, phone calls, email or mail will not be accepted.

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1 [Biden Admin Reverses Decision to Remove William Penn Statue](#)



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... the Welcome, that brought Penn to the New World from England in 1682. The Park Service also planned to remove a replica of Penn's home, the Slate Roof House, as well as a Penn timeline on a wall at the park. In other words, the Biden administration was erasing Penn. National Park Service photos. The Interior Department, which oversees the National Park Service, is led by Biden appointee Secretary **Deb Haaland**, a radical progressive who is the first Native American to serve as a cabinet

secretary. Interior Secretary **Deb Haaland** with a transgender park ranger identified as "Pattie Gonia." (@SecDebHaaland / X screen shot) October 2023. To celebrate LGBT History Month, I joined outdoor advocate and climate movement icon @pattiegonia to discuss how places like @StonewallNPS help tell our ... country's full and honest story. pic.twitter.com/XSIGs1qz9z — Secretary **Deb Haaland** (@SecDebHaaland) October 2, 2023 Pennsylvania's Democrat Governor Josh Shapiro took credit for the reversal, "My team has been in contact with the Biden Administration throughout the day to correct this decision. I'm pleased Welcome Park will remain the rightful home of this William Penn statue — right here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Penn founded." My team has been in contact with the ...

2 The Denver Post



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Physicians for Social Responsibility and five Colorado advocacy groups are suing Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, Interior Secretary **Deb Haaland** and four federal agencies to halt work on a trail through Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge.

3 Environmental and Health Advocacy Groups Sue U.S. Federal Agencies over Rocky Flats Greenway



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In a significant development, a coalition led by Physicians for Social Responsibility, along with several environmental and health advocacy groups, has lodged a lawsuit against U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, Interior Secretary **Deb Haaland**, and four federal agencies. The agencies are the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Federal Highway Administration among others. The lawsuit aims to halt the construction of an 8-mile greenway through Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge. This legal action, filed in federal court in the District of Columbia, accuses the defendants of violating the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) by ...

4 Colorado environmental groups file federal lawsuit to halt Rocky Flats trail

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Lawsuit claims federal agencies did not consider alternatives to "plutonium-contaminated" portion of refuge Physicians for Social Responsibility and five Colorado advocacy groups are suing Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, Interior Secretary **Deb Haaland** and four federal agencies to halt work on a trail through Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge. The lawsuit, filed in federal court in the District of Columbia on Monday, claims that the U.S. departments of Transportation and the Interior, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Federal Highway Administration violated the National Environmental Policy Act by not considering alternatives to ...

5 How 3 Indigenous women are leading the way on climate change



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... future will require a focus on equity. "It's interesting, the place where humanity finds itself, because we have all the tools — the technology, the wealth, the brainpower — to initiate those changes," Marchand said. "What we lack is the political will." And Native leaders know how to implement traditional practices in a good way. As an example, she noted that in September, Interior Secretary **Deb Haaland** (Laguna Pueblo) revised four climate-related Interior Department policies, all of which now refer to Indigenous knowledge. Marchand credits "Auntie **Deb**" with implementing this knowledge at a federal level in a way that's not extractive. "We, as a whole, would not be as far without her," Marchand said. Through ATNI, Marchand has had a hand in crafting policy resolutions that ...

6 This Tribe Got Their "Land Back." But It's No Longer Livable.



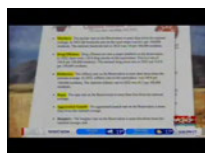
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... to the future of the entire National Park Service, whose director, Chuck Sams III, is the first Native American in that role. And something even bigger is at stake. Death Valley is the largest federally designated wilderness in the lower 48 states. This makes it central to the new national climate strategy, which focuses on wilderness as a primary tool in climate change mitigation. In the era of **Deb Haaland**, the first Indigenous secretary of the interior, environmentalists are looking to native knowledges and Indigenous land use across the globe more than ever to fortify wilderness conservation strategies. But the Timbisha need more than just the right to their ancestral land. Living in the hottest place on earth, they need active, ongoing help with stewardship. Durham was happiest during the Covid ...

7 KELOLAND News at Six

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... -thirds of the reservations adults struggle with alcoholism with 25% of the reservations children born with fetal alcohol syndrome. star comes out. Proclamation also shared that the reservation suicide rate is notably higher than the national rate with 177 suicide attempts among people in the 14 to 32 age bracket in 2020. In the declaration start comes out called on President Joe Biden to direct **Deb Haaland**, the u.s. Secretary of the interior task for not funding the have 2.8 officers for every 1000 people in the service population. Elgin Young chief of police of the Oglala Sioux Tribe says his department has 60 total sworn

8 Tribes cheer updated BIA land acquisition rules



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... day deadline. The BIA will no longer apply heightened scrutiny based on distance of the land from the tribe's reservation, and the agency will now explicitly start with a presumption in favor of tribes seeking to acquire land within their reservation boundaries. "This is another step to put power back in the hands of tribal communities in determining how their lands are used," Interior Secretary **Deb Haaland** said. But while the land acquisition rules largely received a warm reception when cited by Biden administration officials at last week's White House Tribal Nations Summit met some local government opposition. "It is essential to take into consideration the negative impacts the land acquisition may have on the local municipalities and residents," wrote Richard Lemack, town administrator of Davie, ...

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9 Feds move closer to Colorado mineral withdrawal



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... camp for the 10th Mountain Division that deployed to Italy's northern Apennines in 1945. The Forest Service and BLM submitted applications to the Agriculture and Interior secretaries, respectively, asking for the mineral withdrawal in October 2022, which kicked off a two-year pause on any new drilling or mining claims while the withdrawal proposal is analyzed. If finalized, Interior Secretary **Deb Haaland** would sign a public land order authorizing the 20-year withdrawal. "The purpose of the requested withdrawal is to prevent sale or exchange of [Forest Service] and BLM administered lands in the withdrawal application area and protect these lands, and the natural resources therein, from the potential adverse effects that may arise from mineral exploration and development," according to the draft ...

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10 Biden admin announces Atlantic offshore wind sale, more to



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... , marking the potential fifth wind sale in the ocean since President Joe Biden took office and promised to supercharge the industry. The proposed sale would offer up to two areas to wind developers able to support up to 2.2. million homes with wind power. One is located roughly 40 miles from the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay. A second area is situated 30 miles from Delaware Bay. Interior Secretary **Deb Haaland** characterized the proposed auction as "another step forward in the Biden-Harris administration's pursuit of a clean energy future." She said in a statement Monday: "We are taking action to jumpstart America's offshore wind industry and using American innovation to deliver reliable, affordable power to homes and businesses, while also addressing the climate crisis." Interior also announced Monday ...

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11 [Panel to debate climate-driven 'energy poverty' bill](#)



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... that "prohibits or delays" oil and gas lease sales, drilling permit or the issuance of new coal leases. Hageman - a fierce Biden administration critic who last month unsuccessfully introduced an amendment to the fiscal 2024 Interior-Environment appropriations package that would have slashed

by 50 percent funding for the Bureau of Land Management - has in recent months grilled Interior Secretary **Deb Haaland** and a senior BLM official on the energy poverty issue. Hageman also railed against administration energy policies during a Natural Resources Committee hearing in February, saying, "I believe that there is a special place in hell for those people who push policies that are intended to increase the cost of housing, food and energy." She said during that hearing that the Biden administration had " ... on that point with Mike Nedd, BLM's deputy director of operations. "Why is it that every policy this administration pursues is intended to create energy poverty?" she said. Nedd pushed back, saying he "can't agree with that premise," noting at the time that the administration had permitted more than 9,000 oil and gas wells. At a separate Natural Resources Committee hearing last spring, she asked **Haaland**: "Do you believe energy poverty is a good thing?" **Haaland** replied that she was unfamiliar with the term. Geothermal, leasing bills Two other bills are scheduled for debate: * H.R. 6474 , filed in November by Rep. Michelle Steel (R-Calif.). It would amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to speed up geothermal exploration and development "in previously studied or developed areas ...

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12 'We are survivors:' National, Arizona projects aim to uncover, preserve histories of Native American boarding schools



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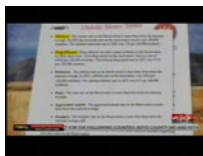
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... even to my sister who went to boarding school with me." Phoenix Indian School, originally Phoenix Industrial School, opened as a Bureau of Indian Affairs-run boarding school in 1891 at the corner of what is now Central Avenue and Indian School Road. It officially closed in 1990, but three school buildings were placed on the National Register of Historic Places. In June 2021, Interior Secretary **Deb Haaland** announced that the U.S. government would investigate its oversight of boarding schools and focus on the intergenerational impact through the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative. The uprooting of children and attempted erasure of Indigenous culture and practices has led to multigenerational trauma and in some cases a loss of identity or heritage within family lines. And that trauma is at ...

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13 KELOLAND This Morning at 4:30am

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14 2024: A policy crossroads for American offshore energy

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Language English

... landscape is laden with profound implications for our nation's energy security and economic prosperity. For too long, we've eagerly anticipated the launch of the much-awaited federal offshore oil and gas leasing program, a legal imperative. Astonishingly, when the previous program expired in June 2022, a replacement was nowhere in sight. Fig. 1. Under the leadership of Secretary of the Interior **Deb Haaland**, the federal offshore oil and gas leasing program has had a number of stops and starts. Image: U.S. Department of the Interior. The failed Biden leasing plan. Come late September, the administration (Fig. 1) unveiled the new leasing program, succinctly described in one word: a failure. It offers a mere three offshore oil and gas lease sales in the Gulf of Mexico, scheduled for 2025, 2027, and ...

15 Boebert bill would stop BLM ban on new drilling in western Colo.

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By Scott Streater Colorado Republican Rep. Lauren Boebert, one of President Joe Biden's fiercest congressional critics, has filed a bill that aims to block Interior Secretary **Deb Haaland** from implementing land-use plan revisions that would ban new oil and gas leasing across more than a million acres in the Centennial State. Boebert's bill, H.R. 6547 , which she formally introduced Dec. 1, would prohibit **Haaland** from implementing the draft plan covering roughly 1.6 million acres of federal lands in Colorado managed by the Bureau of Land Management. The bureau in ...

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16 [From PC to DC: Carson completes NOAA policy fellowship at The White House](#)

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... Indigenous, Ohkay Owingeh, but this was the one first time in my life that I have had the opportunity to work with other Indigenous people on IK work. It really helped connect further with this part of my identity. There is so much amazing work being done, and so much more left to do; I am inspired to be a part of this incredibly important progress." Another 'pinch me' moment for Carson: meeting **Deb Haaland**, Secretary of the U.S. Interior and the first Native American to serve as a cabinet secretary. Carson posed with **Haaland** for a White House photo in November honoring Native American Heritage Month and the largest group of Native American federal officials and senior staff in history. "It was so amazing, and I was so nervous!" said Carson. "I am just in awe of all of the positive ...

17 [Nevada tribe says coalitions, not lawsuits, will protect sacred sites](#)

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Online News

Market Columbus, OH

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... Pass, the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony will focus on organizing a broad coalition to build public support for sacred places. Tribal members are concerned other culturally significant areas will end up in the path of a modern day Gold Rush that has companies scouting for lithium and other materials needed to meet Biden's clean energy agenda. Melendez was among those thrilled when Biden appointed **Deb Haaland** to lead the Interior Department. A member of Laguna Pueblo, **Haaland** is the first Native American to serve as a cabinet secretary. Melendez, a former member of the U.S. Human Rights Commission who has led his colony for 32 years, said he understands the difficulty of navigating the electoral landscape in a western swing state where the mining industry's political clout is second ... only to the power wielded by casinos. Still, he was disappointed **Haaland** declined an invitation to visit the massacre site. "The largest lithium project in the United States and they don't even have the time to come out here and meet with the tribal nations in the state of Nevada," he said. The tribe's lawyer, Will Falk, urged other tribes to resist "tricking ourselves into believing that just because the first Native American secretary of Interior is in office that ...

18 **Bison bounce back in the American West, giving Indigenous nations hope for restorations of their own**

**Source** [The Globe and Mail](#)**Market** Ontario, CA**Date Collected** Jan 09, 2024 01:00 AM EST**Author** Norman Rothery, Nathan Vanderklippe, International Correspondent**Language** English

... herds.Nathan VanderKlippe/The Globe and Mail The COVID-19 pandemic was a motivator, exposing vulnerabilities for tribal members in remote places, some of whom struggled to secure food during lockdowns. "Tribes used what happened in COVID to say never again," Mr. Heinert said. The U.S. government, too, has begun to change course. Early last year, an executive order from Secretary of the Interior **Deb Haaland** pledged new efforts "to restore wild and healthy populations of American bison and the prairie grassland ecosystem," and committed more than US\$25-million from the Inflation Reduction Act for such work. The Joe Biden administration has placed dozens of Indigenous leaders into prominent positions, including Ms. **Haaland**, the interior secretary, and Heather Dawn Thompson, the ...

19 **Pentagon Chief Austin won't resign, Biden won't fire him after secretive hospital stay**

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... of transparency. Trump, who is Biden's likely Republican challenger in the 2024 election, said on Sunday night that Austin should be fired for his "improper professional conduct and dereliction of duty." "He has been missing for one week, and nobody, including his boss, Crooked Joe Biden, had a clue as to where he was, or might be," Trump wrote on Truth Social. From left: U.S. Interior Secretary **Deb Haaland**, Secretary of State Antony Blinken, Biden and Austin are seen at a meeting at the White House in October 2023. (Brendan Smialowski/AFP/Getty Images) Elise Stefanik, chair of the House Republican Conference and member of the House armed services committee, which oversees the Pentagon, also called for Austin's resignation. "There must be full accountability beginning with the immediate resignation ...

20 [Pentagon Chief Austin won't resign, Biden won't fire him after secretive hospital stay](#)



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Kristi- Tyler from Interior sent your note about a statement. My colleague in Philadelphia is working on getting this news release out and wanted to be sure you didn't get missed on this update from the park today.
Thanks!

Park withdraws review of Welcome Park rehabilitation proposal

PHILADELPHIA, PA — Independence National Historical Park has withdrawn the review of a draft proposal to rehabilitate Welcome Park and closed the public comment period. The preliminary draft proposal, which was released prematurely and had not been subject to a complete internal agency review, is being retracted. No changes to the William Penn statue are planned.

The National Park Service (NPS) remains committed to rehabilitating Welcome Park as the nation prepares to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence in 2026. Upon completion of all the necessary internal reviews, the park looks forward to engaging in a robust public process to consider options for refurbishing the park in the coming years.

The park is located on the site of William Penn's home, the Slate Roof House, and is named for the ship, Welcome, which transported Penn to Philadelphia. The design and construction of Welcome Park was funded by the Independence Historical Trust and was completed in 1982.

Updates on the project may be found on the park's website at www.nps.gov/INDE.

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1 [BLM botanist to discuss native seed program during Jan. 15 talk](#)



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... in Montana and the Dakotas since 2011. She has worked to establish numerous partnerships to help collect, develop and increase native plant materials for use in restoration efforts on public land. Much of the focus for the use of native seeds is to help diversify prairie habitat that was planted with nonnative grass during the homestead era. The Seeds of Success program was established by the **Department of the Interior** in 2001 to collect and conserve native plant seeds for the restoration of degraded public lands. According to the BLM website, the program has already established more than 27,000 individual native seed collections. This program received a boost in funding from the 2021 Infrastructure Act, and some of the projects will directly benefit Montana. Velman will also discuss the importance of ...

2 **Civil servants' association warns of weakening of the state due to staff shortage**



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... schools can be renovated and teachers employed." New routes are needed to advance the transport and energy transition. Investments must be made in the health system and in security. Addressing the federal government and Chancellor Olaf Scholz (SPD), Silberbach said: "It is not enough with phrases such as oomph, double whammy or Germany speed." Government wants to strengthen public service State **Secretary of the Interior** Bernd Krösser, who represented Federal Minister of the Interior Nancy Faeser (SPD), focused on federal efforts to strengthen the public service. "We're doing a lot at the moment to promote public service." For example, working conditions have been made more flexible and recruitment opportunities have been expanded. Greater scrutiny will have to be carried out: "Which formal and non-formal ...

3 **The 118th Congress. Part II**



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Author Pat, Marcus & Alexis

Category Other

Language English

... are true, so what it seems to amount to is the whole scale adoption of a really stupid set of beliefs about taxation. November 3, 2023 Ted Lieu @tedlieu · 7h · Under new Republican leadership, we are voting late at night on ... stupid stuff. We are about to vote on: -Reducing salary of EPA Administrator

to \$1 -Reducing salary of Director of Bureau of Land Management to \$1 -Reducing salary of **Secretary of the Interior** to \$1 Congresswoman Chellie Pingree @chelliepingree · 9h I just had to explain to my Republican colleague from Georgia that Robert E. Lee was not a founding father. It's been a very long day on the House floor. November 8, 2023 November 8, 2023 Hamas v. Israel War U.S. Rep Rashida Tlaib was censured for her "river to the sea" comment. Tlaib is of Palestinian extraction and has a vocal critic ...

4 Republicans plan to thrash Biden's offshore oil plans



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A hearing this week will be the first since the **Interior Department** finalized its five-year drilling plan.

5 KKNW-AM



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... black bay black groceries or is every age but then when I go back to I heard south dakota that i'm not thinking that I have even though we have on our own reservation i'm seeing such a huge this the medical pressure within my own recordation our own haitian alone and we are the largest native american population in the united states and so we re philly guy bad haley which in theory imperial **interior department** on on you know we just got for %hesitation and she was a person heat of american to ever be in a position and %hesitation we you know

6 WTAG-AM



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talking to the secretary of labor **secretary of the interior** yeah come home secretary of transportation show are useless but secretary defense secretary of state and secretary of the treasury three pretty you're telling me that the secretary defense with everything that's going on in the world with with china rattling their sabres around taiwan north korea doing what they do ukraine all this

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... Keeley was a partner at the law firm of Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. in Washington, DC. There he represented oil and gas producers, pipelines, distribution companies, refineries, industry associations, and independent power producers in commercial transactions and proceedings, administrative proceedings, and litigation before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Department of Energy, the **Department of the Interior**, and various other federal and state courts and commissions. Preceding Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. in 1977, Mr. Keeley was an assistant to the General Counsel of the Federal Power Commission in Washington, DC. Mr. Keeley received his B.A. in business administration from Georgetown University in 1970 and his J.D. degree from Fordham University in 1975. SECTION 7 PEER COMPARISON & RANKING OF CURI 7.1 ...

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... you remember much about william penn just off the top of your head off the top of my head other than him being a writer and then him being given the land of pennsylvania and sylvania means penn's woods so past that honestly chris has been a little while that's ok this is the point i think it's important

that joe biden and this administration not get away with what the national park service in the **interior department** and the biden administration are trying to get away with in erasing the legacy of william penn because you should know it if you don't know it so if you didn't hear the story let me just start with this the national park service is proposing to rehabilitate welcome park you know welcome park don't you fasted for people not in the area where would you you would describe that is right there on the ...

9 WHYN



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... to tell joe joe you just while make the speeches or was it yes is joe biden so disengaged that he could go for days without talking to his secretary of defense I find that hard to believe given what's going on in the world right now come home secretary dress for jason sure are useless but secretary of defense secretary of state okay he can go for days without talking to the secretary of labor **secretary of the interior** and secretary of the treasury those three pretty you're telling me

10 Two-bagger Finmeccanica ADR (FINMY: \$8.81) gains 7%; +61c [7.4%]



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... officer in the Army and a short stint working at the Treasury, he joined the Ministry of the Interior, in the role of Senior Police Officer. He spent most of his professional career in the Police Force (until 1994), when he was appointed Prefect, First Class. In 2000 he was appointed Chief of Police - Director General of Law Enforcement. Subsequently, in 2007, he was made Head of Cabinet at the **Department of the Interior**. During this appointment, due to the exceptional severity of the crisis related to the disposal of waste in Campania, the Government entrusted him for a period of 120 days

with temporary management of the emergency, appointing him Special Commissioner. In 2008 he was appointed Director General of the Department of Security Information (DIS), with the additional task of implementing, the regulatory ...

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11 Biden Admin to Remove William Penn Statue in 'Rehabilitation' of Park Dedicated to Pennsylvania Founder



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The Biden administration is continuing its efforts to reshape American history. In a news release Friday, the National Park Service, which is governed by the **Department of the Interior**, said it would remove the statue of Pennsylvania founder William Penn from the Welcome Park in Philadelphia in order to "rehabilitate" the area and "provide a more welcoming, accurate, and inclusive experience for visitors." "The park is located on the site of William Penn's home, the Slate Roof House, and is named for the ship, Welcome, which transported Penn to Philadelphia," the release said. ...

12 WTAG-AM



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... can glean from this one either children are running our country right now people who aren't really serious because given the importance of the position of the department of defense I outlined what what they're facing that that's just like the tip of the iceberg of what the department of defense is facing and you would think our chief executive would be in contact with him on a regular basis okay **secretary of the interior** big deal let me she's a green he anyway but let's go to this not telling the president so there's two things out of this one more so than say the secretary of labor right I can see if the secretary of labor went into the hospital big deal we got children running the country or to the president did it was on a need to know basis in

13 WHYN



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14 Offshore wind faces more financial turbulence in 2024



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... wind industry. "Our demand has outstripped not only the U.S. supply chain but the global supply chain." The obstacles are coming to a head as Biden faces a tough election year and is aiming to prove his climate bona fides to needed voters on the left, some of whom have criticized the administration for not meeting 2020 campaign promises such as ending new oil drilling on public lands. The **Interior Department** has 10 months to deliver on other White House offshore wind promises before Election Day, including pledges to approve 16 wind arrays by 2025 and hold lease sales in areas like the Gulf of Maine. But optimism for the industry is growing as inflation eases and interest rates trend downward. Also, states have boosted enthusiasm by seeking contracts for a whopping 14 gigawatts of offshore wind power ... for millions more in funding for the Office of Renewable Energy Programs, which handles offshore wind. The bureau is working this year on potentially holding new lease sales in the Gulf of Maine and two other areas of the U.S.: off the coast of Oregon and in the central Atlantic. Two of the three sales face unique pushback at the local level, and all three require extensive planning in the **Interior Department**. In Maine, lobster fishermen have mounted an opposition to offshore wind development, and in Oregon pro-renewables state leaders like Sen. Ron Wyden, a Democrat, have at times expressed concerns about offshore wind being advanced without enough study of its impacts to the Pacific environment. Will the economic pressure relent? Ripple effects from offshore wind's 2023 financial troubles are ...

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... the most conservative members of his conference. In passing seven partisan spending bills last fall — including Energy-Water — House Republicans approved billions of dollars in clawbacks from Democrats' climate law, as well as reductions to Biden's civilian climate corps, major clean energy and energy efficiency programs and the salaries of key officials at EPA, the Department of Energy and the **Department of the Interior**. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) said Sunday's spending agreement will "allow us to keep the investments for hardworking American families [that were] secured by the legislative achievements of President Biden and Congressional Democrats." Biden said the agreement "rejects deep cuts to programs hardworking families count on, and provides a path to passing full-year funding bills ...

16 We Got Lucky With the Mystery Dog Illness



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... to emergency care, and equipment such as ventilators. "I am concerned that we don't have enough of that to deal with a big pandemic as it relates to pets," Jane Sykes, a medicine and epidemiology professor at the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine and the founder of the International Society for Companion Animal Infectious Diseases, told me. Congress has mandated that the CDC, USDA, and **Department of the Interior**, which oversees wildlife, work on strengthening "federal coordination and collaboration on threats related to diseases that can spread between animals and people," Colin

Basler, the deputy director of CDC's One Health Office, wrote in an email statement. A new, deadly canine disease would almost certainly leave experts scrambling to respond, in some way. And in that scramble, pet owners could be ...

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... trying to hold it together near death's door trying to defeat the british this house can't walk down a flight of stairs he couldn't stand outside this president with all the trappings of the office all he need is a coat and a teleprompter he couldn't weather it anyway so yeah weather is part of it but i also think the national park service there are a lot of look folks there are still it's the **interior department** generally in the national park service general and we're going to get into more this in a minute on the william penn stuff because i know you've heard about it these people are elegantly non partisan at least for most of the now of course when you're talking about political appointees and senior leadership they're always partisans but if you know anybody that's in the park service and i've had ...

18 WNTP



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... philadelphia area that is an immediate collar county of philadelphia blue bell not far outside why do you suppose this venue fast that's interesting because remember last year it was a big to do about the nutcracker sweet marine standing behind them and the fiery red from hell pounding of the fists do you think the of course now he's trying to tear down all presence of william penn with the **interior department** now i guess is it a bad look if you show up and do a dictator speech for a second year in front of independence hall on the same weekend you announce you're going to strip william penn and any identity of william penn from philadelphia maybe maybe he needed to cover so he had to go out into suburban philadelphia in order to pull off the the fiery although everybody said it was very patriotic ...

19 How current is that wildfire risk map? Depends on the state.





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... particularly when they're comprehensive, localized and up to date — can be a critical resource for residents, fire departments and local governments. "A lot of the state-led efforts are trying to communicate to their communities and residents in the state about the risk to private property or municipalities" or infrastructure, said Jolie Pollet, wildfire risk reduction program coordinator at the **Interior Department**. That's slightly different, Pollet added, than existing federal mapping efforts that largely focus on protecting ecosystems on federal lands — or are targeted toward communities but may not be as granular. The state-led tools allow users to apply different layers such as weather conditions, vegetation and local infrastructure to identify which parts of the landscape are most likely to see a ...

20 It used to be worse



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... . Is that so? And with Genarito García Luna, head of the infamous AFI with the mariguas del bajío, that criminal GGL later "got over it" and was promoted to Secretary of (in) Public Security with the beodo moreliano. What do the media tell us -the media - which, by the way, lent themselves to the most insane and rude things in order to deceive a whole country? Not to mention when Salinas had a **Secretary of the Interior** that we don't even want to mention, because despite his death, he could come from beyond the grave to dispatch us, he was a big goat, he killed and en masse! he didn't mess around (Note: for more information: veracruzano, then gober). Or what about Manlio Fabio, a disciple of that jarocho and at the same time a big-time crafty one? Beltrones was the liaison of the bad guys (the RIP) and the ...

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21 The key names in Mayor Dumek Turbay's District Cabinet



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... Infrastructure. Daniel Vargas - Director of the Office of Risk Management (OAGRD): In charge of coordinating actions for prevention and attention to emergencies and natural disasters in the city. Daniel Vargas, director de la Oficina Asesora para la Gestión del Riesgo y Desastres. Daniel Vargas, Director of the Advisory Office for Risk and Disaster Management. Bruno Hernández - **Secretary of the Interior** and Citizen Coexistence: will be responsible for promoting security and well-being in the city, as well as managing coexistence and citizen participation. He will also have a hard work together with the Metropolitan Police of Cartagena to improve the rates of insecurity, homicides and brawls. Bruno Hernández, secretario del Interior y Convivencia Ciudadana. Bruno Hernández, ... **Secretary of the Interior** and Citizen Coexistence. Carlos Rodríguez - director of the 'Titan 24' Security Plan: will lead the public security strategies in Cartagena, including the fight against crime, micro-trafficking and intolerance in the most neuralgic sectors of the city, including the Historic Center. Carlos Ernesto Rodríguez - director del Plan de Seguridad 'Titán 24'. Carlos Ernesto Rodríguez - director ...

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... claim that there are more than 140,000 missing persons in Mexico; however, the federal government claims that there are 12,000. In this regard, Francisco Rivas points out that the government does not recognize 46,000 people who have disappeared during the present federal administration, which is more than those who disappeared during the two previous six-year terms. Last December 14, the **Secretary of the Interior**, Luisa María Alcalde, explained that there are a little more than 62,000 records of missing persons for whom there is not enough data to identify or search for them. Judicial Branch: Relationship between the Executive and the SCJN, causes acrimony The tensions between the Executive and the Supreme Court of Justice of the Nation (SCJN); the appointment of the magistrates of the Electoral Tribunal ...

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25 Abalos optimistic Makati-Taguig row will be resolved soon

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By Leonel Abasola Barangay West Rembo fire sub-station, Taguig City (formerly Makati) (Photo courtesy of PTV Facebook) MANILA – The cities of Taguig and Makati will resolve their issues through constructive and well-meaning talks between their leaders, **Department of the Interior** and Local Government (DILG) Secretary Benhur Abalos said. Abalos issued the statement during Friday's reopening of the Barangay West Rembo fire sub-station, which the Makati local government padlocked after Taguig assumed jurisdiction of 10 Embo (Enlisted Men's Barrio) barangays in adherence to an earlier Supreme Court ruling. "What is important is tuloy-tuloy ang serbisyo. Dahil dito, ako ...

26 DILG to award cleanest barangays nationwide

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By Christopher Lloyd Caliwan CLEANLINESS DRIVE . Bureau of Fire Protection members participate in the launching of the Kalinisan Project in Port Area, Manila on Saturday (Jan. 6, 2024). The cleanliness drive is being implemented nationwide. (PNA photo by Robert Alfiler) MANILA – The **Department of the Interior** and Local Government (DILG) will create a recognition system covering over 42,000 villages in the country to monitor, evaluate, and award the cleanest barangays. This is in line with the directive of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. to incentivize local government units (LGUs) maintaining cleanliness under the "Kalinisan sa Bagong Pilipinas" program. The Kalinga at Inisyatiba para sa ...

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Colorado River Basin

Salt Lake Tribune: [Feds will take over if Western states can't agree on Colorado River plan](#)

Anastasia Hufham, January 6, 2024

The rules that have guided Colorado River operations for two decades will expire at the end of 2026. Water negotiators across the West have been devising a new set of guidelines — dubbed “post-2026 operations” — that will address water use imbalances, the effects of climate change and tribal water rights. Now, Colorado River Basin states — Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming — only have a few months to finalize a plan to present to the U.S. Department of the Interior.

The Water Desk: [What to watch on the Colorado River in 2024](#)

Luke Runyon, January 4, 2024

A wet year in 2023 brought short-term relief, but long-term uncertainty still hangs over the West's critical waterway. After years of dry conditions throughout the West, 2023 gave the region's water managers the greatest gift of all: a hefty snowpack. This year's winter snow eventually melted and boosted the Colorado River's beleaguered reservoirs. The Hail Mary winter storms came just in time. Without the savior snows, the river's second-largest reservoir, Lake Powell, was on a glide path toward losing the ability to produce hydropower at Glen Canyon Dam, not to mention the harm to the long-term ecological health of the river and its main tributaries.

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Christopher Flavelle, January 6, 2024

California, Arizona and others, fearing a political shake-up of negotiating teams after the November election, are aiming to wrap up work this year. The states that rely on the Colorado River, which is shrinking because of climate change and overuse, are rushing to agree on a long-term deal to share the dwindling resource by the end of the year. They worry that a change in administrations after the election could set back talks.

Chicago Sun Times: [For conservation's sake, transfer Joliet Training Area to Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie](#)

Michael Davidson, Paul Botts and Jack Darin, Opinion, January 5, 2024

An investment in Midewin, one of the largest prairie restorations east of the Mississippi River, is an investment in a climate-resilient future for our region, leaders of Openlands, Wetlands Initiative and Sierra Club Illinois write. Recently, at the United Nations Climate Change Conference, COP28, Assistant Secretary for the Interior Shannon Estenoz said, "Investing in nature is investing in ourselves. By employing nature-based solutions, land managers and decision-makers can restore and sustain healthy ecosystems that in turn support healthy communities and economies."

Public News Service: [Federal funding could transform Ohio Valley into a manufacturing hub](#)

Nadia Ramlagan, January 8, 2024

Manufacturers in Ohio employ around 12% of the state's workforce, and advocates say the state's Appalachian region could bolster its economy by turning itself into a green manufacturing hub. Dana Kuhnline - program director with the group ReImagine Appalachia - said manufacturing in the clean-energy sector would create good jobs and help build local economies, as well as help curb climate change. "What can we manufacture in Appalachia?" said Kuhnline. "How can we reuse shuttered facilities, like closed steel facilities and shuttered coal plants? And what are sustainable products that Appalachia could become a hub for, that we could make in this region? "

Yakima Herald: [Yakama Nation Fisheries receives grant funding to realign highway near Leavenworth](#)

Jasper Kenzo Sundeen, January 6, 2024

Yakama Nation Fisheries is set to receive almost \$3.5 million in grant funding for efforts to restore salmon habitat at Nason Creek in Chelan County. The funding would help cover a \$12 million project to restore floodplain around Nason Creek and State Route 207, which connects with U.S. Highway 2 nearby, about 15 miles north of Leavenworth. Almost \$3 million would come from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and \$500,000 would come from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

Oil City News: [National Park Service, American Forests partner to restore threatened whitebark pine](#)

Staff, January 5, 2024

The National Park Service and American Forests have signed a five-year agreement to help return threatened whitebark pine to its range in the western U.S., including Yellowstone National Park, Grand Teton National Park and other parts of Wyoming. As part of President Joe Biden's Investing in America agenda, the partnership will support restoration activities in national parks where whitebark pine grows. Initial projects in Yellowstone, Glacier and Grand Teton national parks are part of \$44 million in funding from the Inflation Reduction Act, the largest climate and conservation investment in history.

E&E: [How current is that wildfire risk map? Depends on the state.](#)

Avery Ellfeldt, January 8, 2024

Limited funding has made it hard for states to keep their wildfire risk maps up to date, even as global warming increases the danger. For years, Colorado's wildfire risk map was so inaccurate that state officials all but ignored it. It was long outdated, especially in the state's western half. There, but unmarked on the map, was more than 3 million acres of forest where mountain pine beetles had killed lodgepole, limber and ponderosa pines — transforming the forest floor into a tinderbox of dead kindling.

DOI and Offshore Energy

NPR: [Offshore wind farm starts generating power](#)

Barbara Moran, January 4, 2024

Offshore wind is a young industry in the U.S. This week, it hit a milestone when one of the country's first two commercial-scale

projects, *Vineyard Wind*, started sending power to the grid. *Vineyard Wind*, off the coast of Massachusetts, delivered five megawatts of electricity from one turbine. Now, that may not sound like much, but it is a big deal for this new industry.

The Cool Down: [State makes history with its first offshore wind project: 'The next chapter in \[our\] great history'](#)

Jeremiah Budin, January 8, 2024

*Louisiana is set to break a clean energy milestone in the United States, launching the first two offshore wind farms in state waters. The projects, known as *Cajun Wind* and *Diamond Offshore Wind*, have already been approved by Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards and the state's Department of Natural Resources. *Cajun Wind* is being developed by Danish manufacturer Vestas Wind Systems (via its North American arm Steelhead Americas) and *Diamond Offshore Wind* is being developed by Mitsubishi.*

BNN: [US BOEM Updates Offshore Renewable Energy Guidelines](#)

Rafia Tasleem, January 6, 2024

The US Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) has unveiled revised guidelines for providing geophysical, geotechnical, and geohazard information crucial to offshore renewable energy projects. The guidelines, stipulated under 30 CFR Part 585, were initially published in May 2020, focusing primarily on the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf (OCS).

Coastal Point: [U.S. Wind initiates benefits talk with towns](#)

Mike Smith, January 5, 2024

US Wind has formally presented to the Delaware Association of Coastal Towns (ACT) a package of community benefits for the good of Delaware's coastal residents. The ACT communities of Henlopen Acres, Rehoboth Beach, Dewey Beach, Bethany Beach and South Bethany have begun to evaluate the offer and will proceed with discussions through their respective public meeting processes.

Shore News Network: [Another Offshore Wind Farm Project Off the Jersey Shore Bites the Dust](#)

Robert Walker, January 6, 2024

*Equinor (EQNR.OL) and BP (BP.L) announced the termination of their power sale agreement with New York State for the proposed *Empire Wind 2* offshore wind farm. The decision, attributed to rising inflation, higher borrowing costs, and supply chain challenges, repositions the project for future development opportunities. Equinor, in a statement on Wednesday, referenced the impact of broad economic changes on the industry. The move coincides with New York's new offshore wind solicitation, allowing companies to renegotiate or exit old contracts.*

Shore News Network: [New Jersey Governor Full Steam Ahead on Wind Farms Amid Crippling Industry Crisis](#)

Robert Walker, January 7, 2024

*The offshore wind energy sector in New Jersey and New York is experiencing significant challenges. In New Jersey, Governor Phil Murphy's renewable energy goals suffered a blow with Ørsted's withdrawal from two key offshore wind projects, *Ocean Winds I* and *II*. The Danish company cited inflation, interest rate hikes, and supply chain issues, leading to a \$2.8 billion reduction in the first project's value.*

Clean Technica: [Giant Subsea "Starfish" To Help Push The Cost Of Floating Offshore Wind Down And Downer](#)

Tina Casey, January 7, 2024

The US is depending on floating wind turbine technology to get its hands on more offshore wind resources. However, floating wind is a relatively new industry and costs tend to run higher, compared to the more familiar offshore wind turbines that sit on high towers fixed to the seabed. Fortunately, solutions have been emerging, and it looks like a key goal is already within reach.

E&E: [Offshore wind faces more financial turbulence in 2024](#)

Heather Richards, January 8, 2024

To meet the White House's mandates for offshore wind, the Interior Department will have to accelerate its pace in assessing projects. The offshore wind industry is hoping for new momentum in 2024 to counter the broken contracts, canceled wind farms

and missed targets characterizing its last 18 months. While experts say the nascent industry is getting back on its feet after being thrashed by inflationary costs and an immature supply chain after the pandemic, the enormous scale of building a new U.S. renewable sector from scratch still poses significant challenges that could stall a key plank of President Joe Biden's climate agenda.

E&E: [Republicans to thrash Interior offshore drilling plan](#)

Heather Richards, January 8, 2024

A hearing this week will be the first since the Interior Department finalized its five-year drilling plan. A House Natural Resources subcommittee will pick apart President Joe Biden's offshore energy agenda during a hearing this week. Titled "Examining the Biden Administration's Limits on Access to the [Outer Continental Shelf]: Impacts on Consumers, States and Operators," the Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee hearing will be the first since the Interior Department published its five-year offshore leasing plan in December.

DOI and the Climate Crisis

NBC New York: [A magnitude 1.7 earthquake hit NYC. Is climate change a culprit?](#)

Linda Gaudino, January 6, 2024

New York City dwellers were abruptly awoken at the crack of dawn on Tuesday by an escalating, rumbling vibration that sired a rush of police cars and fire trucks. What sounded the alarms for a possible explosion turned into a minor earthquake, a seemingly foreign experience to New Yorkers, but what turns out to be nature running its course. The United States Geological Survey (USGS) reported a magnitude 1.7 earthquake occurred at 5:45 a.m. Tuesday near Astoria, Queens.

DOI and Conservation

CBS News: [Endangered jaguar previously unknown to U.S. is caught on camera in Arizona](#)

Staff, January 8, 2024

There's been another jaguar sighting in southern Arizona and it's the eighth different jaguar documented in the southwestern U.S. since 1996, according to wildlife officials. Jason Miller, a hobbyist wildlife videographer who posts trail camera footage online, captured the image of a roaming jaguar late last month in the Huachuca Mountains near Tucson, CBS affiliate KPHO-TV reported. A spokesman for the Arizona Game and Fish Department said the agency has authenticated Miller's footage and has confirmed this is a new jaguar to the United States.

NowThis News: [To Save One Owl Species, We Have To Kill Another](#)

Sophia Anderson, January 5, 2024

In order to save one endangered owl species, hunters might have to shoot and kill the 470,000 barred owls that are overcrowding forests on the West Coast of the United States, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) argued in a new proposal. If we don't take action, the agency said, roughly 7,000 of the remaining northern spotted owls could become extinct.

Arizona Republic: [1,000 wild Arizona burros are going to be relocated. Here's why](#)

Rey Covarrubias Jr., January 6, 2024

Bureau of Land Management announced on Dec. 20 that it plans to gather and relocate 1,000 wild burros near Kingman due to overpopulation concerns. The burros lived in the Black Mountain Herd Management Area in Mohave County, and the herd grew to three times the appropriate size, according to a news release from the Bureau of Land Management.

Nevada Independent: [Conservationists seek federal protection for rare Nevada wildflower](#)

Amy Alonzo, January 8, 2024

Come spring, clusters of tiny, yellow wildflowers will blanket Washoe, Eagle and Carson valleys. The vibrant display put on by *Erythranthe carsonensis* — the Carson Valley monkeyflower — is endemic to just a few areas around Northern Nevada and a miniscule corner of California's Alpine County, growing on sandy flats and gentle slopes within sagebrush habitat. But it's highly

threatened, according to conservationists at the Center for Biological Diversity who, on Monday, will officially petition the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to add the plant to the endangered species list, arguing that federal protections along with designation of critical habitat are needed to maintain the survival of the delicate flowers.

Cowboy State Daily: [Dennis Sun: Endangered Species Act -- All Stick and No Carrots](#)

Dennis Sun, Opinion, January 5, 2024

The Endangered Species Act (ESA) is 50 years old and is possibly one of the most controversial acts ever passed. In 1973, the ESA passed in the U.S. House and U.S. Senate by a large majority and was signed by President Nixon. As the act reads, it “authorized the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service to establish a list of endangered and threatened plant and animal species and made it illegal to collect, harm or kill certain species.”

Las Vegas Sun: [BLM aims to round up thousands of horses in Nevada](#)

Hillary Davis, January 7, 2024

The ongoing wild horse roundup in rural Northern Nevada is planned to be what is likely the single largest gather conducted by the federal government. The Bureau of Land Management plans to gather and remove 2,875 mustangs from what the agency calls the East Pershing Complex. The roundup started Dec. 28, and as of Jan. 3, had netted 733 animals using low-flying helicopters and wranglers to drive the feral horses toward traps, according to BLM reports. The operation could last through February.

Northern Journal: [Alaska lost a lawsuit that challenged a COVID-era emergency moose hunt. Now, it's appealing for a second time.](#)

Nathaniel Herz, January 5, 2024

It's one of multiple cases in which the Dunleavy administration is clashing with the federal government over fish and game management, and over who has the ultimate regulatory power in that realm. In the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic, the leader of a Southeast Alaska island village's tribal government asked federal managers to open an emergency hunt, citing the community's fears about having enough food. The request was approved by a federal management agency, the Federal Subsistence Board, and the harvest of moose and deer went ahead, supplying 135 households with meat.

Grand Junction Daily Sentinel: [Comments being taken on recovery plan for lynx, which faces climate-change threat](#)

Dennis Webb, January 8, 2024

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is continuing to accept comments through Jan. 30 on a recently released draft recovery plan for the Canada lynx in Colorado and other Lower 48 states, where it is now considered to be primarily threatened by climate change.

Tucson Sentinel: [New wild jaguar spotted in Southern Arizona, enviros confirm](#)

Paul Ingram, January 5, 2024

A remote trail camera in Southern Arizona operated by a wildlife enthusiast recorded a previously unknown jaguar in late December, the Center for Biological Diversity confirmed Friday. The Tucson-based group said the footage shows a jaguar "not previously identified in the state," making the charismatic big cat the eighth jaguar documented in Arizona over the last 30 years—decades after the species was all but eliminated from the southwestern United States.

Missoulian: [Guest view: MHCA vital for family farms and ranches](#)

Eric Hansen, Dan High and Tony Johnson, Opinion, January 6, 2024

It's no secret that family ranches in southwest Montana are struggling. Younger generations can't afford to buy a home, let alone a ranch that easily costs 10 times what a cow or hay can produce. What working ranch doesn't need to buy out multiple family members, so the people working on these ranches can carry on or make moves towards succession? Since they first homesteaded, many ranch families have faced financial hardships trying to get their land passed onto the upcoming generation. That's why we are deeply disappointed by the shortsighted opposition to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service proposal to create the Missouri Headwaters Conservation Area.

Post and Courier: [In the South, developers enter a complicated relationship with endangered bats](#)

Clare Fieseler, January 5, 2024

Fireflies flickered in near synchronicity against the dark canopy as two researchers worked below in a swampy clearing. Standing over a dented card table, they placed a tiny, screeching bat in a canvas bag. Then they delicately set it on a scale. Jennifer Kindel, a bat biologist, recited the weight. A wildlife technician tapped the number into a tablet with a gloved hand. Both donned surgical masks.

Amherst Bulletin: [Keeping eagles aloft: Marking 50 years of Endangered Species Act successes in Valley and beyond](#)

Maddie Fabian, January 5, 2024

Ask almost any conservationist about an Endangered Species Act (ESA) success story and they will tell you about the bald eagle. "Growing up, I would have never seen a bald eagle in western Massachusetts," said Jeff Collins, senior director of conservation science at Mass Audubon. The national bird was nearly driven extinct in the lower 48 states, in large part because of the infamous insecticide DDT, formerly widely used in agriculture.

KPAX: [FWP: 'Incidental captures' of lynx reported in Northwest Montana](#)

Staff, January 5, 2024

State wildlife officials report that bobcat trappers in Northwest Montana caught two lynx last week. Both instances were self-reported by the trappers and were subsequently reported to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) by Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP). Lynx are listed as a threatened species and protected under the Endangered Species Act and the USFWS "has established an allowable incidental take for lynx in the lower 48 states," a news release states.

E&E: [Interior shuffles personnel for public lands, minerals slots](#)

Hannah Northey, January 5, 2024

The agency made several moves Friday to oversee President Biden's vision for clean energy projects, mining reforms and public lands. The Interior Department on Friday made several personnel moves that they say will help the agency usher in clean energy projects, mining reforms and oversee President Biden's vision for public lands. Steve Feldgus has been tapped to serve as principal deputy assistant secretary for land and minerals management after serving as deputy assistant secretary for almost three years.

E&E: [Q&A: Fish and Wildlife's new Midwest director digs in](#)

Michael Doyle, January 5, 2024

Will Meeks will oversee work in eight states, from the Great Lakes to controversial gray wolf protections. This Fish and Wildlife Service career employee has a lot more to learn about his native Midwest. Born and raised in northern Ohio, Will Meeks last November was named director of the federal agency's Midwest region. The position oversees about 1,000 employees and spans Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin.

DOI and Indigenous Peoples

Los Angeles Times: [Opinion: Protecting Alaska's wilderness — and our Indigenous way of life — is critical to a green future](#)

Ricko Dewilde, Opinion, January 8, 2024

"Alaska is America's natural resource warehouse." That is what Republican Gov. Mike Dunleavy told then-President Trump in 2018. But our home is far more than storage for the next fad of consumer desires in the Lower 48 states. In Alaska, we are facing an onslaught of proposed projects that threaten to destroy our way of life. Perhaps the most concerning of these is the proposed Ambler industrial mining road.

Cherokee One Feather: [Effort to restore Kuwohi name moving forward](#)

Scott McKie, January 5, 2024

The effort by two Cherokee women to restore the name of Kuwohi to an area in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park is now one step closer to coming to fruition. The Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) passed Res. No. 72 (2024) unanimously during its regular session on Thursday, Jan. 4 that approves the submittal of an application on behalf of the

Tribes to restore the name of the mountain currently known as Clingman's Dome to Kuwohi which means 'mulberry place' in the Cherokee language.

KJZZ: [Coalition of Large Tribes authors letter in support of Navajo Nation's NASA complaint](#)

Gabriel Pietrorazio, January 5, 2024

COLT, or the Coalition of Large Tribes, is standing in solidarity with President Buu Nygren and the Navajo Nation in a letter by airing opposition to NASA's private mission to disburse cremated human remains on the moon. This group of more than 50 large land-mass tribal communities each manage at least over 100,000 acres of land and make up more than half of Indian Country's population. They're calling for the upcoming launch to be delayed or that the remains should be removed from its payload until there has been enough tribal consultation.

DOI and Other Bureau News

Daily Mail: [Biden removes William Penn statue from historic Pennsylvania park in 'inclusive' makeover to show more Native American history](#)

Stephen M. Lepore, January 7, 2024

The Biden administration's National Park Service is starting a 'rehabilitation' process for a Pennsylvania park that includes the removal of a statue of founder William Penn and inclusion of representation of Native American tribes. The Deb Haaland-led parks service sent out the request for input on the changes to Welcome Park Friday on their website and in a post on X. Penn, the founder of Pennsylvania in 1681, was notorious for his amicable relations with the Native tribes of the region. The park was established 300 years later.

National Review: [National Park Service to Remove William Penn Statue from Historic Site](#)

Luther Ray Abel, January 7, 2024

The National Park Service (NPS) has announced it will be rehabilitating (via reduction) Pennsylvania founder William Penn's Welcome Park to "provide a more welcoming, accurate, and inclusive experience." Named after the ship that bore Penn to that city of fraternal affection, the park is the site of his former Philadelphia home and the Slate Roof House. As part of this reimagining of Welcome Park, the park service has confirmed that "the Penn statue and Slate Roof house model will be removed and not reinstalled."

ForTheWin: [Elephant seal's parking effort called out by NPS](#)

Pete Thomas, January 6, 2024

A National Park Service employee recently captured an image showing a northern elephant seal resting in a parking lot at Point Reyes National Seashore. Anyone who is fanatical about perfect placement between the lines will note that the seal could have been more considerate by inching a few feet to its left.

Delaware Online: [Wilmington is recognized as an American World War II Heritage City, one of 11 for 2023](#)

Krys'tal Griffin, January 5, 2024

Wilmington recently was designated as an American World War II Heritage City for 2023. The distinction comes from the National Park Service's American World War II Heritage City Program, which serves to recognize the historic importance of the nation's involvement in World War II.

Times Free Press: [Opinion: National Parks are kind of a big deal](#)

Tricia King Mims, Opinion, January 6, 2024

National parks are more popular than ever, and visitation is surging back to pre-pandemic levels. Around the 2016 centennial of the National Park Service, a free annual pass became available for every fourth grader in the country, and family vacations are often planned around national park sites. Filling up a park passport with stamps has become a life's mission for college students, retirees and all lifestyles in between.

Billings Gazette: [Charging international tourists more to visit Yellowstone, Glacier, others parks could boost funding, study suggests](#)

Staff, January 5, 2024

Charging international tourists more to visit U.S. national parks has the potential to raise millions of dollars in fees that could help offset costs for park infrastructure, staffing and maintenance. That's the gist of a new study written by Tate Watkins, a research fellow at the Bozeman-based Property and Environment Research Center. The center touts as its goal finding market solutions for conservation issues. Based on his research, Watkins said about 14 million people from other countries visit a national park each year. If they paid a \$25 surcharge the parks system could raise around \$330 million annually, he calculated.

News 5 Cleveland: [Should Madison be worried about its twin quakes? We ask the experts.](#)

Katie Ussin and Amanda Merrell, January 5, 2024

We're less than a week into 2024 and already, Madison Village has been rattled by two earthquakes. The first happened New Year's Day. The second followed Friday morning. It's not the first time this region felt the Earth move under their feet. But the two-fer this week has people who live there, like Terri Epple, wondering what's up.

Washington Lawyer: [Nature's Legal Champions](#)

Richard Blaustein, January 5, 2024

In 1978, while on vacation at the Grand Canyon, traveling on a wooden dory down the Colorado River, environmental lawyer Lois Schiffer experienced a turning point in her career. "I had been working on legal issues related to public lands, and then suddenly I was in the essence of the most fabulous public lands," says Schiffer, former general counsel for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. At the time, Schiffer headed the general litigation section of the U.S. Department of Justice's Land and Natural Resources Division (now the Environment and Natural Resources Division).[...] Solicitor Robert Anderson of the U.S. Department of the Interior can relate to the sentiment.

Live Science: [Satellite images reveal just how much cities on the US East Coast are sinking](#)

Robert Lea, January 5, 2024

"Continuous unmitigated subsidence on the U.S. East Coast should cause concern." Images collected by numerous satellites have shown that major cities and population centers across the U.S. East Coast are sinking. Land sinking, or "subsidence," as seen by these satellites, is dangerous because it can undermine the foundations of buildings, potentially causing collapse. It can also damaging roads as well as gas and water lines. When coupled with rising sea levels caused by human-driven climate change, subsidence in coastal regions can increase the risk of flooding and worsen subsequent damage.

E&E: [Republicans put parks maintenance backlog under microscope](#)

Nidhi Prakash, January 8, 2024

The backlog has increased despite funding from the Great American Outdoors Act. A House Natural Resources subcommittee will hold a hearing Wednesday on what Republicans say is a worrying increase in the backlog of deferred federal maintenance on public lands. The National Park Service's backlog has long been the subject of concern. By 2022, it had reached more than \$22 billion — almost \$10 billion more than it had been four years earlier.

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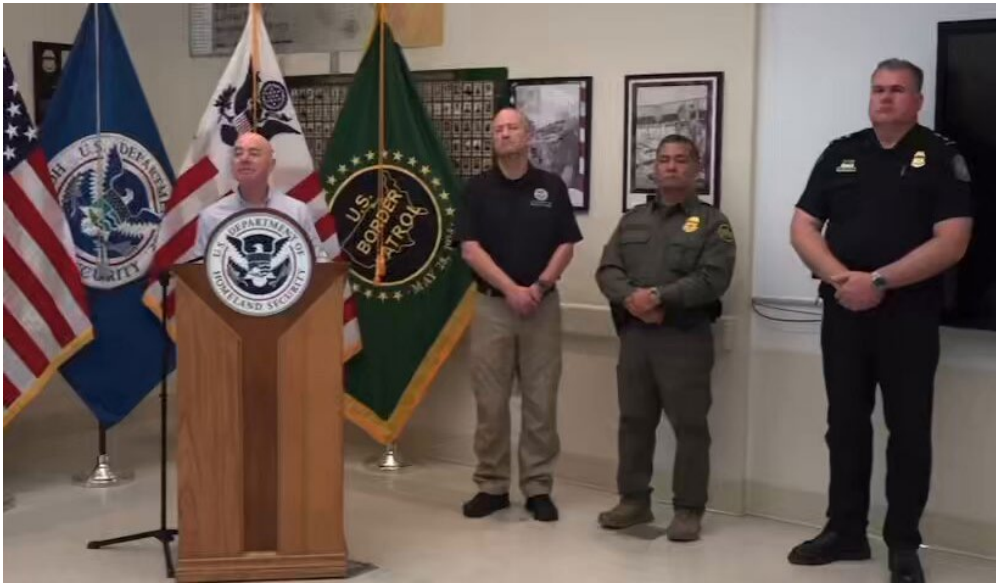
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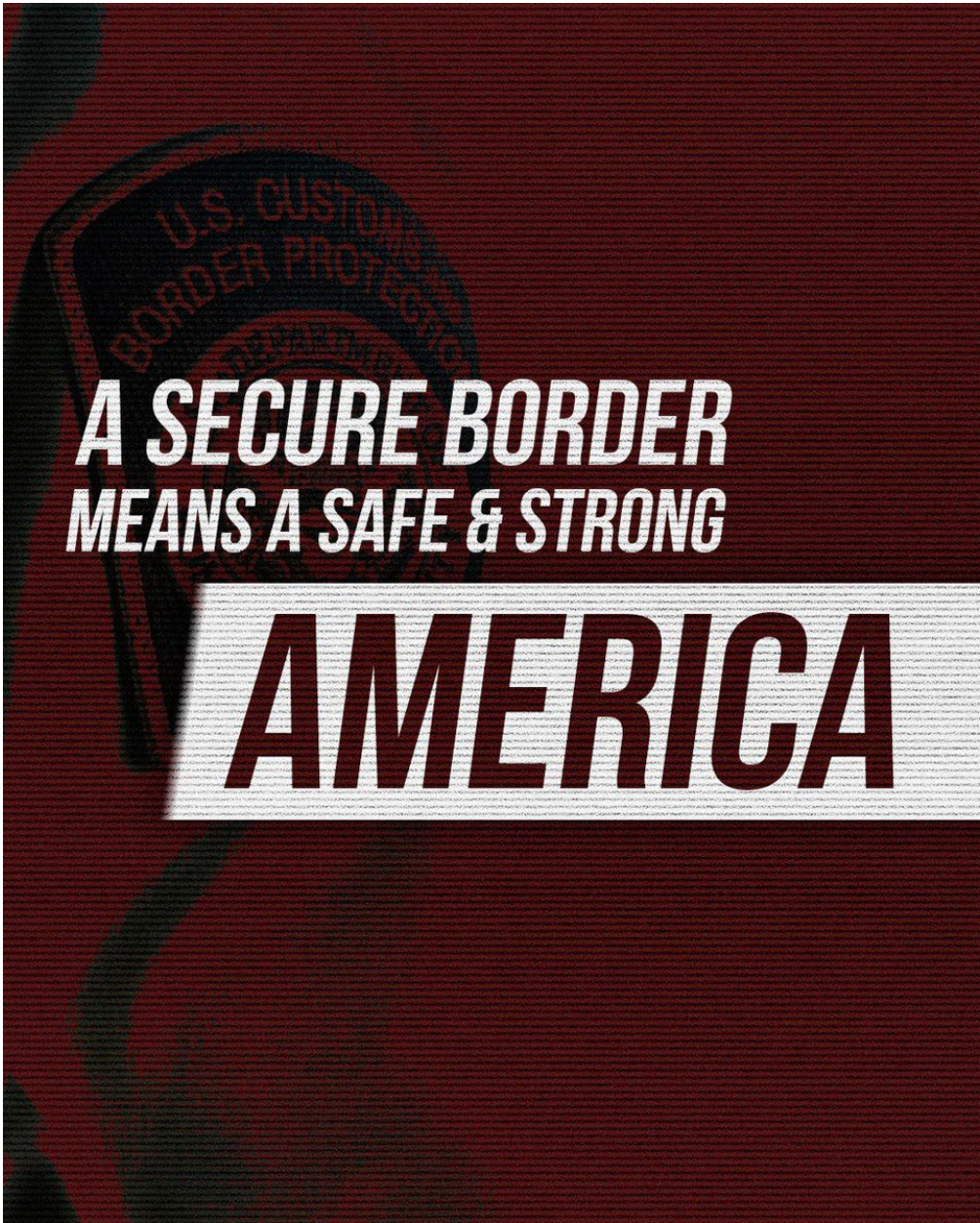
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Good morning, Early Birds. The statue of William Penn in Philadelphia's Welcome Park isn't going anywhere — and neither is a much larger Penn statue atop City Hall. Look how big it is! The sculptor, Alexander Milne Calder, was the grandfather of Alexander Calder, whose works grace the Hart Senate Office Building and the National Gallery of Art.

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In today's edition ... Release of the bipartisan border security framework is likely delayed ... A look at the violent threats against members of Congress, state officials, local leaders and judges since 2020 ... but first ...



From the courts

The consequences of Trump's immunity court case



Former president Donald Trump during the civil fraud trial against the Trump Organization in New York on Dec. 7. (Eduardo Munoz Alvarez/Pool/AFP/Getty Images)

Former president **Donald Trump** is expected to watch today as his lawyers try to convince three appeals court judges that he can't be tried for his alleged role in the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol and trying to overturn the 2020 election.

The outcome could have big implications for Trump — and future presidents. That's because the case raises a novel issue for the courts, which have never before been asked whether a former president is immune from federal criminal prosecution.

Trump is hoping to avoid a trial in the 2020 election case, which was brought by special counsel **Jack Smith**. He's accused of conspiring to overturn the 2020 election.

Trump is also facing political stakes, as he's on track to become the Republican

nomination for president.

“His choice to attend the argument — not uncommon but also not required in an appeal — instead of spending more time in Iowa just one week from the GOP's first nominating contest there reflect the bet he and his campaign are placing on blending his criminal defense with electoral message. Tuesday's appearance is poised to be the first of many times this year that he quickly pivots between the courtroom and the campaign trail or brings the campaign to the courthouse steps as he faces four separate criminal cases and two civil trials,” our colleague [Isaac Arnsdorf](#) reports.

- Trump's purpose in showing up in the courtroom is to show “seriousness and defiance” and garner media attention as he's going on the offense, according to Isaac's reporting.

To understand the legal aspects of the case, we picked the brains of our fantastic colleagues who cover the ins and outs of the Trump trials.

HOW THE CASE CAME TO BE

Trump appealed the case to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia after U.S. District Judge **Tanya S. Chutkan** rejected his attempt to dismiss the case in December. The former president argued that he is immune from federal prosecution because he was president at the time of the alleged crime.

- “Whatever immunities a sitting President may enjoy, the United States has only one Chief Executive at a time, and that position does not confer a lifelong ‘get-out-of-jail-free’ pass.” Chutkan wrote in her decision. “No court — or any other branch of government — has ever accepted it. And this court will not so hold.”
- Smith asked the Supreme Court to fast-track the case, but the court refused to do so. It didn't explain why.

THE ARGUMENTS

The former president is arguing that he is immune from federal prosecution for his acts as president — and because he was not convicted in his impeachment trial, trying him now

would amount to double jeopardy.

“Presidential immunity and the Impeachment Judgment Clause foreclose the criminal prosecution of President Trump for his official acts,” his lawyers argued in a brief to the court.

Smith argues that courts haven't found that former presidents have immunity from criminal liability. And even if they do, Smith argues, it wouldn't apply to Trump, who worked with private individuals and government officials to remain in power.

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- Smith has also argued that a lack of conviction in an impeachment trial does not limit Trump's ability to be prosecuted. Trump was acquitted in his Senate impeachment trial.

A NOTE ON THE IMPEACHMENT STANDARD

But about that impeachment argument ... it's complicated.

When **Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell** (R-Ky.) voted to not convict Trump in his trial, he said the courts would be the more appropriate venue for assessing the president's actions.

“Impeachment was never meant to be the final forum for American justice,” McConnell argued at the time. “We have a criminal justice system in this country. We have civil litigation. And former Presidents are not immune from being held accountable by either one.”

THE JUDGES

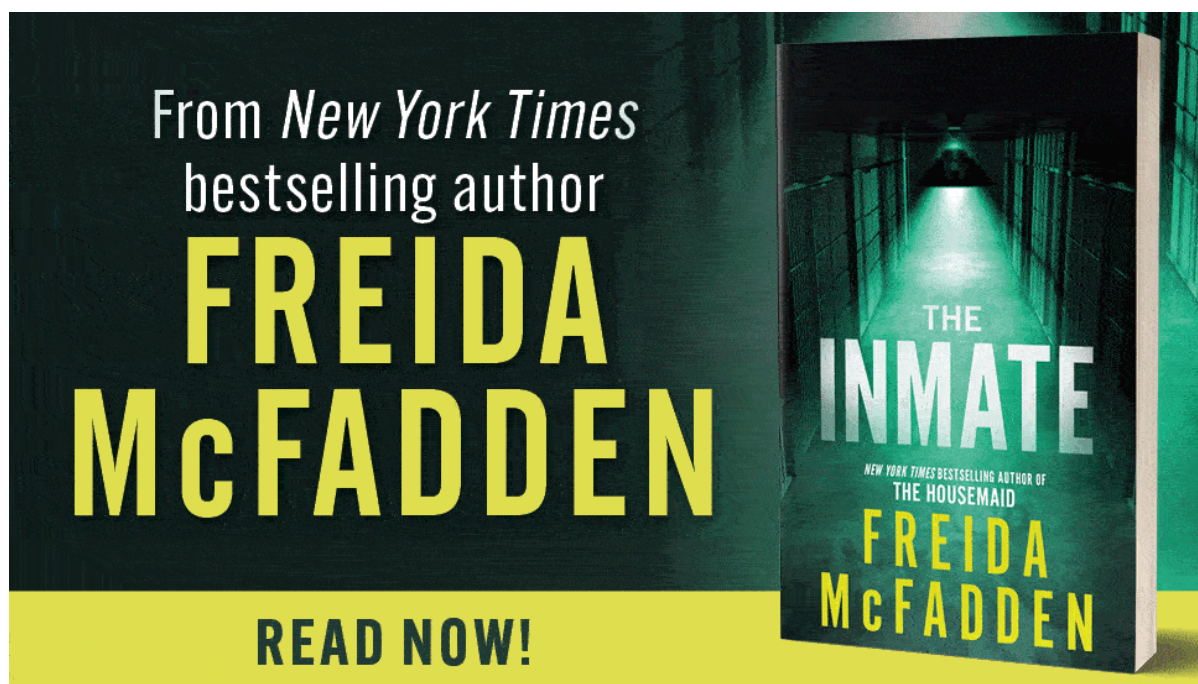
None of the judges on the panel, who are randomly assigned, were nominated by Trump.

Judge Karen L. Henderson was nominated by **President George H.W. Bush** and has served on the court since 1990. Reporters and legal watchers will listen to Henderson closely.

The other two judges on the panel, **Florence Y. Pan** and **J. Michelle Childs**, were nominated by **President Biden** and confirmed by the Senate in 2022.

Childs was in the running for former Supreme Court justice **Stephen Breyer's** seat on the court. **Rep. Jim Clyburn** (D-S.C.) and **Sen. Lindsey Graham** (R-S.C.) urged Biden to choose Childs, who was a federal district court judge in South Carolina, but the appointment went to **Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson**. Biden nominated Pan for the seat vacated by Jackson.

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TRUMP'S CHANCES FOR SUCCESS

Our colleague **Devlin Barrett** says it's hard to say whether Trump's legal arguments will hold sway. But he says this: "This appeals court has already found in a separate case that Trump is not immune to civil liability for his actions as a presidential candidate around Jan. 6, so it is hard to imagine they will find he has absolute criminal immunity."

Another colleague, **Spencer S. Hsu**, adds that he's watching what the judges say about each of the arguments raised by Trump.

- For example, are they more concerned with Trump's claim of presidential immunity or his double jeopardy claim that former president's cannot be charged for conduct they have been impeached but not convicted of by the Senate?
- How much credence do they give an argument raised by outside left-leaning analysts suggesting Trump cannot appeal the immunity issue before trial at all?

THE TIMELINE

Time is of the essence. Smith had hoped to begin the trial against Trump on March 4, but that could be delayed depending on the outcome and timeline of a decision in this case.

Because this is a new legal question and they know it will be reviewed by the Supreme Court, the judges will want to write a thoughtful, in-depth opinion, according to Supreme Court reporter **Ann Marimow**. She predicts that a D.C. Circuit decision will "take weeks — not days."

But no matter the outcome of today's proceedings, the Supreme Court is likely to have the last word.

"After the D.C. Circuit issues its ruling, either party can seek rehearing by a full complement of appeals court judges or go directly to the Supreme Court," Ann adds.

THE IMPACT

While the outcome of this case will have huge consequences for the special counsel case,

it could have implications in the Georgia case, too.

Trump filed similar claims in the Georgia case on Monday, where is charged with 13 counts related to an alleged conspiracy to overturn the 2020 election results in the state. If the Supreme Court finds that Trump was immune as president, that could affect the Georgia prosecution, even though he is charged with state crimes, Spencer notes.

And presidential immunity would not apply to the Florida case involving classified documents “because he was not president during the time of the alleged actions in the indictment,” our colleague **Perry Stein** says. It also won't apply to the case in New York, which alleges that Trump paid hush money to adult actress **Stormy Daniels**.

What we're watching

ON THE HILL

Austin fallout: We are watching continued fallout over **Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin's failure to disclose his hospital stay** to the president, members of Congress and officials at the Pentagon.

Rep. Matt Rosendale (R-Mont.) is filing articles of impeachment. The top Republican on the **House Armed Services Committee**, **Rep. Mike Rogers** (Ala.), tweeted that he's “quickly losing faith” in Austin's ability to lead the Defense Department.

Austin was admitted to a hospital after a procedure on Jan. 1 and was discharged from the intensive care unit last night.

Border security framework probably delayed: Senate negotiators on border security said Monday night that a framework is unlikely to be released this week, which negotiators had suggested was likely as recently as this weekend. Disagreements remain on too many issues, including parole, which has been the most difficult part of already tough negotiations.

“We'll continue to try and get this nailed down,” **Sen. Chris Murphy** (D-Conn.) told

reporters, per our colleague **Paul Kane**.

OVERSEAS

Secretary of State Antony Blinken is in Tel Aviv today as escalating tensions between Israel and the Lebanese militant group **Hezbollah** raise the specter of a full-scale regional war.

On Monday evening, Israeli **Foreign Minister Israel Katz** said in a televised interview that Israel had killed a top Hezbollah commander, **Wissam al-Tawil**, calling it “part of the war,” our colleague **Annabelle Timsit** reports. The targeted killing comes as Israel weighs launching a major military operation in Lebanon.

- But as our colleagues **John Hudson**, **Yasmeen Abutaleb** and **Shane Harris** reported over the weekend, the Biden administration has privately warned Israeli officials against the escalation. Washington believes, based on a secret assessment from the **Defense Intelligence Agency**, that “it will be difficult for the **Israel Defense Forces** (IDF) to succeed because its military assets and resources would be spread too thin given the conflict in Gaza,” our colleagues report.

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The campaign

Violent political threats surge as 2024 begins, haunting American democracy



Law enforcement officers patrol the grounds of the Mississippi Capitol in Jackson on Jan. 4 as they deal with a second consecutive day of bomb threats. (Rogelio V. Solis/AP)

Our colleagues **Sarah Ellison**, **Yvonne Wingett Sanchez** and **Patrick Marley** [take a look](#) at the violent threats and acts of intimidation against many government officials since the 2020 presidential election and its effect on American democracy.

Members of Congress, state officials, local leaders and judges have all been subjected to swatting, bomb threats and death threats.

- Special counsel Jack Smith, who is overseeing the prosecution of Trump in two federal cases, was the target of an attempted swatting at his Maryland residence on Christmas Day, [per **NBC News's Michael Kosnar** and **Zoë Richards**](#). Chutkan, the judge presiding over Trump's election subversion case, was the target of a similar incident on Sunday.

The targets of the threats share a common attribute: They have done or said something that has earned the ire of the former president, our colleagues write.

- "I am really worried that there is going to be a tragedy," Wisconsin Supreme Court **Justice Jill Karofsky** said in an interview with our colleagues. "I believe people when

they say that they want to hurt us or kill us. I don't think they're idle threats.”

The Media

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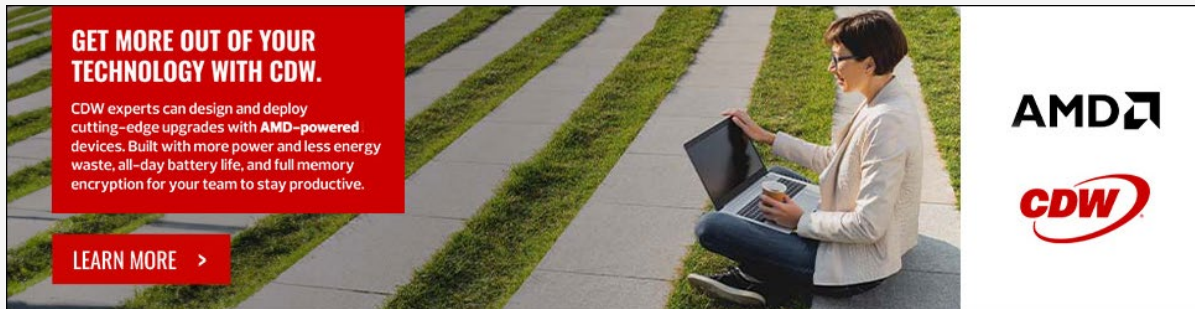
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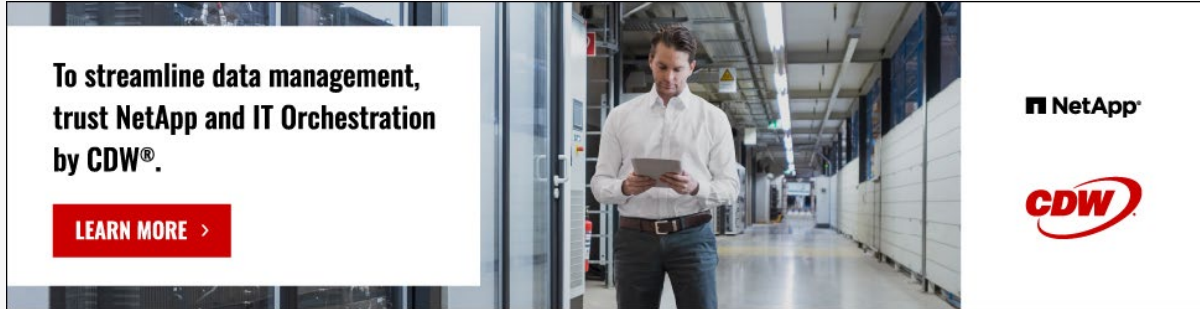
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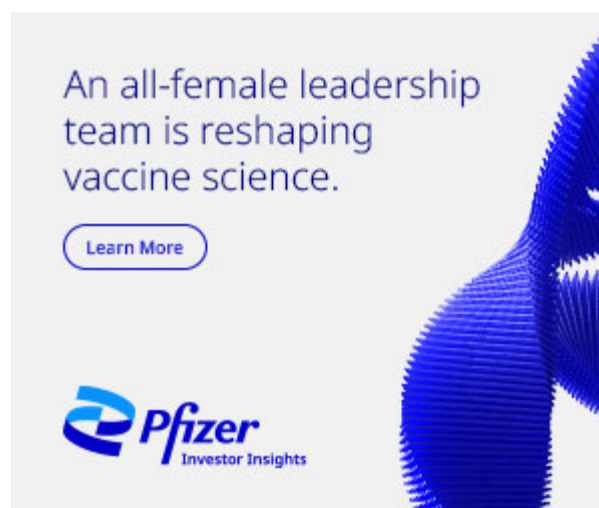
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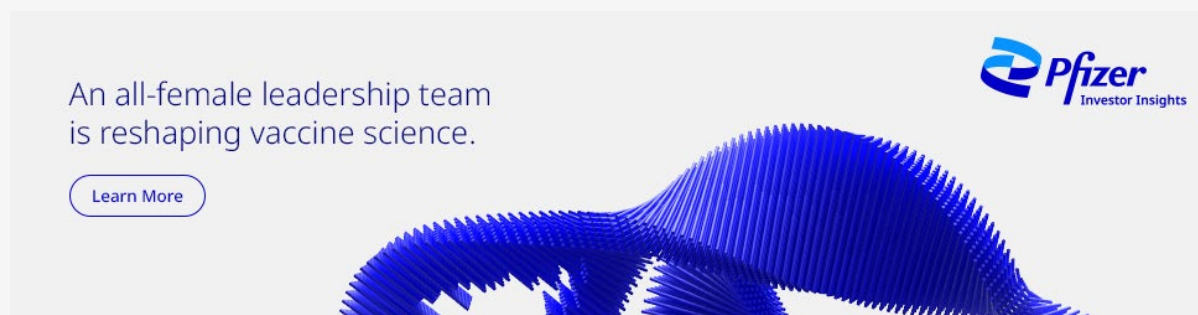
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From the courts

The consequences of Trump's immunity court case



Former president Donald Trump during the civil fraud trial against the Trump Organization in New York on Dec. 7. (Eduardo Munoz Alvarez/Pool/AFP/Getty Images)

Former president **Donald Trump** is expected to watch today as his lawyers try to convince three appeals court judges that he can't be tried for his alleged role in the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol and trying to overturn the 2020 election.

The outcome could have big implications for Trump — and future presidents. That's because the case raises a novel issue for the courts, which have never before been asked whether a former president is immune from federal criminal prosecution.

Trump is hoping to avoid a trial in the 2020 election case, which was brought by special counsel **Jack Smith**. He's accused of conspiring to overturn the 2020 election.

Trump is also facing political stakes, as he's on track to become the Republican nomination for president.

“His choice to attend the argument — not uncommon but also not required in an appeal — instead of spending more time in Iowa just one week from the GOP's first nominating contest there reflect the bet he and his campaign are placing on blending his criminal defense with electoral message. Tuesday's appearance is poised to be the first of many times this year that he quickly pivots between the courtroom and the campaign trail or brings the campaign to the courthouse steps as he faces four separate criminal cases and two civil trials,” our colleague **Isaac Arnsdorf** reports.

- Trump's purpose in showing up in the courtroom is to show “seriousness and defiance” and garner media attention as he's going on the offense, according to Isaac's reporting.

To understand the legal aspects of the case, we picked the brains of our fantastic colleagues who cover the ins and outs of the Trump trials.

HOW THE CASE CAME TO BE

Trump appealed the case to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia after U.S. District Judge **Tanya S. Chutkan** rejected his attempt to dismiss the case in December. The former president argued that he is immune from federal prosecution because he was president at the time of the alleged crime.

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- Smith asked the Supreme Court to fast-track the case, but the court refused to do so. It didn't explain why.

THE ARGUMENTS

The former president is arguing that he is immune from federal prosecution for his acts as president — and because he was not convicted in his impeachment trial, trying him now would amount to double jeopardy.

“Presidential immunity and the Impeachment Judgment Clause foreclose the criminal prosecution of President Trump for his official acts,” his lawyers argued in a brief to the court.

Smith argues that courts haven't found that former presidents have immunity from criminal liability. And even if they do, Smith argues, it wouldn't apply to Trump, who worked with private individuals and government officials to remain in power.

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Thank you so much.
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Here is the original Wampum Lot story I did in 2020.

<https://www.inquirer.com/news/philadelphia/welcome-park-philadelphia-native-americans-stolen-land-iroquois-haudenosaunee-20200325.html>

I have since done a better job at researching the ownership since 1743. The Wampum Lot was apparently a thin strip of land behind was then the Old Slate House and later behind the building built by the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce and later became the Keystone Telephone Company and then Bell Telephone. The Wampum Lot seems to be recognized as late as 1922 by the Mayor Moore. In the 1970's, the Friends of Independence Park bought it and donated it to the NPS. It became Welcome Park in 1982. It seems the Wampum lot was under the rear eastern section of Welcome Park as well as part of what is now The Moravian and what was once Moravian street. City records don't show it was ever Haudenosaunee land.

In the end it is about presenting history correctly and the erasure of history that has taken place at Independence Park and other locations. Proving ownership would be difficult.

If you have a contact in Sec. Haaland's office I can pass on to them that would be appreciated. The NPS has a 90-day

hold on redesign of the Welcome Park. The Haudenosaunee group seemed frustrated last week after the initial discussion was positive.

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3 **US military infiltrated by white supremacists and insurrectionists as experts warn Pentagon report detailing 78 internal plots to overthrow the Government is just the tip of the iceberg**

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5 User Comment on U.S. Department of the Interior




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Black people aren't safe at National parks. Secretary of U.S. Department of the Interior **Deb Haaland** has received dozens of phone calls about the racial profiling, assault and wrongful arrest of Jalen Smith by r*cist Whiskeytown Recreation Area park ranger Earl Ray Kimball and Chief John Swindle. These white rac*st li*rs, weeks later, planted drugs in Jalen's car. **Deb Haaland** knows these events occurred and has refused to step in and do anything about it. Chuck Sams is the director of the National park service and Frank Lands is the new deputy director. He was promoted from deputy chief of the National parks in the pacific NW. They have both refused to fire Swindle and Kimball. People who live in Redding, CA have openly stated that Black people visiting the ... Whiskeytown Recreation Area are racially profiled and targeted by Kimball, Swindle and other White, ra*ist park rangers. When we vote Biden out let's send **Deb Haaland**, Chuck Sams and Frank Lands home too. 

6 DKos Asheville Open Thread: We're back



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... hard but rewarding work. It was a mission I didn't know I would ever be on. Mostly though, it was an incredible opportunity to learn not only more about myself, our culture, and our history, but to also educate others willing to learn and understand. The amount of support we have received is overwhelming." She said now is a good time to submit the application as the Secretary of the Interior is **Deb Haaland**, a member of the Pueblo of Laguna. "With a strong leader advocating for Indigenous rights for the Department of Interior, now is the time to act. In 2022, Mount Doane was renamed the First Peoples Mountain in Yellowstone National Park. My hope is that in 2024, Kuwohi will become the official name of the tallest peak in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park – restoring its original name." ...

7 A Biden se le atraganta su Gabinete en el Congreso; EEUU BIDEN



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... de amigo" a Biden al urgirle que retire a Tanden antes de que salga derrotada en una votación. Y muchos demócratas también están abogando de puertas adentro por sustituirla por Shalanda Young, la que tenía que ser su número dos. OTROS DOS NOMINADOS EN APUROS También están en la cuerda floja el nominado para ser secretario de Salud, Xavier Becerra, y la nominada como secretaria del Interior, **Deb Haaland**, aunque esta última recibió este miércoles el importante apoyo de Manchin, que había dicho días antes que estaba "indeciso". **Haaland** sería la primera persona con raíces nativas con un cargo ministerial y estaría, de ser confirmada al frente de Interior, encargada de gestionar las tierras federales que en muchos casos el Gobierno quitó a sus ancestros. Los republicanos parecen ... bastante unidos en contra de **Haaland**, a la que consideran "radical" por sus ideales progresistas en materia medioambiental y en oposición a la extracción de petróleo y gas en las tierras federales. De Becerra, por su parte, sus detractores no ven claro que apoye un sistema de salud público y universal conocido como "Medicare for All", que aunque no está en la agenda de Biden pondría en apuros al lucrativo negocio médico en Estados ...

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8 El Senado de EE.UU. confirma por primera vez a una indígena como ministra; EEUU GOBIERNO



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ABSTRACT Washington, 15 mar (EFE).- El Senado de Estados Unidos confirmó este lunes como nueva secretaria del Interior del Gobierno de Joe Biden a la hasta ahora congresista **Deb Haaland**, convirtiéndola así en la primera persona indígena en asumir un puesto ministerial. La Cámara Alta confirmó a **Haaland** con 51 votos a favor y 40 en contra. Como nueva secretaria del Interior, **Haaland** estará encargada de gestionar las tierras federales, muchas de ellas ocupadas por el Gobierno de Estados Unidos a las tribus FULL TEXT Washington, 15 mar (EFE).- El Senado de Estados Unidos confirmó este lunes como nueva secretaria del Interior del Gobierno de Joe Biden a la hasta ahora congresista ... **Deb Haaland**, convirtiéndola así en la primera persona indígena en asumir un puesto ministerial. La Cámara Alta confirmó a **Haaland** con 51 votos a favor y 40 en contra. Como nueva secretaria del Interior, **Haaland** estará encargada de gestionar las tierras federales, muchas de ellas ocupadas por el Gobierno de Estados Unidos a las tribus indígenas durante la expansión hacia el Oeste. Al celebrar su confirmación, el líder de la mayoría demócrata en la Cámara Alta, Chuck Schumer, recordó la "larga y problemática relación entre el Gobierno federal y las tribus nativas". "Durante demasiado tiempo, a las tribus ... está adscrita al Pueblo Laguna de Nuevo México y según The Washington Post, es miembro de una familia con al menos 35 generaciones en ese territorio. Además de la administración de las tierras federales, en Interior también estará al frente de la explotación de los combustibles fósiles en esos territorios y de la gestión de las más de 500 tribus indígenas que hay en el país y de sus reservas. **Haaland** se opone a expandir la explotación de combustibles fósiles en tierras federales y apoya una drástica reducción de emisiones en el combate a la crisis climática, lo que hizo que este lunes la mayoría de republicanos votasen en contra de su confirmación. De hecho, en 2016, la nueva secretaria del Interior acampó en una tensa protesta contra el oleoducto Dakota Access, apoyado por el entonces ... Gobierno de Barack Obama, que lideró la tribu indígena Standing Rock Sioux. El nombramiento de **Haaland**, que desde 2018 representaba a Nuevo México en el Congreso, fue recibido con satisfacción por parte del ala más progresista del Partido Demócrata. Esta previsto que la nueva secretaria jure su cargo este martes. EFE at/hma/dmt

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9 Indicada de Biden a posto ministerial desiste por falta de apoyo no Senado; EUA GOVERNO



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... a vice-diretora do Escritório de Administração e Orçamento. Young teve nesta terça uma audiência no Senado para o cargo de vice-diretora, e os legisladores republicanos deixaram clara sua disposição de apoiá-la como nova indicada. Outros dois dos indicados de Biden que terão que navegar por um complexo processo do Senado são os da Secretaria da Saúde, Xavier Becerra, e da Secretaria do Interior, **Deb Haaland**. EFE

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10 EE.UU. lanza un ambicioso plan para expandir sus parques eólicos marítimos; EEUU ENERGÍA



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... UE), que espera producir al menos 240 gigavatios de energía eólica "offshore" para 2050. El objetivo de Estados Unidos para 2050 es llegar a 110 gigavatios de producción en parques eólicos marítimos, precisó la Casa Blanca. "Durante generaciones, hemos aplazado la transición a la energía limpia, y ahora nos enfrentamos a una crisis climática", dijo la secretaria del Interior de Estados Unidos, **Deb Haaland**, en un acto virtual. **Haaland** y otros miembros del Gobierno de Joe Biden hicieron el anuncio ante decenas de representantes de la industria energética, entre ellos la empresa española Iberdrola, que desarrolla un proyecto para construir un parque eólico marítimo en Massachusetts con 800 megavatios (MW) de potencia. Ese proyecto, llamado Vineyard Wind y que ya ha recibido el ...

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11 Biden marca un profundo contraste con Trump en su primera reunión de gabinete; EEUU GOBIERNO



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... a las reuniones de gabinete de Trump, donde la mayoría de los integrantes eran hombres blancos, con apenas cuatro mujeres, un negro y un latino en su equipo original. Mientras, el gabinete de Biden es el más diverso de la historia del país, con diez mujeres, seis estadounidenses negros, cuatro hispanos y la primera mujer nativa americana que llega a un gabinete, la secretaria de Interior, **Deb Haaland**. Al comienzo de su primera reunión de gabinete, Biden encargó a cinco de sus ministros encargarse de promocionar el plan de 2,3 billones de dólares que la Casa Blanca anunció esta semana, y que de salir adelante en el Congreso, crearía millones de empleos mientras reforma las infraestructuras del país y recorta las emisiones de carbono. Los encargados de esa misión son los secretarios de ...

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... de mortalidad, que requiere de más estudios, puede tener consecuencias en la gestión de la pandemia, apunta la revista médica. ----- EEUU GOBIERNO Senado de EE.UU. confirma por primera vez a una nativa americana como ministra Washington (EFE).- El Senado de Estados

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13 **Candidata de Biden a puesto ministerial renuncia por falta de apoyo en Senado; EEUU BIDEN**



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... ambos trabajos", afirmó el legislador republicano Lindsey Graham, según la publicación Politico, mientras el también republicano John Neely Kennedy dijo a Young: "puede que seas más que una subdirectora". Otros de los dos nominados por Biden que deberán sortear un proceso complejo en el Senado son el candidato a secretario de Salud, Xavier Becerra, y la nominada como secretaria del Interior, **Deb Haaland**. EFE

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14 **Biden's American Climate Corps Faces House Oversight Committee Scrutiny**



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... DINKs meme. Administration's A-List Promotes the Initiative The promotional video features an array of key figures from President Biden's Cabinet, each taking turns to detail the initiative and its

objectives. The roster includes EPA Administrator Michael Regan, acting Secretary of Labor Julie Su, Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo, Secretary of the Interior **Deb Haaland**, and Secretary of Energy Jennifer Granholm. Transparency and Public Input Further demonstrating the administration's commitment to open dialogue and public input, a series of virtual listening sessions are being planned. These sessions are designed to gather feedback and suggestions from the public on the program. Attendees are expected to include influential figures like Rep. Alexandria Ocasio- ...

15 National Park Service To Remove Statue of William Penn In Philadelphia



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... you rather live with for the next four years? : "The Biden administration's National Park Service will remove a statue of William Penn from a park in Philadelphia commemorating the founder of the state of Pennsylvania as part of an upcoming "rehabilitation" meant to make the park more "welcoming, accurate, and inclusive experience" for visitors. The park service, headed by Interior Secretary **Deb Haaland**, says that after consultation with Native American groups it wants to use the renovation of Welcome Park as an opportunity to expand displays about the indigenous Americans that lived in the area before European settlers arrived. The statue of Penn, along with a model of the Slate Roof House that once occupied the site and was Penn's residence from 1699-1701, will be removed and not replaced as ...

16 Biden admin to remove statue of William Penn from Philadelphia park and 'rehabilitate' the park to commemorate Native Americans



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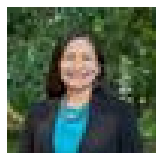
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Joe Biden's National Park Service under Interior Secretary **Deb Haaland** will remove the statue of William Penn from the park erected in 1982 to commemorate the 300th anniversary of his founding of

the colony of Pennsylvania. The park is on the site of his original home in Philadelphia. The park, located in Philadelphia near the Delaware River at Sansom and Second Streets, will be "rehabilitated" and that proposal will include an "expanded interpretation of the Native ... "will be removed and not reinstalled." The Park Service claims that at some later date, which is not currently funded, there will be a new exhibit that mentions Penn and his work founding what became the state named for him as well as the city of Philadelphia. The National Park Service, led by National Park Service Director Charles Sams III, who boasts Native American ancestry as does his boss **Haaland**, runs a substantial portion of Philadelphia's historic sites. This agency is in charge of nearly 54 acres of historic sites in the Old City neighborhood, where the Penn home once stood. The Biden administration praised **Haaland** when she was appointed for becoming "the first Native American to serve as a cabinet secretary." Equity, as the Biden White House recently stated, has " ...

17 User Comment on Secretary Deb Haaland



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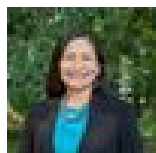
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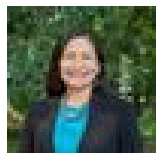
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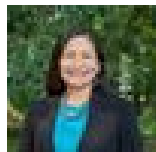
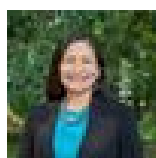
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20 User Comment on Secretary Deb Haaland**Source** [Secretary Deb Haaland](#)**Date Collected** Jan 05, 2024 05:16 PM EST**Type** Comment**Followers** 68,025**Language** EnglishMeetings **Deb Haaland** Kamala Harris Joe Biden Jill Biden Odama >? ? ? ? ? ?>? ? ? ? ? ?**21 User Comment on Secretary Deb Haaland****Source** [Secretary Deb Haaland](#)**Date Collected** Jan 06, 2024 01:06 PM EST**Type** Comment**Followers** 68,026**Language** EnglishMeetings **Deb Haaland** Joe Biden Kamala Harris United States in >NV UT Co**22 Park Service to Remove Statue of William Penn from Philadelphia Park, Replace it With More 'Inclusive' Displays****Source** [New York Sun](#)**Market** New York, NY**Date Collected** Jan 07, 2024 11:50 AM EST**Author** Scott Norvell**Category** Local**Est. Audience** 17,996**Est. Publicity** USD \$282**Language** English

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which were announced late Friday. Social media, however, has been flooded with comments decrying what users say is the "canceling" of the founder of the state of Pennsylvania. Others noted, however, that another statue of Penn sits atop Philadelphia's city hall. Ms. **Haaland**, a former congresswoman from New Mexico and chair of the New Mexico Democratic Party, was named Interior Secretary by President Biden shortly before he took office and was confirmed by the Senate in March 2021. She is the first Native American cabinet secretary in American history.

23 Biden is removing the William Penn statue from historic Pennsylvania Park as part of an "inclusive" makeover to showcase more Native American history



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Author Emma Colton

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The Biden administration's National Park Service is launching a "remediation process" for a park in Pennsylvania that includes removing a statue of William Penn and incorporating a depiction of Native American tribes. The Park Service, led by **Deb Haaland**, sent out a request for comment on the changes to Welcome Park Friday on its website and in a post on X. Penn, the founder of Pennsylvania in 1681, was notorious for his friendly relations with the region's Native American tribes. The park was founded 300 years later. The park itself is named after the ship on which Penn sailed to America and includes a museum dedicated to the life and ...

24 New rules will guide how Native American remains are handled



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... remains to tribes under new rules finalized this week. Whittled by compromise and yet still far-reaching, the rules for administering the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act were rolled out as a highlight of the two-day White House Tribal Nations Summit. "Finalizing these changes is an important part of laying the groundwork for the healing of our people," Interior Secretary **Deb Haaland** said. **Haaland**, the first Native American to head the Interior Department, emphasized the benefits for tribes that will ensue from the new rules for the 1990 law. The statute requires museums and federal agencies to identify and repatriate Native American human remains, funerary items and objects of cultural significance currently in their collections. Private collectors and ...

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25 Tribes' letter supports Navajo's NASA complaint



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Language English

... spiritually significant to Navajos, but also Lakotas like Semans, of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe in South Dakota. He believes that his people are born from the stars and return to them once they die. "It's a spiritual journey that we take when we leave Mother Earth," says Semans. "We knew our ancestors were making that journey to the stars, and that's where we came from." Although Interior Secretary **Deb Haaland** has been suddenly named to the National Space Council as of Thursday, Weatherwax wrote that this "belated inclusion" of a Native voice is "welcome and we urge her to support the Navajo Nation's and COLT's request for tribal consultation regarding any placement of human remains on the moon." "I think that President Biden needs to get a hold of NASA administrator [Bill Nelson], and basically set ...

26 Plastic Pollution Coalition: On 'National Drinking Straw Day,' I'm Calling for Stronger Policies to End Plastic Pollution in National Parks -- & Beyond



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... Nunez and founder of the Last Plastic Straw: * * * On National Drinking Straw Day, I'm calling for stronger policies to end plastic pollution in National Parks--and beyond. Near the close of last year's legislative session, a late night amendment in an appropriations bill was introduced by Rep. John Rose (R-TN) to block the order issued in June 2022 by Department of the Interior (DOI) Secretary **Deb Haaland** to phase out single-use plastic on public lands by 2032. Rep. Rose specifically called to exempt plastic straws from the phase-out, arguing that the "alternatives to plastics may not be more environmentally friendly" than plastic, citing a recent study detecting PFAS--a class of more than 15,000 synthetic chemicals--in paper straws. A discussion of the amendment is now upcoming in the Senate ...

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27 [What to watch on the #ColoradoRiver in 2024: A wet year in 2023 brought short-term relief, but long-term uncertainty still hangs over the West's critical waterway - The Water Desk](#)

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... Elizabeth Koebele (@EAKoebele) December 15, 2023[6]; 2.Tribal inclusion in policymaking In recent years, the Colorado River's 30 federally recognized tribes have grown their influence in the basin's political landscape. Calls for a more formal tribal role in basinwide negotiations are being amplified by the tribes themselves, and by both state and federal leaders, such as Interior Secretary **Deb Haaland**. 2023 presented some significant tribal successes. The Gila River Indian Community became a key player in negotiations over the Lower Basin's conservation plan to secure federal dollars last spring. Federal officials promised the tribe[7]\$150 million over three years to leave water they were legally entitled to in Lake Mead. <https://i0.wp.com/coyotegulch.blog/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/> ...

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Here is the statement that NPS sent out withdrawing the proposal for Welcome Park, and a few talking points on the issue for tomorrow. Sally also has them. Highly unlikely it will come up but wanted you to see them.

NPS Statement:

Park withdraws review of Welcome Park rehabilitation proposal

PHILADELPHIA, PA — Independence National Historical Park has withdrawn the review of a draft proposal to rehabilitate Welcome Park and closed the public comment period. The preliminary draft proposal, which was released prematurely and had not been subject to a complete internal agency review, is being retracted. No changes to the William Penn statue are planned.

The National Park Service (NPS) remains committed to rehabilitating Welcome Park as the nation prepares to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence in 2026. Upon completion of all the necessary internal reviews, the park looks forward to engaging in a robust public process to consider options for refurbishing the park in the coming years.

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THE IMPACT

While the outcome of this case will have huge consequences for the special counsel case, it could have implications in the Georgia case, too.

Trump filed similar claims in the [Georgia case](#) on Monday, where is charged with 13 counts related to an alleged conspiracy to overturn the 2020 election results in the state. If the Supreme Court finds that Trump was immune as president, that could affect the Georgia prosecution, even though he is charged with state crimes, Spencer notes.

And presidential immunity would not apply to the Florida case involving classified documents "because he was not president during the time of the alleged actions in the indictment," our colleague **Perry Stein** says. It also won't apply to the case in New York, which alleges that Trump paid hush money to adult actress **Stormy Daniels**.

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ON THE HILL

Austin fallout: We are watching continued fallout over **Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin's [failure to disclose his hospital stay](#)** to the president, members of Congress and officials at the Pentagon.

Rep. Matt Rosendale (R-Mont.) is filing articles of impeachment. The top Republican on the **House Armed Services Committee**, **Rep. Mike Rogers** (Ala.), [tweeted](#) that he's "quickly losing faith" in Austin's ability to lead the Defense Department.

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“We’ll continue to try and get this nailed down,” **Sen. Chris Murphy** (D-Conn.) told reporters, per our colleague **Paul Kane**.

OVERSEAS

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- But as our colleagues **John Hudson, Yasmeen Abutaleb** and **Shane Harris** reported over the weekend, the Biden administration has privately warned Israeli officials against the escalation. Washington believes, based on a secret assessment from the **Defense Intelligence Agency**, that “it will be difficult for the **Israel Defense Forces** (IDF) to succeed because its military assets and resources would be spread too thin given the conflict in Gaza,” our colleagues report.

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Law enforcement officers patrol the grounds of the Mississippi Capitol in Jackson on Jan. 4 as they deal with a second consecutive day of bomb threats. (Rogelio V. Solis/AP)

Our colleagues **Sarah Ellison**, **Yvonne Wingett Sanchez** and **Patrick Marley** take a look at the violent threats and acts of intimidation against many government officials since the 2020 presidential election and its effect on American democracy.

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The targets of the threats share a common attribute: They have done or said something that has earned the ire of the former president, our colleagues write.

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Justice Jill Karofsky said in an interview with our colleagues. "I believe people when they say that they want to hurt us or kill us. I don't think they're idle threats."

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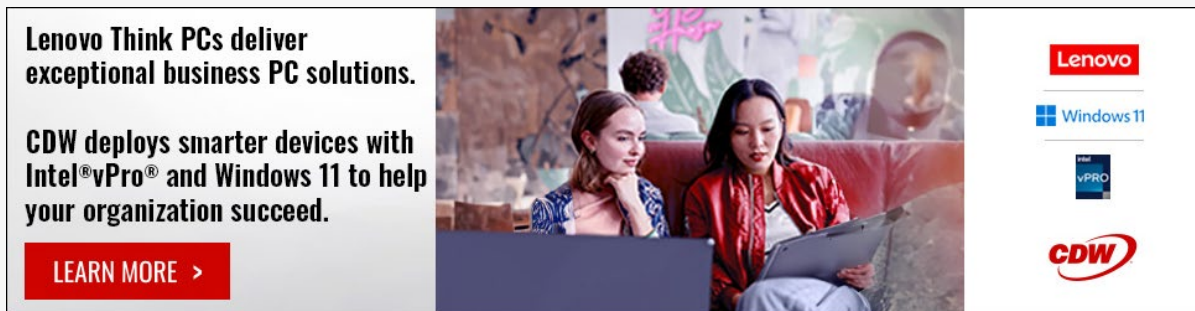
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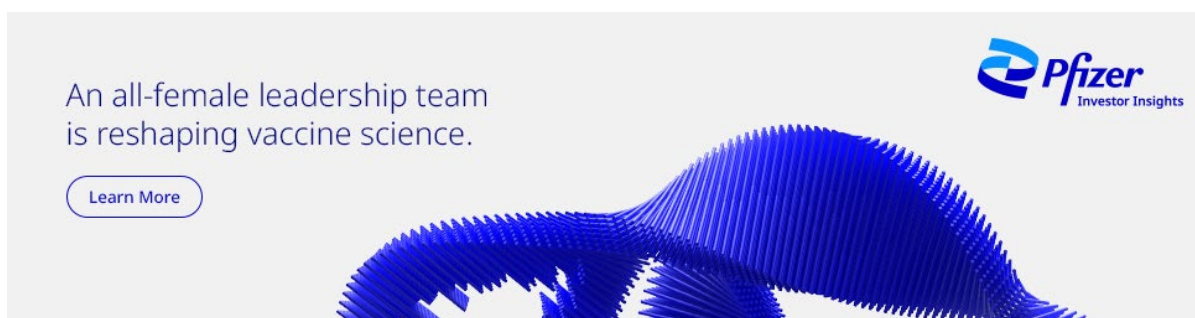
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Key Points:

- Welcome Park holds significance as the only location in Philadelphia that memorializes William Penn's life and accomplishments through a timeline of his life, a model of his "Slate Roof" house and a smaller scale replica of the statue of William Penn that sits atop City Hall.
- After 40 years, many of the exhibits and other features of Welcome Park are faded and in need of repair.
- Independence National Historical Park, in consultation with Haudenosaunee and Lenape representatives, developed a new design proposal for the park. Consultation was initiated after new information revealed the existence of a "Wampum Lot" deeded to the Haudenosaunee in 1755 by William Penn's grandson for a parcel of land along south Second Street.
- The two stories are not mutually exclusive. They can be told in the same space. In fact, in many ways, they complement each other as Penn is best known today for his policy of religious toleration and his attempt to deal fairly with the tribes he encountered.
- The park initiated a period of public comment on January 5th through the issuance of a press release and social media channels.
- The release has generated an overwhelming response as the release stated that the statue of William Penn will be removed.
- The park is seeking public comment as the new design proposal is exactly that, a proposal. The final decision will be made based upon comments received during the public comment period in PEPC which is open from January 8th until January 21st.
- The proposed design has been in development for four years with informal collaboration with park neighbors, the City, and tribal nations
- Formal tribal consultation was initiated on October 13, 2023.
- Formal consultation with PA State Historic Preservation Office was initiated on December 20, 2023.
- The project is currently in the design development phase.

Background:

- After 40 years, many of the exhibits and other features of Welcome Park are faded and in need of repair.
- Information came to light about 4 years ago that in the 1750's William Penn's grandson deeded a parcel of land along south Second Street to the Haudenosaunee as a site where that would always be available to them should they come to the City.
- This agreement was reaffirmed in 1915 by the Mayor of Philadelphia.
- When new designs for Welcome Park were being considered, the federally recognized tribes associated with INHP were consulted.

- In November of 2022, INHP hosted an event with the Haudenosaunee and a representative of the Delaware Nation at Welcome Park. The parcel of land is referred to as the Wampum Lot by the Haudenosaunee people.
- According to the participants, it was the first time in over 300 years that leadership from the Lenape and the Haudenosaunee met face to face and exchanged gifts.
- Following this event, the park initiated formal consultation with the tribes regarding new design proposals for Welcome Park, with an opportunity to tell the Native American story either on land that had been deeded to them by Penn's grandson or immediately adjacent to that land.
- The National Park Service owns Welcome Park. The project scope includes replacing landscaping and hardscaping, increased site lighting and security cameras, planting of trees, circular benches and a gathering space.
- The new design proposal also called for the removal of the statue of William Penn and the Slate Roof House model for a simplified landscape aesthetic.

Current Status:

- [Public comment](#) is open January 8-January 21, 2024
- INDE is directing all media inquiries to newsmedia@nps.gov until further notice
- Members of the public are being directed to PEPC to submit comments
- INDE is updating the January 5, 2024 news release and social media post to emphasize that INDE initiated this project and that the design is proposed
- Public comments will be used to determine which elements of the new design proposal will remain and which may need to be reworked.
- The park hopes to hear from local organizations, neighbors and other stakeholders were included in the press release.


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From the courts

The consequences of Trump's immunity court case



Former president Donald Trump during the civil fraud trial against the Trump Organization in New York on Dec. 7. (Eduardo Munoz Alvarez/Pool/AFP/Getty Images)

Former president **Donald Trump** is expected to watch today as his lawyers try to convince three appeals court judges that he can't be tried for his alleged role in the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol and trying to overturn the 2020 election.

The outcome could have big implications for Trump — and future presidents. That's because the case raises a novel issue for the courts, which have never before been asked whether a former president is immune from federal criminal prosecution.

Trump is hoping to avoid a trial in the 2020 election case, which was brought by special counsel **Jack Smith**. He's accused of conspiring to overturn the 2020 election.

Trump is also facing political stakes, as he's on track to become the Republican nomination for president.

“His choice to attend the argument — not uncommon but also not required in an appeal — instead of spending more time in Iowa just one week from the GOP's first nominating contest there reflect the bet he and his campaign are placing on blending his criminal defense with electoral message. Tuesday's appearance is poised to be the first of many times this year that he quickly pivots between the courtroom and the campaign trail or brings the campaign to the courthouse steps as he faces four separate criminal cases and two civil trials,” our colleague **Isaac Arnsdorf** reports.

- Trump's purpose in showing up in the courtroom is to show “seriousness and defiance” and garner media attention as he's going on the offense, according to Isaac's reporting.

To understand the legal aspects of the case, we picked the brains of our fantastic colleagues who cover the ins and outs of the Trump trials.

HOW THE CASE CAME TO BE

Trump appealed the case to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia after U.S. District Judge **Tanya S. Chutkan** rejected his attempt to dismiss the case in December. The former president argued that he is immune from federal prosecution because he was president at the time of the alleged crime.

- “Whatever immunities a sitting President may enjoy, the United States has only one Chief Executive at a time, and that position does not confer a lifelong ‘get-out-of-jail-free’ pass.” Chutkan wrote in her decision. “No court — or any other branch of

government — has ever accepted it. And this court will not so hold.”

- Smith asked the Supreme Court to fast-track the case, but the court refused to do so. It didn't explain why.

THE ARGUMENTS

The former president is arguing that he is immune from federal prosecution for his acts as president — and because he was not convicted in his impeachment trial, trying him now would amount to double jeopardy.

“Presidential immunity and the Impeachment Judgment Clause foreclose the criminal prosecution of President Trump for his official acts,” his lawyers argued in a brief to the court.

Smith argues that courts haven't found that former presidents have immunity from criminal liability. And even if they do, Smith argues, it wouldn't apply to Trump, who worked with private individuals and government officials to remain in power.

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- Smith has also argued that a lack of conviction in an impeachment trial does not limit Trump's ability to be prosecuted. Trump was acquitted in his Senate impeachment trial.

A NOTE ON THE IMPEACHMENT STANDARD

But about that impeachment argument ... it's complicated.

When **Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell** (R-Ky.) voted to not convict Trump in his trial, he said the courts would be the more appropriate venue for assessing the president's actions.

"Impeachment was never meant to be the final forum for American justice," McConnell argued at the time. "We have a criminal justice system in this country. We have civil litigation. And former Presidents are not immune from being held accountable by either one."

THE JUDGES

None of the judges on the panel, who are randomly assigned, were nominated by Trump.

Judge Karen L. Henderson was nominated by **President George H.W. Bush** and has served on the court since 1990. Reporters and legal watchers will listen to Henderson closely.

The other two judges on the panel, **Florence Y. Pan** and **J. Michelle Childs**, were nominated by **President Biden** and confirmed by the Senate in 2022.

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Our colleague **Devlin Barrett** says it's hard to say whether Trump's legal arguments will hold sway. But he says this: "This appeals court has already found in a separate case that Trump is not immune to civil liability for his actions as a presidential candidate around Jan. 6, so it is hard to imagine they will find he has absolute criminal immunity."

Another colleague, **Spencer S. Hsu**, adds that he's watching what the judges say about each of the arguments raised by Trump.

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... throughout the day to correct this decision. I'm pleased Welcome Park will remain the rightful home of this William Penn statue -- right here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Penn founded." Pa. Sen. Bob Casey added similar sentiments on his X account: "I heard concerns that there were plans to permanently remove William Penn's statue from Welcome Park. After checking in with the **Department of the Interior**, I'm pleased to report that there are no plans to remove William Penn at

this time." The park is located on the site of William Penn's home, the Slate Roof House, and is named for the ship, Welcome, which transported Penn to Philadelphia. The design and construction of Welcome Park was funded by the Independence Historical Trust and was completed in 1982, the release said. Updates on the ...

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5 KPRL-AM



Source KPRL-AM

Market DMA: 124 Santa Barbara, CA

Time Jan 09, 2024 02:38 AM EST

Clip Length 1:00

Est. Audience 1,100

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6 WLOB



Source WLOB (Fox News Radio)

Market DMA: 78 Portland, ME

Time Jan 09, 2024 02:37 AM EST

Clip Length 1:00

Est. Audience 3,652

Est. Publicity USD \$33

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7 Jan. 11 workshop for anyone interested in a National Park Service career



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Source [The Newport Plain Talk \(Tennessee\)](#)**Market** Newport, TN**Date Collected** Jan 09, 2024 01:27 AM EST**Author** STAFF REPORT news@newportplaintalk.com**Category** Local**Est. Audience** 6,158**Est. Publicity** USD \$108**Language** English

GREENEVILLE – Andrew Johnson National Historic Site (NHS) hosts a Natinal Park Service careers mini-workshop Thursday Jan. 11, 6-8 p.m. at the Andrew Johnson NHS visitor center, 101 N. College Street in Greeneville. Andrew Johnson National Historic Site is one of over 428 parks in the National Park Service (NPS), which is an agency of the U.S. **Department of the Interior**. Since its creation in 1916, the NPS continues to preserve, protect, and manage the natural, cultural, historical, and recreational areas of the national park system. There are one or more units of the national park system in all 50 states, as well as Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands. The iconic NPS "ranger" flat hat is instantly recognizable around the world as belonging to the U.S. ...

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Language English

... . Peter Joseph Champion is a former NFL draft pick with a terminal degree from a research one academic institution. He has extensive collegiate teaching and research experience. Dr. Champion began his journey in federal service in 2021 at the Department of Defense Equal Opportunity Institute (DEOMI) as a Training Specialist. He currently serves as a Management Initiatives Program Manager at the **Department of the Interior** (DOI) ' Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) ' Equal Employment Opportunity Directive (EEOD). Dr. Champion's primary tasks include managing education and training for the BSEE EEOD and managing disability programming for the BSEE. I would like to acknowledge my friends Sid Sharma and Zoey Woolridge for their amazing work. This blog was formed out of our collaboration to increase ...

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12 Wind Farm Produces First Energy Del...



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Market United States

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Category Trade

Est. Audience 2,174**Est. Publicity** USD \$15**Language** English

... about five megawatts of power during the initial commissioning process. Additional testing is reportedly expected to occur both on and offshore in the coming weeks. Project Background In May 2021, President Joe Biden's administration announced the approval for construction and operation of Vineyard Wind 1. "A clean energy future is within our grasp in the United States," said Deb Haaland, **Secretary of the Interior**, at the time. "The approval of this project is an important step toward advancing the administration's goals to create good-paying union jobs while combatting climate change and powering our nation." New Year, New Energy! ????? Avangrid is proud to deliver the First Power from its nation-leading Vineyard Wind 1 project to Massachusetts. Full story: <https://t.co/XrzfnZITdP> [pic.twitter.com/ ...](https://pic.twitter.com/...) review, which included the prohibition of installing turbines in locations closest to the coast and reducing the number of turbines from 100 to 84 or fewer. Additional changes also required that the turbines be constructed no less than 1 nautical mile apart to ease navigation and that a federal program is established to study the project's effect on scientific fishery surveys. In 2019, the **Interior Department** put a pause on the project by extending the environmental study in August. Then approved, the Vineyard Wind 1 was cited for construction over 160,000 acres of leased property roughly 12 nautical miles from the shoreline of Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. Estimated to have a \$2.8 billion price tag, joint venture Iberdrola and Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners had already been tapped for the ... in Europe, however, due to the lack of a U.S. supply chain for the domestic industry, the company noted, but then reported that the facility confirmed the use of GE Renewable Energy's huge Haliade-X turbines. The decision to use GE means that the project would reportedly only require up to 62 turbines. The project is reported to run in line with President Biden's—alongside the U.S. Department of **Interior, Department** of Energy and Department of Commerce—planned to deploy 30 gigawatts of offshore wind in America by 2030, while protecting biodiversity and promoting ocean co-use. According to the President's Fact Sheet, if the target was met it would "trigger more than \$12 billion per year in capital investment in projects on both U.S. coasts, create tens of thousands of good-paying, union jobs, with more than ... 44,000 workers employed in offshore wind by 2030 and nearly 33,000 additional jobs in communities supported by offshore wind activity." Then, in November of the same year, U.S. officials broke ground for the construction of Vineyard Wind 1. The groundbreaking ceremony was held in Covell's Beach, Barnstable, with **Secretary of the Interior** Deb Haaland, Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker and Representative Bill Keating. Work began with the building of two transmission cables to connect the offshore wind facility to the mainland. Vineyard Wind 1 was reportedly expected to contribute to the Biden-Harris administration's goal of 30 gigawatts of offshore wind energy by 2030 and Massachusetts' goal of 5.6 gigawatts within the same ...

13 KCMO**Source** KCMO (Westwood One Network)**Market** DMA: 33 Kansas City, MO**Time** Jan 09, 2024 12:38 AM EST**Clip Length** 1:00**Est. Audience** 9,799

Est. Publicity USD \$23

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14 Nevada tribe says coalitions, not lawsuits, will protect sacred sites



Online News

Source [The Daily Reporter](#)

Market Columbus, OH

Date Collected Jan 09, 2024 12:10 AM EST

Category Local

Est. Audience 109

Est. Publicity USD \$1

Language English

... Indian Colony will focus on organizing a broad coalition to build public support for sacred places. Tribal members are concerned other culturally significant areas will end up in the path of a modern day Gold Rush that has companies scouting for lithium and other materials needed to meet Biden's clean energy agenda. Melendez was among those thrilled when Biden appointed Deb Haaland to lead the **Interior Department**. A member of Laguna Pueblo, Haaland is the first Native American to serve as a cabinet secretary. Melendez, a former member of the U.S. Human Rights Commission who has led his colony for 32 years, said he understands the difficulty of navigating the electoral landscape in a western swing state where the mining industry's political clout is second only to the power wielded by casinos. Still, he "The largest lithium project in the United States and they don't even have the time to come out here and meet with the tribal nations in the state of Nevada," he said. The tribe's lawyer, Will Falk, urged other tribes to resist "tricking ourselves into believing that just because the first Native American secretary of Interior is in office that she actually cares about protecting sacred sites." **Interior Department** spokeswoman Melissa Schwartz didn't respond directly to that criticism but said in an email to The Associated Press that there has been "significant communications and partnership with tribes in Nevada." The federal government in early December published new guidance for dealing with sacred sites. While Falk and others are skeptical, they acknowledged the document speaks to concerns tribes have ...

15 America: Facts vs. Fiction



Source AHCHD - Network

Market National Programming

Time Jan 08, 2024 11:55 PM EST

Cast & Crew Luke Ellis, Matt Hickey, Jamie Kaler, Liz Massie

Genre History

Clip Length 1:00

National Audience 16,601

National Publicity USD \$5,081

when the **secretary of the interior** surprises everyone by naming the dam after then-president herbert hoover. three years later, when fdr takes office, the new **secretary of the interior** changes the name back to boulder dam. but then, in 1947, congress changes it back to hoover dam, and it's remained that way ever since. look, i-i told you it was complicated. [clears throat] pretty great dam, though, isn't it? hoover might not have wanted his name associated with the dam if nothing had been done about another popular myth -- claiming that the dam's construction is virtually ...

16 Governor urges united stand on Amata's bill



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Market United States

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Author Monica Miller

Category Consumer

Est. Audience 706

Est. Publicity USD \$7

Language English

... to our constitution," explained Lemanu. He said the hearing on January 18 will decide if American Samoa will be granted autonomy to approve changes to the constitution. HR 6962 that Congresswoman Uifaatali introduced would remove the provision for Congress to approve any changes to the Constitution of American Samoa. Instead the final approval of constitutional changes would rest with the US **Secretary of the Interior**. The Governor told the Fono leaders, "As a show of solidarity it is fitting that we present a united front at this critical hearing on behalf of our territory. We hope that your esteemed colleagues will consider sending representatives to support Congresswoman Uifaatali's initiative."

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17 'We are survivors:' National, Arizona projects aim to uncover, preserve histories of Native American boarding schools



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Source [Cronkite News: Arizona State University \(Tempe\)](#)**Market** Phoenix, AZ**Date Collected** Jan 08, 2024 11:34 PM EST**Author** Adnan Alam**Category** Local**Est. Audience** 10,729**Est. Publicity** USD \$99**Language** English

PHOENIX – A national oral history project aims to document the experiences of Indigenous children who attended federal boarding schools. The **Department of the Interior** announced the project in September as part of the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative. The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABS) has been entrusted to lead the project with \$3.7 million in grant funding through the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the National Endowment for the Humanities. "NABS is an organization that does this work already and approaches the ...

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18 [On March 28, 1868, a mystery shrouded the fire which destroyed the Greene County Courthouse](#)



Online News

Source [New Stories – Alabama Pioneers](#)**Market** United States**Date Collected** Jan 08, 2024 11:26 PM EST**Author** Donna R Causey**Category** Other**Language** English

... Patron! "The circumstances connected with the origin of the fire, as we have heard them, leave no room for doubt as to its having been the work of an incendiary. They also create the presumption that the deed was done for the purpose of destroying certain records or papers in the Clerk's office." Erected on the old foundation On the historic nomination form of March 24, 1971, to the United States **Department of the Interior**, National Park Service, the following historical information is provided about the courthouse in the picture above: The Greene County Courthouse, a two-story brick and stucco structure, is situated in the middle of a central square and surrounded on three sides by three public buildings, two of which are also historic. The Probate Office was erected in 1856, and the Grand Jury Building in 1842. ...

19 [BLM to conduct public information forum for Pantheon Solar Project](#)



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Est. Audience 5,054

Est. Publicity USD \$50

Language English

The U.S. **Department of the Interior** Bureau of Land Management issued the following news release: ELY, Nev. - The Bureau of Land Management Ely District, Bristlecone Field Office will host an information forum on Jan. 23, 2024, to gather public input on the Pantheon Solar Project proposed in a solar variance area on approximately 2,682 acres of BLM-managed land in White Pine County, approximately 16 miles west of Ely, Nev. The ...

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20 [BLM announces oil and gas lease sale in North Dakota](#)



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Category Press Wire

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Est. Publicity USD \$120

Language English

The U.S. **Department of the Interior** Bureau of Land Management issued the following news release: Operations at an oil and gas site. BILLINGS, Mont. - The Bureau of Land Management Montana-Dakotas State Office announced an oil and gas lease sale scheduled for March 12, 2024, to offer six oil and gas parcels totaling 2,336 acres in North Dakota. The BLM completed scoping on these parcels in Sept. 2023 and held a public comment period ...

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21 FIVE COMPANIES AGREE TO PAY \$7.2 MILLION TO SETTLE ALLEGATIONS OF NATURAL RESOURCE DAMAGES TO WATERSHED AREAS IN TOLEDO, OHIO



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Category Press Wire

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Est. Publicity USD \$43

Language English

... additional benefits to the local community and this important river and coastal area." "For decades, these companies released toxic industrial pollutants into Ohio waterways, damaging our local wildlife and ecosystem," said U.S. Attorney Rebecca C. Lutzko for the Northern District of Ohio. "Our office is proud to assist the Justice Department's Environment and Natural Resources Division and the **Department of the Interior** in taking this critical step to protect our residents' health, preserve our environment and ensure compliance with CERCLA and other environmental laws." A draft Restoration Plan, also being made available today by the USFWS for a 30-day public review and comment period, recommends restoration work at the Delaware and Clark Island Complex within the Maumee River. This project will improve water ... 23 acres of alluvial islands and constructing shoreline enhancements to reduce further island erosion. The project also includes the creation and restoration of island, wetland and submerged habitat for aquatic and bird wildlife as well as vegetation, including plantings of native plants. Attorneys from ENRD's Environmental Enforcement Section are handling the case in conjunction with the **Department of the Interior** and USFWS. The proposed consent decrees were lodged in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio. The settlements are subject to a 30-day comment period and final court approval. The consent decrees will be available for viewing on the Justice Department's website at www.justice.gov/enrd/consent-decrees.

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22 On March 28, 1868, a mystery shrouded the fire which destroyed the Greene County Courthouse



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Author Donna R Causey

Category Other**Language** English

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23 WSPC-AM**Source** WSPC-AM (Premiere Networks)**Market** DMA: 21 Charlotte, NC**Time** Jan 08, 2024 10:38 PM EST**Clip Length** 1:00**Est. Audience** 547**Est. Publicity** USD \$2

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24 WTAG-AM**Source** WTAG-AM (Fox News Radio)**Market** DMA: 114 Springfield, MA**Time** Jan 08, 2024 10:00 PM EST**Clip Length** 1:00**Est. Audience** 7,389**Est. Publicity** USD \$33

East that he could go for days without talking to his secretary of defense I find that hard to believe given what's going on in the world right now okay he can go for days without talking to the secretary of labor **secretary of the interior** come home secretary of transportation show are useless but secretary of defense secretary of state and secretary of the treasury three pretty you're telling me that the secretary defense with everything that's going on in the world with with China rattling their sabres around Taiwan North Korea doing what they do Ukraine all of this you're telling me that Israel Gaza

25 KYCA-AM**Source** KYCA-AM**Market** DMA: 11 Phoenix (Prescott), AZ**Time** Jan 08, 2024 09:38 PM EST**Clip Length** 1:00

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26 Biden Admin Reverses Decision to Remove William Penn**Statue****Source** [The Gateway Pundit](#)**Market** United States**Date Collected** Jan 08, 2024 09:32 PM EST**Author** [Kristinn Taylor](#)**Category** Trade**Est. Audience** 1,592,261**Est. Publicity** USD \$5,560**Language** English

... , even though the park is built where Penn's home once stood and is named after the ship, the Welcome, that brought Penn to the New World from England in 1682. The Park Service also planned to remove a replica of Penn's home, the Slate Roof House, as well as a Penn timeline on a wall at the park. In other words, the Biden administration was erasing Penn. National Park Service photos. The **Interior Department**, which oversees the National Park Service, is led by Biden appointee Secretary Deb Haaland, a radical progressive who is the first Native American to serve as a cabinet secretary. Interior Secretary Deb Haaland with a transgender park ranger identified as "Pattie Gonia." (@SecDebHaaland / X screen shot) October 2023. To celebrate LGBT History Month, I joined outdoor advocate and climate movement ... strip our commonwealth of its history in the name of "inclusivity." Casey is too weak to lead. Time for new leadership. <https://t.co/bkgfV0HWtF> — Dave McCormick (@DaveMcCormickPA) January 8, 2024 Casey spoke out Monday evening after the Park Service had already caved, "I heard concerns that there were plans to permanently remove William Penn's statue from Welcome Park. After checking in with the **Department of the Interior**, I'm pleased to report that there are no plans to remove William Penn at this time." I heard concerns that there were plans to permanently remove William Penn's statue from Welcome Park. After checking in with the **Department of the Interior**, I'm pleased to report that there are no plans to remove William Penn at this time. — Senator Bob Casey (@SenBobCasey) January 8, 2024 New ...

27 Francos received provincial officials to discuss biofuels



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Market United States

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Author [World Nation News Desk](#)

Category National

Language English

Together with the Secretary of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries of the Ministry of Economy, Fernando Vilella; to the **Secretary of the Interior**, Lisandro Catalán; and the Undersecretary of Fuels and Hydrocarbons, Luis de Ridder; Francos indicated that during the meeting it was possible to "clarify some issues that are not well understood in the draft Law 'Base and Starting Points for the Freedom of Argentines' in relation to cutting bioethanol and biodiesel, which has a strong impact in the activity of small and medium-sized businesses ...

28 WTAG-AM



Source WTAG-AM (Fox News Radio)

Market DMA: 114 Springfield, MA

Time Jan 08, 2024 09:15 PM EST

Clip Length 1:00

Est. Audience 8,266

Est. Publicity USD \$30

Returning of labor right I can see if the secretary of labor went into the hospital big deal okay **secretary of the interior** big deal let me she's agreeing anyway but let's go to this not telling the president so there's two things out of this one we got children running the country or to the president did it was on a need to know basis and since joe Biden isn't really running the country why tell him his secretary of defense is in the hospital did barak %hesitation bomb I know he was in the hospital probably did would ...

29 POTUS



Source POTUS (Sirius XM)

Market National Programming

Time Jan 08, 2024 08:45 PM EST

Clip Length 1:00

... you look at almost a heartbreaking examples of presidents who got gifts from foreign governments, who brought them immediately to Congress when they wanted to keep them. I mean, Abraham Lincoln during the Civil War got a gift of two elephant tusks from the King of Siam. He immediately turned them over to Congress and asked if he could keep them. And Congress said no. Turn them over to the U.S. **Department of the Interior**. You know, President Kennedy was offered citizenship by the country of Ireland, which was obviously proud of Kennedy's Irish heritage. And he said even

though it didn't violate the letter of the Emoluments Clause, which says you can't take any money of any kind, whatever. And he said it violated the spirit of the monuments clause and he turned it down. The Barack Obama.

30 **2023: A year in review**



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Author [Philip S. Ruckle Jr.](#)

Category Local

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Est. Publicity USD \$6

Language English

... on the outside of the Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge Red Wolf Center one mile south of Columbia on Highway 94. The project transformed a nondescript beige building into an eye-catching work of art aimed at bringing awareness to the endangered red wolf population. MAY: The former Davis High School in Engelhard was listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) by the U.S. **Department of the Interior**/National Park Service. The NRHP is an official list of the nation's historic places worthy of preservation, authorized by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. Davis High School (later known as Davis School) was built in 1953 just west of the rural Hyde County fishing village of Engelhard and served black students from the nearby communities of Engelhard, Fairfield, Middletown, Nebraska ...

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31 **Pueblo's construction of water treatment plant ruffles feathers of its rural neighbors**



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Author [Scott Wyland swyland@sfnewmexican.com](mailto:swyland@sfnewmexican.com)**Category** Local**Est. Audience** 23,000**Est. Publicity** USD \$147**Language** English

... The Bureau of Reclamation is the entity ultimately responsible for the design and construction of the system," Moquino wrote. The public had a chance to review and comment on the system's design, including the water treatment plant's location, in a series of meetings in 2016 and 2017, Moquino wrote. The bureau hosted several of the hearings and invited written comments at that time, he added. The **Interior Department** approved the pueblo's "preferred alternative" for the treatment plant's location in 2019, he wrote. Although the system will serve other pueblos and county users, San Ildefonso agreed to house most of the infrastructure, including the treatment plant, on its land to serve the larger area, he added. San Ildefonso, he wrote, "sees this as benefitting not just the pueblo but the entire community in ...

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32 Congressional Deadlines to Watch in Early 2024

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... group do not receive additional funding, there will be a full government shutdown: Defense — U.S. Department of Defense Commerce, Justice and Science — U.S. Department of Commerce and U.S. Department of Justice Financial Services and General Government — U.S. Department of the Treasury Homeland Security — U.S. Department of Homeland Security Interior, Environment and Related Agencies — U.S. **Department of the Interior**, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Labor, Health, Human Services and Education — U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, U.S. Department of Labor, U.S. Department of Education Legislative Operations — U.S. Congress State and Foreign Operations — U.S. Department of State April 30: As part of the Fiscal Responsibility Act, Congress agreed to caps in defense and nondefense discretionary ...

33 No changes planned to William Penn statue in Philly, park service says

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... Administration throughout the day to correct this decision. I'm pleased Welcome Park will remain the rightful home of this William Penn statue — right here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Penn founded." Pa. Sen. Bob Casey added similar sentiments on his X account: "I heard concerns that there were plans to permanently remove William Penn's statue from Welcome Park. After checking in with the **Department of the Interior**, I'm pleased to report that there are no plans to remove William Penn at this time." The park is located on the site of William Penn's home, the Slate Roof House, and is named for the ship, Welcome, which transported Penn to Philadelphia. The design and construction of Welcome Park was funded by the Independence Historical Trust and was completed in 1982, the release said. Updates on the project ...

34 **Tender Notice: INTERIOR, DEPARTMENT OF THE Seeks "Noi for Noncompetitive Acquisition of Dataloggers" (140G0324Q0021)**



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United States, Jan. 8 -- **INTERIOR, DEPARTMENT OF THE** has posted a tender notice for "Noi for Noncompetitive Acquisition of Dataloggers." Tender Details: Description This is a notice of intent to solicit from a single source for the USGS Volcano Science Center.The US Geological Survey (USGS) intends to negotiate a purchase order with Nanometrics, Inc. for the purchase of quantity 4, Nanometrics Pegasus, PGS-140-128GB-MC digital recorders, ...

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35 **Environment and energy cases to watch this year**

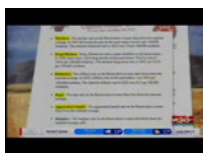


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... of Pyrologix, a Montana-based wildfire risk assessment and modeling firm. Better times ahead for offshore wind? Optimism for the offshore wind industry is on the rise again after a battering year of canceled projects and supply chain struggles, Heather Richards writes. But time is of the essence for industry and President Joe Biden, who made offshore wind a key part of his climate agenda. The **Interior Department** has 10 months to make good on its pledges, including approving 16 wind arrays by 2025. Still, "I think the headlines are different for 2024," said Theodore Paradise, an energy attorney at K&L Gates. "We've got better contracts, we've got better timelines, we've got a better sense of the supply chain." Can climate win in Utah? Utah's Curtis is burnishing his climate credentials amid a crowded ...

36 KELOLAND News at Six**Source** KELO (CBS) - Local**Market** DMA: 112 Sioux Falls, SD**Time** Jan 08, 2024 07:07 PM EST**Genre** News**Clip Length** 1:00**National Audience** 40,808**National Publicity** USD \$3,126

... adults struggle with alcoholism with 25% of the reservations children born with fetal alcohol syndrome. star comes out. Proclamation also shared that the reservation suicide rate is notably higher than the national rate with 177 suicide attempts among people in the 14 to 32 age bracket in 2020. In the declaration start comes out called on President Joe Biden to direct Deb Haaland, the u.s. **Secretary of the interior** task for not funding the have 2.8 officers for every 1000 people in the service population. Elgin Young chief of police of the Oglala Sioux Tribe says his department has 60 total sworn

37 KELOLAND News at Six**Source** KELO (CBS) - Local**Market** DMA: 112 Sioux Falls, SD**Time** Jan 08, 2024 07:06 PM EST**Genre** News**Clip Length** 1:00**National Audience** 40,808**National Publicity** USD \$3,126

... down because the u.s. government has failed in its quote, responsibility provide adequate law enforcement. Tonight Keloland's Dan Santella and Lawrence Olick continue their series emergency

and hope on Pine Ridge with a closer look at the declaration and the reality that communities on the reservation face. >> Oglala Sioux Tribe, President Frank Start comes out. Emergency proclamation says the **Department of the Interior** and Bureau of Indian Affairs not advocating for law enforcement funding has been a contributing factor in high

38 Biden admin announces Atlantic offshore wind sale, more to come



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By Heather Richards The **Interior Department** plans to hold an offshore wind auction next year off the coast of Virginia and Delaware, marking the potential fifth wind sale in the ocean since President Joe Biden took office and promised to supercharge the industry. The proposed sale would offer up to two areas to wind developers able to support up to 2.2. million homes with wind power. One is located roughly 40 miles from the mouth of the ...

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39 Biden threatens veto for House regulations bill



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Language English

... hurdles that would encumber the rulemaking process without providing any additional benefits, as

there are procedures already in place that provide for engagement, oversight, and accountability by Executive Branch agency leadership," OMB said in the statement. Republicans' concerns over the practice came to a head in October, when Biden elevated Laura Daniel-Davis to the No. 2 spot at the **Interior Department**. Republicans on the Energy and Natural Resources Committee had previously blocked her confirmation to a lower position, citing concerns about her views on climate change. GOP senators have expressed similar concerns about Biden's appointment of former UCLA professor and climate law expert Ann Carlson to serve as head of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The White House withdrew ...

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40 Congress prepares for year-end legislative scramble



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Language English

... that do not require confirmation. "Rules promulgated by Federal agencies effectively hold the same weight as law, and having rules issued by unelected career bureaucrats rather than an individual appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate is unacceptable," Cline said in a statement. The issue resurfaced in October, when Biden elevated Laura Daniel-Davis to the No. 2 spot at the **Interior Department**. Republicans on the Energy and Natural Resources Committee had previously blocked her confirmation to a lower position, citing concerns about her views on climate change. Commerce, Science and Transportation ranking member Ted Cruz (R-Texas) and other Republicans have expressed similar worries about Ann Carlson, a former UCLA professor with expertise in climate law who Biden earlier this year ...

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41 Biden admin officials, industry leaders to testify on mining



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... . As it stands, the General Mining Act of 1872 requires mines to pay no royalties, but the official said the mining sector has said it would support a rate of 2 percent. Also on the agenda is the "Clean Energy Minerals Reform Act of 2023,"S. 1742 , from Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.), which would set a gross royalty rate of no more than 8 percent and allow states and tribes to petition the **Interior Department** to remove lands from mining. While the Biden administration has yet to weigh in formally on the bills, Interior earlier this year released a raft of policy recommendations for boosting hardrock mining, which included a net royalty of between 4 and 8 percent. That money would then go toward reclaiming disturbed land, establishing a leasing system, and supporting communities and tribes affected by ...

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42 **Biden's new offshore ally: Oil majors**



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... has warned BOEM that insurance providers may not be interested in offering the bonds BOEM is pushing for. The White House decline to comment for this story. For its part, BOEM has said it's trying to cover a massive gap in liability coverage offshore that accrued over many years by requiring more financial backup from the companies that are more at risk of abandoning infrastructure. In 2015, the **Interior Department** held less than \$3 billion in bonds to cover roughly \$38 billion in decommissioning costs on the outer continental shelf, according to a Government Accountability Office study. BOEM Director Liz Klein told members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee in October that the rules were justified given the rate of financial insolvency offshore. "Recent corporate bankruptcies in the ...

43 Five companies to pay \$7.2 million settlement for natural resource damages to Toledo watershed areas



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Market Toledo, OH

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Language English

... , Ohio's goal moving forward is to maintain compliance under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). "For decades, these companies released toxic industrial pollutants into Ohio waterways, damaging our local wildlife and ecosystem," said Lutzko. "Our office is proud to assist the Justice Department's Environment and Natural Resources Division and the **Department of the Interior** in taking this critical step to protect our residents' health, preserve our environment and ensure compliance with CERCLA and other environmental laws." The Toledo mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz also commented that the settlement was a win for the city and benefited upcoming restoration projects planned for the area. "Toledo is committed to safeguarding our environment, and these settlements represent ...

44 2024: A policy crossroads for American offshore energy



Online News

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Language English

... , the current political landscape is laden with profound implications for our nation's energy security and economic prosperity. For too long, we've eagerly anticipated the launch of the much-awaited federal offshore oil and gas leasing program, a legal imperative. Astonishingly, when the previous program expired in June 2022, a replacement was nowhere in sight. Fig. 1. Under the leadership of **Secretary of the Interior** Deb Haaland, the federal offshore oil and gas leasing program has had a number of stops and starts. Image: U.S. **Department of the Interior**. The failed Biden leasing plan. Come late September, the administration (Fig. 1) unveiled the new leasing program, succinctly described in one word: a failure. It offers a mere three offshore oil and gas lease sales in the Gulf of Mexico, ... scheduled for 2025, 2027, and 2029—a stark departure from the historical norm of at least 10 sales in the Gulf over the program's duration. Compounding this misstep, the **Department of the**

Interior chose to postpone the requisite lease sale-specific environmental reviews. Traditionally completed concurrently with program development, these reviews take one to two years. Previous administrations, regardless of their political affiliations, diligently followed this process to ensure uninterrupted leasing activities. Remarkably, the decision to include only three sales in the next oil and gas ... leasing program will impede momentum behind offshore wind development. To issue offshore wind leases while adhering to the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), the DOI must offer at least 60 million acres annually for offshore oil and gas leasing. With only three potential sales spread across five years, the **Interior Department** will be unable to comply with the IRA and legally conduct offshore wind lease sales annually through 2029—a critical factor for supporting the growth of offshore renewables along America's coastlines. Fig. 2. The Rice's whale has been the centerpiece of administration attempts to sidestep Congress, the public, and established regulatory processes, to impose extensive restrictions on Gulf of ...

45 Islanders clear over 640 pounds of beach trash



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Language English

... month. The Beach BeFriends also organized an "emergency cleanup" at Squibnocket Beach in December, and cleared more than 300 pounds of trash. Sponsored by the Vineyard Conservation Society, the Beach BeFriends have more beach cleanups planned for the year. The next one will be done in collaboration with the Lagoon Pond Association in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, which the U.S. **Department of the Interior** notes is designated by Congress as a national day of service. Rich said the next beach cleanup will take place from 2 pm until sunset on Jan. 15, and volunteers will be posted at three locations around the Lagoon with "bags, gloves, and ice cream tokens for the kids," although she did recommend that people bring their own gloves and reused bags, if they have them. The cleanups are planned ...

46 National Oral History Project Documents Experiences of Indigenous Children at Federal Boarding Schools



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Author [BNN Correspondents](#)

Category National

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Language English

Unveiling a crucial chapter in U.S. history, the **Department of the Interior**, under the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative, has launched a groundbreaking national oral history project. The project aims to document the experiences of Indigenous children who were subjected to federal boarding schools in the country. Tasked with leading this project is the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABS), which has been granted \$3.7 million in funding ...

47 Tender Notice: DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT - REGION III Seeks "Board and Lodging - Strat Plan" (2024-0109)



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Language English

Philippines, Jan. 8 -- **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT - REGION III** has posted a tender notice for "Board and Lodging - Strat Plan." Tender Details: Tender are invited for Board and Lodging - Strat Plan Procurement Mode : Negotiated Procurement - Small Value Procurement (Sec. 53.9) Classification : Goods - General Support Services Category : Hotel and Lodging and Meeting Facilities Contract Duration : 7 Day/s Budget for the ...

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48 New Findings from Occidental College Describe Advances in Renewable Energy [Red Rock Crab (Cancer Productus) Movement Is Not Influenced By Electromagnetic Fields Produced By a Submarine Power Transmission Cable]



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... renewable energy (MRE) devices, such as ones that harness offshore wind and wave energy, are an effective supplement to traditional energy sources and can support the energy grid while combating climate change. As MRE development increases pace, it is important to anticipate impacts of these infrastructure projects on the marine environment." Financial support for this research came from US **Department of the Interior**, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) , Environmental Studies Program, Washington, DC. The news reporters obtained a quote from the research from Occidental College, "One potential impact is a localized change in electromagnetic fields (EMF) produced by energized submarine transmission cables. Though many marine species are sensitive to EMF, primarily for navigation and orientation purposes ...

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49 **Charging international tourists more to visit Yellowstone, Glacier, others parks could boost funding, study suggests**



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... to Yellowstone National Park pay \$35 a vehicle to enter. Increasing the fee for international travelers as a means to boost park income is considered in a recently published Property and Environment Research Center study.(Jacob W. Frank, NPS) Past ideas Proposals to raise national park entrance fees have been floated in the past, but have always withered. In 2017, Montana Congressmen and then **Secretary of the Interior** Ryan Zinke proposed raising entrance fees for all visitors to \$70 a vehicle at 17 of the nation's most popular parks. The idea faced fierce headwinds since park passes had been boosted a year earlier. The same year, the University of Montana's Institute for Tourism and Recreation Research authored a report looking at park entrance fee increases and the possible effect on gateway communities. The ...

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50 **'We are survivors:' National, Arizona projects aim to uncover, preserve histories of Native American boarding schools**





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Author [Ellie Willard Cronkite](#)

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Est. Publicity USD \$214

Language English

A national oral history project aims to document the experiences of Indigenous children who attended federal boarding schools. The **Department of the Interior** announced the project in September as part of the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative. The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABS) has been entrusted to lead the project with \$3.7 million in grant funding through the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

51 [Minority-serving institution designations and their implications at UCLA](#)



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... minority-serving institutions, which aim to serve specific minority groups with various resources and opportunities. UCLA is currently on the road to becoming both a Hispanic-serving institution and an Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-serving institution. With these goals in mind, what does it mean for a university to earn these designations? According to the United States **Department of the Interior**, minority-serving institutions are institutions of higher education that serve minority populations and offer social and educational skills in an effort to minimize the effects of racial discrimination and limited economic opportunities in academia. Marla Franco, vice president for the HSI initiatives at the University of Arizona, said becoming an MSI means higher education institutions ensure an ...

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52 [Fish & Wildlife Service Info Collection: Federal Fish, Wildlife](#)



Permit Applications, Reports - Native Endangered, Threatened Species

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Language English

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 -- The U.S. **Department of the Interior** Fish and Wildlife Service has proposed an information collection entitled "Federal Fish and Wildlife Permit Applications and Reports - Native Endangered and Threatened Species." The notice was issued by Madonna Baucum, Information Collection Clearance Officer. COMMENT DEADLINE: February 7, 2024 * * * SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife ...

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53 National Park Service: Sites in 11 States Proposed for National Register of Historic Places

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Language English

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 -- The U.S. **Department of the Interior** National Park Service has issued a notice, published in the Federal Register on Jan. 8, 2024, entitled "National Register of Historic Places; Notification of Pending Nominations and Related Actions." The notice was issued by Sherry A.

Frear, Chief, National Register of Historic Places/National Historic Landmarks Program. COMMENT
DEADLINE: January 23, 2024 * * * SUMMARY: The National Park Service ...

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54 **BLM: Notice of Intent to Amend Resource Management Plan for Uncompahgre Field Office, Prepare Associated EIS, Colo.**



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WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 -- The U.S. **Department of the Interior** Bureau of Land Management has issued a notice, published in the Federal Register on Jan. 5, 2024, entitled "Notice of Intent to Amend the Resource Management Plan for the Uncompahgre Field Office and Prepare an Associated Environmental Impact Statement, Colorado." The notice was issued by Douglas J. Vilsack, BLM Colorado State Director. COMMENT DEADLINE: February 20, 2024 * * * SUMMARY: In ...

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55 **National Park Service: Native American Human Remains Held by University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee From Clark County, Ind., Inventoried**



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WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 -- The U.S. **Department of the Interior** National Park Service has issued a notice, published in the Federal Register on Jan. 8, 2024, entitled "Notice of Inventory Completion: University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee." The notice was issued by Melanie O'Brien, Manager, National NAGPRA Program. * * * SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM) has ...

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56 National Park Service: Native American Human Remains Held by Bonanzaville, Cass County Historical Society From Unknown Locations Inventoried



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WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 -- The U.S. **Department of the Interior** National Park Service has issued a notice, published in the Federal Register on Jan. 8, 2024, entitled "Notice of Inventory Completion: Bonanzaville, Cass County Historical Society, West Fargo, ND." The notice was issued by Melanie O'Brien, Manager, National NAGPRA Program. * * * SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), Bonanzaville, Cass ...

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57 National Park Service: Native American Human Remains Held by California State University From Chico Inventoried



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WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 -- The U.S. **Department of the Interior** National Park Service has issued a notice, published in the Federal Register on Jan. 8, 2024, entitled "Notice of Inventory Completion: California State University, Chico." The notice was issued by Melanie O'Brien, Manager, National NAGPRA Program. * * * SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the California State University, Chico (CSU ...

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58 National Park Service: Native American Human Remains Held by Lake Mead National Recreation Area From Clark County, Nev., Inventoried



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WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 -- The U.S. **Department of the Interior** National Park Service has issued a notice, published in the Federal Register on Jan. 8, 2024, entitled "Notice of Inventory Completion: Lake Mead National Recreation Area, NV." The notice was issued by Melanie O'Brien, Manager, National NAGPRA Program. * * * SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the U.S. ... Repatriation Act, 25 U.S.C. 3003, and the implementing regulations, 43 CFR 10.9, 10.10, and 10.14. Dated: December 28, 2023. Melanie O'Brien, Manager, National NAGPRA Program. [FR Doc. 2024-00125 Filed 1-5-24; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4312-52-P * * * The document was published in the Federal Register: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/01/08/2024-00125/notice-of-inventory-completion->

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59 National Park Service: Native American Human Remains Held by Portland State University From Tillamook County, Ore., Inventoried



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Language English

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 -- The U.S. **Department of the Interior** National Park Service has issued a notice, published in the Federal Register on Jan. 8, 2024, entitled "Notice of Inventory Completion: Portland State University, OR." The notice was issued by Melanie O'Brien, Manager, National NAGPRA Program. * * * SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), Portland State University (PSU) has completed an ...

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60 National Park Service: Native American Human Remains Held by Yosemite National Park From Mariposa County, Calif., Inventoried



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WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 -- The U.S. **Department of the Interior** National Park Service has issued a notice, published in the Federal Register on Jan. 8, 2024, entitled "Notice of Inventory Completion: Yosemite National Park, El Portal, CA." The notice was issued by Melanie O'Brien, Manager, National NAGPRA Program. * * * SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the U.S. ... Repatriation Act, 25 U.S.C. 3003, and the implementing regulations, 43 CFR 10.9, 10.10, and 10.14. Dated: December 28, 2023. Melanie O'Brien, Manager, National NAGPRA Program. [FR Doc. 2024-00124 Filed 1-5-24; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4312-52-P * * * The document was published in the Federal Register:

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 -- The U.S. **Department of the Interior** National Park Service has issued a notice, published in the Federal Register on Jan. 8, 2024, entitled "Notice of Inventory Completion: Portland State University, OR." The notice was issued by Melanie O'Brien, Manager, National NAGPRA Program. * * * SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and

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63 National Park Service: California State University Intends to Repatriate Native American Cultural Items From Butte County

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64 **National Park Service: Native American Human Remains Held by Portland State University From Florida Inventoried**



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WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 -- The U.S. **Department of the Interior** National Park Service has issued a notice, published in the Federal Register on Jan. 8, 2024, entitled "Notice of Inventory Completion: Portland State University, OR." The notice was issued by Melanie O'Brien, Manager, National NAGPRA Program. * * * SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), Portland State University (PSU) has completed an ...

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65 **National Park Service: Native American Human Remains Held by Fort Ticonderoga Association From Essex County, N.Y., Inventoried**



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WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 -- The U.S. **Department of the Interior** National Park Service has issued a notice, published in the Federal Register on Jan. 8, 2024, entitled "Notice of Inventory Completion: The Fort Ticonderoga Association, NY." The notice was issued by Melanie O'Brien, Manager, National NAGPRA Program. * * * SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), The Fort Ticonderoga Association has ...

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66 Islanders clear over 640 lbs of beach trash

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... Island last month. The Beach BeFriends also organized an "emergency cleanup" at Squibnocket Beach in December and cleared over 300 lbs of trash. Sponsored by the Vineyard Conservation Society, the Beach BeFriends have more beach cleanups planned for the year. The next one will be done in collaboration with the Lagoon Pond Association in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, which the U.S. **Department of the Interior** states is designated by Congress as a national day of service. Rich said the next beach cleanup will take place from 2 pm until sunset on Jan. 15 and volunteers will be posted at three locations around the Lagoon with "bags, gloves, and ice cream tokens for the kids," although she did recommend that people bring their own gloves and reused bags if they have them. The cleanups are planned ...

67 Biden Admin to Remove William Penn Statue in 'Rehabilitation' of Park Dedicated to Pennsylvania Founder

**Source** [IJR](#)**Market** United States**Date Collected** Jan 08, 2024 03:22 PM EST**Author** [Ben Kew, Western Journal](#)

Category Other**Est. Audience** 52,713**Est. Publicity** USD \$488**Language** English

... , Jan. 8, 2024: The statue of William Penn targeted for removal is on the ground in the "Welcome Park" in Philadelphia. An earlier version of this article confused it with another statue of the Pennsylvania founder atop City Hall. The Biden administration is continuing its efforts to reshape American history. In a news release Friday, the National Park Service, which is governed by the **Department of the Interior**, said it would remove the statue of Pennsylvania founder William Penn from the Welcome Park in Philadelphia in order to "rehabilitate" the area and "provide a more welcoming, accurate, and inclusive experience for visitors." "The park is located on the site of William Penn's home, the Slate Roof House, and is named for the ship, Welcome, which transported Penn to Philadelphia ," the release ...

68 [Well Drilling Request on Wyoming Lease Denied by Federal Court](#)



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Judge said proposed drilling might affect bird habitat **Interior Department** looking at environmental impact on remand An energy trade association lost its bid to get approval for one of its members to drill two wells on Wyoming land where a federal court temporarily barred new lease sale authorizations. The Western Watersheds Project and Center for Biological Diversity challenged oil and gas leases on public lands across multiple western states, raising concern over the ...

69 [Wind Farm Produces First Energy Delivery](#)



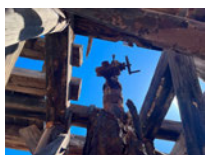
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... about five megawatts of power during the initial commissioning process. Additional testing is reportedly expected to occur both on and offshore in the coming weeks. Project Background In May

2021, President Joe Biden's administration announced the approval for construction and operation of Vineyard Wind 1. "A clean energy future is within our grasp in the United States," said Deb Haaland, **Secretary of the Interior**, at the time. "The approval of this project is an important step toward advancing the administration's goals to create good-paying union jobs while combatting climate change and powering our nation." New Year, New Energy! Avangrid is proud to deliver the First Power from its nation-leading Vineyard Wind 1 project to Massachusetts. Full story: <https://t.co/XrzfnZITdP> [pic.twitter.com/ ...](https://pic.twitter.com/...) review, which included the prohibition of installing turbines in locations closest to the coast and reducing the number of turbines from 100 to 84 or fewer. Additional changes also required that the turbines be constructed no less than 1 nautical mile apart to ease navigation and that a federal program is established to study the project's effect on scientific fishery surveys. In 2019, the **Interior Department** put a pause on the project by extending the environmental study in August. Then approved, the Vineyard Wind 1 was cited for construction over 160,000 acres of leased property roughly 12 nautical miles from the shoreline of Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. Estimated to have a \$2.8 billion price tag, joint venture Iberdrola and Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners had already been tapped for the ... in Europe, however, due to the lack of a U.S. supply chain for the domestic industry, the company noted, but then reported that the facility confirmed the use of GE Renewable Energy's huge Haliade-X turbines. The decision to use GE means that the project would reportedly only require up to 62 turbines. The project is reported to run in line with President Biden's—alongside the U.S. Department of **Interior, Department** of Energy and Department of Commerce—planned to deploy 30 gigawatts of offshore wind in America by 2030, while protecting biodiversity and promoting ocean co-use. According to the President's Fact Sheet, if the target was met it would "trigger more than \$12 billion per year in capital investment in projects on both U.S. coasts, create tens of thousands of good-paying, union jobs, with more than ... 44,000 workers employed in offshore wind by 2030 and nearly 33,000 additional jobs in communities supported by offshore wind activity." Then, in November of the same year, U.S. officials broke ground for the construction of Vineyard Wind 1. The groundbreaking ceremony was held in Covell's Beach, Barnstable, with **Secretary of the Interior** Deb Haaland, Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker and Representative Bill Keating. Work began with the building of two transmission cables to connect the offshore wind facility to the mainland. Vineyard Wind 1 was reportedly expected to contribute to the Biden-Harris administration's goal of 30 gigawatts of offshore wind energy by 2030 and Massachusetts' goal of 5.6 gigawatts within the same ...

70 Interior watchdog steps up to monitor billions of dollars



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Author [Michael Doyle](#)

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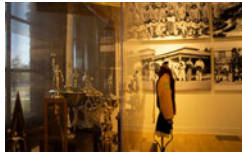
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Est. Publicity USD \$116

Language English

The influx of money allocated for orphan well cleanup and mine reclamation is among the **Interior Department** priorities that the Office of Inspector General plans to dig into this year.

71 'We are survivors:' National, Arizona projects aim to uncover, preserve histories of Native American boarding schools



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Market Phoenix, AZ

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Author [Adnan Alam](#)

Category Local

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Language English

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73 Menominee Tribe to host community open house on proposed

Kenosha casino



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Market Kenosha, WI

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Author [Daniel Gaitan](#)

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Est. Publicity USD \$54

Language English

... in the agreement. People are also reading... Last week, the City Council voted 11-6 to approve its own intergovernmental agreement with the tribe, which hopes to work with Florida-based Hard Rock International and build a \$360 million casino complex in the City of Kenosha on 60 acres just west of Interstate 94. Under both the city and county agreements, the Menominee would apply to the U.S.

Department of the Interior to place the lands in federal trust for gaming purposes, effectively taking them out of taxing jurisdictions. Payments in the intergovernmental agreements are intended to help offset projected losses from tax revenues and costs for projected future increased costs of law enforcement and social services as a result of the casino. The County Board postponed voting on the agreement last month with ...

74 Environmental Regulations to Watch in 2024



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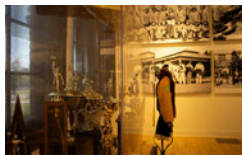
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75 National, Arizona projects preserve Native American boarding school history



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76 WMBS-AM



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77 Environmental Regulations to Watch in 2024

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78 [Man cycling 18,000 miles to all US national parks hopes to inspire change](#)

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... around less emission transportation. He hopes to "get people excited about riding their bikes and reclaiming some of their space in the parks." Additionally, McCullough wants more people to advocate for better cycling safety, access and infrastructure in national parks. His long-range goal is to organize people he has met along his trip to take their concerns to park superintendents and the U.S.

Department of the Interior. Follow McCullough's trek at this link. Photo Gallery Spencer McCullough and a friend hike The Narrows, Zion National Park, Utah, unspecified date | Photo courtesy of Spencer McCullough, St. George News Spencer McCullough is promoting cycling instead of emissions-releasing vehicles in national parks nationwide, Bryce Canyon National Park, Utah, unspecified date | Photo courtesy of Spencer ...

79 [POTUS](#)

**Source** POTUS (Sirius XM)**Market** National Programming**Time** Jan 08, 2024 01:45 PM EST**Clip Length** 1:00

... back and you look at almost heartbreaking examples of presidents who got gifts from foreign governments, who brought them immediately to Congress when they wanted to keep them. I mean,

Abraham Lincoln during the Civil War got a gift of two elephant tusks from the King of Siam. He immediately turned them over to Congress and asked if he could keep them, and Congress said no. Turn them over to the **Department of the Interior**. You know, President Kennedy was offered citizenship by the country of Ireland, which was obviously proud of Kennedy's Irish heritage. And he said even though it didn't violate the letter of the Emoluments Clause, which says you can't take any money of any kind, whatever, and he said it violated the spirit furthermore clause and he turned it down.

80 WUTQ-FM



Source WUTQ-FM (CBS News Radio)

Market DMA: 172 Utica, NY

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Est. Audience 6,625

Est. Publicity USD \$45

Fine with that nobody's trying to tear that down at the same time pen park it's called hand part but asheville park service put out a press release as is the Biden administration's national park service **interior department** tearing down William Penn from Penn Park in Pennsylvania because they're here to dismantle our country they should probably rename the state after %hesitation George Floyd gunship thank maybe it'll be come Floyd okay nyah but Georgia Vanya that too much like George Washington at me George Floyd a vein yeah Penn apart seeks input on the rehabilitation of welcome park it's called welcome park ...

81 2023: A year in review



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Market Manteo, NC

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Author [Philip S. Ruckle Jr](#)

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... on the outside of the Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge Red Wolf Center one mile south of Columbia on Highway 94. The project transformed a nondescript beige building into an eye-catching work of art aimed at bringing awareness to the endangered red wolf population. MAY: The former Davis High School in Engelhard was listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) by the U.S. **Department of the Interior**/National Park Service. The NRHP is an official list of the nation's historic places worthy of preservation, authorized by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. Davis High School (later known as Davis School) was built in 1953 just west of the rural Hyde County fishing village of Engelhard and served black students from the nearby communities of Engelhard,

Fairfield, Middletown, Nebraska ...

82 Biden Admin to Remove William Penn Statue in 'Rehabilitation' of Park Dedicated to Pennsylvania Founder



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83 DOI Proposes To Overhaul NRD Assessment Rule To Encourage Settlements



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January 4, 2024 The **Interior Department** (DOI) is proposing to update its Superfund natural resource damage assessment and restoration (NRDAR) rules, overhauling the rarely used "Type A" streamlined assessments to provide more flexibility and encourage settlements. "The Department is proposing to re-formulate the Type A Rule as a procedural structure for negotiated settlements by utilizing tools tailored to incidents of smaller scale ...

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84 Federal grant to help preserve fish, floating on Clark Fork River



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Author [Laura Lundquist - Missoula Current](#)

Category Local

Est. Audience 8,152

Est. Publicity USD \$78

Language English

MISSOULA — River conservationists are one step closer to opening more of the upper Clark Fork basin to fish and people thanks to help from a federal grant. At the end of December, the U.S.

Department of the Interior announced grants of more than \$51 million to watershed and river restoration projects nationwide through the Bureau of Reclamation's new WaterSMART Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Program. The Bureau of Reclamation awards were made possible through the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Within the awards package, Trout Unlimited received \$5.8 million for projects in Montana, Idaho, Wyoming and ...

85 2023: A year in review - The Coastland Times



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Market North Carolina, US

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86 Martin Luther King Jr. for Kids (Google Slides, Videos, and More)



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Market United States

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Author [Jill Staake](#)

Category Other

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... , with these top resources. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service Volunteers on Martin Luther King Jr. Day / Deb Haaland, Public domain, via Wikimedia Commons Each year, people across the country use the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday to give back to their communities. Organize a day of service with your students to join the movement. Learn more: Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service at U.S. **Department of the Interior** Meaningful Martin Luther King Jr. Classroom Activities We Are Teachers / Deep Space Sparkle / Activities for Kids Our roundup of Martin Luther King Jr. activities includes coloring pages, classroom lessons, school and community activities, and much more. Try it: Meaningful Martin Luther King Jr. Activities for All Ages Martin Luther King Jr. Worksheets We Are Teachers These free Martin Luther ...

87 Wisconsin Hunter Finds Dead Bald Eagle With Its Talons Buried In A Deer Fawn's Skull


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... a smart move on his part. The species is federally protected under the Bald & Golden Eagle Protection Act which provides criminal penalties for persons who: "Take, possess, sell, purchase, barter, offer to sell, purchase or barter, transport, export or import, at any time or any manner, any bald or golden eagle, alive or dead, or any part, nest, or egg thereof without a permit issued by the **Secretary of the Interior**." Given the circumstances the DNR was able to grant him permission to relocate the bird to their possession. DNR biologists will run a series of tests on the bird to see if they can gain more insights on the potential cause of death. Neal Herrman discovered this wild scene while scouting turkeys. He believes the deer had been dead for three days or so and the eagle about 12 hours when ...

88 Five Companies Agree to Pay \$7.2 Million to Settle Allegations of Natural Resource Damages to Watershed Areas in Toledo, Ohio

**Source** [United States Department of Justice](#)**Market** United States**Date Collected** Jan 08, 2024 12:16 PM EST**Category** Government**Est. Audience** 442,898**Est. Publicity** USD \$6,813**Language** English

... additional benefits to the local community and this important river and coastal area." "For decades, these companies released toxic industrial pollutants into Ohio waterways, damaging our local wildlife and ecosystem," said U.S. Attorney Rebecca C. Lutzko for the Northern District of Ohio. "Our office is proud to assist the Justice Department's Environment and Natural Resources Division and the **Department of the Interior** in taking this critical step to protect our residents' health, preserve our environment and ensure compliance with CERCLA and other environmental laws." A draft Restoration Plan, also being made available today by the USFWS for a 30-day public review and comment period, recommends restoration work at the Delaware and Clark Island Complex within the Maumee River. This project will improve water ... 23 acres of alluvial islands and constructing shoreline enhancements to reduce further island erosion. The project also includes the creation and restoration of island, wetland and submerged habitat for aquatic and bird wildlife as well as vegetation, including plantings of native plants. Attorneys from ENRD's Environmental Enforcement Section are handling the case in conjunction with the **Department of the Interior** and USFWS. The proposed consent decrees were lodged in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio. The settlements are subject to a 30-day comment period and final court approval. The consent decrees will be available for viewing on the Justice Department's website at www.justice.gov/enrd/consent-decrees.

89 Weekly: Sotera Health (SHC: \$15.75) slides 7% on thin volume;  -\$1.10 [6.5%]

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Est. Publicity USD \$2

Language English

... 2015 to September 2019, where she oversaw the company's \$140 million annual charitable contributions. She was a partner at Crowell & Moring in Washington, D.C. from 2006 to 2007, where she served as co-chair of the firm's Environment and Natural Resources Group. Prior to Crowell & Moring, she served as general counsel to the USEPA, as counselor and special assistant to the Secretary of the U.S. **Department of the Interior** and as chief counsel to the U.S. Senate's Environment and Public Works Committee. Ms. Klee is currently a director at Wabtec Corporation and is the chair of the EHS subcommittee of the nominating and corporate governance committee of the board of directors. She holds a B.A. with High Honors in classics from Swarthmore College and a J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School. She ...

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90 Weekly: Liberty Oilfield Services (LBRT: \$18.64) shares post best week in three weeks; +50c [2.8%]



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Language English

... Norton has over three decades of experience handling energy, natural resources and environmental issues. She has been the President of Norton Regulatory Strategies, a consulting firm, since 2011. From 2007 to 2010, she served as General Counsel, Unconventional Oil, of Royal Dutch Shell, an international oil and natural gas company. Prior to joining Shell, Ms. Norton served as the **Secretary of the Interior** of the United States under President George W. Bush from 2001 to 2006, helping shape our nation's energy policies. She was Attorney General of the State of Colorado from 1991 to 1999. Shareholder Value:Creation of shareholder value in Liberty Oilfield Services:Since appointment as Director: The present value of \$1,000 invested on the appointment date of July 23, 2019 at close price of \$13.45 is \$...

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91 Weekly: FMC (FMC: \$60.78) drops 3.6% on firm volume; -\$2.27 [3.6%]



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Kempthorne Director Principal Occupation: President and CEO, American Council of Life Insurers Age: 64 Director Since: 2009 Governor Kempthorne was appointed to his current position with the American Council of Life Insurers in November 2010. Prior to that, he served as the 49th United States **Secretary of the Interior** from June 2006 until January 2009. From January 1999 until his appointment as **Secretary of the Interior**, Governor Kempthorne served as the Governor of Idaho. He was also a United States Senator representing the State of Idaho from 1993 to 1999 and was the Mayor of Boise, Idaho from 1986 to 1993. Governor Kempthorne has been Chairman of the National Governors Association, ...

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92 Biden Admin to Remove William Penn Statue in 'Rehabilitation' of Park Dedicated to Pennsylvania Founder



Source [Independent Journal](#)

Market United States

Date Collected Jan 08, 2024 12:03 PM EST

Author [Western Journal](#)

Category National

Est. Audience 52,713

Est. Publicity USD \$962

Language English

The Biden administration is continuing its efforts to reshape American history. In a news release Friday, the National Park Service, which is governed by the **Department of the Interior**, said it would remove the statue of Pennsylvania founder William Penn from the Welcome Park in Philadelphia in order to "rehabilitate" the area and "provide a more welcoming, accurate, and inclusive experience for visitors." "The park is located on the site of William Penn's home, the Slate Roof House, and is named for the ship, Welcome, which transported Penn to Philadelphia," the release said. ...

93 Federal grant to help preserve fish, floating on Clark Fork River



Source [Missoula Current](#)

Market Missoula, MT

Date Collected Jan 08, 2024 11:12 AM EST

Author [Missoula Current](#)

Category Local

Est. Audience 4,619

Est. Publicity USD \$44

Language English

Laura Lundquist (Missoula Current) With the help of a federal grant, river conservationists are one step closer to opening more of the upper Clark Fork basin to fish and people. At the end of December, the U.S. **Department of the Interior** announced grants of more than \$51 million to watershed and

river restoration projects nationwide through the Bureau of Reclamation's new WaterSMART Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Program. The Bureau of Reclamation awards were made possible through the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Within the awards package, Trout Unlimited received \$5.8 million for projects in Montana, Idaho, Wyoming and ...

94 THE DARK SIDE OF ELECTRIFICATION



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Source [Fleet Maintenance](#)

Market United States

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Author [John Hitch](#)

Category Trade

Est. Audience 105,000

Est. Publicity USD \$300

Language English

... political consequences," ATA President and CEO Chris Spear responded, adding that "California's sure-to-fail approach is not the only option." Spear reasoned that a better strategy is "ensuring the necessary infrastructure is in place and allowing for a range of technological solutions to prevail, rather than one-size-fits-all mandates." In another broad move to protect the environment, Biden's **Interior Department** has placed a moratorium in Minnesota on mining cobalt, needed to make the large lithium-ion batteries used in electric trucks, and other metals. The Republic of Congo currently supplies a majority of the world's cobalt, which it sends to China to refine and make batteries. The mines require the cutting down of millions of trees, which naturally remove CO2 from the atmosphere, and extraction of ...

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95 The Conservative Circus w/ James T. Harris



Source KFYIAM (Fox News Radio) - Local

Market DMA: 11 Phoenix (Prescott), AZ

Time Jan 08, 2024 10:55 AM EST

Genre Talk

Clip Length 1:00

Est. Audience 107,500

Est. Publicity USD \$295

Days, according to two senior administration officials, what was in the ICU for at least four days. I mean, I could maybe understand not knowing if like the **secretary of the interior** was in the hospital

or like the energy secretary or, you know, this is the defense secretary, This is probably the most, if not the second most important cabinet member that you have, especially at a time when we're fighting one proxy war in Europe and, you know, heavily involved in a military conflict in the Middle East, we got U.S. forces under attack, bases under attack, assets under attack. ...

96 KNST



Source KNST (Premiere Networks)

Market DMA: 65 Tucson, AZ

Time Jan 08, 2024 10:55 AM EST

Clip Length 1:00

Est. Audience 31,399

Est. Publicity USD \$174

Maybe understand not knowing if like the **secretary of the interior** was in the hospital are like the energy secretary or you know the defense secretary is probably the most if not a second most important cabinet member that you have it specially at a time more fighting %hesitation one proxy war in europe and you know heavily involved in a military conflict in the middle east we guide %hesitation U. S. Forces under attack base is under attack assets under attack ...

97 KARN-FM



Source KARN-FM (CBS News Radio)

Market DMA: 60 Little Rock, AR

Time Jan 08, 2024 10:39 AM EST

Clip Length 1:00

Est. Audience 29,236

Est. Publicity USD \$150

As is the Biden administration's national park service **interior department** tearing down William Penn from Penn Park in Pennsylvania because they're here to dismantle our country Penn Park seeks input on the rehab militate shun of welcome park it's called welcome park they should probably rename the state after G. %hesitation George Floyd Dodger thank maybe it'll be come Floyd obeying yeah a Georgia Vanya that too much like George Washington and me George Floyd of thing ...

98 WHBO-AM



Source WHBO-AM (Fox Sports Radio)

Market DMA: 13 Tampa, FL

Time Jan 08, 2024 10:38 AM EST

Clip Length 1:00

Est. Audience 7,179

Est. Publicity USD \$14

Service put out a press release as as the biden administrations national park service **interior department** tearing down william penn from penn park in pennsylvania because they're here to dismantle our country they should probably rename the state after G. %hesitation george floyd gotcha thank maybe it'll be come floyd ovarian yeah but georgia vanya that too much like george washington enemy george floyd of thing yeah penn park seeks input on the rehabilitation of welcome park it's called welcome park ...

99 WFNC-AM



Source WFNC-AM (CBS News Radio)

Market DMA: 23 Raleigh-Durham, NC

Time Jan 08, 2024 10:38 AM EST

Clip Length 1:00

Est. Audience 10,185

Est. Publicity USD \$24

Like a ten foot high bronze statue of %hesitation of vladimir lenin vladimir iliad you're not his real name they'll use fake names but but they're fine with that nobody's trying to tear that down at the same time pen part it's called panned park the national park service put out a press release as is the biden administrations national park service **interior department** tearing down william penn from penn park in pennsylvania because they're here to dismantle our country they should probably rename the state after do %hesitation george floyd lunch affect many don't be come floyd ovarian yeah but georgia vanya that too much like george washington enemy george floyd a vein yeah penn park seeks input on the rehabilitation of welcome park it's called welcome park ...

100 WVLK-AM



Source WVLK-AM (ABC News Radio)

Market DMA: 63 Lexington, KY

Time Jan 08, 2024 10:38 AM EST

Clip Length 1:00

Est. Audience 21,655

Est. Publicity USD \$69

... should probably rename the state after G. %hesitation george floyd mansion thank that it'll be come floyd ovarian yeah the bush reagan seattle inside it was either portland as yeltsin seattle as %hesitation like a ten foot high bronze statue of %hesitation of vladimir lenin vladimir iliad you're not his real name they'll use fake names but as is the biden administrations national park service **interior department** tearing down william penn from penn park in pennsylvania because they're here to dismantle our country when george

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1 [BLM botanist to discuss native seed program during Jan. 15 talk](#)



Source [Billings Gazette](#)

Market Billings, MT

Date Collected Jan 08, 2024 08:51 AM EST

Author Billings Gazette

Category Local

Est. Audience 27,715

Est. Publicity USD \$746

Language English

... in Montana and the Dakotas since 2011. She has worked to establish numerous partnerships to help collect, develop and increase native plant materials for use in restoration efforts on public land. Much of the focus for the use of native seeds is to help diversify prairie habitat that was planted with nonnative grass during the homestead era. The Seeds of Success program was established by the **Department of the Interior** in 2001 to collect and conserve native plant seeds for the restoration of degraded public lands. According to the BLM website, the program has already established more than

27,000 individual native seed collections. This program received a boost in funding from the 2021 Infrastructure Act, and some of the projects will directly benefit Montana. Velman will also discuss the importance of ...

2 Civil servants' association warns of weakening of the state due to staff shortage



Source [Teller Report](#)

Market United States

Date Collected Jan 08, 2024 08:40 AM EST

Category Consumer

Est. Audience 50,539

Est. Publicity USD \$521

Language English

... schools can be renovated and teachers employed." New routes are needed to advance the transport and energy transition. Investments must be made in the health system and in security. Addressing the federal government and Chancellor Olaf Scholz (SPD), Silberbach said: "It is not enough with phrases such as oomph, double whammy or Germany speed." Government wants to strengthen public service State **Secretary of the Interior** Bernd Krösser, who represented Federal Minister of the Interior Nancy Faeser (SPD), focused on federal efforts to strengthen the public service. "We're doing a lot at the moment to promote public service." For example, working conditions have been made more flexible and recruitment opportunities have been expanded. Greater scrutiny will have to be carried out: "Which formal and non-formal ...

3 The 118th Congress. Part II



Source [Lex Anteinternet](#)

Market United States

Date Collected Jan 08, 2024 08:34 AM EST

Author Pat, Marcus & Alexis

Category Other

Language English

... are true, so what it seems to amount to is the whole scale adoption of a really stupid set of beliefs about taxation. November 3, 2023 Ted Lieu @tedlieu · 7h · Under new Republican leadership, we are voting late at night on ... stupid stuff. We are about to vote on: -Reducing salary of EPA Administrator to \$1 -Reducing salary of Director of Bureau of Land Management to \$1 -Reducing salary of **Secretary of the Interior** to \$1 Congresswoman Chellie Pingree @chelliepingree · 9h I just had to explain to my Republican colleague from Georgia that Robert E. Lee was not a founding father. It's been a very long day on the House floor. November 8, 2023 November 8, 2023 Hamas v. Israel War U.S. Rep Rashida Tlaib was censured for her "river to the sea" comment. Tlaib is of Palestinian extraction and has a vocal critic ...

4 Republicans plan to thrash Biden's offshore oil plans



Source E&E News - E&E Daily

Market United States

Date Collected Jan 08, 2024 08:27 AM EST

Author By Heather Richards

Category Other

Est. Audience 12,499

Est. Publicity USD \$116

Language English

A hearing this week will be the first since the **Interior Department** finalized its five-year drilling plan.

5 KKNW-AM



Source KKNW-AM (Westwood One Network)

Market DMA: 12 Seattle, WA

Time Jan 08, 2024 08:25 AM EST

Clip Length 1:00

... black bay black groceries or is every age but then when I go back to I heard south dakota that i'm not thinking that I have even though we have on our own reservation i'm seeing such a huge this the medical pressure within my own recordation our own haitian alone and we are the largest native american population in the united states and so we re philly guy bad haley which in theory imperial **interior department** on on you know we just got for %hesitation and she was a person heat of american to ever be in a position and %hesitation we you know

6 WTAG-AM



Source WTAG-AM (Fox News Radio)

Market DMA: 114 Springfield, MA

Time Jan 08, 2024 08:20 AM EST

Clip Length 1:00

Est. Audience 17,300

Est. Publicity USD \$127

Buying so dissing gauged that he could go for days without talking to his secretary of defense I find that hard to believe given what's going on in the world right now okay he can go for days without talking to the secretary of labor **secretary of the interior** yeah come home secretary of transportation show are useless but secretary defense secretary of state and secretary of the treasury three pretty you're telling me that the secretary defense with everything that's going on in the world with with china rattling their sabres around taiwan north korea doing what they do ukraine all this

7 Weekly: CuriosityStream (CURI: 53.78c) decreases on weak volume; -0.23c [0.4%]



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... Keeley was a partner at the law firm of Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. in Washington, DC. There he represented oil and gas producers, pipelines, distribution companies, refineries, industry associations, and independent power producers in commercial transactions and proceedings, administrative proceedings, and litigation before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Department of Energy, the **Department of the Interior**, and various other federal and state courts and commissions. Preceding Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. in 1977, Mr. Keeley was an assistant to the General Counsel of the Federal Power Commission in Washington, DC. Mr. Keeley received his B.A. in business administration from Georgetown University in 1970 and his J.D. degree from Fordham University in 1975. SECTION 7 PEER COMPARISON & RANKING OF CURI 7.1 ...

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8 WNTP**Source** WNTP (Salem Radio Network)**Market** DMA: 4 Philadelphia, PA**Time** Jan 08, 2024 08:19 AM EST**Clip Length** 1:00**Est. Audience** 29,499**Est. Publicity** USD \$85

... you remember much about william penn just off the top of your head off the top of my head other than him being a writer and then him being given the land of pennsylvania and sylvania means penn's woods so past that honestly chris has been a little while that's ok this is the point i think it's important that joe Biden and this administration not get away with what the national park service in the **interior department** and the Biden administration are trying to get away with in erasing the legacy of william penn because you should know it if you don't know it so if you didn't hear the story let me just start with this the national park service is proposing to rehabilitate welcome park you know welcome park don't you fasted for people not in the area where would you you would describe that is right there on the ...

9 **WHYN****Source** WHYN (Premiere Networks)**Market** DMA: 114 Springfield, MA**Time** Jan 08, 2024 08:18 AM EST**Clip Length** 1:00**Est. Audience** 16,100**Est. Publicity** USD \$119

... to tell joe joe you just while make the speeches or was it yes is joe biden so disengaged that he could go for days without talking to his secretary of defense I find that hard to believe given what's going on in the world right now come home secretary dress for jason sure are useless but secretary of defense secretary of state okay he can go for days without talking to the secretary of labor **secretary of the interior** and secretary of the treasury those three pretty you're telling me

10 **Two-bagger Finmeccanica ADR (FINMY: \$8.81) gains 7%; +61c [7.4%]**

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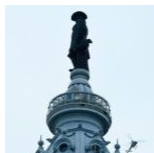
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... officer in the Army and a short stint working at the Treasury, he joined the Ministry of the Interior, in the role of Senior Police Officer. He spent most of his professional career in the Police Force (until 1994), when he was appointed Prefect, First Class. In 2000 he was appointed Chief of Police - Director General of Law Enforcement. Subsequently, in 2007, he was made Head of Cabinet at the **Department of the Interior**. During this appointment, due to the exceptional severity of the crisis related to the disposal of waste in Campania, the Government entrusted him for a period of 120 days with temporary management of the emergency, appointing him Special Commissioner. In 2008 he was appointed Director General of the Department of Security Information (DIS), with the additional task of implementing, the regulatory ...

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11 **Biden Admin to Remove William Penn Statue in 'Rehabilitation' of Park Dedicated to Pennsylvania Founder**



Source [Western Journal](#)

Market United States

Date Collected Jan 08, 2024 07:57 AM EST

Author Ben Kew

Category National

Est. Audience 352,145

Est. Publicity USD \$3,575

Language English

The Biden administration is continuing its efforts to reshape American history. In a news release Friday, the National Park Service, which is governed by the **Department of the Interior**, said it would remove the statue of Pennsylvania founder William Penn from the Welcome Park in Philadelphia in order to "rehabilitate" the area and "provide a more welcoming, accurate, and inclusive experience for visitors." "The park is located on the site of William Penn's home, the Slate Roof House, and is named for the ship, Welcome, which transported Penn to Philadelphia," the release said. ...

12 [WTAG-AM](#)



Source WTAG-AM (Fox News Radio)

Market DMA: 114 Springfield, MA

Time Jan 08, 2024 07:17 AM EST

Clip Length 1:00

Est. Audience 17,013

Est. Publicity USD \$133

... can glean from this one either children are running our country right now people who aren't really serious because given the importance of the position of the department of defense I outlined what what they're facing that that's just like the tip of the iceberg of what the department of defense is facing and you would think our chief executive would be in contact with him on a regular basis okay **secretary of the interior** big deal let me she's a green he anyway but let's go to this not telling the president so there's two things out of this one more so than say the secretary of labor right I can see if the secretary of labor went into the hospital big deal we got children running the country or to the president did it was on a need to know basis in

13 [WHYN](#)



Source WHYN (Premiere Networks)

Market DMA: 114 Springfield, MA

Time Jan 08, 2024 07:16 AM EST

Clip Length 1:00

Est. Audience 15,039

Est. Publicity USD \$118

The department of defense I outlined what what they're facing that that's just like the tip of the iceberg of what the department of defense is facing and you would think our chief executive would be in contact with him on a regular basis more so than say the secretary of labor right I can see if the secretary of labor went into the hospital big deal okay **secretary of the interior** big deal let me she's agreeing anyway but let's go to this not telling the president so there's two things out of this one we got children running the country or to the president did it was on a need to know basis instance joe Biden isn't really running the country why tell him his secretary of defense is in the hospital did Barack Obama's hesitation bomb I know he was in the hospital probably did but ...

14 Offshore wind faces more financial turbulence in 2024



Source E&E Publishing LLC

Market United States

Date Collected Jan 08, 2024 07:11 AM EST

Author Heather Richards

Category Trade

Est. Audience 13,586

Est. Publicity USD \$63

Language English

... wind industry. "Our demand has outstripped not only the U.S. supply chain but the global supply chain." The obstacles are coming to a head as Biden faces a tough election year and is aiming to prove his climate bona fides to needed voters on the left, some of whom have criticized the administration for not meeting 2020 campaign promises such as ending new oil drilling on public lands. The **Interior Department** has 10 months to deliver on other White House offshore wind promises before Election Day, including pledges to approve 16 wind arrays by 2025 and hold lease sales in areas like the Gulf of Maine. But optimism for the industry is growing as inflation eases and interest rates trend downward. Also, states have boosted enthusiasm by seeking contracts for a whopping 14 gigawatts of offshore wind power ... for millions more in funding for the Office of Renewable Energy Programs, which handles offshore wind. The bureau is working this year on potentially holding new lease sales in the Gulf of Maine and two other areas of the U.S.: off the coast of Oregon and in the central Atlantic. Two of the three sales face unique pushback at the local level, and all three require extensive planning in the **Interior Department**. In Maine, lobster fishermen have mounted an opposition to offshore wind development, and in Oregon pro-renewables state leaders like Sen. Ron Wyden, a Democrat, have at times expressed concerns about offshore wind being advanced without enough study of its impacts to the Pacific environment. Will the economic pressure relent? Ripple effects from offshore wind's 2023 financial troubles are ...

15 Johnson, Schumer announce top-line spending deal



Source E&E Publishing LLC

Market United States

Date Collected Jan 08, 2024 07:11 AM EST

Author Andres Picon
Category Trade
Est. Audience 13,586
Est. Publicity USD \$55
Language English

... the most conservative members of his conference. In passing seven partisan spending bills last fall — including Energy-Water — House Republicans approved billions of dollars in clawbacks from Democrats' climate law, as well as reductions to Biden's civilian climate corps, major clean energy and energy efficiency programs and the salaries of key officials at EPA, the Department of Energy and the **Department of the Interior**. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) said Sunday's spending agreement will "allow us to keep the investments for hardworking American families [that were] secured by the legislative achievements of President Biden and Congressional Democrats." Biden said the agreement "rejects deep cuts to programs hardworking families count on, and provides a path to passing full-year funding bills ...

16 We Got Lucky With the Mystery Dog Illness

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Author Caroline Mimbs Nyce

Category National

Est. Audience 1,380,322

Est. Publicity USD \$7,522

Language English

... to emergency care, and equipment such as ventilators. "I am concerned that we don't have enough of that to deal with a big pandemic as it relates to pets," Jane Sykes, a medicine and epidemiology professor at the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine and the founder of the International Society for Companion Animal Infectious Diseases, told me. Congress has mandated that the CDC, USDA, and **Department of the Interior**, which oversees wildlife, work on strengthening "federal coordination and collaboration on threats related to diseases that can spread between animals and people," Colin Basler, the deputy director of CDC's One Health Office, wrote in an email statement. A new, deadly canine disease would almost certainly leave experts scrambling to respond, in some way. And in that scramble, pet owners could be ...

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17 WNTP

Source WNTP (Salem Radio Network)



Market DMA: 4 Philadelphia, PA

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Est. Audience 23,443

Est. Publicity USD \$81

... trying to hold it together near death's door trying to defeat the british this house can't walk down a flight of stairs he couldn't stand outside this president with all the trappings of the office all he need is a coat and a teleprompter he couldn't weather it anyway so yeah weather is part of it but i also think the national park service there are a lot of look folks there are still it's the **interior department** generally in the national park service general and we're going to get into more this in a minute on the william penn stuff because i know you've heard about it these people are elegantly non partisan at least for most of the now of course when you're talking about political appointees and senior leadership they're always partisans but if you know anybody that's in the park service and i've had ...

18 WNTP



Source WNTP (Salem Radio Network)

Market DMA: 4 Philadelphia, PA

Time Jan 08, 2024 06:26 AM EST

Clip Length 1:00

Est. Audience 23,443

Est. Publicity USD \$81

... philadelphia area that is an immediate collar county of philadelphia blue bell not far outside why do you suppose this venue fast that's interesting because remember last year it was a big to do about the nutcracker sweet marine standing behind them and the fiery red from hell pounding of the fists do you think the of course now he's trying to tear down all presence of william penn with the **interior department** now i guess is it a bad look if you show up and do a dictator speech for a second year in front of independence hall on the same weekend you announce you're going to strip william penn and any identity of william penn from philadelphia maybe maybe he needed to cover so he had to go out into suburban philadelphia in order to pull off the the fiery although everybody said it was very patriotic ...

19 How current is that wildfire risk map? Depends on the state.



Source E&E Publishing LLC

Market United States

Date Collected Jan 08, 2024 06:24 AM EST

Author Avery Ellfeldt

Category Trade

Est. Audience 13,586**Est. Publicity** USD \$63**Language** English

... particularly when they're comprehensive, localized and up to date — can be a critical resource for residents, fire departments and local governments. "A lot of the state-led efforts are trying to communicate to their communities and residents in the state about the risk to private property or municipalities" or infrastructure, said Jolie Pollet, wildfire risk reduction program coordinator at the **Interior Department**. That's slightly different, Pollet added, than existing federal mapping efforts that largely focus on protecting ecosystems on federal lands — or are targeted toward communities but may not be as granular. The state-led tools allow users to apply different layers such as weather conditions, vegetation and local infrastructure to identify which parts of the landscape are most likely to see a ...

20 It used to be worse



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... . Is that so? And with Genarito García Luna, head of the infamous AFI with the mariguas del bajo, that criminal GGL later "got over it" and was promoted to Secretary of (in) Public Security with the beodo moreliano. What do the media tell us -the media - which, by the way, lent themselves to the most insane and rude things in order to deceive a whole country? Not to mention when Salinas had a **Secretary of the Interior** that we don't even want to mention, because despite his death, he could come from beyond the grave to dispatch us, he was a big goat, he killed and en masse! he didn't mess around (Note: for more information: veracruzano, then gober). Or what about Manlio Fabio, a disciple of that jarocho and at the same time a big-time crafty one? Beltrones was the liaison of the bad guys (the RIP) and the ...

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- “I am really worried that there is going to be a tragedy,” Wisconsin Supreme Court **Justice Jill Karofsky** said in an interview with our colleagues. “I believe people when they say that they want to hurt us or kill us. I don’t think they’re idle threats.”

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Colorado River Basin

Salt Lake Tribune: [Feds will take over if Western states can't agree on Colorado River plan](#)

Anastasia Hufham, January 6, 2024

The rules that have guided Colorado River operations for two decades will expire at the end of 2026. Water negotiators across the West have been devising a new set of guidelines — dubbed “post-2026 operations” — that will address water use imbalances, the effects of climate change and tribal water rights. Now, Colorado River Basin states — Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming — only have a few months to finalize a plan to present to the U.S. Department of the Interior.

The Water Desk: [What to watch on the Colorado River in 2024](#)

Luke Runyon, January 4, 2024

A wet year in 2023 brought short-term relief, but long-term uncertainty still hangs over the West's critical waterway. After years of dry conditions throughout the West, 2023 gave the region's water managers the greatest gift of all: a hefty snowpack. This year's winter snow eventually melted and boosted the Colorado River's beleaguered reservoirs. The Hail Mary winter storms came just in time. Without the savior snows, the river's second-largest reservoir, Lake Powell, was on a glide path toward losing

the ability to produce hydropower at Glen Canyon Dam, not to mention the harm to the long-term ecological health of the river and its main tributaries.

Investing in America Agenda

New York Times: [Colorado River States Are Racing to Agree on Cuts Before Inauguration Day](#)

Christopher Flavelle, January 6, 2024

California, Arizona and others, fearing a political shake-up of negotiating teams after the November election, are aiming to wrap up work this year. The states that rely on the Colorado River, which is shrinking because of climate change and overuse, are rushing to agree on a long-term deal to share the dwindling resource by the end of the year. They worry that a change in administrations after the election could set back talks.

Chicago Sun Times: [For conservation's sake, transfer Joliet Training Area to Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie](#)

Michael Davidson, Paul Botts and Jack Darin, Opinion, January 5, 2024

An investment in Midewin, one of the largest prairie restorations east of the Mississippi River, is an investment in a climate-resilient future for our region, leaders of Openlands, Wetlands Initiative and Sierra Club Illinois write. Recently, at the United Nations Climate Change Conference, COP28, Assistant Secretary for the Interior Shannon Estenoz said, "Investing in nature is investing in ourselves. By employing nature-based solutions, land managers and decision-makers can restore and sustain healthy ecosystems that in turn support healthy communities and economies."

Public News Service: [Federal funding could transform Ohio Valley into a manufacturing hub](#)

Nadia Ramlagan, January 8, 2024

Manufacturers in Ohio employ around 12% of the state's workforce, and advocates say the state's Appalachian region could bolster its economy by turning itself into a green manufacturing hub. Dana Kuhnline - program director with the group ReImagine Appalachia - said manufacturing in the clean-energy sector would create good jobs and help build local economies, as well as help curb climate change. "What can we manufacture in Appalachia?" said Kuhnline. "How can we reuse shuttered facilities, like closed steel facilities and shuttered coal plants? And what are sustainable products that Appalachia could become a hub for, that we could make in this region? "

Yakima Herald: [Yakama Nation Fisheries receives grant funding to realign highway near Leavenworth](#)

Jasper Kenzo Sundeen, January 6, 2024

Yakama Nation Fisheries is set to receive almost \$3.5 million in grant funding for efforts to restore salmon habitat at Nason Creek in Chelan County. The funding would help cover a \$12 million project to restore floodplain around Nason Creek and State Route 207, which connects with U.S. Highway 2 nearby, about 15 miles north of Leavenworth. Almost \$3 million would come from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and \$500,000 would come from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

Oil City News: [National Park Service, American Forests partner to restore threatened whitebark pine](#)

Staff, January 5, 2024

The National Park Service and American Forests have signed a five-year agreement to help return threatened whitebark pine to its range in the western U.S., including Yellowstone National Park, Grand Teton National Park and other parts of Wyoming. As part of President Joe Biden's Investing in America agenda, the partnership will support restoration activities in national parks where whitebark pine grows. Initial projects in Yellowstone, Glacier and Grand Teton national parks are part of \$44 million in funding from the Inflation Reduction Act, the largest climate and conservation investment in history.

E&E: [How current is that wildfire risk map? Depends on the state.](#)

Avery Ellfeldt, January 8, 2024

Limited funding has made it hard for states to keep their wildfire risk maps up to date, even as global warming increases the danger. For years, Colorado's wildfire risk map was so inaccurate that state officials all but ignored it. It was long outdated, especially in the state's western half. There, but unmarked on the map, was more than 3 million acres of forest where mountain

pine beetles had killed lodgepole, limber and ponderosa pines — transforming the forest floor into a tinderbox of dead kindling.

DOI and Offshore Energy

NPR: [Offshore wind farm starts generating power](#)

Barbara Moran, January 4, 2024

Offshore wind is a young industry in the U.S. This week, it hit a milestone when one of the country's first two commercial-scale projects, Vineyard Wind, started sending power to the grid. Vineyard Wind, off the coast of Massachusetts, delivered five megawatts of electricity from one turbine. Now, that may not sound like much, but it is a big deal for this new industry.

The Cool Down: [State makes history with its first offshore wind project: 'The next chapter in \[our\] great history'](#)

Jeremiah Budin, January 8, 2024

Louisiana is set to break a clean energy milestone in the United States, launching the first two offshore wind farms in state waters. The projects, known as Cajun Wind and Diamond Offshore Wind, have already been approved by Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards and the state's Department of Natural Resources. Cajun Wind is being developed by Danish manufacturer Vestas Wind Systems (via its North American arm Steelhead Americas) and Diamond Offshore Wind is being developed by Mitsubishi.

BNN: [US BOEM Updates Offshore Renewable Energy Guidelines](#)

Rafia Tasleem, January 6, 2024

The US Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) has unveiled revised guidelines for providing geophysical, geotechnical, and geohazard information crucial to offshore renewable energy projects. The guidelines, stipulated under 30 CFR Part 585, were initially published in May 2020, focusing primarily on the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf (OCS).

Coastal Point: [U.S. Wind initiates benefits talk with towns](#)

Mike Smith, January 5, 2024

US Wind has formally presented to the Delaware Association of Coastal Towns (ACT) a package of community benefits for the good of Delaware's coastal residents. The ACT communities of Henlopen Acres, Rehoboth Beach, Dewey Beach, Bethany Beach and South Bethany have begun to evaluate the offer and will proceed with discussions through their respective public meeting processes.

Shore News Network: [Another Offshore Wind Farm Project Off the Jersey Shore Bites the Dust](#)

Robert Walker, January 6, 2024

Equinor (EQNR.OL) and BP (BP.L) announced the termination of their power sale agreement with New York State for the proposed Empire Wind 2 offshore wind farm. The decision, attributed to rising inflation, higher borrowing costs, and supply chain challenges, repositions the project for future development opportunities. Equinor, in a statement on Wednesday, referenced the impact of broad economic changes on the industry. The move coincides with New York's new offshore wind solicitation, allowing companies to renegotiate or exit old contracts.

Shore News Network: [New Jersey Governor Full Steam Ahead on Wind Farms Amid Crippling Industry Crisis](#)

Robert Walker, January 7, 2024

The offshore wind energy sector in New Jersey and New York is experiencing significant challenges. In New Jersey, Governor Phil Murphy's renewable energy goals suffered a blow with Ørsted's withdrawal from two key offshore wind projects, Ocean Winds I and II. The Danish company cited inflation, interest rate hikes, and supply chain issues, leading to a \$2.8 billion reduction in the first project's value.

Clean Technica: [Giant Subsea "Starfish" To Help Push The Cost Of Floating Offshore Wind Down And Downer](#)

Tina Casey, January 7, 2024

The US is depending on floating wind turbine technology to get its hands on more offshore wind resources. However, floating

wind is a relatively new industry and costs tend to run higher, compared to the more familiar offshore wind turbines that sit on high towers fixed to the seabed. Fortunately, solutions have been emerging, and it looks like a key goal is already within reach.

E&E: [Offshore wind faces more financial turbulence in 2024](#)

Heather Richards, January 8, 2024

To meet the White House's mandates for offshore wind, the Interior Department will have to accelerate its pace in assessing projects. The offshore wind industry is hoping for new momentum in 2024 to counter the broken contracts, canceled wind farms and missed targets characterizing its last 18 months. While experts say the nascent industry is getting back on its feet after being thrashed by inflationary costs and an immature supply chain after the pandemic, the enormous scale of building a new U.S. renewable sector from scratch still poses significant challenges that could stall a key plank of President Joe Biden's climate agenda.

E&E: [Republicans to thrash Interior offshore drilling plan](#)

Heather Richards, January 8, 2024

A hearing this week will be the first since the Interior Department finalized its five-year drilling plan. A House Natural Resources subcommittee will pick apart President Joe Biden's offshore energy agenda during a hearing this week. Titled "Examining the Biden Administration's Limits on Access to the [Outer Continental Shelf]: Impacts on Consumers, States and Operators," the Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee hearing will be the first since the Interior Department published its five-year offshore leasing plan in December.

DOI and the Climate Crisis

NBC New York: [A magnitude 1.7 earthquake hit NYC. Is climate change a culprit?](#)

Linda Gaudino, January 6, 2024

New York City dwellers were abruptly awoken at the crack of dawn on Tuesday by an escalating, rumbling vibration that sired a rush of police cars and fire trucks. What sounded the alarms for a possible explosion turned into a minor earthquake, a seemingly foreign experience to New Yorkers, but what turns out to be nature running its course. The United States Geological Survey (USGS) reported a magnitude 1.7 earthquake occurred at 5:45 a.m. Tuesday near Astoria, Queens.

DOI and Conservation

CBS News: [Endangered jaguar previously unknown to U.S. is caught on camera in Arizona](#)

Staff, January 8, 2024

There's been another jaguar sighting in southern Arizona and it's the eighth different jaguar documented in the southwestern U.S. since 1996, according to wildlife officials. Jason Miller, a hobbyist wildlife videographer who posts trail camera footage online, captured the image of a roaming jaguar late last month in the Huachuca Mountains near Tucson, CBS affiliate KPHO-TV reported. A spokesman for the Arizona Game and Fish Department said the agency has authenticated Miller's footage and has confirmed this is a new jaguar to the United States.

NowThis News: [To Save One Owl Species, We Have To Kill Another](#)

Sophia Anderson, January 5, 2024

In order to save one endangered owl species, hunters might have to shoot and kill the 470,000 barred owls that are overcrowding forests on the West Coast of the United States, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) argued in a new proposal. If we don't take action, the agency said, roughly 7,000 of the remaining northern spotted owls could become extinct.

Arizona Republic: [1,000 wild Arizona burros are going to be relocated. Here's why](#)

Rey Covarrubias Jr., January 6, 2024

Bureau of Land Management announced on Dec. 20 that it plans to gather and relocate 1,000 wild burros near Kingman due to overpopulation concerns. The burros lived in the Black Mountain Herd Management Area in Mohave County, and the herd grew

to three times the appropriate size, according to a news release from the Bureau of Land Management.

Nevada Independent: [Conservationists seek federal protection for rare Nevada wildflower](#)

Amy Alonzo, January 8, 2024

*Come spring, clusters of tiny, yellow wildflowers will blanket Washoe, Eagle and Carson valleys. The vibrant display put on by *Erythranthe carsonensis* — the Carson Valley monkeyflower — is endemic to just a few areas around Northern Nevada and a miniscule corner of California's Alpine County, growing on sandy flats and gentle slopes within sagebrush habitat. But it's highly threatened, according to conservationists at the Center for Biological Diversity who, on Monday, will officially petition the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to add the plant to the endangered species list, arguing that federal protections along with designation of critical habitat are needed to maintain the survival of the delicate flowers.*

Cowboy State Daily: [Dennis Sun: Endangered Species Act -- All Stick and No Carrots](#)

Dennis Sun, Opinion, January 5, 2024

The Endangered Species Act (ESA) is 50 years old and is possibly one of the most controversial acts ever passed. In 1973, the ESA passed in the U.S. House and U.S. Senate by a large majority and was signed by President Nixon. As the act reads, it "authorized the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service to establish a list of endangered and threatened plant and animal species and made it illegal to collect, harm or kill certain species."

Las Vegas Sun: [BLM aims to round up thousands of horses in Nevada](#)

Hillary Davis, January 7, 2024

The ongoing wild horse roundup in rural Northern Nevada is planned to be what is likely the single largest gather conducted by the federal government. The Bureau of Land Management plans to gather and remove 2,875 mustangs from what the agency calls the East Pershing Complex. The roundup started Dec. 28, and as of Jan. 3, had netted 733 animals using low-flying helicopters and wranglers to drive the feral horses toward traps, according to BLM reports. The operation could last through February.

Northern Journal: [Alaska lost a lawsuit that challenged a COVID-era emergency moose hunt. Now, it's appealing for a second time.](#)

Nathaniel Herz, January 5, 2024

It's one of multiple cases in which the Dunleavy administration is clashing with the federal government over fish and game management, and over who has the ultimate regulatory power in that realm. In the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic, the leader of a Southeast Alaska island village's tribal government asked federal managers to open an emergency hunt, citing the community's fears about having enough food. The request was approved by a federal management agency, the Federal Subsistence Board, and the harvest of moose and deer went ahead, supplying 135 households with meat.

Grand Junction Daily Sentinel: [Comments being taken on recovery plan for lynx, which faces climate-change threat](#)

Dennis Webb, January 8, 2024

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is continuing to accept comments through Jan. 30 on a recently released draft recovery plan for the Canada lynx in Colorado and other Lower 48 states, where it is now considered to be primarily threatened by climate change.

Tucson Sentinel: [New wild jaguar spotted in Southern Arizona, enviros confirm](#)

Paul Ingram, January 5, 2024

A remote trail camera in Southern Arizona operated by a wildlife enthusiast recorded a previously unknown jaguar in late December, the Center for Biological Diversity confirmed Friday. The Tucson-based group said the footage shows a jaguar "not previously identified in the state," making the charismatic big cat the eighth jaguar documented in Arizona over the last 30 years —decades after the species was all but eliminated from the southwestern United States.

Missoulian: [Guest view: MHCA vital for family farms and ranches](#)

Eric Hansen, Dan High and Tony Johnson, Opinion, January 6, 2024

It's no secret that family ranches in southwest Montana are struggling. Younger generations can't afford to buy a home, let

alone a ranch that easily costs 10 times what a cow or hay can produce. What working ranch doesn't need to buy out multiple family members, so the people working on these ranches can carry on or make moves towards succession? Since they first homesteaded, many ranch families have faced financial hardships trying to get their land passed onto the upcoming generation. That's why we are deeply disappointed by the shortsighted opposition to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service proposal to create the Missouri Headwaters Conservation Area.

Post and Courier: [In the South, developers enter a complicated relationship with endangered bats](#)

Clare Fieseler, January 5, 2024

Fireflies flickered in near synchronicity against the dark canopy as two researchers worked below in a swampy clearing. Standing over a dented card table, they placed a tiny, screeching bat in a canvas bag. Then they delicately set it on a scale. Jennifer Kindel, a bat biologist, recited the weight. A wildlife technician tapped the number into a tablet with a gloved hand. Both donned surgical masks.

Amherst Bulletin: [Keeping eagles aloft: Marking 50 years of Endangered Species Act successes in Valley and beyond](#)

Maddie Fabian, January 5, 2024

Ask almost any conservationist about an Endangered Species Act (ESA) success story and they will tell you about the bald eagle. "Growing up, I would have never seen a bald eagle in western Massachusetts," said Jeff Collins, senior director of conservation science at Mass Audubon. The national bird was nearly driven extinct in the lower 48 states, in large part because of the infamous insecticide DDT, formerly widely used in agriculture.

KPAX: [FWP: 'Incidental captures' of lynx reported in Northwest Montana](#)

Staff, January 5, 2024

State wildlife officials report that bobcat trappers in Northwest Montana caught two lynx last week. Both instances were self-reported by the trappers and were subsequently reported to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) by Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP). Lynx are listed as a threatened species and protected under the Endangered Species Act and the USFWS "has established an allowable incidental take for lynx in the lower 48 states," a news release states.

E&E: [Interior shuffles personnel for public lands, minerals slots](#)

Hannah Northey, January 5, 2024

The agency made several moves Friday to oversee President Biden's vision for clean energy projects, mining reforms and public lands. The Interior Department on Friday made several personnel moves that they say will help the agency usher in clean energy projects, mining reforms and oversee President Biden's vision for public lands. Steve Feldgus has been tapped to serve as principal deputy assistant secretary for land and minerals management after serving as deputy assistant secretary for almost three years.

E&E: [Q&A: Fish and Wildlife's new Midwest director digs in](#)

Michael Doyle, January 5, 2024

Will Meeks will oversee work in eight states, from the Great Lakes to controversial gray wolf protections. This Fish and Wildlife Service career employee has a lot more to learn about his native Midwest. Born and raised in northern Ohio, Will Meeks last November was named director of the federal agency's Midwest region. The position oversees about 1,000 employees and spans Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin.

DOI and Indigenous Peoples

Los Angeles Times: [Opinion: Protecting Alaska's wilderness — and our Indigenous way of life — is critical to a green future](#)

Ricko Dewilde, Opinion, January 8, 2024

"Alaska is America's natural resource warehouse." That is what Republican Gov. Mike Dunleavy told then-President Trump in 2018. But our home is far more than storage for the next fad of consumer desires in the Lower 48 states. In Alaska, we are facing an onslaught of proposed projects that threaten to destroy our way of life. Perhaps the most concerning of these is the proposed

Ambler industrial mining road.

Cherokee One Feather: [Effort to restore Kuwohi name moving forward](#)

Scott McKie, January 5, 2024

The effort by two Cherokee women to restore the name of Kuwohi to an area in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park is now one step closer to coming to fruition. The Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) passed Res. No. 72 (2024) unanimously during its regular session on Thursday, Jan. 4 that approves the submittal of an application on behalf of the Tribe to restore the name of the mountain currently known as Clingman's Dome to Kuwohi which means 'mulberry place' in the Cherokee language.

KJZZ: [Coalition of Large Tribes authors letter in support of Navajo Nation's NASA complaint](#)

Gabriel Pietrorazio, January 5, 2024

COLT, or the Coalition of Large Tribes, is standing in solidarity with President Buu Nygren and the Navajo Nation in a letter by airing opposition to NASA's private mission to disburse cremated human remains on the moon. This group of more than 50 large land-mass tribal communities each manage at least over 100,000 acres of land and make up more than half of Indian Country's population. They're calling for the upcoming launch to be delayed or that the remains should be removed from its payload until there has been enough tribal consultation.

DOI and Other Bureau News

Daily Mail: [Biden removes William Penn statue from historic Pennsylvania park in 'inclusive' makeover to show more Native American history](#)

Stephen M. Lepore, January 7, 2024

The Biden administration's National Park Service is starting a 'rehabilitation' process for a Pennsylvania park that includes the removal of a statue of founder William Penn and inclusion of representation of Native American tribes. The Deb Haaland-led parks service sent out the request for input on the changes to Welcome Park Friday on their website and in a post on X. Penn, the founder of Pennsylvania in 1681, was notorious for his amicable relations with the Native tribes of the region. The park was established 300 years later.

National Review: [National Park Service to Remove William Penn Statue from Historic Site](#)

Luther Ray Abel, January 7, 2024

The National Park Service (NPS) has announced it will be rehabilitating (via reduction) Pennsylvania founder William Penn's Welcome Park to "provide a more welcoming, accurate, and inclusive experience." Named after the ship that bore Penn to that city of fraternal affection, the park is the site of his former Philadelphia home and the Slate Roof House. As part of this reimagining of Welcome Park, the park service has confirmed that "the Penn statue and Slate Roof house model will be removed and not reinstalled."

ForTheWin: [Elephant seal's parking effort called out by NPS](#)

Pete Thomas, January 6, 2024

A National Park Service employee recently captured an image showing a northern elephant seal resting in a parking lot at Point Reyes National Seashore. Anyone who is fanatical about perfect placement between the lines will note that the seal could have been more considerate by inching a few feet to its left.

Delaware Online: [Wilmington is recognized as an American World War II Heritage City, one of 11 for 2023](#)

Krys'tal Griffin, January 5, 2024

Wilmington recently was designated as an American World War II Heritage City for 2023. The distinction comes from the National Park Service's American World War II Heritage City Program, which serves to recognize the historic importance of the nation's involvement in World War II.

Times Free Press: [Opinion: National Parks are kind of a big deal](#)

Tricia King Mims, Opinion, January 6, 2024

National parks are more popular than ever, and visitation is surging back to pre-pandemic levels. Around the 2016 centennial of the National Park Service, a free annual pass became available for every fourth grader in the country, and family vacations are often planned around national park sites. Filling up a park passport with stamps has become a life's mission for college students, retirees and all lifestyles in between.

Billings Gazette: [Charging international tourists more to visit Yellowstone, Glacier, others parks could boost funding, study suggests](#)

Staff, January 5, 2024

Charging international tourists more to visit U.S. national parks has the potential to raise millions of dollars in fees that could help offset costs for park infrastructure, staffing and maintenance. That's the gist of a new study written by Tate Watkins, a research fellow at the Bozeman-based Property and Environment Research Center. The center touts as its goal finding market solutions for conservation issues. Based on his research, Watkins said about 14 million people from other countries visit a national park each year. If they paid a \$25 surcharge the parks system could raise around \$330 million annually, he calculated.

News 5 Cleveland: [Should Madison be worried about its twin quakes? We ask the experts.](#)

Katie Ussin and Amanda Merrell, January 5, 2024

We're less than a week into 2024 and already, Madison Village has been rattled by two earthquakes. The first happened New Year's Day. The second followed Friday morning. It's not the first time this region felt the Earth move under their feet. But the two-fer this week has people who live there, like Terri Epple, wondering what's up.

Washington Lawyer: [Nature's Legal Champions](#)

Richard Blaustein, January 5, 2024

In 1978, while on vacation at the Grand Canyon, traveling on a wooden dory down the Colorado River, environmental lawyer Lois Schiffer experienced a turning point in her career. "I had been working on legal issues related to public lands, and then suddenly I was in the essence of the most fabulous public lands," says Schiffer, former general counsel for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. At the time, Schiffer headed the general litigation section of the U.S. Department of Justice's Land and Natural Resources Division (now the Environment and Natural Resources Division).[...] Solicitor Robert Anderson of the U.S. Department of the Interior can relate to the sentiment.

Live Science: [Satellite images reveal just how much cities on the US East Coast are sinking](#)

Robert Lea, January 5, 2024

"Continuous unmitigated subsidence on the U.S. East Coast should cause concern." Images collected by numerous satellites have shown that major cities and population centers across the U.S. East Coast are sinking. Land sinking, or "subsidence," as seen by these satellites, is dangerous because it can undermine the foundations of buildings, potentially causing collapse. It can also damaging roads as well as gas and water lines. When coupled with rising sea levels caused by human-driven climate change, subsidence in coastal regions can increase the risk of flooding and worsen subsequent damage.

E&E: [Republicans put parks maintenance backlog under microscope](#)

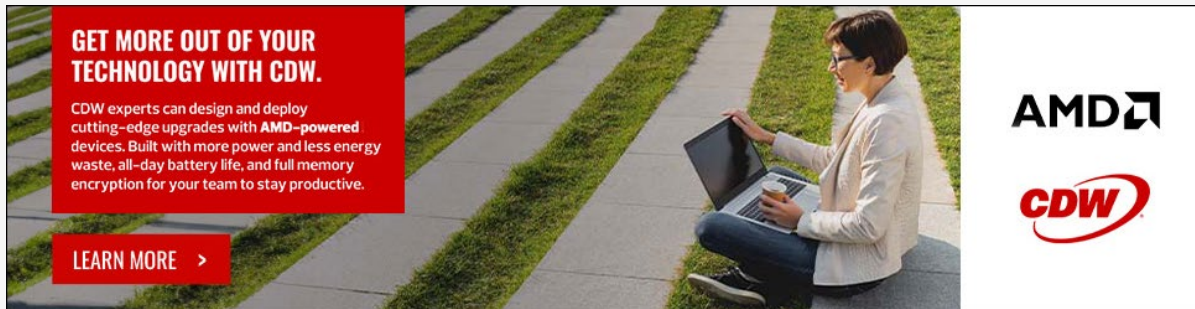
Nidhi Prakash, January 8, 2024

The backlog has increased despite funding from the Great American Outdoors Act. A House Natural Resources subcommittee will hold a hearing Wednesday on what Republicans say is a worrying increase in the backlog of deferred federal maintenance on public lands. The National Park Service's backlog has long been the subject of concern. By 2022, it had reached more than \$22 billion — almost \$10 billion more than it had been four years earlier.

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Good morning, Early Birds. The statue of William Penn in Philadelphia's Welcome Park isn't going anywhere — and neither is a much larger Penn statue atop City Hall. Look how big it is! The sculptor, Alexander Milne Calder, was the grandfather of Alexander Calder, whose works grace the Hart Senate Office Building and the National Gallery of Art.

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In today's edition ... Release of the bipartisan border security framework is likely delayed ... A look at the violent threats against members of Congress, state officials, local leaders and judges since 2020 ... but first ...



From the courts

The consequences of Trump's immunity court case



Former president Donald Trump during the civil fraud trial against the Trump Organization in New York on Dec. 7. (Eduardo Munoz Alvarez/Pool/AFP/Getty Images)

Former president **Donald Trump** is expected to watch today as his lawyers try to convince three appeals court judges that he can't be tried for his alleged role in the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol and trying to overturn the 2020 election.

The outcome could have big implications for Trump — and future presidents. That's because the case raises a novel issue for the courts, which have never before been asked whether a former president is immune from federal criminal prosecution.

Trump is hoping to avoid a trial in the 2020 election case, which was brought by special counsel **Jack Smith**. He's accused of conspiring to overturn the 2020 election.

Trump is also facing political stakes, as he's on track to become the Republican

nomination for president.

“His choice to attend the argument — not uncommon but also not required in an appeal — instead of spending more time in Iowa just one week from the GOP's first nominating contest there reflect the bet he and his campaign are placing on blending his criminal defense with electoral message. Tuesday's appearance is poised to be the first of many times this year that he quickly pivots between the courtroom and the campaign trail or brings the campaign to the courthouse steps as he faces four separate criminal cases and two civil trials,” our colleague [Isaac Arnsdorf](#) reports.

- Trump's purpose in showing up in the courtroom is to show “seriousness and defiance” and garner media attention as he's going on the offense, according to Isaac's reporting.

To understand the legal aspects of the case, we picked the brains of our fantastic colleagues who cover the ins and outs of the Trump trials.

HOW THE CASE CAME TO BE

Trump appealed the case to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia after U.S. District Judge **Tanya S. Chutkan** rejected his attempt to dismiss the case in December. The former president argued that he is immune from federal prosecution because he was president at the time of the alleged crime.

- “Whatever immunities a sitting President may enjoy, the United States has only one Chief Executive at a time, and that position does not confer a lifelong ‘get-out-of-jail-free’ pass.” Chutkan wrote in her decision. “No court — or any other branch of government — has ever accepted it. And this court will not so hold.”
- Smith asked the Supreme Court to fast-track the case, but the court refused to do so. It didn't explain why.

THE ARGUMENTS

The former president is arguing that he is immune from federal prosecution for his acts as president — and because he was not convicted in his impeachment trial, trying him now

would amount to double jeopardy.

“Presidential immunity and the Impeachment Judgment Clause foreclose the criminal prosecution of President Trump for his official acts,” his lawyers argued in a brief to the court.

Smith argues that courts haven't found that former presidents have immunity from criminal liability. And even if they do, Smith argues, it wouldn't apply to Trump, who worked with private individuals and government officials to remain in power.

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- Smith has also argued that a lack of conviction in an impeachment trial does not limit Trump's ability to be prosecuted. Trump was acquitted in his Senate impeachment trial.

A NOTE ON THE IMPEACHMENT STANDARD

But about that impeachment argument ... it's complicated.

When **Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell** (R-Ky.) voted to not convict Trump in his trial, he said the courts would be the more appropriate venue for assessing the president's actions.

“Impeachment was never meant to be the final forum for American justice,” McConnell argued at the time. “We have a criminal justice system in this country. We have civil litigation. And former Presidents are not immune from being held accountable by either one.”

THE JUDGES

None of the judges on the panel, who are randomly assigned, were nominated by Trump.

Judge Karen L. Henderson was nominated by **President George H.W. Bush** and has served on the court since 1990. Reporters and legal watchers will listen to Henderson closely.

The other two judges on the panel, **Florence Y. Pan** and **J. Michelle Childs**, were nominated by **President Biden** and confirmed by the Senate in 2022.

Childs was in the running for former Supreme Court justice **Stephen Breyer's** seat on the court. **Rep. Jim Clyburn** (D-S.C.) and **Sen. Lindsey Graham** (R-S.C.) urged Biden to choose Childs, who was a federal district court judge in South Carolina, but the appointment went to **Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson**. Biden nominated Pan for the seat vacated by Jackson.

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TRUMP'S CHANCES FOR SUCCESS

Our colleague **Devlin Barrett** says it's hard to say whether Trump's legal arguments will hold sway. But he says this: "This appeals court has already found in a separate case that Trump is not immune to civil liability for his actions as a presidential candidate around Jan. 6, so it is hard to imagine they will find he has absolute criminal immunity."

Another colleague, **Spencer S. Hsu**, adds that he's watching what the judges say about each of the arguments raised by Trump.

- For example, are they more concerned with Trump's claim of presidential immunity or his double jeopardy claim that former president's cannot be charged for conduct they have been impeached but not convicted of by the Senate?
- How much credence do they give an argument raised by outside left-leaning analysts suggesting Trump cannot appeal the immunity issue before trial at all?

THE TIMELINE

Time is of the essence. Smith had hoped to begin the trial against Trump on March 4, but that could be delayed depending on the outcome and timeline of a decision in this case.

Because this is a new legal question and they know it will be reviewed by the Supreme Court, the judges will want to write a thoughtful, in-depth opinion, according to Supreme Court reporter **Ann Marimow**. She predicts that a D.C. Circuit decision will "take weeks —

not days.”

But no matter the outcome of today's proceedings, the Supreme Court is likely to have the last word.

“After the D.C. Circuit issues its ruling, either party can seek rehearing by a full complement of appeals court judges or go directly to the Supreme Court,” Ann adds.

THE IMPACT

While the outcome of this case will have huge consequences for the special counsel case, it could have implications in the Georgia case, too.

Trump filed similar claims in the [Georgia case](#) on Monday, where is charged with 13 counts related to an alleged conspiracy to overturn the 2020 election results in the state. If the Supreme Court finds that Trump was immune as president, that could affect the Georgia prosecution, even though he is charged with state crimes, Spencer notes.

And presidential immunity would not apply to the Florida case involving classified documents “because he was not president during the time of the alleged actions in the indictment,” our colleague **Perry Stein** says. It also won't apply to the case in New York, which alleges that Trump paid hush money to adult actress **Stormy Daniels**.

What we're watching

ON THE HILL

Austin fallout: We are watching continued fallout over **Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin's** [failure to disclose his hospital stay](#) to the president, members of Congress and officials at the Pentagon.

Rep. Matt Rosendale (R-Mont.) is filing articles of impeachment. The top Republican on the **House Armed Services Committee**, **Rep. Mike Rogers** (Ala.), [tweeted](#) that he's “quickly losing faith” in Austin's ability to lead the Defense Department.

Austin was admitted to a hospital after a procedure on Jan. 1 and was discharged from the intensive care unit last night.

Border security framework probably delayed: Senate negotiators on border security said Monday night that a framework is unlikely to be released this week, which negotiators had suggested was likely as recently as this weekend. Disagreements remain on too many issues, including parole, which has been the most difficult part of already tough negotiations.

“We’ll continue to try and get this nailed down,” **Sen. Chris Murphy** (D-Conn.) told reporters, per our colleague **Paul Kane**.

OVERSEAS

Secretary of State Antony Blinken is in Tel Aviv today as escalating tensions between Israel and the Lebanese militant group **Hezbollah** raise the specter of a full-scale regional war.

On Monday evening, Israeli **Foreign Minister Israel Katz** said in a televised interview that Israel had killed a top Hezbollah commander, **Wissam al-Tawil**, calling it “part of the war,” our colleague **Annabelle Timsit** reports. The targeted killing comes as Israel weighs launching a major military operation in Lebanon.

- But as our colleagues **John Hudson, Yasmeeen Abutaleb** and **Shane Harris** reported over the weekend, the Biden administration has privately warned Israeli officials against the escalation. Washington believes, based on a secret assessment from the **Defense Intelligence Agency**, that “it will be difficult for the **Israel Defense Forces** (IDF) to succeed because its military assets and resources would be spread too thin given the conflict in Gaza,” our colleagues report.

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The campaign

Violent political threats surge as 2024 begins, haunting American democracy



Law enforcement officers patrol the grounds of the Mississippi Capitol in Jackson on Jan. 4 as they deal with a second consecutive day of bomb threats. (Rogelio V. Solis/AP)

Our colleagues **Sarah Ellison**, **Yvonne Wingett Sanchez** and **Patrick Marley** [take a look](#) at the violent threats and acts of intimidation against many government officials since the 2020 presidential election and its effect on American democracy.

Members of Congress, state officials, local leaders and judges have all been subjected to swatting, bomb threats and death threats.

- Special counsel Jack Smith, who is overseeing the prosecution of Trump in two federal cases, was the target of an attempted swatting at his Maryland residence on Christmas Day, [per NBC News's Michael Kosnar and Zoë Richards](#). Chutkan, the judge presiding over Trump's election subversion case, was the target of a similar incident on Sunday.

The targets of the threats share a common attribute: They have done or said something that has earned the ire of the former president, our colleagues write.

- “I am really worried that there is going to be a tragedy,” Wisconsin Supreme Court **Justice Jill Karofsky** said in an interview with our colleagues. “I believe people when they say that they want to hurt us or kill us. I don't think they're idle threats.”

The Media

Must reads

From The Post:

- [Millions of gig workers could qualify as employees under new Biden-era rule.](#) By **Lauren Kaori Gurley**.
- [Rep. Steny Hoyer to seek reelection, quashing speculation of retirement.](#) By **Erin Cox**.

From across the web:

- [Biden renominates Julie Su for labor secretary after Senate declined to confirm her for ten months.](#) By the **Associated Press**.
- [Filing alleges 'improper' relationship between Fulton DA, top Trump prosecutor.](#) By the **Atlanta Journal-Constitution's Bill Rankin** and **Tamar Hallerman**.
- [Challenged on policy views in town hall event, Haley doesn't budge.](#) By the **New York Times's Jonathan Weisman** and **Jazmine Ulloa**.

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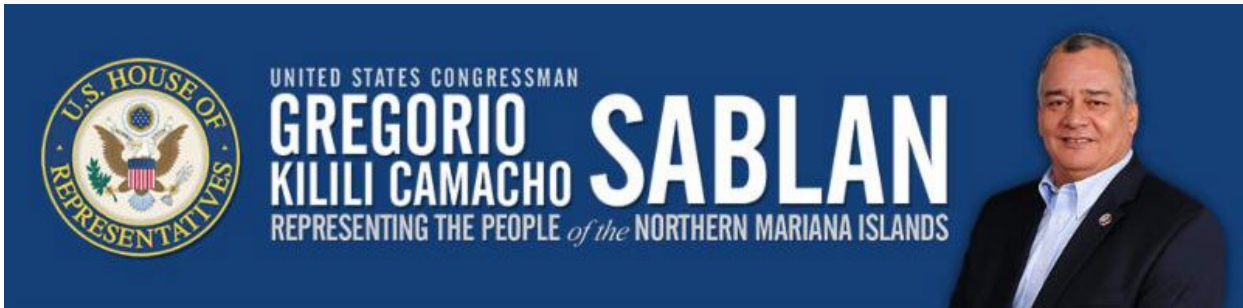
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2022 THE YEAR IN REVIEW



The **117th House of Representatives** gathered for our official photograph before concluding work last week. Below, your congressional office recalls some highlights of this momentous year.

January



Free COVID tests

As the Marianas struggled with a surge in COVID, the Biden administration made a half-billion free tests available for American households to order online for home delivery. Initially, the system would not recognize Marianas addresses because we post office boxes, but your congressional office quickly got the problem fixed.

February



Focusing on Medicaid

The annual Interagency Group on Insular Areas meeting was an opportunity for me to remind the Biden administration of the work needed on Medicaid. Congress addressed the funding problem with a large and permanent increase (\$64 million for the Marianas this year) and automatic inflation adjustments in Public Law 116-94. But the favorable federal/local matching rate in that law (83/17) was only temporary and would revert to 55/45 on September 30. The President listened. When he released his budget proposal in May, he recommended aligning our rates with states!

March

FY22 Marianas Earmarks

<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount</u>
CHCC: Modernizing lab facilities	\$1,200,000
Upgrading IT for greater telehealth usage	\$980,639
Expanding Rota home dialysis	\$391,500
PSS: Expanding language & cultural immersion program	\$350,000
Expanding school libraries, e-library	\$150,000
Collecting health data to encourage healthy living	\$150,000
NMI Judiciary: Assessing mental health treatment court for vets	\$303,000
NMC: Innovation incubator for SBDC	\$952,394
Karidat: Guma Esperansa generator	\$50,000
Total: \$4,527,533	



Marianas community projects: \$4.5m

For the first time since 2010, when the Republican majority blocked Members of Congress from directing funds to hometown needs, I was able to secure earmarks for Marianas organizations that provide vital public services. The Democratic majority restarted community project funding; and the fiscal 2022 appropriation, signed into law in March, included \$4.5 million for Northern Marianas College, the Public School System, Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation, Karidat, and the Judicial branch.

April



New help for Veterans' caregivers

Marianas families caring for a disabled veteran became eligible for help—including a monthly stipend—from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Your congressional office took action when veterans reported their applications for the caregivers program were being rejected. The Department was telling veterans our islands are not part of the United States! As a member of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, I immediately let the Department know they were wrong and injuring men and women who had put their lives on the line for America. The Department apologized to those rejected and the program is now in operation.

May



Head Start sign up eased

Enrolling their young children in Head Start got easier for Marianas families receiving Nutrition Assistance Program food aid. Your congressional office worked with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, which administers Head Start, to confirm that the "categorical eligibility" for the children of families that participate in the national Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, SNAP, will also apply to Marianas families in our Nutrition Assistance Program, NAP. Categorical eligibility means less paperwork for families to qualify their children for Head Start.

Northern Mariana Islands

Total Announced BIL Funding: \$62.3M

% of Funding per BIL Category

Transportation  25.66%

Climate, Energy, and the Environment  74.33%

\$52m for Marianas infrastructure. We made sure the Marianas was included in the [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law](#); and six months later, the White House informed us, \$51.6 million had been awarded. ([\\$62.3 million as of October 25.](#)) Included was \$21 million for the Kagman Watershed Project and airport improvement money for Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

June



Marianas flag flies at Smithsonian museum

The flag of the Northern Mariana Islands was raised for the first time at the National Museum of American History on June 14, Flag Day. I initiated the request for inclusion of all insular area flags alongside those of the states; and Dr. Anthea M. Hartig, the Museum's Director, responded positively. For 60 years, this display has been incomplete, she said during the ceremony. Now we are acting "to right that wrong."

July



\$10,000 prize for Marianas teachers

One science or math teacher from the Marianas will be selected each year for a Presidential Award for Excellence under provisions of my STEM Educator Awards Equity Act. I piggybacked my bill onto the CHIPS and Science Act, Public Law 117-167, which Congress sent to the President in July. The selected Marianas teacher will receive \$10,000 from the National Science Foundation and will participate in expert-led training and collaboration opportunities in Washington. Previously, Marianas teachers had to compete with teachers from American Samoa, Guam, and the Virgin Islands for the annual prize.

August



Marianas veterans got to speak directly with Veterans Affairs Deputy Secretary Donald Remy, the number two official at the Department in August. As a member of the House Committee on Veterans Affairs, I invited Remy to

survey the state of available VA services in the Marianas and continue working with me to improve aid to veterans.

Biden signs PACT Act

The 3.5 million veterans, including those in the Marianas, exposed to deadly toxins in the line of duty will have automatic access to life-saving care under terms of the Honoring our PACT Act, a major achievement of the House Committee on Veterans Affairs in this Congress. The Department of Veterans Affairs now honors claims for 23 new conditions and cancers identified in the law and presumed to result from exposure to burn pits and other hazardous conditions.

September



Marianas voter assist is now law

Marianas voters with limited mobility or other barriers to casting their ballot will be helped by U.S. Public Law 117-182, the Protection and Advocacy for Voting Access Program Inclusion Act. The new law adds the Marianas to entities eligible for grants to train poll workers, maintain voting hotlines, and assure polling places are accessible to all. I introduced the legislation, H.R. 7326, in the House with Rep. Ruben Gallego (D-Arizona).

October



Congressional Delegation in Tinian

A CODEL led by Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-Florida) Chair of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, along with Rep. Ed Case (D-Hawaii) and Rep. Randy Feenstra (R-Iowa), visited Tinian in October. They toured the Air Force divert airfield, North Field, and the Tinian harbor along with Joint Region Marianas Commander Rear Adm. Benjamin Nicholson and Tinian leadership. The Subcommittee appropriated \$191 million for Tinian in the fiscal 2023 appropriations law.

November



\$6.3m to continue student meals

More than 13,000 NMI children who lack regular access to meals at their schools or child care centers will continue to receive free breakfasts, lunches, and snacks through the Pandemic EBT program. Congress provided P-EBT for Marianas students in a continuing resolution in October 2020; and your congressional office has been encouraging the Public School System, the Commonwealth government, and the U.S Department of Agriculture to extend

the program through 2023.

December



NDAA passes, Marianas benefits

In addition to increasing pay and benefits for service members, authorizing \$191 million for divert field projects on Tinian, and reauthorizing the Coral Reef Conservation Act, this year's defense bill contained my legislation creating an advisory board within the Department of Veterans Affairs with representatives from the Marianas and each of the other U.S. insular areas. The National Defense Authorization Act also includes my Shark Fin Sales Elimination Act, addressing the sharp decline in shark populations worldwide by banning the commercial trade in shark fins within the United States. This ban mirrors Marianas law and several U.S. states' prohibitions on sale, purchase, or possession of shark fins.

FY2023 Omnibus Appropriations Bill



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Fiscal 2023 Appropriations Act signed

President Biden signed into law the Consolidated Appropriations Act with funding for the federal government for all of fiscal year 2023. The Marianas fared well:

- **Permanent Medicaid FMAP in 2023 spending law.** A year that began with a focus on Medicaid, ended with a final solution to a long-standing inequity in how the Marianas and other insular areas are treated versus states. The Marianas' statutory federal share of Medicaid, 55 percent, is now permanently raised to 83 percent, better than the FMAP for any state. Without this change the Commonwealth would have faced \$40 million in costs this year to access all the available Medicaid funding made possible by U.S. Public Law 116-94.
- **\$26.8m for congressional projects.** The Commonwealth's Department of Public Works, Office of Transit Authority, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation, Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, Northern Marianas College, the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, and the Public School System will all receive funding for their community projects that I requested be added to the fiscal 2023 appropriation act. The fourteen Marianas projects are worth \$26,838,182.
- **More nutrition assistance.** Marianas families and individuals enrolled in the Nutrition Assistance Program will benefit from the \$34 million in food aid—\$4 million more than last year—that I secured for NAP in the fiscal 2023 appropriation. This is \$24 million more than when I first entered Congress and began working to achieve Marianas parity with the states in federal food aid.
- **More funds for drinkable water.** For the fourteenth year the set-aside of 1.5 percent for the Marianas and other insular areas from Clean Water Act

and the Safe Drinking Water Act funds continues. I was first able to raise the set-aside in the 2010 appropriation, though statutorily we are only authorized for 0.25 percent and 0.33 percent, respectively, from the two laws. The annual formula tweak has resulted in \$86 million extra for the Marianas and brought 24-hour water to almost every household. Our next target: drinkable water.

- **School aid, Pell grant up.** Funding for the Marianas Public School System from the Elementary and Secondary Education Act will go up an estimated \$630,000 from the current \$13,018,246. As Chair of the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education, I led the request signed by 107 other Members of Congress asking to increase ESEA Title I grants. And 1,724 Marianas college students will see as much as a \$500 bump in their annual Pell grant for tuition and supplies. The maximum grant will now be \$7,395.
- **\$15.5m to cut electric costs.** Funding for the Energizing Insular Communities program increases more than 40 percent, from \$11 million to \$15.5 million, in fiscal 2023; and insular technical assistance grants increase to \$22.3 million. Both programs are funded at the level I requested. Energizing Insular Communities is intended to lower electricity costs by moving us away from costly—and dirty—imported fossil fuels to cheaper, cleaner domestic sources of energy, such as solar and wind.
- **Marianas a "state" for election grants.** The fiscal 2023 appropriation includes \$75,000,000 for the federal Election Commission to make payments to “states” for improvements to election management and security—and the Marianas is deemed a state for purposes of this funding. With trust in elections under constant assault in our nation, I want to ensure robust support for Commonwealth officials who are responsible for keeping our votes safe and vote counting reliable.



Congratulations to Carson Lin, James Lin, Dip Roy, and Jaehoon Son, winners of this year's Congressional App Challenge. Their winning app MathPal is web-based and designed to help high school students understand mathematical concepts. The team of four will receive national recognition and have their work eligible for display in the U.S. Capitol. They will also be invited to attend the House of Code reception in Washington, D.C. The Congressional App Challenge is an annual competition open to middle and high school students. Next year's App Challenge will commence in late summer 2023.

\$1.6m for vaccination support

As part of the continuing support from Congress during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation was awarded \$1,601,945.28 on Tuesday. The funds, administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, are directed specifically at the Commonwealth's vaccination program. No match from the Commonwealth government is required. Congratulations to CHCC.

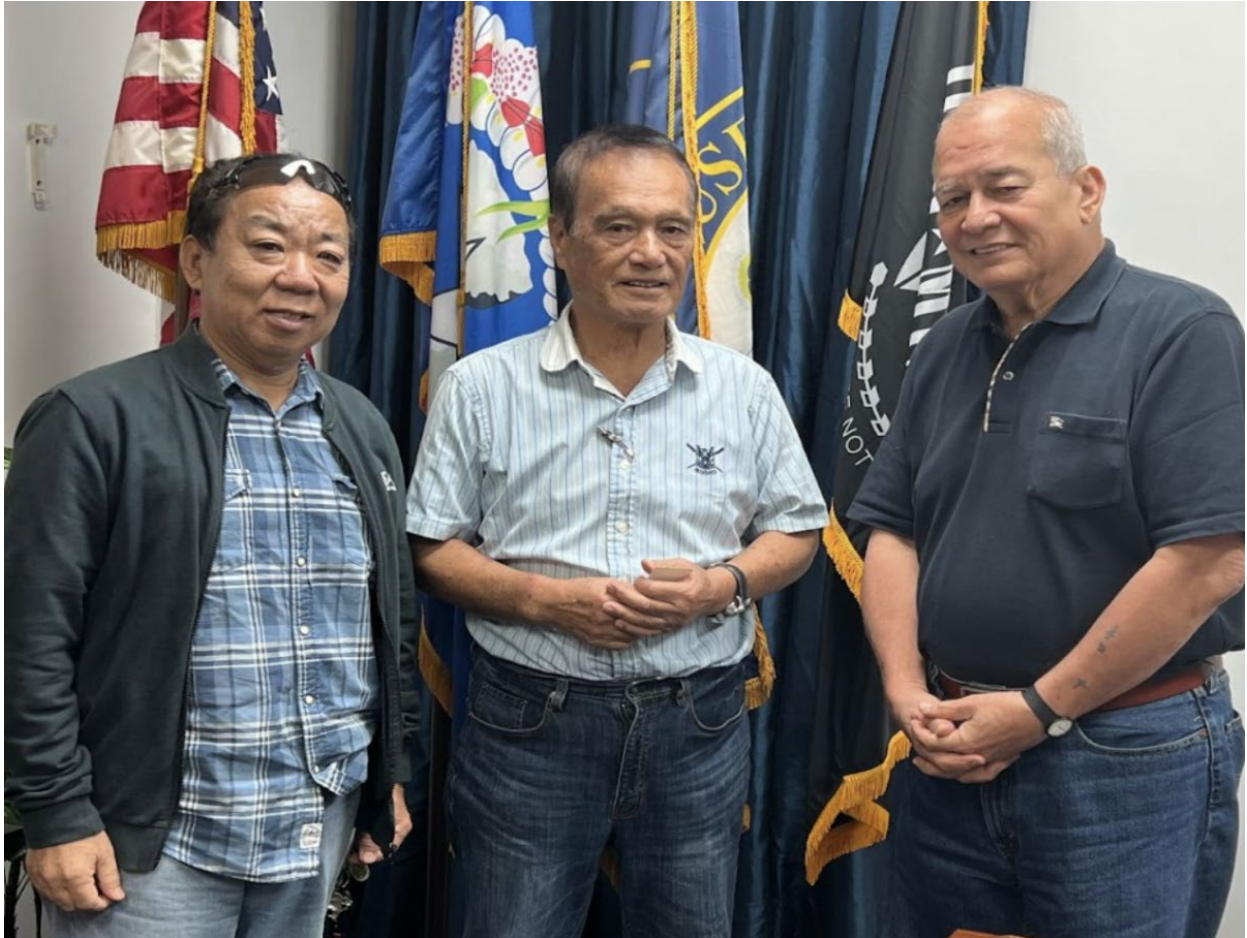
Free COVID tests again available

In anticipation of a resurgence of COVID-19 as families and friends gather for the holiday season, the federal government is again providing free, at-home COVID tests to American households. When first offered earlier this year, the website for the free tests had trouble recognizing the post office box addresses most people in the Marianas use. Your congressional office worked to correct those problems; and our constituents did receive the free tests in the mail. This time around the website seems to be accepting post office box addresses in the Marianas without issue. But, please, let your congressional office know, if you do have a problem. To apply for the free tests, up to four per household, go to COVIDTests.gov online or call 1-800-232-0233 (TTY 1-888-720-7489).

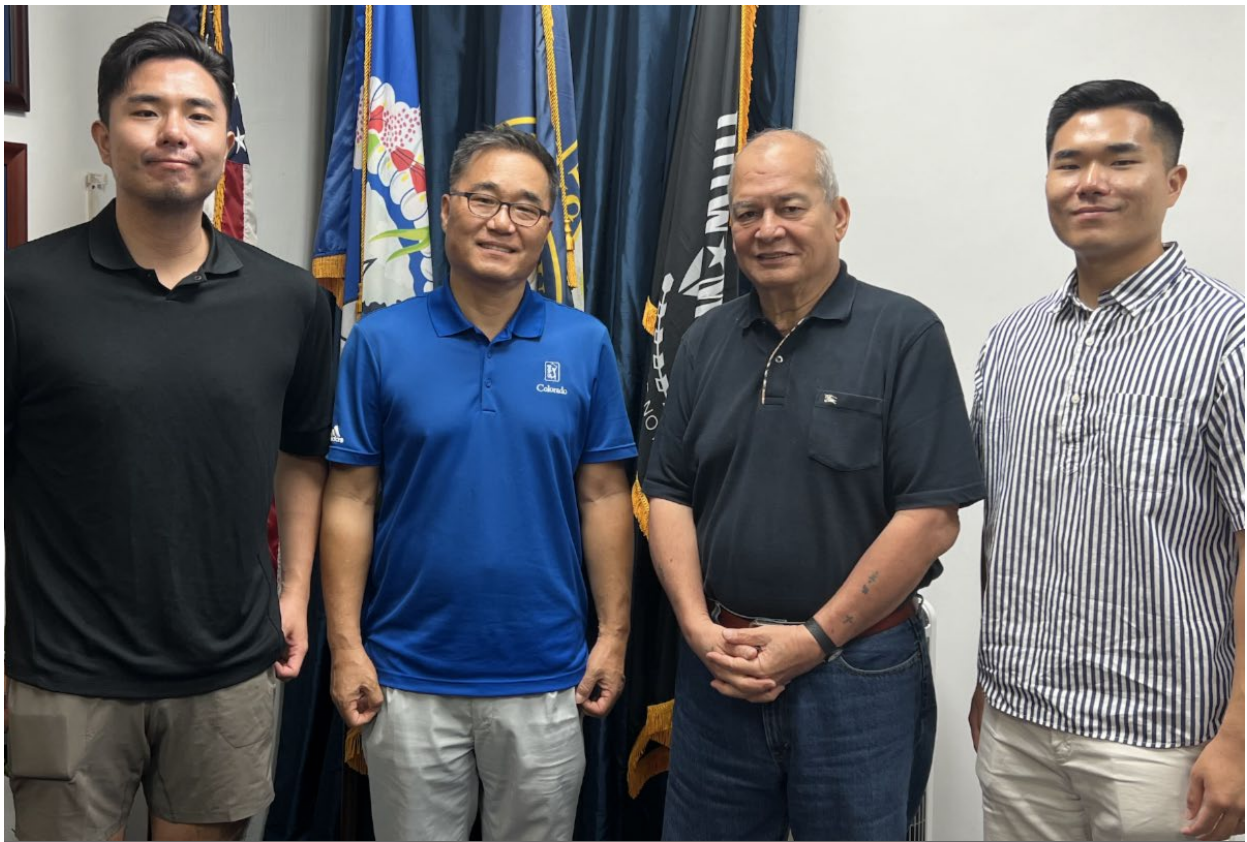
\$98k for juvenile justice aid

Congratulations to the Criminal Justice Planning Agency on the award of a grant of \$98,417 on Tuesday to help improve the Commonwealth's juvenile justice program. This is the second year of a three-year formula grant focused on helping develop "more effective education, training, research, prevention, diversion, treatment, and rehabilitation programs in the area of juvenile delinquency as well as juvenile justice system improvement efforts." The funds support the work of the Office of Youth Affairs, the Department of Public Safety, the Commonwealth Judiciary, the Department of Corrections, the Attorney General, and the Office of the Public Defender. The funds also underwrite the

Juvenile Justice Specialist position at the Criminal Justice Planning Agency.
Congratulations, CJP.



Bring back Japan tourism. This week I met with Mr. Mike Imai and Mr. Ikou, both long-time residents of Saipan. We discussed crucial small steps the Commonwealth can take to bring back tourism from Japan. Thank you, gentlemen, for sharing your ideas.



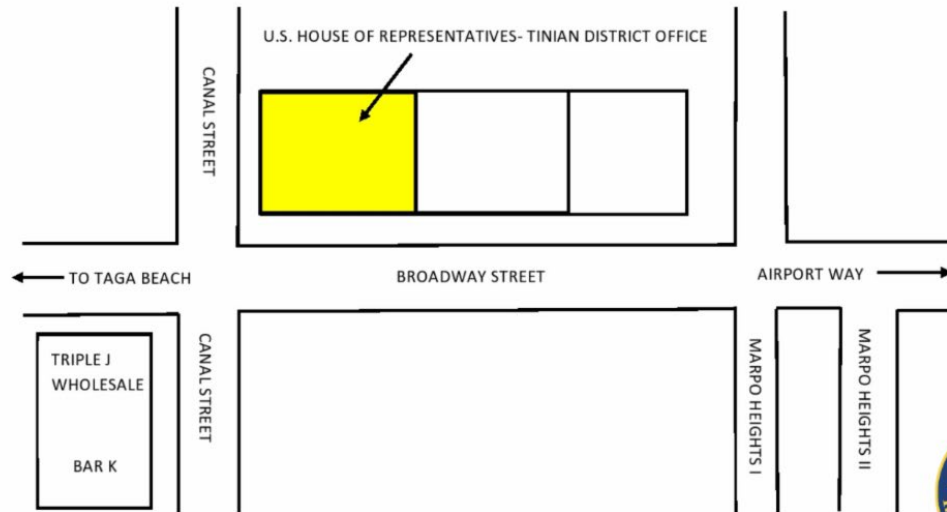
Welcome, Park Family. Air Force Capt. Sun (Alex)(Right), Army 1st Lieutenant Moon (Richard)(Left) and their father Byung Hoon Park dropped by their congressional office for a family holiday visit. The Park brothers both in active duty are home visiting family and friends this week. Alex was one of my military academy nominees. Happy New Year!

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1 Year Ago

COVID funeral aid available

Funeral cost assistance is available for Marianas families who lose a loved one from COVID-19. Congress provided this aid in the [2021 Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act](#). As of December 6, the program has helped in the Marianas with \$10,894, according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which distributes the aid.

5 Years Ago

2017 - The Year in Review

Many seeds planted in years past bore fruit in 2017. New money for our students and teachers and for families in need of food, expanded health benefits for Marianas veterans and a new troop store — legislative projects I began years ago became reality this year.

10 Years Ago

\$938,704 awarded for vaccination program

The Center for Disease Control announced the award of \$938,704 to the Commonwealth's Department of Public Health. This grant is for 2013, the first year in a five-year Immunization and Vaccines for Children Program. The funds, authorized in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, or "Obamacare," are to be used to immunize individuals against vaccine-preventable diseases, such as measles, rubella, poliomyelitis, diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, hepatitis B, hepatitis A, varicella, mumps, haemophilus influenza type b, influenza, and pneumococcal pneumonia.

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants:

- Interior Technical Assistance Program Grants

LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

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- Senate Amendment to H.R. 2617, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, became public law.

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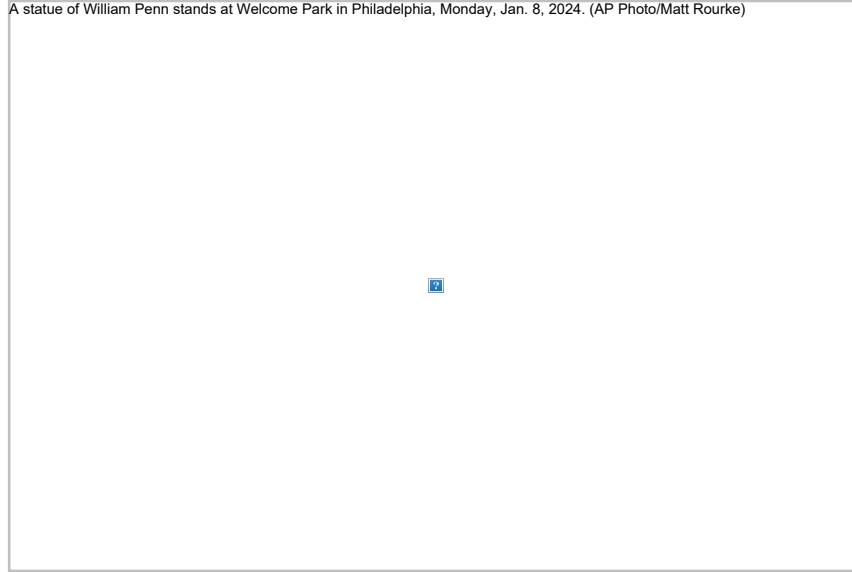
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GREENWIRE | In a quick reversal, the National Park Service on Monday abandoned a controversial plan to take down a popular statue of William Penn from Welcome Park, a site in Philadelphia that honors the founder of Pennsylvania.

In a statement, NPS said it retracted the plan because it had been "released prematurely" before an internal agency review had been completed.

As a result, NPS said: "No changes to the William Penn statue are planned."

The plan, unveiled Friday, had drawn sharp criticism from the state's Democratic governor and top Republicans.

In a post on the social media platform X, Gov. Josh Shapiro expressed satisfaction with the turnaround, saying his team had worked with the Biden administration throughout the day Monday "to correct this decision."

"I'm pleased Welcome Park will remain the rightful home of this William Penn statue — right here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Penn founded," Shapiro said.

Under its original plan, NPS said it wanted to scrap the statue as part of a rehabilitation of Welcome Park "to provide a more welcoming, accurate, and inclusive experience for visitors." The agency said its plan would include "expanded interpretation of the Native American history of Philadelphia."

The agency also said that it had developed the plan after consulting with representatives of the Indigenous nations of the Haudenosaunee, Delaware Nation, Delaware Tribe of Indians, Shawnee Tribe and Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma.

The park, created in 1982, is situated at the site of Penn's home, the Slate Roof House. It's named for the ship Welcome that brought Penn to Philadelphia in the late 1600s.

Penn, who founded the province of Pennsylvania during the British colonial era, has long been regarded as a hero for many in the state.

A statue of William Penn stands at Welcome Park in Philadelphia, Monday, Jan. 8, 2024. (AP Photo/Matt Rourke)



The William Penn statue can be seen in the middle of Welcome Park in Philadelphia. | Matt Rourke/AP

Before the agency withdrew its plan, Republican Senate candidate Dave McCormick, who's seeking to unseat Democratic Sen. Bob Casey this year, said that removing the statue would be "indefensible" and said the Interior Department wanted to eliminate "all mention of our commonwealth's founder."

"What's next?" he said on X, formerly known as Twitter. "The William Penn statue of top of City Hall?"

Similarly, Pennsylvania House Republican Leader Bryan Cutler called the proposal "another sad example of the left in this country scraping the bottom of the barrel of wokeism to advance an extreme ideology and a nonsensical view of history."

Republicans in recent months had also cheered Penn, an influential Quaker, as a champion of religious freedom.

In October, Republican state Sen. Doug Mastriano, who lost a bid to become the state's governor in 2022, held an event in Harrisburg to celebrate Penn's landing in the state, to commemorate a treaty he signed with a local tribe and to recognize Penn's "historic contributions ... to the cause of religious liberty."

The proposal to remove the statue attracted a torrent of online criticism: "Sickening, when are we going to stop this madness?" said one opponent on X, while another urged NPS to "stop trying to erase our nation's founding."

One critic feared the Rocky statue at the Philadelphia Museum of Art could become the next target, while another suggested NPS rename the park as the Karl Marx Indoctrination and Hospitality Center.

The criticism also extended to Capitol Hill. In a tweet Monday night, Republican Rep. Jim Jordan (R-Ohio), the chair of the House Judiciary Committee, asked: "Are they going to try and rename the state, too?"

In its statement, NPS said it still wants to rehabilitate the park before the nation marks its 250th anniversary in 2026.

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Park withdraws review of Welcome Park rehabilitation proposal

PHILADELPHIA, PA — Independence National Historical Park has withdrawn the review of a draft proposal to rehabilitate Welcome Park and closed the public comment period. The preliminary draft proposal, which was released prematurely and had not been subject to a complete internal agency review, is being retracted. No changes to the William Penn statue are planned.

The National Park Service (NPS) remains committed to rehabilitating Welcome Park as the nation prepares to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence in 2026. Upon completion of all the necessary internal reviews, the park looks forward to engaging in a robust public process to consider options for refurbishing the park in the coming years.

The park is located on the site of William Penn's home, the Slate Roof House, and is named for the ship, Welcome, which transported Penn to Philadelphia. The design and construction of Welcome Park was funded by the Independence Historical Trust and was completed in 1982.

Updates on the project may be found on the park's website at www.nps.gov/INDE.

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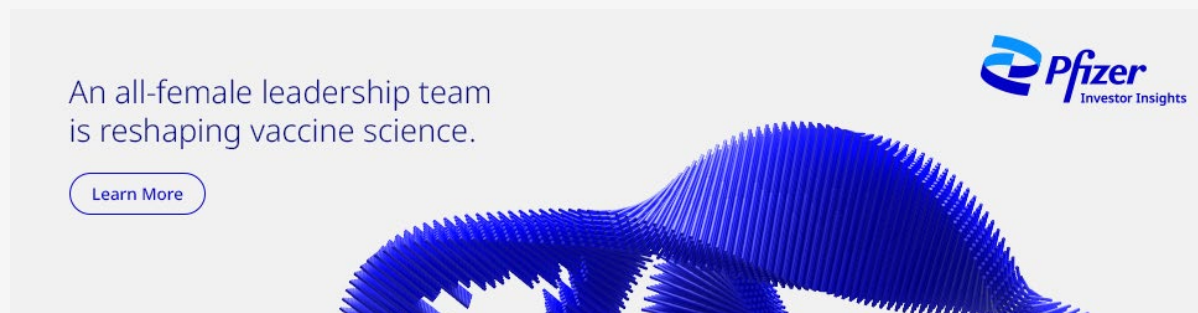
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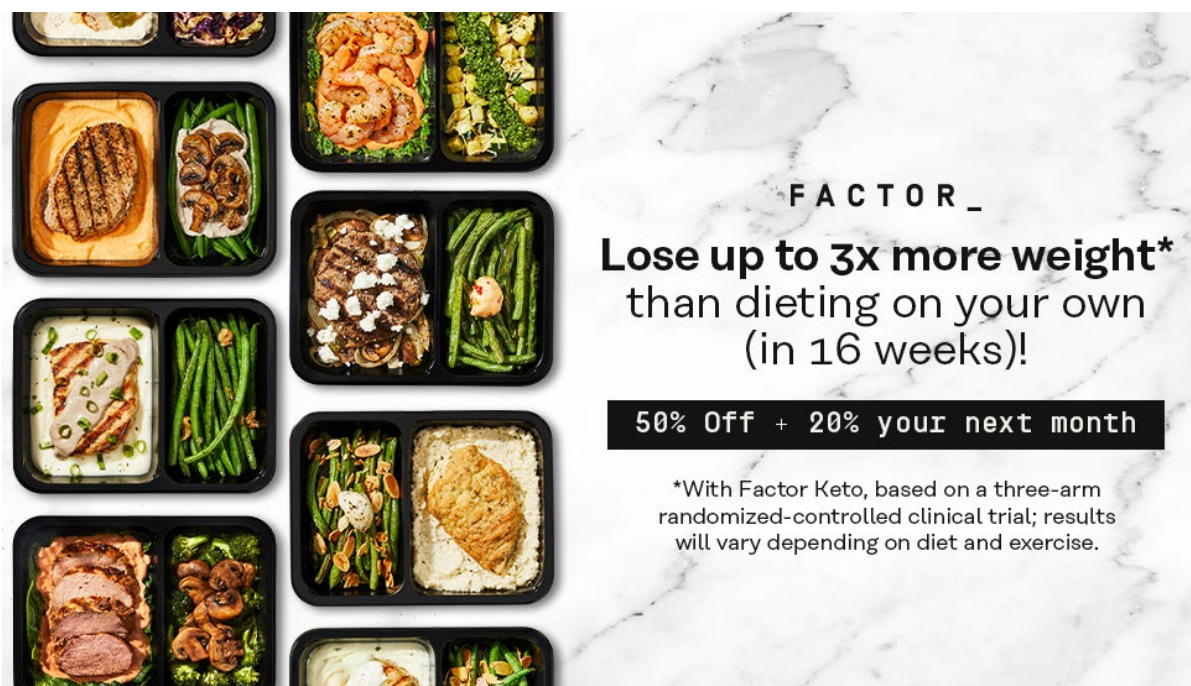
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Our colleague **Devlin Barrett** says it's hard to say whether Trump's legal arguments will hold sway. But he says this: "This appeals court has already found in a separate case that Trump is not immune to civil liability for his actions as a presidential candidate around Jan. 6, so it is hard to imagine they will find he has absolute criminal immunity."

Another colleague, **Spencer S. Hsu**, adds that he's watching what the judges say about each of the arguments raised by Trump.

- For example, are they more concerned with Trump's claim of presidential immunity or his double jeopardy claim that former president's cannot be charged for conduct they have been impeached but not convicted of by the Senate?
- How much credence do they give an argument raised by outside left-leaning analysts suggesting Trump cannot appeal the immunity issue before trial at all?

THE TIMELINE

Time is of the essence. Smith had hoped to begin the trial against Trump on March 4, but that could be delayed depending on the outcome and timeline of a decision in this case.

Because this is a new legal question and they know it will be reviewed by the Supreme

Court, the judges will want to write a thoughtful, in-depth opinion, according to Supreme Court reporter **Ann Marimow**. She predicts that a D.C. Circuit decision will “take weeks — not days.”

But no matter the outcome of today's proceedings, the Supreme Court is likely to have the last word.

“After the D.C. Circuit issues its ruling, either party can seek rehearing by a full complement of appeals court judges or go directly to the Supreme Court,” Ann adds.

THE IMPACT

While the outcome of this case will have huge consequences for the special counsel case, it could have implications in the Georgia case, too.

Trump filed similar claims in the Georgia case on Monday, where is charged with 13 counts related to an alleged conspiracy to overturn the 2020 election results in the state. If the Supreme Court finds that Trump was immune as president, that could affect the Georgia prosecution, even though he is charged with state crimes, Spencer notes.

And presidential immunity would not apply to the Florida case involving classified documents “because he was not president during the time of the alleged actions in the indictment,” our colleague **Perry Stein** says. It also won't apply to the case in New York, which alleges that Trump paid hush money to adult actress **Stormy Daniels**.

What we're watching

ON THE HILL

Austin fallout: We are watching continued fallout over **Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin's failure to disclose his hospital stay** to the president, members of Congress and officials at the Pentagon.

Rep. Matt Rosendale (R-Mont.) is filing articles of impeachment. The top Republican on the **House Armed Services Committee**, **Rep. Mike Rogers** (Ala.), tweeted that he's

“quickly losing faith” in Austin’s ability to lead the Defense Department.

Austin was admitted to a hospital after a procedure on Jan. 1 and was discharged from the intensive care unit last night.

Border security framework probably delayed: Senate negotiators on border security said Monday night that a framework is unlikely to be released this week, which negotiators had suggested was likely as recently as this weekend. Disagreements remain on too many issues, including parole, which has been the most difficult part of already tough negotiations.

“We’ll continue to try and get this nailed down,” **Sen. Chris Murphy** (D-Conn.) told reporters, per our colleague **Paul Kane**.

OVERSEAS

Secretary of State Antony Blinken is in Tel Aviv today as escalating tensions between Israel and the Lebanese militant group **Hezbollah** raise the specter of a full-scale regional war.

On Monday evening, Israeli **Foreign Minister Israel Katz** said in a televised interview that Israel had killed a top Hezbollah commander, **Wissam al-Tawil**, calling it “part of the war,” our colleague **Annabelle Timsit** reports. The targeted killing comes as Israel weighs launching a major military operation in Lebanon.

- But as our colleagues **John Hudson**, **Yasmeen Abutaleb** and **Shane Harris** reported over the weekend, the Biden administration has privately warned Israeli officials against the escalation. Washington believes, based on a secret assessment from the **Defense Intelligence Agency**, that “it will be difficult for the **Israel Defense Forces** (IDF) to succeed because its military assets and resources would be spread too thin given the conflict in Gaza,” our colleagues report.

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Violent political threats surge as 2024 begins, haunting American democracy



Law enforcement officers patrol the grounds of the Mississippi Capitol in Jackson on Jan. 4 as they deal with a second consecutive day of bomb threats. (Rogelio V. Solis/AP)

Our colleagues **Sarah Ellison**, **Yvonne Wingett Sanchez** and **Patrick Marley** [take a look](#) at the violent threats and acts of intimidation against many government officials since the 2020 presidential election and its effect on American democracy.

Members of Congress, state officials, local leaders and judges have all been subjected to swatting, bomb threats and death threats.

- Special counsel Jack Smith, who is overseeing the prosecution of Trump in two federal cases, was the target of an attempted swatting at his Maryland residence on Christmas Day, [per NBC News's Michael Kosnar and Zoë Richards](#). Chutkan, the judge presiding over Trump's election subversion case, was the target of a similar incident on Sunday.

The targets of the threats share a common attribute: They have done or said

something that has earned the ire of the former president, our colleagues write.

- “I am really worried that there is going to be a tragedy,” Wisconsin Supreme Court **Justice Jill Karofsky** said in an interview with our colleagues. “I believe people when they say that they want to hurt us or kill us. I don’t think they’re idle threats.”

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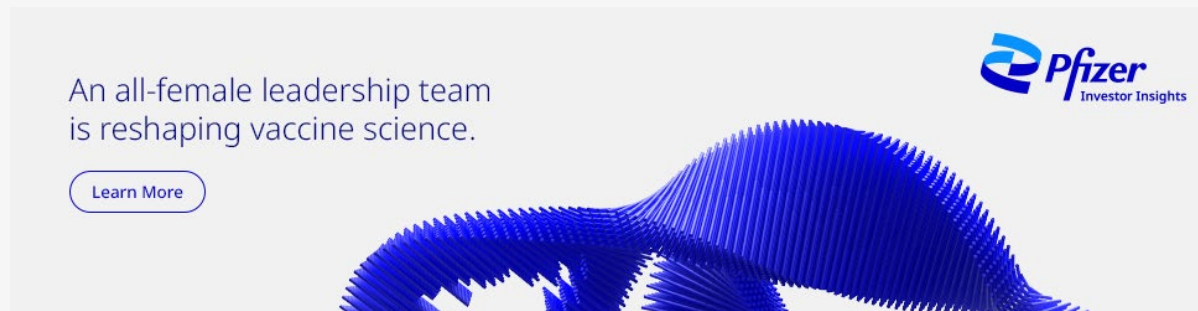
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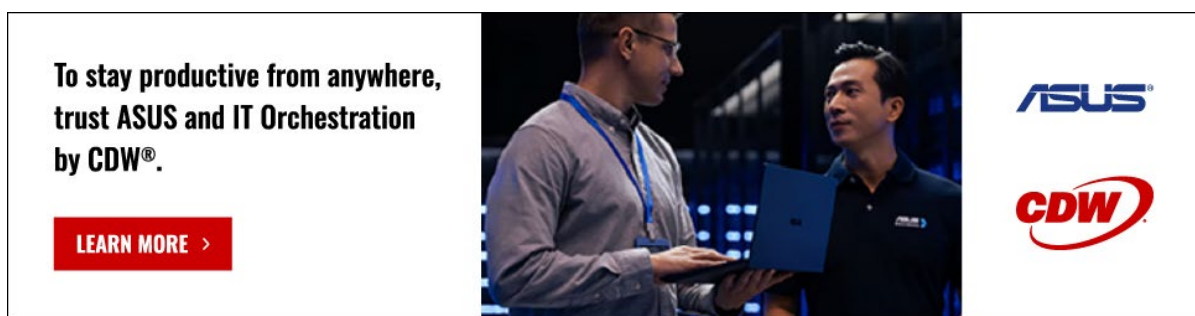
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- But as our colleagues **John Hudson**, **Yasmeen Abutaleb** and **Shane Harris** reported over the weekend, the Biden administration has privately warned Israeli officials against the escalation. Washington believes, based on a secret assessment from the **Defense Intelligence Agency**, that "it will be difficult for the **Israel Defense Forces** (IDF) to succeed because its military assets and resources would be spread too thin given the conflict in Gaza," our colleagues report.

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Violent political threats surge as 2024 begins, haunting American democracy



Law enforcement officers patrol the grounds of the Mississippi Capitol in Jackson on Jan. 4 as they deal with a second consecutive day of bomb threats. (Rogelio V. Solis/AP)

Our colleagues **Sarah Ellison**, **Yvonne Wingett Sanchez** and **Patrick Marley** [take a look](#) at the violent threats and acts of intimidation against many government officials since the 2020 presidential election and its effect on American democracy.

Members of Congress, state officials, local leaders and judges have all been subjected to swatting, bomb threats and death threats.

- Special counsel Jack Smith, who is overseeing the prosecution of Trump in two federal cases, was the target of an attempted swatting at his Maryland residence on Christmas Day, [per NBC News's Michael Kosnar and Zoë Richards](#). Chutkan, the judge presiding over Trump's election subversion case, was the target of a similar incident on Sunday.

The targets of the threats share a common attribute: They have done or said something that has earned the ire of the former president, our colleagues write.

- “I am really worried that there is going to be a tragedy,” Wisconsin Supreme Court **Justice Jill Karofsky** said in an interview with our colleagues. “I believe people when they say that they want to hurt us or kill us. I don’t think they’re idle threats.”

The Media

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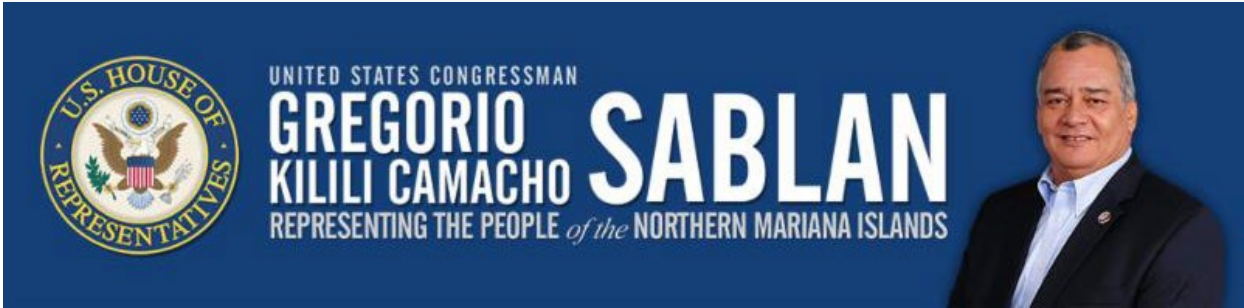
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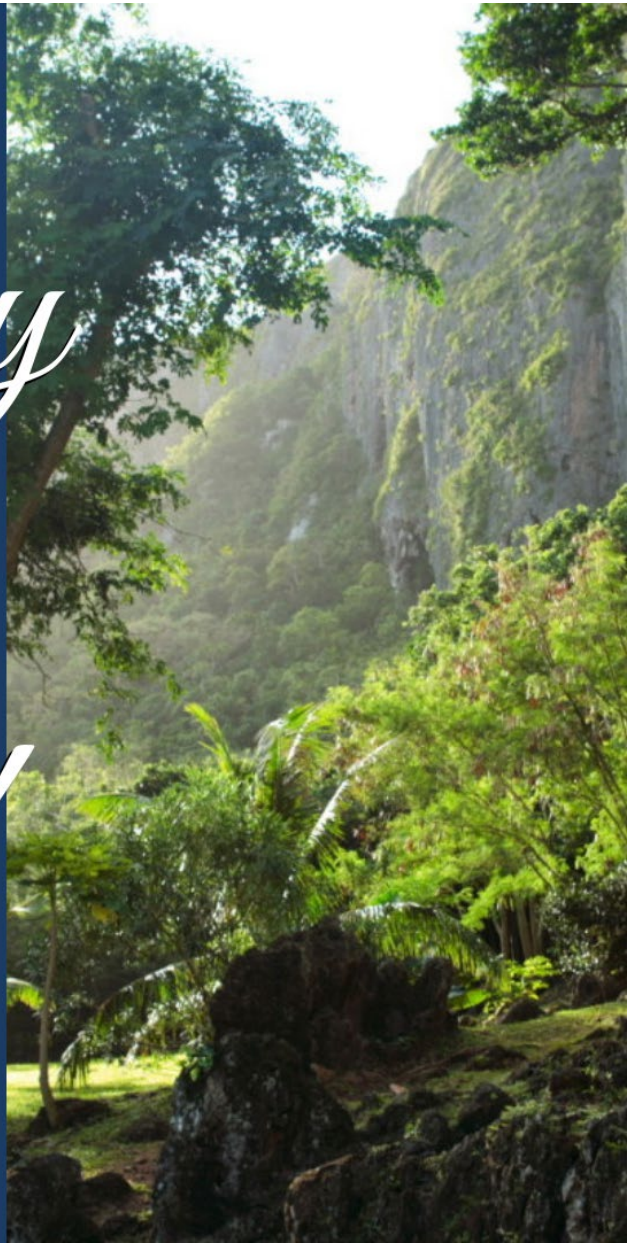


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2022 THE YEAR IN REVIEW



The **117th House of Representatives** gathered for our official photograph before concluding work last week. Below, your congressional office recalls some highlights of this momentous year.

January



Free COVID tests

As the Marianas struggled with a surge in COVID, the Biden administration made a half-billion free tests available for American households to order online for home delivery. Initially, the system would not recognize Marianas addresses because we post office boxes, but your congressional office quickly got the problem fixed.

February



Focusing on Medicaid

The annual Interagency Group on Insular Areas meeting was an opportunity for me to remind the Biden administration of the work needed on Medicaid. Congress addressed the funding problem with a large and permanent increase (\$64 million for the Marianas this year) and automatic inflation adjustments in Public Law 116-94. But the favorable federal/local matching rate in that law (83/17) was only temporary and would revert to 55/45 on September 30. The President listened. When he released his budget proposal in May, he recommended aligning our rates with states!

March

FY22 Marianas Earmarks

<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount</u>
CHCC: Modernizing lab facilities	\$1,200,000
Upgrading IT for greater telehealth usage	\$980,639
Expanding Rota home dialysis	\$391,500
PSS: Expanding language & cultural immersion program	\$350,000
Expanding school libraries, e-library	\$150,000
Collecting health data to encourage healthy living	\$150,000
NMI Judiciary: Assessing mental health treatment court for vets	\$303,000
NMC: Innovation incubator for SBDC	\$952,394
Karidat: Guma Esperansa generator	\$50,000
Total: \$4,527,533	



Marianas community projects: \$4.5m

For the first time since 2010, when the Republican majority blocked Members of Congress from directing funds to hometown needs, I was able to secure earmarks for Marianas organizations that provide vital public services. The Democratic majority restarted community project funding; and the fiscal 2022 appropriation, signed into law in March, included \$4.5 million for Northern Marianas College, the Public School System, Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation, Karidat, and the Judicial branch.

April



New help for Veterans' caregivers

Marianas families caring for a disabled veteran became eligible for help—including a monthly stipend—from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Your congressional office took action when veterans reported their applications for the caregivers program were being rejected. The Department was telling veterans our islands are not part of the United States! As a member of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, I immediately let the Department know they were wrong and injuring men and women who had put their lives on the line for America. The Department apologized to those rejected and the program is now in operation.

May



Head Start sign up eased

Enrolling their young children in Head Start got easier for Marianas families receiving Nutrition Assistance Program food aid. Your congressional office worked with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, which administers Head Start, to confirm that the "categorical eligibility" for the children of families that participate in the national Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, SNAP, will also apply to Marianas families in our Nutrition Assistance Program, NAP. Categorical eligibility means less paperwork for families to qualify their children for Head Start.

Northern Mariana Islands

Total Announced BIL Funding: \$62.3M

% of Funding per BIL Category

Transportation  25.66%

Climate, Energy, and the Environment  74.33%

\$52m for Marianas infrastructure. We made sure the Marianas was included in the [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law](#); and six months later, the White House informed us, \$51.6 million had been awarded. ([\\$62.3 million as of October 25.](#)) Included was \$21 million for the Kagman Watershed Project and airport improvement money for Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

June



Marianas flag flies at Smithsonian museum

The flag of the Northern Mariana Islands was raised for the first time at the National Museum of American History on June 14, Flag Day. I initiated the request for inclusion of all insular area flags alongside those of the states; and Dr. Anthea M. Hartig, the Museum's Director, responded positively. For 60 years, this display has been incomplete, she said during the ceremony. Now we are acting "to right that wrong."

July



\$10,000 prize for Marianas teachers

One science or math teacher from the Marianas will be selected each year for a Presidential Award for Excellence under provisions of my STEM Educator Awards Equity Act. I piggybacked my bill onto the CHIPS and Science Act, Public Law 117-167, which Congress sent to the President in July. The selected Marianas teacher will receive \$10,000 from the National Science Foundation and will participate in expert-led training and collaboration opportunities in Washington. Previously, Marianas teachers had to compete with teachers from American Samoa, Guam, and the Virgin Islands for the annual prize.

August



Marianas veterans got to speak directly with Veterans Affairs Deputy Secretary Donald Remy, the number two official at the Department in August. As a member of the House Committee on Veterans Affairs, I invited Remy to

survey the state of available VA services in the Marianas and continue working with me to improve aid to veterans.

Biden signs PACT Act

The 3.5 million veterans, including those in the Marianas, exposed to deadly toxins in the line of duty will have automatic access to life-saving care under terms of the Honoring our PACT Act, a major achievement of the House Committee on Veterans Affairs in this Congress. The Department of Veterans Affairs now honors claims for 23 new conditions and cancers identified in the law and presumed to result from exposure to burn pits and other hazardous conditions.

September



Marianas voter assist is now law

Marianas voters with limited mobility or other barriers to casting their ballot will be helped by U.S. Public Law 117-182, the Protection and Advocacy for Voting Access Program Inclusion Act. The new law adds the Marianas to entities eligible for grants to train poll workers, maintain voting hotlines, and assure polling places are accessible to all. I introduced the legislation, H.R. 7326, in the House with Rep. Ruben Gallego (D-Arizona).

October



Congressional Delegation in Tinian

A CODEL led by Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-Florida) Chair of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, along with Rep. Ed Case (D-Hawaii) and Rep. Randy Feenstra (R-Iowa), visited Tinian in October. They toured the Air Force divert airfield, North Field, and the Tinian harbor along with Joint Region Marianas Commander Rear Adm. Benjamin Nicholson and Tinian leadership. The Subcommittee appropriated \$191 million for Tinian in the fiscal 2023 appropriations law.

November



\$6.3m to continue student meals

More than 13,000 NMI children who lack regular access to meals at their schools or child care centers will continue to receive free breakfasts, lunches, and snacks through the Pandemic EBT program. Congress provided P-EBT for Marianas students in a continuing resolution in October 2020; and your congressional office has been encouraging the Public School System, the Commonwealth government, and the U.S Department of Agriculture to extend

the program through 2023.

December



NDAA passes, Marianas benefits

In addition to increasing pay and benefits for service members, authorizing \$191 million for divert field projects on Tinian, and reauthorizing the Coral Reef Conservation Act, this year's defense bill contained my legislation creating an advisory board within the Department of Veterans Affairs with representatives from the Marianas and each of the other U.S. insular areas. The National Defense Authorization Act also includes my Shark Fin Sales Elimination Act, addressing the sharp decline in shark populations worldwide by banning the commercial trade in shark fins within the United States. This ban mirrors Marianas law and several U.S. states' prohibitions on sale, purchase, or possession of shark fins.

FY2023 Omnibus Appropriations Bill



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Fiscal 2023 Appropriations Act signed

President Biden signed into law the Consolidated Appropriations Act with funding for the federal government for all of fiscal year 2023. The Marianas fared well:

- **Permanent Medicaid FMAP in 2023 spending law.** A year that began with a focus on Medicaid, ended with a final solution to a long-standing inequity in how the Marianas and other insular areas are treated versus states. The Marianas' statutory federal share of Medicaid, 55 percent, is now permanently raised to 83 percent, better than the FMAP for any state. Without this change the Commonwealth would have faced \$40 million in costs this year to access all the available Medicaid funding made possible by U.S. Public Law 116-94.
- **\$26.8m for congressional projects.** The Commonwealth's Department of Public Works, Office of Transit Authority, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation, Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, Northern Marianas College, the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, and the Public School System will all receive funding for their community projects that I requested be added to the fiscal 2023 appropriation act. The fourteen Marianas projects are worth \$26,838,182.
- **More nutrition assistance.** Marianas families and individuals enrolled in the Nutrition Assistance Program will benefit from the \$34 million in food aid—\$4 million more than last year—that I secured for NAP in the fiscal 2023 appropriation. This is \$24 million more than when I first entered Congress and began working to achieve Marianas parity with the states in federal food aid.
- **More funds for drinkable water.** For the fourteenth year the set-aside of 1.5 percent for the Marianas and other insular areas from Clean Water Act

and the Safe Drinking Water Act funds continues. I was first able to raise the set-aside in the 2010 appropriation, though statutorily we are only authorized for 0.25 percent and 0.33 percent, respectively, from the two laws. The annual formula tweak has resulted in \$86 million extra for the Marianas and brought 24-hour water to almost every household. Our next target: drinkable water.

- **School aid, Pell grant up.** Funding for the Marianas Public School System from the Elementary and Secondary Education Act will go up an estimated \$630,000 from the current \$13,018,246. As Chair of the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education, I led the request signed by 107 other Members of Congress asking to increase ESEA Title I grants. And 1,724 Marianas college students will see as much as a \$500 bump in their annual Pell grant for tuition and supplies. The maximum grant will now be \$7,395.
- **\$15.5m to cut electric costs.** Funding for the Energizing Insular Communities program increases more than 40 percent, from \$11 million to \$15.5 million, in fiscal 2023; and insular technical assistance grants increase to \$22.3 million. Both programs are funded at the level I requested. Energizing Insular Communities is intended to lower electricity costs by moving us away from costly—and dirty—imported fossil fuels to cheaper, cleaner domestic sources of energy, such as solar and wind.
- **Marianas a "state" for election grants.** The fiscal 2023 appropriation includes \$75,000,000 for the federal Election Commission to make payments to “states” for improvements to election management and security—and the Marianas is deemed a state for purposes of this funding. With trust in elections under constant assault in our nation, I want to ensure robust support for Commonwealth officials who are responsible for keeping our votes safe and vote counting reliable.



Congratulations to Carson Lin, James Lin, Dip Roy, and Jaehoon Son, winners of this year's Congressional App Challenge. Their winning app MathPal is web-based and designed to help high school students understand mathematical concepts. The team of four will receive national recognition and have their work eligible for display in the U.S. Capitol. They will also be invited to attend the House of Code reception in Washington, D.C. The Congressional App Challenge is an annual competition open to middle and high school students. Next year's App Challenge will commence in late summer 2023.

\$1.6m for vaccination support

As part of the continuing support from Congress during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation was awarded \$1,601,945.28 on Tuesday. The funds, administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, are directed specifically at the Commonwealth's vaccination program. No match from the Commonwealth government is required. Congratulations to CHCC.

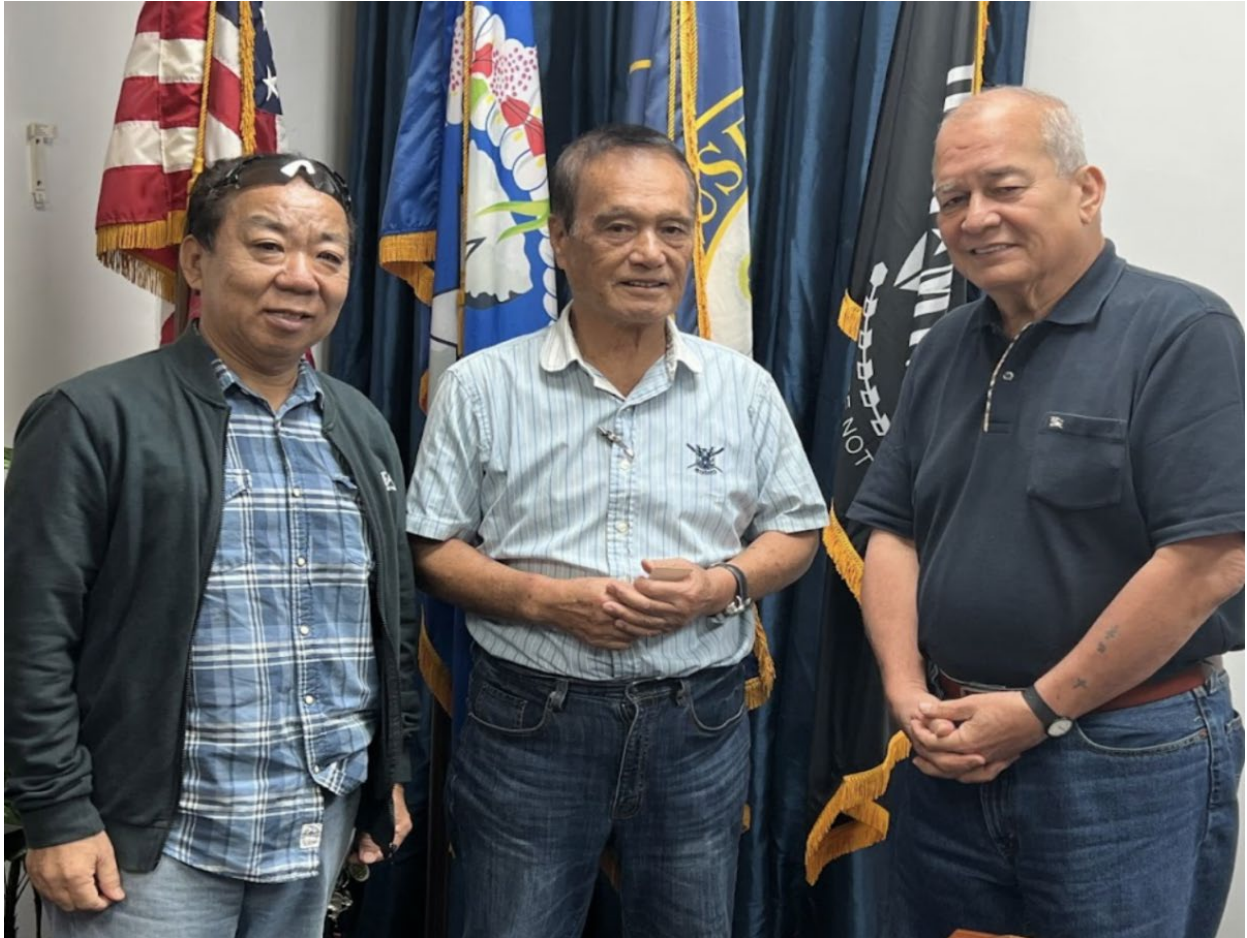
Free COVID tests again available

In anticipation of a resurgence of COVID-19 as families and friends gather for the holiday season, the federal government is again providing free, at-home COVID tests to American households. When first offered earlier this year, the website for the free tests had trouble recognizing the post office box addresses most people in the Marianas use. Your congressional office worked to correct those problems; and our constituents did receive the free tests in the mail. This time around the website seems to be accepting post office box addresses in the Marianas without issue. But, please, let your congressional office know, if you do have a problem. To apply for the free tests, up to four per household, go to COVIDTests.gov online or call 1-800-232-0233 (TTY 1-888-720-7489).

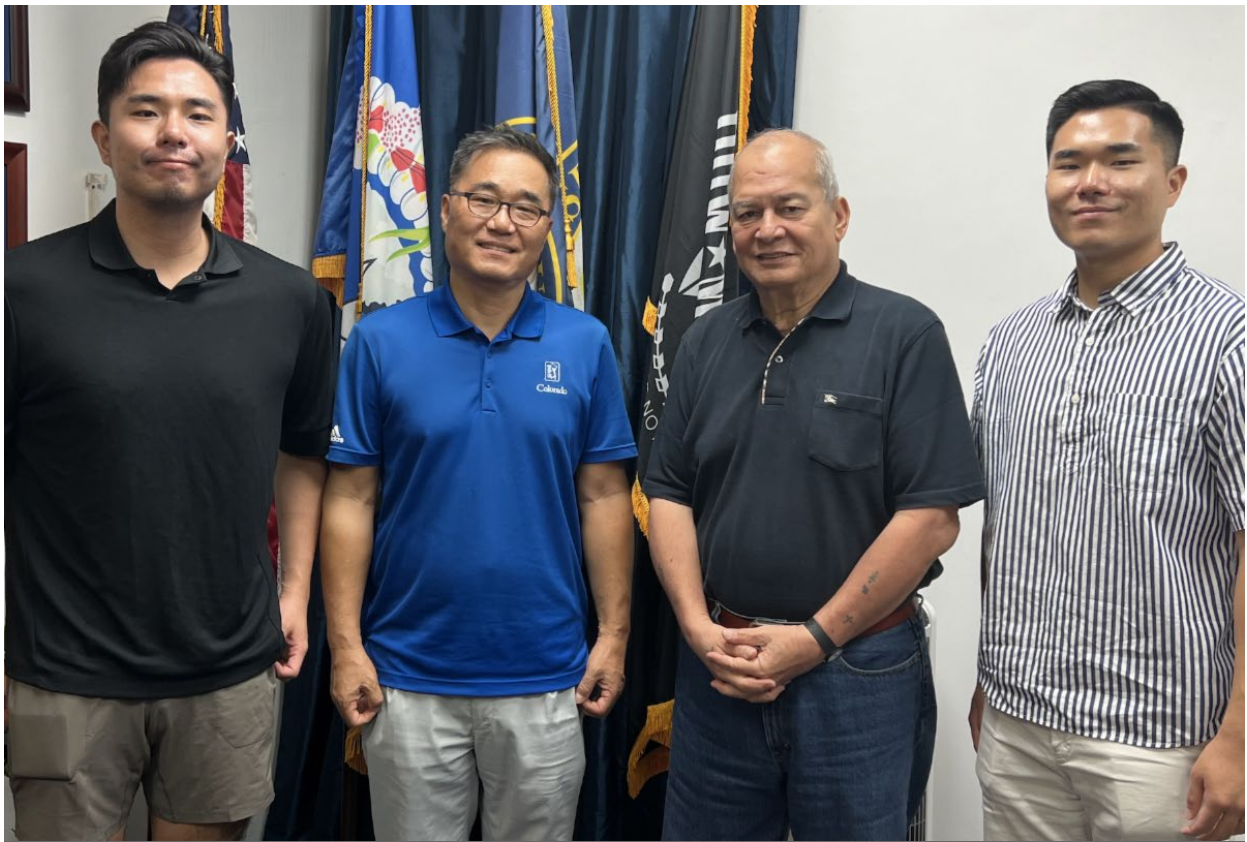
\$98k for juvenile justice aid

Congratulations to the Criminal Justice Planning Agency on the award of a grant of \$98,417 on Tuesday to help improve the Commonwealth's juvenile justice program. This is the second year of a three-year formula grant focused on helping develop "more effective education, training, research, prevention, diversion, treatment, and rehabilitation programs in the area of juvenile delinquency as well as juvenile justice system improvement efforts." The funds support the work of the Office of Youth Affairs, the Department of Public Safety, the Commonwealth Judiciary, the Department of Corrections, the Attorney General, and the Office of the Public Defender. The funds also underwrite the

Juvenile Justice Specialist position at the Criminal Justice Planning Agency.
Congratulations, CJP.



Bring back Japan tourism. This week I met with Mr. Mike Imai and Mr. Ikou, both long-time residents of Saipan. We discussed crucial small steps the Commonwealth can take to bring back tourism from Japan. Thank you, gentlemen, for sharing your ideas.



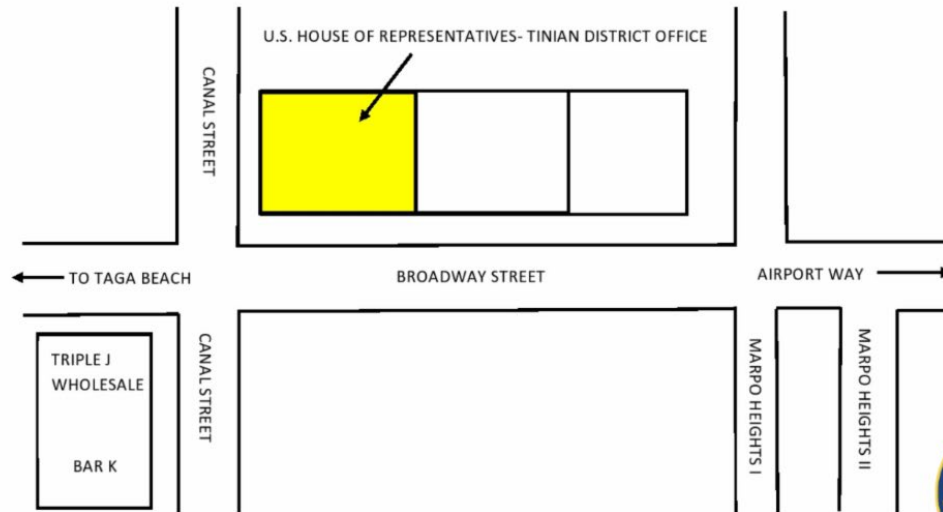
Welcome, Park Family. Air Force Capt. Sun (Alex)(Right), Army 1st Lieutenant Moon (Richard)(Left) and their father Byung Hoon Park dropped by their congressional office for a family holiday visit. The Park brothers both in active duty are home visiting family and friends this week. Alex was one of my military academy nominees. Happy New Year!

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1 Year Ago

COVID funeral aid available

Funeral cost assistance is available for Marianas families who lose a loved one from COVID-19. Congress provided this aid in the [2021 Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act](#). As of December 6, the program has helped in the Marianas with \$10,894, according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which distributes the aid.

5 Years Ago

2017 - The Year in Review

Many seeds planted in years past bore fruit in 2017. New money for our students and teachers and for families in need of food, expanded health benefits for Marianas veterans and a new troop store — legislative projects I began years ago became reality this year.

10 Years Ago

\$938,704 awarded for vaccination program

The Center for Disease Control announced the award of \$938,704 to the Commonwealth's Department of Public Health. This grant is for 2013, the first year in a five-year Immunization and Vaccines for Children Program. The funds, authorized in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, or "Obamacare," are to be used to immunize individuals against vaccine-preventable diseases, such as measles, rubella, poliomyelitis, diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, hepatitis B, hepatitis A, varicella, mumps, haemophilus influenza type b, influenza, and pneumococcal pneumonia.

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants:

- Interior Technical Assistance Program Grants

LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

THIS WEEK

- Senate Amendment to H.R. 2617, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, became public law.

NEXT WEEK

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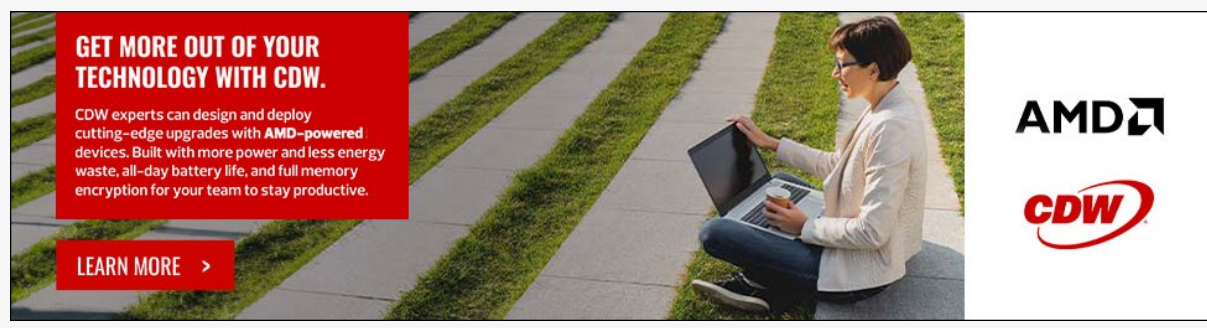
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Good morning, Early Birds. The statue of William Penn in Philadelphia's Welcome Park isn't going anywhere — and neither is a much larger Penn statue atop City Hall. Look how big it is! The sculptor, Alexander Milne Calder, was the grandfather of Alexander Calder,

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In today's edition ... Release of the bipartisan border security framework is likely delayed ... A look at the violent threats against members of Congress, state officials, local leaders and judges since 2020 ... but first ...



From the courts

The consequences of Trump's immunity court case



Former president Donald Trump during the civil fraud trial against the Trump Organization in New York on Dec. 7. (Eduardo Munoz Alvarez/Pool/AFP/Getty Images)

Former president **Donald Trump** is expected to watch today as his lawyers try to convince three appeals court judges that he can't be tried for his alleged role in the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol and trying to overturn the 2020 election.

The outcome could have big implications for Trump — and future presidents. That's because the case raises a novel issue for the courts, which have never before been asked whether a former president is immune from federal criminal prosecution.

Trump is hoping to avoid a trial in the 2020 election case, which was brought by special counsel **Jack Smith**. He's accused of conspiring to overturn the 2020 election.

Trump is also facing political stakes, as he's on track to become the Republican nomination for president.

“His choice to attend the argument — not uncommon but also not required in an appeal — instead of spending more time in Iowa just one week from the GOP's first nominating contest there reflect the bet he and his campaign are placing on blending his criminal defense with electoral message. Tuesday's appearance is poised to be the first of many times this year that he quickly pivots between the courtroom and the campaign trail or brings the campaign to the courthouse steps as he faces four separate criminal cases and two civil trials,” our colleague **Isaac Arnsdorf** reports.

- Trump's purpose in showing up in the courtroom is to show “seriousness and defiance” and garner media attention as he's going on the offense, according to Isaac's reporting.

To understand the legal aspects of the case, we picked the brains of our fantastic colleagues who cover the ins and outs of the Trump trials.

HOW THE CASE CAME TO BE

Trump appealed the case to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia after U.S. District Judge **Tanya S. Chutkan** rejected his attempt to dismiss the case in December. The former president argued that he is immune from federal prosecution because he was president at the time of the alleged crime.

- “Whatever immunities a sitting President may enjoy, the United States has only one Chief Executive at a time, and that position does not confer a lifelong ‘get-out-of-jail-free’ pass.” Chutkan wrote in her decision. “No court — or any other branch of

government — has ever accepted it. And this court will not so hold.”

- Smith asked the Supreme Court to fast-track the case, but the court refused to do so. It didn't explain why.

THE ARGUMENTS

The former president is arguing that he is immune from federal prosecution for his acts as president — and because he was not convicted in his impeachment trial, trying him now would amount to double jeopardy.

“Presidential immunity and the Impeachment Judgment Clause foreclose the criminal prosecution of President Trump for his official acts,” his lawyers argued in a brief to the court.

Smith argues that courts haven't found that former presidents have immunity from criminal liability. And even if they do, Smith argues, it wouldn't apply to Trump, who worked with private individuals and government officials to remain in power.

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- Smith has also argued that a lack of conviction in an impeachment trial does not limit Trump's ability to be prosecuted. Trump was acquitted in his Senate impeachment

trial.

A NOTE ON THE IMPEACHMENT STANDARD

But about that impeachment argument ... it's complicated.

When **Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell** (R-Ky.) voted to not convict Trump in his trial, he said the courts would be the more appropriate venue for assessing the president's actions.

"Impeachment was never meant to be the final forum for American justice," McConnell argued at the time. "We have a criminal justice system in this country. We have civil litigation. And former Presidents are not immune from being held accountable by either one."

THE JUDGES

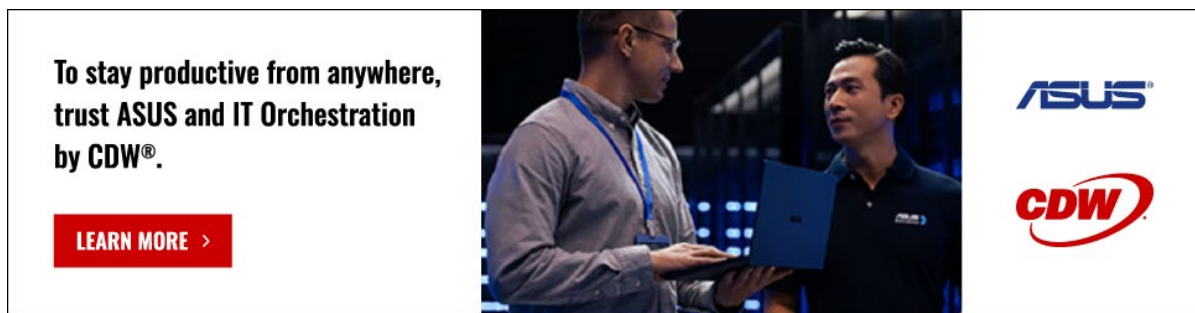
None of the judges on the panel, who are randomly assigned, were nominated by Trump.

Judge Karen L. Henderson was nominated by **President George H.W. Bush** and has served on the court since 1990. Reporters and legal watchers will listen to Henderson closely.

The other two judges on the panel, **Florence Y. Pan** and **J. Michelle Childs**, were nominated by **President Biden** and confirmed by the Senate in 2022.

Childs was in the running for former Supreme Court justice **Stephen Breyer's** seat on the court. **Rep. Jim Clyburn** (D-S.C.) and **Sen. Lindsey Graham** (R-S.C.) urged Biden to choose Childs, who was a federal district court judge in South Carolina, but the appointment went to **Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson**. Biden nominated Pan for the seat vacated by Jackson.

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TRUMP'S CHANCES FOR SUCCESS

Our colleague **Devlin Barrett** says it's hard to say whether Trump's legal arguments will hold sway. But he says this: "This appeals court has already found in a separate case that Trump is not immune to civil liability for his actions as a presidential candidate around Jan. 6, so it is hard to imagine they will find he has absolute criminal immunity."

Another colleague, **Spencer S. Hsu**, adds that he's watching what the judges say about each of the arguments raised by Trump.

- For example, are they more concerned with Trump's claim of presidential immunity or his double jeopardy claim that former president's cannot be charged for conduct they have been impeached but not convicted of by the Senate?
- How much credence do they give an argument raised by outside left-leaning analysts suggesting Trump cannot appeal the immunity issue before trial at all?

THE TIMELINE

Time is of the essence. Smith had hoped to begin the trial against Trump on March 4, but that could be delayed depending on the outcome and timeline of a decision in this case.

Because this is a new legal question and they know it will be reviewed by the Supreme Court, the judges will want to write a thoughtful, in-depth opinion, according to Supreme Court reporter **Ann Marimow**. She predicts that a D.C. Circuit decision will "take weeks — not days."

But no matter the outcome of today's proceedings, the Supreme Court is likely to have the last word.

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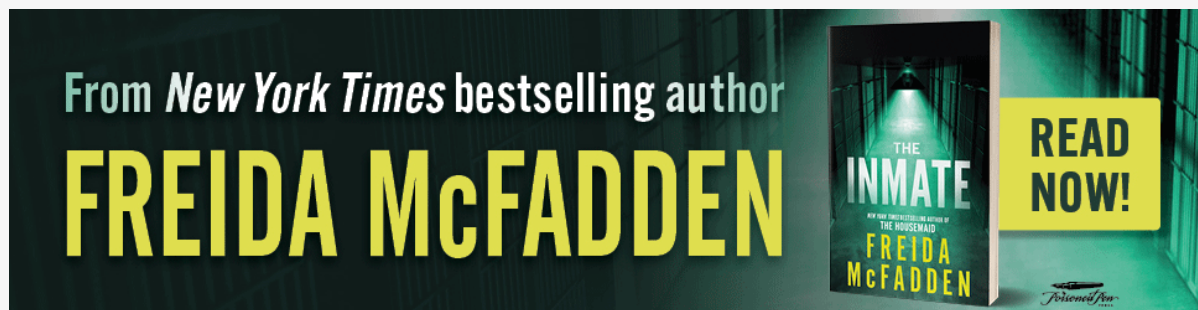
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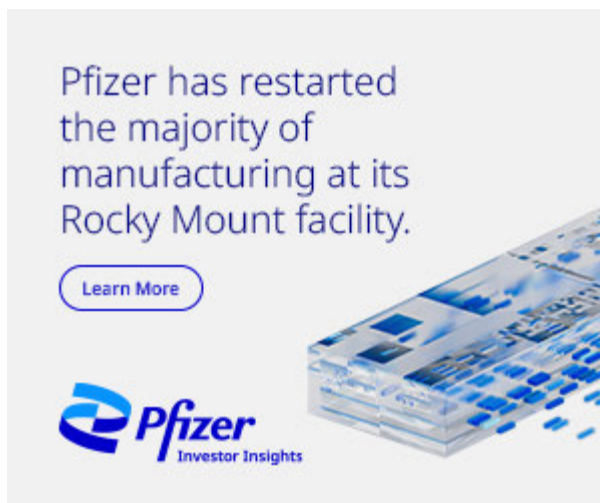
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A NOTE ON THE IMPEACHMENT STANDARD

But about that impeachment argument ... it's complicated.

When **Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell** (R-Ky.) voted to not convict Trump in his trial, he said the courts would be the more appropriate venue for assessing the president's actions.

“Impeachment was never meant to be the final forum for American justice,” McConnell argued at the time. “We have a criminal justice system in this country. We have civil litigation. And former Presidents are not immune from being held accountable by either one.”

THE JUDGES

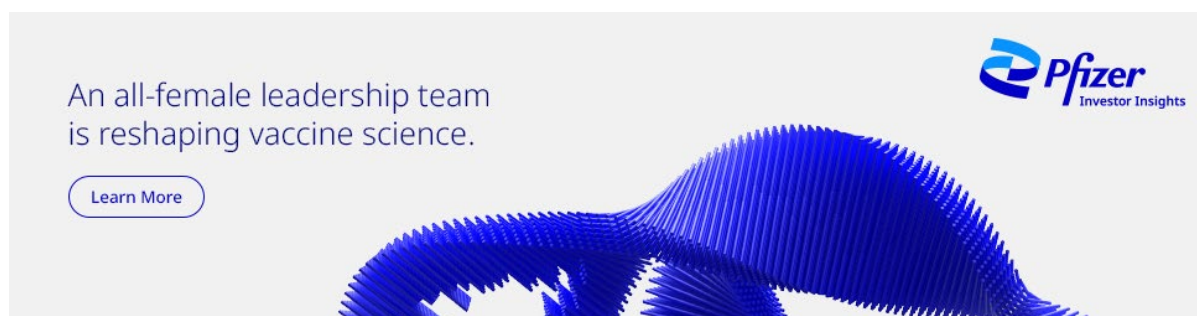
None of the judges on the panel, who are randomly assigned, were nominated by Trump.

Judge Karen L. Henderson was nominated by **President George H.W. Bush** and has served on the court since 1990. Reporters and legal watchers will listen to Henderson closely.

The other two judges on the panel, **Florence Y. Pan** and **J. Michelle Childs**, were nominated by **President Biden** and confirmed by the Senate in 2022.

Childs was in the running for former Supreme Court justice **Stephen Breyer's** seat on the court. **Rep. Jim Clyburn** (D-S.C.) and **Sen. Lindsey Graham** (R-S.C.) urged Biden to choose Childs, who was a federal district court judge in South Carolina, but the appointment went to **Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson**. Biden nominated Pan for the seat vacated by Jackson.

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Our colleague **Devlin Barrett** says it's hard to say whether Trump's legal arguments will hold sway. But he says this: “This appeals court has already found in a separate case that Trump is not immune to civil liability for his actions as a presidential candidate around Jan. 6, so it is hard to imagine they will find he has absolute criminal immunity.”

Another colleague, **Spencer S. Hsu**, adds that he's watching what the judges say about each of the arguments raised by Trump.

- For example, are they more concerned with Trump's claim of presidential immunity or his double jeopardy claim that former president's cannot be charged for conduct they have been impeached but not convicted of by the Senate?
- How much credence do they give an argument raised by outside left-leaning analysts suggesting Trump cannot appeal the immunity issue before trial at all?

THE TIMELINE

Time is of the essence. Smith had hoped to begin the trial against Trump on March 4, but that could be delayed depending on the outcome and timeline of a decision in this case.

Because this is a new legal question and they know it will be reviewed by the Supreme Court, the judges will want to write a thoughtful, in-depth opinion, according to Supreme Court reporter **Ann Marimow**. She predicts that a D.C. Circuit decision will "take weeks — not days."

But no matter the outcome of today's proceedings, the Supreme Court is likely to have the last word.

"After the D.C. Circuit issues its ruling, either party can seek rehearing by a full complement of appeals court judges or go directly to the Supreme Court," Ann adds.

THE IMPACT

While the outcome of this case will have huge consequences for the special counsel case, it could have implications in the Georgia case, too.

Trump filed similar claims in the Georgia case on Monday, where is charged with 13 counts related to an alleged conspiracy to overturn the 2020 election results in the state. If the Supreme Court finds that Trump was immune as president, that could affect the Georgia prosecution, even though he is charged with state crimes, Spencer notes.

And presidential immunity would not apply to the Florida case involving classified documents “because he was not president during the time of the alleged actions in the indictment,” our colleague **Perry Stein** says. It also won't apply to the case in New York, which alleges that Trump paid hush money to adult actress **Stormy Daniels**.

What we're watching

ON THE HILL

Austin fallout: We are watching continued fallout over **Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin's failure to disclose his hospital stay** to the president, members of Congress and officials at the Pentagon.

Rep. Matt Rosendale (R-Mont.) is filing articles of impeachment. The top Republican on the **House Armed Services Committee**, **Rep. Mike Rogers** (Ala.), tweeted that he's “quickly losing faith” in Austin's ability to lead the Defense Department.

Austin was admitted to a hospital after a procedure on Jan. 1 and was discharged from the intensive care unit last night.

Border security framework probably delayed: Senate negotiators on border security said Monday night that a framework is unlikely to be released this week, which negotiators had suggested was likely as recently as this weekend. Disagreements remain on too many issues, including parole, which has been the most difficult part of already tough negotiations.

“We'll continue to try and get this nailed down,” **Sen. Chris Murphy** (D-Conn.) told reporters, per our colleague **Paul Kane**.

OVERSEAS

Secretary of State Antony Blinken is in Tel Aviv today as escalating tensions between Israel and the Lebanese militant group **Hezbollah** raise the specter of a full-scale regional war.

On Monday evening, Israeli **Foreign Minister Israel Katz** said in a televised interview that Israel had killed a top Hezbollah commander, **Wissam al-Tawil**, calling it “part of the war,” our colleague **Annabelle Timsit** reports. The targeted killing comes as Israel weighs launching a major military operation in Lebanon.

- But as our colleagues **John Hudson, Yasmeen Abutaleb** and **Shane Harris** reported over the weekend, the Biden administration has privately warned Israeli officials against the escalation. Washington believes, based on a secret assessment from the **Defense Intelligence Agency**, that “it will be difficult for the **Israel Defense Forces** (IDF) to succeed because its military assets and resources would be spread too thin given the conflict in Gaza,” our colleagues report.

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Biden vs. America: William Penn historic statue is next to be canceled by Park Service

By [Suzanne Downing](#)



The continued erasure of America's historic statues continues under President Joe Biden. Late last year, a statue dedicated to reconciliation between the northern and southern states was removed from Arlington National Cemetery after a brief hold was placed on the removal by a judge.

Now, it's the founder of Pennsylvania, William Penn, who is being cancelled.

The Penn statue that sits atop his historic home site will be removed from the property, according to the U.S. Park Service. In its place, more memorials to American Indians will be installed.

Penn was a Quaker who came to America to avoid religious persecution in England. By most accounts, he was a stellar advocate for democracy, justice, and fairness to indigenous people.

“The National Park Service proposes to rehabilitate Welcome Park to provide a more welcoming, accurate, and inclusive experience for visitors. Welcome Park was designed by the internationally acclaimed design firm Venturi & Scott Brown Associates. The park is located on the site of William Penn's home, the Slate Roof House, and is named for the ship, Welcome, which transported Penn to Philadelphia. The design and construction of Welcome Park was funded by the Independence Historical Trust and was completed in 1982,” the Park Service said.

The proposed “rehabilitation” of Welcome Park includes “expanded interpretation of the Native American history of Philadelphia and was developed in consultation with representatives of the indigenous nations of the Haudenosaunee, the Delaware Nation, Delaware Tribe of Indians, the Shawnee Tribe, and the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma,” according to the agency.

“The reimagined Welcome Park maintains certain aspects of the original design such as the street grid, the rivers and the east wall while adding a new planted buffer on three sides, and a ceremonial gathering space with circular benches. The Penn statue and Slate Roof house model will be removed and not reinstalled. In a separate and future effort, new exhibit panels will be installed on the south site wall to replace the Penn timeline,” the Park Service said.

Penn befriended local Indians and ensured that they were paid fairly for their lands. He learned several Indian dialects in order to negotiate land deals without interpreters. Penn introduced laws in the colony that guaranteed that if an Indian was wronged by a European settler, there would be a fair trial, with both Indians and Europeans in equal numbers on the jury.

“Penn chose to acquire lands for his colony through business rather than conquest. He paid the Indians 1200 pounds for their land under the treaty, an amount considered fair, according to ushistory.org. “Voltaire praised this ‘Great Treaty’ as ‘the only treaty between those people [Indians and Europeans] that was not ratified by an oath, and that was never infringed.’”

The public is invited to submit comments on the proposed design for the “rehabilitation” of Welcome Park for a 14-day period from Jan-21, 2024, through the National Park Service’s Planning, Environment and Public Comment at <https://parkplanning.nps.gov>.

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A NOTE ON THE IMPEACHMENT STANDARD

But about that impeachment argument ... it's complicated.

When **Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell** (R-Ky.) voted to not convict Trump in his trial, he said the courts would be the more appropriate venue for assessing the president's actions.

"Impeachment was never meant to be the final forum for American justice," McConnell argued at the time. "We have a criminal justice system in this country. We have civil litigation. And former Presidents are not immune from being held accountable by either one."

THE JUDGES

None of the judges on the panel, who are randomly assigned, were nominated by Trump.

Judge Karen L. Henderson was nominated by **President George H.W. Bush** and has served on the court since 1990. Reporters and legal watchers will listen to Henderson closely.

The other two judges on the panel, **Florence Y. Pan** and **J. Michelle Childs**, were nominated by **President Biden** and confirmed by the Senate in 2022.

Childs was in the running for former Supreme Court justice **Stephen Breyer's** seat on the court. **Rep. Jim Clyburn** (D-S.C.) and **Sen. Lindsey Graham** (R-S.C.) urged Biden to choose Childs, who was a federal district court judge in South Carolina, but the appointment went to **Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson**. Biden nominated Pan for the seat vacated by Jackson.

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Our colleague **Devlin Barrett** says it's hard to say whether Trump's legal arguments will hold sway. But he says this: "This appeals court has already found in a separate case that Trump is not immune to civil liability for his actions as a presidential candidate around Jan. 6, so it is hard to imagine they will find he has absolute criminal immunity."

Another colleague, **Spencer S. Hsu**, adds that he's watching what the judges say about

each of the arguments raised by Trump.

- For example, are they more concerned with Trump's claim of presidential immunity or his double jeopardy claim that former president's cannot be charged for conduct they have been impeached but not convicted of by the Senate?
- How much credence do they give an argument raised by outside left-leaning analysts suggesting Trump cannot appeal the immunity issue before trial at all?

THE TIMELINE

Time is of the essence. Smith had hoped to begin the trial against Trump on March 4, but that could be delayed depending on the outcome and timeline of a decision in this case.

Because this is a new legal question and they know it will be reviewed by the Supreme Court, the judges will want to write a thoughtful, in-depth opinion, according to Supreme Court reporter **Ann Marimow**. She predicts that a D.C. Circuit decision will "take weeks — not days."

But no matter the outcome of today's proceedings, the Supreme Court is likely to have the last word.

"After the D.C. Circuit issues its ruling, either party can seek rehearing by a full complement of appeals court judges or go directly to the Supreme Court," Ann adds.

THE IMPACT

While the outcome of this case will have huge consequences for the special counsel case, it could have implications in the Georgia case, too.

Trump filed similar claims in the Georgia case on Monday, where is charged with 13 counts related to an alleged conspiracy to overturn the 2020 election results in the state. If the Supreme Court finds that Trump was immune as president, that could affect the Georgia prosecution, even though he is charged with state crimes, Spencer notes.

And presidential immunity would not apply to the Florida case involving classified documents "because he was not president during the time of the alleged actions in the

indictment,” our colleague **Perry Stein** says. It also won't apply to the case in New York, which alleges that Trump paid hush money to adult actress **Stormy Daniels**.

What we're watching

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Austin fallout: We are watching continued fallout over **Defense Secretary Lloyd**

Austin's failure to disclose his hospital stay to the president, members of Congress and officials at the Pentagon.

Rep. Matt Rosendale (R-Mont.) is filing articles of impeachment. The top Republican on the **House Armed Services Committee**, **Rep. Mike Rogers** (Ala.), tweeted that he's “quickly losing faith” in Austin's ability to lead the Defense Department.

Austin was admitted to a hospital after a procedure on Jan. 1 and was discharged from the intensive care unit last night.

Border security framework probably delayed: Senate negotiators on border security said Monday night that a framework is unlikely to be released this week, which negotiators had suggested was likely as recently as this weekend. Disagreements remain on too many issues, including parole, which has been the most difficult part of already tough negotiations.

“We'll continue to try and get this nailed down,” **Sen. Chris Murphy** (D-Conn.) told reporters, per our colleague **Paul Kane**.

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On Monday evening, Israeli **Foreign Minister Israel Katz** said in a televised interview that Israel had killed a top Hezbollah commander, **Wissam al-Tawil**, calling it “part of the war,”

our colleague **Annabelle Timsit** reports. The targeted killing comes as Israel weighs launching a major military operation in Lebanon.

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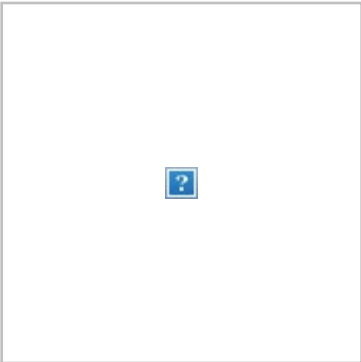
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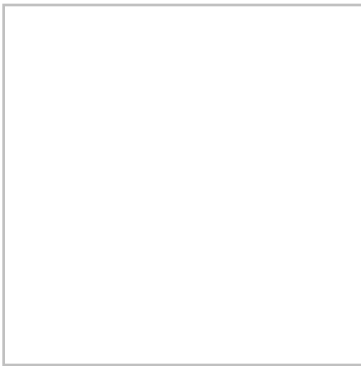
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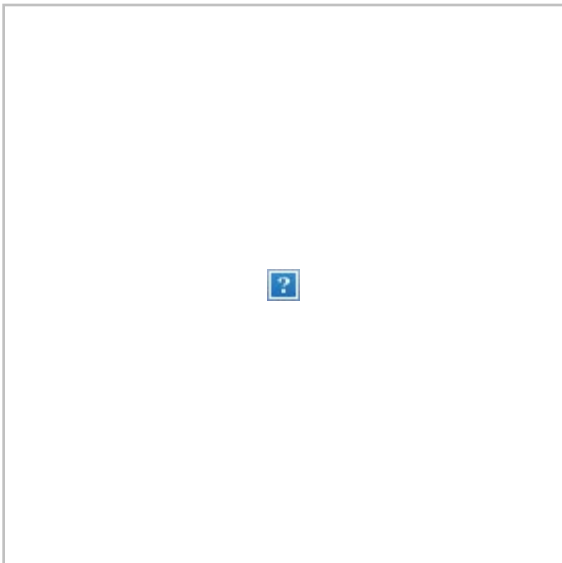
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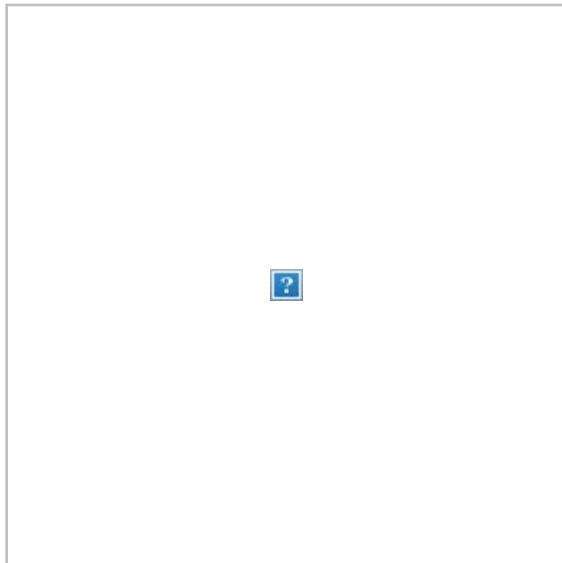
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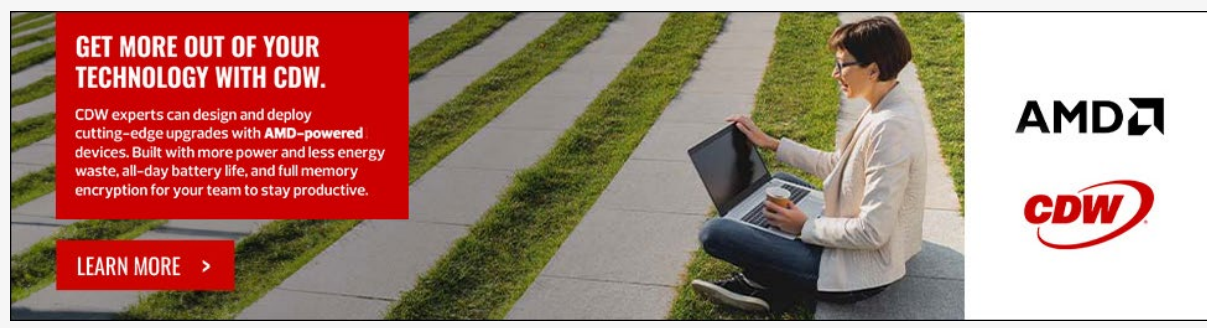
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From the courts

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Former president Donald Trump during the civil fraud trial against the Trump Organization in New York on Dec. 7. (Eduardo Munoz Alvarez/Pool/AFP/Getty Images)

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To understand the legal aspects of the case, we picked the brains of our fantastic colleagues who cover the ins and outs of the Trump trials.

HOW THE CASE CAME TO BE

Trump appealed the case to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia after U.S. District Judge **Tanya S. Chutkan** rejected his attempt to dismiss the case in December. The former president argued that he is immune from federal prosecution because he was president at the time of the alleged crime.

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Luke Runyon, January 4, 2024

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Michael Davidson, Paul Botts and Jack Darin, Opinion, January 5, 2024

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Nadia Ramlagan, January 8, 2024

Manufacturers in Ohio employ around 12% of the state's workforce, and advocates say the state's Appalachian region could bolster its economy by turning itself into a green manufacturing hub. Dana Kuhnline - program director with the group ReImagine Appalachia - said manufacturing in the clean-energy sector would create good jobs and help build local economies, as well as help curb climate change. "What can we manufacture in Appalachia?" said Kuhnline. "How can we reuse shuttered facilities, like closed steel facilities and shuttered coal plants? And what are sustainable products that Appalachia could become a hub for, that we could make in this region? "

Yakima Herald: [Yakama Nation Fisheries receives grant funding to realign highway near Leavenworth](#)

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NPR: [Offshore wind farm starts generating power](#)

Barbara Moran, January 4, 2024

Offshore wind is a young industry in the U.S. This week, it hit a milestone when one of the country's first two commercial-scale projects, Vineyard Wind, started sending power to the grid. Vineyard Wind, off the coast of Massachusetts, delivered five megawatts of electricity from one turbine. Now, that may not sound like much, but it is a big deal for this new industry.

The Cool Down: [State makes history with its first offshore wind project: 'The next chapter in \[our\] great history'](#)

Jeremiah Budin, January 8, 2024

Louisiana is set to break a clean energy milestone in the United States, launching the first two offshore wind farms in state waters. The projects, known as Cajun Wind and Diamond Offshore Wind, have already been approved by Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards and the state's Department of Natural Resources. Cajun Wind is being developed by Danish manufacturer Vestas Wind Systems (via its North American arm Steelhead Americas) and Diamond Offshore Wind is being developed by Mitsubishi.

BNN: [US BOEM Updates Offshore Renewable Energy Guidelines](#)

Rafia Tasleem, January 6, 2024

The US Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) has unveiled revised guidelines for providing geophysical, geotechnical, and geohazard information crucial to offshore renewable energy projects. The guidelines, stipulated under 30 CFR Part 585, were initially published in May 2020, focusing primarily on the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf (OCS).

Coastal Point: [U.S. Wind initiates benefits talk with towns](#)

Mike Smith, January 5, 2024

US Wind has formally presented to the Delaware Association of Coastal Towns (ACT) a package of community benefits for the good of Delaware's coastal residents. The ACT communities of Henlopen Acres, Rehoboth Beach, Dewey Beach, Bethany Beach and South Bethany have begun to evaluate the offer and will proceed with discussions through their respective public meeting processes.

Shore News Network: [Another Offshore Wind Farm Project Off the Jersey Shore Bites the Dust](#)

Robert Walker, January 6, 2024

Equinor (EQNR.OL) and BP (BP.L) announced the termination of their power sale agreement with New York State for the proposed Empire Wind 2 offshore wind farm. The decision, attributed to rising inflation, higher borrowing costs, and supply chain challenges, repositions the project for future development opportunities. Equinor, in a statement on Wednesday, referenced the impact of broad economic changes on the industry. The move coincides with New York's new offshore wind solicitation, allowing companies to renegotiate or exit old contracts.

Shore News Network: [New Jersey Governor Full Steam Ahead on Wind Farms Amid Crippling Industry Crisis](#)

Robert Walker, January 7, 2024

The offshore wind energy sector in New Jersey and New York is experiencing significant challenges. In New Jersey, Governor Phil Murphy's renewable energy goals suffered a blow with Ørsted's withdrawal from two key offshore wind projects, Ocean Winds I and II. The Danish company cited inflation, interest rate hikes, and supply chain issues, leading to a \$2.8 billion reduction in the first project's value.

Clean Technica: [Giant Subsea "Starfish" To Help Push The Cost Of Floating Offshore Wind Down And Downer](#)

Tina Casey, January 7, 2024

The US is depending on floating wind turbine technology to get its hands on more offshore wind resources. However, floating wind is a relatively new industry and costs tend to run higher, compared to the more familiar offshore wind turbines that sit on high towers fixed to the seabed. Fortunately, solutions have been emerging, and it looks like a key goal is already within reach.

E&E: [Offshore wind faces more financial turbulence in 2024](#)

Heather Richards, January 8, 2024

To meet the White House's mandates for offshore wind, the Interior Department will have to accelerate its pace in assessing projects. The offshore wind industry is hoping for new momentum in 2024 to counter the broken contracts, canceled wind farms and missed targets characterizing its last 18 months. While experts say the nascent industry is getting back on its feet after being thrashed by inflationary costs and an immature supply chain after the pandemic, the enormous scale of building a new U.S. renewable sector from scratch still poses significant challenges that could stall a key plank of President Joe Biden's climate agenda.

E&E: [Republicans to thrash Interior offshore drilling plan](#)

Heather Richards, January 8, 2024

A hearing this week will be the first since the Interior Department finalized its five-year drilling plan. A House Natural Resources subcommittee will pick apart President Joe Biden's offshore energy agenda during a hearing this week. Titled "Examining the Biden Administration's Limits on Access to the [Outer Continental Shelf]: Impacts on Consumers, States and Operators," the Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee hearing will be the first since the Interior Department published its five-year offshore leasing plan in December.

DOI and the Climate Crisis

NBC New York: [A magnitude 1.7 earthquake hit NYC. Is climate change a culprit?](#)

Linda Gaudino, January 6, 2024

New York City dwellers were abruptly awoken at the crack of dawn on Tuesday by an escalating, rumbling vibration that sired a rush of police cars and fire trucks. What sounded the alarms for a possible explosion turned into a minor earthquake, a seemingly foreign experience to New Yorkers, but what turns out to be nature running its course. The United States Geological Survey (USGS) reported a magnitude 1.7 earthquake occurred at 5:45 a.m. Tuesday near Astoria, Queens.

DOI and Conservation

CBS News: [Endangered jaguar previously unknown to U.S. is caught on camera in Arizona](#)

Staff, January 8, 2024

There's been another jaguar sighting in southern Arizona and it's the eighth different jaguar documented in the southwestern U.S. since 1996, according to wildlife officials. Jason Miller, a hobbyist wildlife videographer who posts trail camera footage online, captured the image of a roaming jaguar late last month in the Huachuca Mountains near Tucson, CBS affiliate KPHO-TV reported. A spokesman for the Arizona Game and Fish Department said the agency has authenticated Miller's footage and has confirmed this is a new jaguar to the United States.

NowThis News: [To Save One Owl Species, We Have To Kill Another](#)

Sophia Anderson, January 5, 2024

In order to save one endangered owl species, hunters might have to shoot and kill the 470,000 barred owls that are overcrowding forests on the West Coast of the United States, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) argued in a new proposal. If we don't take action, the agency said, roughly 7,000 of the remaining northern spotted owls could become extinct.

Arizona Republic: [1,000 wild Arizona burros are going to be relocated. Here's why](#)

Rey Covarrubias Jr., January 6, 2024

Bureau of Land Management announced on Dec. 20 that it plans to gather and relocate 1,000 wild burros near Kingman due to overpopulation concerns. The burros lived in the Black Mountain Herd Management Area in Mohave County, and the herd grew to three times the appropriate size, according to a news release from the Bureau of Land Management.

Nevada Independent: [Conservationists seek federal protection for rare Nevada wildflower](#)

Amy Alonzo, January 8, 2024

*Come spring, clusters of tiny, yellow wildflowers will blanket Washoe, Eagle and Carson valleys. The vibrant display put on by *Erythranthe carsonensis* — the Carson Valley monkeyflower — is endemic to just a few areas around Northern Nevada and a miniscule corner of California's Alpine County, growing on sandy flats and gentle slopes within sagebrush habitat. But it's highly threatened, according to conservationists at the Center for Biological Diversity who, on Monday, will officially petition the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to add the plant to the endangered species list, arguing that federal protections along with designation of critical habitat are needed to maintain the survival of the delicate flowers.*

Cowboy State Daily: [Dennis Sun: Endangered Species Act -- All Stick and No Carrots](#)

Dennis Sun, Opinion, January 5, 2024

The Endangered Species Act (ESA) is 50 years old and is possibly one of the most controversial acts ever passed. In 1973, the ESA passed in the U.S. House and U.S. Senate by a large majority and was signed by President Nixon. As the act reads, it "authorized the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service to establish a list of endangered and threatened plant and animal species and made it illegal to collect, harm or kill certain species."

Las Vegas Sun: [BLM aims to round up thousands of horses in Nevada](#)

Hillary Davis, January 7, 2024

The ongoing wild horse roundup in rural Northern Nevada is planned to be what is likely the single largest gather conducted by the federal government. The Bureau of Land Management plans to gather and remove 2,875 mustangs from what the agency calls the East Pershing Complex. The roundup started Dec. 28, and as of Jan. 3, had netted 733 animals using low-flying helicopters and wranglers to drive the feral horses toward traps, according to BLM reports. The operation could last through February.

Northern Journal: [Alaska lost a lawsuit that challenged a COVID-era emergency moose hunt. Now, it's appealing for a second time.](#)

Nathaniel Herz, January 5, 2024

It's one of multiple cases in which the Dunleavy administration is clashing with the federal government over fish and game management, and over who has the ultimate regulatory power in that realm. In the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic, the leader of a Southeast Alaska island village's tribal government asked federal managers to open an emergency hunt, citing the community's fears about having enough food. The request was approved by a federal management agency, the Federal Subsistence Board, and the harvest of moose and deer went ahead, supplying 135 households with meat.

Grand Junction Daily Sentinel: [Comments being taken on recovery plan for lynx, which faces climate-change threat](#)

Dennis Webb, January 8, 2024

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is continuing to accept comments through Jan. 30 on a recently released draft recovery plan for the Canada lynx in Colorado and other Lower 48 states, where it is now considered to be primarily threatened by climate change.

Tucson Sentinel: [New wild jaguar spotted in Southern Arizona, enviros confirm](#)

Paul Ingram, January 5, 2024

A remote trail camera in Southern Arizona operated by a wildlife enthusiast recorded a previously unknown jaguar in late December, the Center for Biological Diversity confirmed Friday. The Tucson-based group said the footage shows a jaguar "not previously identified in the state," making the charismatic big cat the eighth jaguar documented in Arizona over the last 30 years — decades after the species was all but eliminated from the southwestern United States.

Missoulian: [Guest view: MHCA vital for family farms and ranches](#)

Eric Hansen, Dan High and Tony Johnson, Opinion, January 6, 2024

It's no secret that family ranches in southwest Montana are struggling. Younger generations can't afford to buy a home, let alone a ranch that easily costs 10 times what a cow or hay can produce. What working ranch doesn't need to buy out multiple

family members, so the people working on these ranches can carry on or make moves towards succession? Since they first homesteaded, many ranch families have faced financial hardships trying to get their land passed onto the upcoming generation. That's why we are deeply disappointed by the shortsighted opposition to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service proposal to create the Missouri Headwaters Conservation Area.

Post and Courier: [In the South, developers enter a complicated relationship with endangered bats](#)

Clare Fieseler, January 5, 2024

Fireflies flickered in near synchronicity against the dark canopy as two researchers worked below in a swampy clearing. Standing over a dented card table, they placed a tiny, screeching bat in a canvas bag. Then they delicately set it on a scale. Jennifer Kindel, a bat biologist, recited the weight. A wildlife technician tapped the number into a tablet with a gloved hand. Both donned surgical masks.

Amherst Bulletin: [Keeping eagles aloft: Marking 50 years of Endangered Species Act successes in Valley and beyond](#)

Maddie Fabian, January 5, 2024

Ask almost any conservationist about an Endangered Species Act (ESA) success story and they will tell you about the bald eagle. "Growing up, I would have never seen a bald eagle in western Massachusetts," said Jeff Collins, senior director of conservation science at Mass Audubon. The national bird was nearly driven extinct in the lower 48 states, in large part because of the infamous insecticide DDT, formerly widely used in agriculture.

KPAX: [FWP: 'Incidental captures' of lynx reported in Northwest Montana](#)

Staff, January 5, 2024

State wildlife officials report that bobcat trappers in Northwest Montana caught two lynx last week. Both instances were self-reported by the trappers and were subsequently reported to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) by Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP). Lynx are listed as a threatened species and protected under the Endangered Species Act and the USFWS "has established an allowable incidental take for lynx in the lower 48 states," a news release states.

E&E: [Interior shuffles personnel for public lands, minerals slots](#)

Hannah Northey, January 5, 2024

The agency made several moves Friday to oversee President Biden's vision for clean energy projects, mining reforms and public lands. The Interior Department on Friday made several personnel moves that they say will help the agency usher in clean energy projects, mining reforms and oversee President Biden's vision for public lands. Steve Feldgus has been tapped to serve as principal deputy assistant secretary for land and minerals management after serving as deputy assistant secretary for almost three years.

E&E: [Q&A: Fish and Wildlife's new Midwest director digs in](#)

Michael Doyle, January 5, 2024

Will Meeks will oversee work in eight states, from the Great Lakes to controversial gray wolf protections. This Fish and Wildlife Service career employee has a lot more to learn about his native Midwest. Born and raised in northern Ohio, Will Meeks last November was named director of the federal agency's Midwest region. The position oversees about 1,000 employees and spans Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin.

DOI and Indigenous Peoples

Los Angeles Times: [Opinion: Protecting Alaska's wilderness — and our Indigenous way of life — is critical to a green future](#)

Ricko Dewilde, Opinion, January 8, 2024

"Alaska is America's natural resource warehouse." That is what Republican Gov. Mike Dunleavy told then-President Trump in 2018. But our home is far more than storage for the next fad of consumer desires in the Lower 48 states. In Alaska, we are facing an onslaught of proposed projects that threaten to destroy our way of life. Perhaps the most concerning of these is the proposed Ambler industrial mining road.

Cherokee One Feather: [Effort to restore Kuwohi name moving forward](#)

Scott McKie, January 5, 2024

The effort by two Cherokee women to restore the name of Kuwohi to an area in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park is now one step closer to coming to fruition. The Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) passed Res. No. 72 (2024) unanimously during its regular session on Thursday, Jan. 4 that approves the submittal of an application on behalf of the Tribe to restore the name of the mountain currently known as Clingman's Dome to Kuwohi which means 'mulberry place' in the Cherokee language.

KJZZ: [Coalition of Large Tribes authors letter in support of Navajo Nation's NASA complaint](#)

Gabriel Pietrorazio, January 5, 2024

COLT, or the Coalition of Large Tribes, is standing in solidarity with President Buu Nygren and the Navajo Nation in a letter by airing opposition to NASA's private mission to disburse cremated human remains on the moon. This group of more than 50 large land-mass tribal communities each manage at least over 100,000 acres of land and make up more than half of Indian Country's population. They're calling for the upcoming launch to be delayed or that the remains should be removed from its payload until there has been enough tribal consultation.

DOI and Other Bureau News

Daily Mail: [Biden removes William Penn statue from historic Pennsylvania park in 'inclusive' makeover to show more Native American history](#)

Stephen M. Lepore, January 7, 2024

The Biden administration's National Park Service is starting a 'rehabilitation' process for a Pennsylvania park that includes the removal of a statue of founder William Penn and inclusion of representation of Native American tribes. The Deb Haaland-led parks service sent out the request for input on the changes to Welcome Park Friday on their website and in a post on X. Penn, the founder of Pennsylvania in 1681, was notorious for his amicable relations with the Native tribes of the region. The park was established 300 years later.

National Review: [National Park Service to Remove William Penn Statue from Historic Site](#)

Luther Ray Abel, January 7, 2024

The National Park Service (NPS) has announced it will be rehabilitating (via reduction) Pennsylvania founder William Penn's Welcome Park to "provide a more welcoming, accurate, and inclusive experience." Named after the ship that bore Penn to that city of fraternal affection, the park is the site of his former Philadelphia home and the Slate Roof House. As part of this reimagining of Welcome Park, the park service has confirmed that "the Penn statue and Slate Roof house model will be removed and not reinstalled."

ForTheWin: [Elephant seal's parking effort called out by NPS](#)

Pete Thomas, January 6, 2024

A National Park Service employee recently captured an image showing a northern elephant seal resting in a parking lot at Point Reyes National Seashore. Anyone who is fanatical about perfect placement between the lines will note that the seal could have been more considerate by inching a few feet to its left.

Delaware Online: [Wilmington is recognized as an American World War II Heritage City, one of 11 for 2023](#)

Krys'tal Griffin, January 5, 2024

Wilmington recently was designated as an American World War II Heritage City for 2023. The distinction comes from the National Park Service's American World War II Heritage City Program, which serves to recognize the historic importance of the nation's involvement in World War II.

Times Free Press: [Opinion: National Parks are kind of a big deal](#)

Tricia King Mims, Opinion, January 6, 2024

National parks are more popular than ever, and visitation is surging back to pre-pandemic levels. Around the 2016 centennial of the National Park Service, a free annual pass became available for every fourth grader in the country, and family vacations are often planned around national park sites. Filling up a park passport with stamps has become a life's mission for college students, retirees and all lifestyles in between.

Billings Gazette: [Charging international tourists more to visit Yellowstone, Glacier, others parks could boost funding, study suggests](#)

Staff, January 5, 2024

Charging international tourists more to visit U.S. national parks has the potential to raise millions of dollars in fees that could help offset costs for park infrastructure, staffing and maintenance. That's the gist of a new study written by Tate Watkins, a research fellow at the Bozeman-based Property and Environment Research Center. The center touts as its goal finding market solutions for conservation issues. Based on his research, Watkins said about 14 million people from other countries visit a national park each year. If they paid a \$25 surcharge the parks system could raise around \$330 million annually, he calculated.

News 5 Cleveland: [Should Madison be worried about its twin quakes? We ask the experts.](#)

Katie Ussin and Amanda Merrell, January 5, 2024

We're less than a week into 2024 and already, Madison Village has been rattled by two earthquakes. The first happened New Year's Day. The second followed Friday morning. It's not the first time this region felt the Earth move under their feet. But the two-fer this week has people who live there, like Terri Epple, wondering what's up.

Washington Lawyer: [Nature's Legal Champions](#)

Richard Blaustein, January 5, 2024

In 1978, while on vacation at the Grand Canyon, traveling on a wooden dory down the Colorado River, environmental lawyer Lois Schiffer experienced a turning point in her career. "I had been working on legal issues related to public lands, and then suddenly I was in the essence of the most fabulous public lands," says Schiffer, former general counsel for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. At the time, Schiffer headed the general litigation section of the U.S. Department of Justice's Land and Natural Resources Division (now the Environment and Natural Resources Division).[...] Solicitor Robert Anderson of the U.S. Department of the Interior can relate to the sentiment.

Live Science: [Satellite images reveal just how much cities on the US East Coast are sinking](#)

Robert Lea, January 5, 2024

"Continuous unmitigated subsidence on the U.S. East Coast should cause concern." Images collected by numerous satellites have shown that major cities and population centers across the U.S. East Coast are sinking. Land sinking, or "subsidence," as seen by these satellites, is dangerous because it can undermine the foundations of buildings, potentially causing collapse. It can also damaging roads as well as gas and water lines. When coupled with rising sea levels caused by human-driven climate change, subsidence in coastal regions can increase the risk of flooding and worsen subsequent damage.

E&E: [Republicans put parks maintenance backlog under microscope](#)

Nidhi Prakash, January 8, 2024

The backlog has increased despite funding from the Great American Outdoors Act. A House Natural Resources subcommittee will hold a hearing Wednesday on what Republicans say is a worrying increase in the backlog of deferred federal maintenance on public lands. The National Park Service's backlog has long been the subject of concern. By 2022, it had reached more than \$22 billion — almost \$10 billion more than it had been four years earlier.

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residents to present another option

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[WTOL: Five companies to pay \\$7.2 million settlement for natural resource damages to Toledo watershed areas](#)

[WVNS: National Park Service meeting to address new project](#)

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[USA Today: National Park Service scraps plan to remove Philadelphia statue after online firestorm](#)

[National Review: National Park Service Retracts Plan to Remove William Penn Statue from Philadelphia Park](#)

[PennLive: No changes planned to William Penn statue in Philly, park service says](#)

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[NBC Philadelphia: NPS withdrawals plan to remove statue of William Penn from site of his Philadelphia home](#)

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Investing in America Agenda

Missoula Current: [Federal grant to help preserve fish, floating on Clark Fork River](#)

Laura Lundquist, January 8, 2024

With the help of a federal grant, river conservationists are one step closer to opening more of the upper Clark Fork basin to fish and people. At the end of December, the U.S. Department of the Interior announced grants of more than \$51 million to watershed and river restoration projects nationwide through the Bureau of Reclamation's new WaterSMART Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Program. The Bureau of Reclamation awards were made possible through the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

Billings Gazette: [BLM botanist to discuss native seed program during Jan. 15 talk](#)

Staff, January 8, 2024

Identifying the plant species and habitats in Montana of most conservation concern will be part of Wendy Velman's presentation on Monday, Jan. 15, in Billings. Velman has been the Botany Program lead for the Bureau of Land Management in Montana and the Dakotas since 2011. She has worked to establish numerous partnerships to help collect, develop and increase native plant materials for use in restoration efforts on public land. Much of the focus for the use of native seeds is to help diversify prairie habitat that was planted with nonnative grass during the homestead era. The Seeds of Success program was established by the Department of the Interior in 2001 to collect and conserve native plant seeds for the restoration of degraded public lands. According to the BLM website, the program has already established more than 27,000 individual native seed collections. This program received a boost in funding from the 2021 Infrastructure Act, and some of the projects will directly benefit Montana.

E&E: [Interior watchdog steps up to monitor billions of dollars](#)

Michael Doyle, January 8, 2024

The influx of money allocated for orphan well cleanup and mine reclamation is among the Interior Department priorities that the Office of Inspector General plans to dig into this year. Interior Department watchdogs will be digging into how the department is spending billions of dollars on abandoned mine reclamation and orphaned well cleanups, under an ambitious oversight plan for the coming year. Heeding the investigative maxim of "follow the money," the fiscal 2024 oversight plan prepared by Interior's Office of Inspector General targets a number of programs that have received big funding boosts in several bills.

Colorado River Basin

The Hill: [Climate change could slash Colorado stream flows, with effects across the US West: report](#)

Sharon Udasin, January 8, 2024

Future warming could lead to significant reductions in Colorado's river flows by mid-century — impacting not only the Centennial State but also its neighbors downstream, a sweeping climate report warned on Monday. Colorado, a "headwaters" state for much of the U.S. West, has seen persistent dry conditions in recent decades, with four of the five most arid years in its 128-year history of records occurring since 2000, according to the state-funded Climate Change in Colorado survey.

Colorado Sun: [Climate change is a threat to Colorado's snowpack. What does that mean for the water in your tap?](#)

Shannon Mullane, January 9, 2024

The state's snowpack, a key water source to millions of people across the Western U.S., could be declining — if experts are reading the signs of climate change correctly. Yearly snow storms form an enormous frozen reservoir in Colorado, but climate change is threatening its future.

DOI and Offshore Energy

KATC: [Louisiana to see its first wind turbine at Port Fourchon](#)

Staff, January 8, 2024

At the Greater Lafourche Port Commission's (GLPC) December board meeting, Gulf Wind Technology approved a lease agreement that will make Port Fourchon the first location in Louisiana to have an actual wind turbine. According GLPC officials, the wind turbine and its components are currently journeying across the Atlantic to the United States. The process to reassemble the turbine will commence shortly after the arrival of its parts.

Maritime Executive: [BOEM Aims to Control Offshore Wind Developments' Risk to Right Whales](#)

Staff, January 8, 2024

In advance of future offshore wind development in the New York Bight, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management is preparing a region-wide environmental impact statement, paving the way for faster federal permitting of each individual project down the road.

North American Wind Power: [BOEM Announces Review of Future New York, New Jersey Development Areas](#)

Kimberley Warner-Cohen, January 8, 2024

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) has invited the public to review and comment on a draft potential development of six wind lease areas offshore New York and New Jersey, in an area known as the New York Bight. BOEM estimates that full development of leases in this area, totaling more than 488,000 acres, has the potential to create up to 7 GW of offshore energy, enough to power up to two million homes.

Offshore Wind: [BOEM Opens Public Consultation on New York Bight Lease Areas](#)

Adnan Memija, January 9, 2024

The US Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) has launched a public consultation on the potential development of six wind lease areas offshore New York and New Jersey, in an area known as the New York Bight. In February 2022, BOEM held an auction that brought in over USD 4.3 billion for the rights to six lease areas in the New York Bight – a record amount for any US offshore renewable or conventional energy lease sale.

World Oil: [2024: A policy crossroads for American offshore energy](#)

Erik Molito, Opinion, January 8, 2024

As we usher in the close of 2023, the offshore energy sector stands at a pivotal juncture, grappling with the uncertain policies and attitudes of the federal government. While challenges are not unfamiliar to our industry, the current political landscape is laden with profound implications for our nation's energy security and economic prosperity.

E&E: [Interior releases review of building 1,000 wind turbines off NY coast](#)

Heather Richards, January 8, 2024

The analysis proposes various mitigation strategies to reduce the impact of a new industry emerging in the waters off New York and New Jersey. The Interior Department on Monday published a draft analysis of building more than 1,000 offshore wind turbines off the coast of New York, where two years ago developers spent billions for the right to build wind farms in a record sale by the Biden administration. The programmatic environmental impact statement details how offshore wind development in the shallow waters of the New York Bight would affect the environment, such as marine life, as well as other uses of those waters like commercial fishing.

E&E: [Whitehouse crafting legislation to boost offshore wind](#)

Kelsey Brugger, January 9, 2024

The Rhode Island senator is seeking to juice the industry, which has hit rocky times in the past few months. Rhode Island Democratic Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse will release draft legislation Tuesday that aims to boost the offshore wind energy industry. The working text will seek to improve the federal permitting process for offshore wind farms to better power the grid with carbon-free energy.

DOI and the Climate Crisis

New York Times: [Some California Farmers Pay for Groundwater. Is That Workable?](#)

Soumya Karlamangla, January 8, 2024

A conversation with Coral Davenport, a climate reporter, about a novel water payment system in the Pajaro Valley. California's Central Coast is an expensive place to grow food. The Pajaro Valley, which stretches for 10 miles along the coast of Monterey Bay, charges farmers for irrigation water from wells, a system that's far different from elsewhere in the nation, where growers typically water their crops by freely pumping groundwater.

The Cool Down: [New study reveals a concerning reason why the Earth's forests are changing: 'It's clear that we must adapt quickly'](#)

Shah Emami, January 8, 2024

Trees produce the oxygen we breathe and promote biodiversity in our ecosystems. However, the planet's climate is getting too

hot for some forests to sustain themselves. [...] “Healthy, resilient forests are critical to helping us respond to the climate impacts being felt by communities across the country, because they store carbon, provide clean air and water, and sustain biodiversity,” Tracy Stone-Manning, director of the Bureau of Land Management, said in a statement.

Mohave Daily News: [Agencies respond to low Topock Marsh water levels](#)

Fred Mayson, January 9, 2024

Fisherman Ray Fick says water levels dropping in the Topock Marsh over the past year — and he's not wrong. Fick has been fishing in the area for 38 years and according to him, the water levels have dropped about 10 feet over the past year, particularly in the North Dike area of the marshlands.

St. George News: [Man cycling 18,000 miles to all US national parks hopes to inspire change](#)

Stephanie DeGraw, January 8, 2024

A man cycling through all 51 national parks on a bike said raising awareness of how climate change could damage the parks forever is more challenging than his physical feat. Spencer McCullough, 28, has been on the road since April 2023 and will eventually travel 18,000 miles.

Bloomberg Law: [Well Drilling Request on Wyoming Lease Denied by Federal Court](#)

Shayna Greene, January 8, 2024

An energy trade association lost its bid to get approval for one of its members to drill two wells on Wyoming land where a federal court temporarily barred new lease sale authorizations. The Western Watersheds Project and Center for Biological Diversity challenged oil and gas leases on public lands across multiple western states, raising concern over the greater sage-grouse—a chicken-sized bird seen as an indicator species for the health of the sagebrush ecosystem.

E&E: [House, Senate Democrats ask court to halt Willow project](#)

Niina H. Farah, January 9, 2024

The fossil fuel project undermines a "pressing need to reduce reliance on non-renewable energy sources," the lawmakers told a federal court. More than a dozen Democratic lawmakers are backing conservation groups' calls for a federal appeals court to halt construction of a massive fossil fuel project in Alaska approved by the Biden administration almost a year ago. In a friend of the court brief, members of both chambers of Congress said the Interior Department should not have authorized ConocoPhillips' Willow project in a pristine area of Alaska's National Petroleum Reserve.

DOI and Conservation

New York Times: [Boundary Waters, Minnesota A protected watershed, but for how long?](#)

Stephanie Pearson, January 8, 2024

Last January, Interior Secretary Deb Haaland signed an order that bans toxic mining on 225,504 federal acres within the Rainy River Watershed in northern Minnesota for 20 years. That was good news for the 150,000 annual visitors who paddle the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, a network in the watershed of more than 1,200 miles of canoe routes that connect 1,100 freshwater lakes.

Courthouse News: [Colorado activists sue feds to block proposed trail near former nukes facility](#)

Ryan Knappenberger, January 8, 2024

The proposed trail would pass by the former Rocky Flats plant, which manufactured fission cores and was shut down following an FBI and EPA raid. Environmental activists filed a lawsuit Monday against the federal agencies claiming they ignored potential health concerns when approving a public trail near the former Rocky Flats nuclear weapons production facility just outside Denver, Colorado. The plaintiffs, including Physicians for Social Responsibility, the Rocky Mountain Peace and Justice Center and other Colorado groups seek to block the construction of an 8-mile trail through “the most heavily plutonium contaminated portion” of the Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge.

BNN: [Environmental and Health Advocacy Groups Sue U.S. Federal Agencies over Rocky Flats Greenway](#)

Staff, January 9, 2024

In a significant development, a coalition led by Physicians for Social Responsibility, along with several environmental and health advocacy groups, has lodged a lawsuit against U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, Interior Secretary Deb Haaland, and four federal agencies. The agencies are the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Federal Highway Administration among others. The lawsuit aims to halt the construction of an 8-mile greenway through Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge.

WV News Report: [Fayette County Residents Oppose the National Park Service's Plan to Demolish Historic Buildings in New River Gorge National Park](#)

Staff, January 8, 2024

The people of Thurmond, a small town in Fayette County, West Virginia, are upset with the National Park Service's (NPS) plans. The NPS wants to knock down 35 old buildings in the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve. This is a part of a project called the Great American Outdoors Act Legacy Restoration Fund. The project's goal is to make the park better, take care of old buildings, and cut down on costs.

WV Metro News: [National Park Service to host meeting regarding proposed demolition plan this week, Thurmond residents to present another option](#)

Katherine Skeldon, January 8, 2024

Residents of one historical community in Fayette County plan to present some more options during an upcoming meeting regarding the National Park Service's proposal to tear down 35 deteriorating and excess buildings within the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve.

Denver Post: [Colorado environmental groups file federal lawsuit to halt Rocky Flats trail](#)

Katie Langford, January 8, 2024

Physicians for Social Responsibility and five Colorado advocacy groups are suing Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, Interior Secretary Deb Haaland and four federal agencies to halt work on a trail through Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge. The lawsuit, filed in federal court in the District of Columbia on Monday, claims that the U.S. departments of Transportation and the Interior, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Federal Highway Administration violated the National Environmental Policy Act by not considering alternatives to constructing an 8-mile greenway "through the most heavily plutonium-contaminated portion" of the refuge.

KDVR: [Advocates sue to block trail through Rocky Flats, citing 'plutonium plume'](#)

Heather Willard, January 8, 2024

A federal lawsuit filed Monday aims to halt the Rocky Mountain Greenway project over concerns the trail would be built on "heavily contaminated portions" of the former Rocky Flats nuclear weapons production facility. The lawsuit was filed in federal court in Washington, D.C. The plaintiffs want alternative routes fairly considered.

WTOL: [Five companies to pay \\$7.2 million settlement for natural resource damages to Toledo watershed areas](#)

Ashley Taylor, January 8, 2024

Ohio Refining Co., Chevron U.S.A. Inc., Energy Transfer (R&M) LLC, Pilkington North America Inc. and Chemtrade Logistics Inc. all agreed to a \$7.2 million settlement to resolve claims of natural resource damage at the Duck & Otter Creek Natural Research Damage Assessment (NRDA) site. [...] "The Maumee River watershed, including Duck and Otter Creeks, provides key habitats for migratory birds and fish, and supports hunting and fishing activities for local residents," said Midwest Regional Director Will Meeks of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).

WVNS: [National Park Service meeting to address new project](#)

Autumn Collins, January 8, 2024

An open house meeting to discuss the project to remove excess structures and address maintenance needs for The National Park Service will be held on Thursday, January 8, 2024. The National Park Service Public Meeting and Open House will be held at The

Bank of Glen Jean.

8 News Now: [Colt killed after injuring leg escaping BLM roundup, event captured on video](#)

Greg Haas, January 8, 2024

Video showing a colt hurting its leg as it fights to get away from wranglers is the latest flashpoint in advocates' criticism of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) roundups on Nevada ranges. The colt was killed after the injury, one of two horses that died on Saturday, Jan. 6, the 10th day of the East Pershing Complex roundup. So far, 11 wild horses have died during the operation. The colt's death is classified as one of three "acute" deaths, with eight others due to chronic conditions that would prevent a horse from surviving in the wild. The horses are "humanely euthanized" according to the BLM.

Rocket Miner: [BLM provides guidelines for comments regarding management plan](#)

Trina Dennis Brittain, January 8, 2024

There are quite a few barriers between the use of technology and older adults, especially when thousands of organizations depend on technology for public input. A Sweetwater County resident brought forth concerns regarding comment guidelines for the Rock Springs Resource Management Plan.

Bloomberg Law: [Feds Fight Injunction Against Release of Gray Wolves in Colorado](#)

Peter Hayes, January 8, 2024

The US Fish and Wildlife Service asked a federal trial court to deny a request for a preliminary injunction that would bar the reintroduction of gray wolves to Colorado while a lawsuit challenging the plan goes forward. The injunction should be denied because the plaintiffs—Colorado Conservation Alliance and two individuals—haven't shown they have suffered an injury, making it unlikely they will succeed on the merits of their claims, the government said in a brief filed in the US District Court for the District of Colorado Jan. 5.

World Animal News: [A New Jaguar Has Been Spotted In Arizona Marking The 8th Jaguar In The Southwest In 30 Years](#)

Karen Lapizco, January 8, 2024

The discovery of a wild Jaguar in southern Arizona in recent trail camera footage is welcome news for the species not previously identified in the state. The images captured last month by wildlife enthusiast Jason Miller and analyzed by the Center for Biological Diversity confirm the eighth jaguar documented in the U.S. Southwest in the past three decades.

E&E: [Greens seek ESA protection for another Nevada wildflower](#)

Michael Doyle, January 8, 2024

The Carson Valley monkeyflower has lost habitat to sprawl in the Carson City area, environmentalists contend. Citing threats from residential sprawl, environmentalists Monday petitioned the Fish and Wildlife Service to provide Endangered Species Act protections to a rare Nevada plant called the Carson Valley monkeyflower. The small annual flower inhabits sagebrush areas in several counties around Carson City in Nevada, as well as a slice of California's Alpine County.

E&E: [Meet the mediator hired to lead gray wolf conversations](#)

Michael Doyle, January 8, 2024

In a Q&A, Francine Madden talks about her assignment from the Fish and Wildlife Service to gather people together on one of the most difficult wildlife topics before the agency. Francine Madden knows the gray wolf. The veteran mediation consultant has gone deep into one state's contentious disagreement about the predator. Now, she's taking that expertise to the national stage.

DOI and Indigenous Peoples

New York Times: [Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni, Arizona: Honoring the sacred Indigenous land around the Grand Canyon](#)

Gina Rae La Cerva, January 8, 2024

While Grand Canyon National Park is no stranger to travel bucket lists, there's a new reason to visit the southwestern United States. The recently designated Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni, or Ancestral Footprints of the Grand Canyon National Monument,

now conserves around 900,000 acres of plateaus, canyons and other land surrounding the Grand Canyon. Considered the ancestral homelands of more than a dozen Indigenous tribes, the monument also preserves more than 3,000 Native cultural and historic sites, reflecting the area's deep spiritual and sacred significance.

New Republic: [This Tribe Got Their "Land Back." But It's No Longer Livable.](#)

Margret Grebowicz, January 9, 2024

The Timbisha Shoshone are legally permitted to live in Death Valley National Park. But the vegetation vital to their traditions and livelihoods is dying. The high temperatures in Death Valley National Park attract tourists from all over the world. Big groups come in shiny luxury buses. Visiting Badwater and Zabriskie Point, the park's most frequented attractions, you're likely to run into at least one film crew or fashion shoot from nearby L.A. And the luxury hotel the Inn at Death Valley boasts a forest of whispering palm trees, a lush golf course, a swimming pool, and gourmet seafood entrees in the middle of the hottest place on earth.

Globe and Mail: [Bison bounce back in the American West, giving Indigenous nations hope for restorations of their own](#)

Nathan Vanderklippe, January 9, 2024

Tribes and the U.S. government are reintroducing herds of native animals like never before, and Canadians who want to do the same are taking notes. Marcus McClung steers a Toyota Tacoma down roads turned into greasy mud by rain. He scans the horizon, occasionally grabbing binoculars in hopes of spotting his quarry among the dark shrubs. But the view is obscured by thick waves of fog that roll in. The bison have vanished into their new landscape.

Cronkite News: ['We are survivors:' National, Arizona projects aim to uncover, preserve histories of Native American boarding schools](#)

Ellie Willard, January 8, 2024

A national oral history project aims to document the experiences of Indigenous children who attended federal boarding schools. The Department of the Interior announced the project in September as part of the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative. The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABS) has been entrusted to lead the project with \$3.7 million in grant funding through the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

KELO: [A closer look at state of emergency on Pine Ridge Reservation](#)

Dan Santella and Lauren Soulek, January 8, 2024

Oglala Sioux Tribal President Frank Star Comes Out issued a state of emergency on November 18 for the Pine Ridge Reservation in southwest South Dakota, saying in the proclamation that law and order had broken down because the United States government had failed in its "responsibilities to provide adequate law enforcement on the Reservation."

DOI and Other Bureau News

AP: [Park Service retracts decision to take down William Penn statue at Philadelphia historical site](#)

Marc Levy, January 8, 2024

The National Park Service withdrew a proposal Monday to take down a statue of William Penn at a Philadelphia historical site as part of a renovation that touched off a torrent of criticism over the legacy of the man who founded the province of Pennsylvania. In a brief statement, Independence National Historical Park said it has withdrawn the proposal it had announced quietly before the weekend about a wider renovation of Welcome Park, located just blocks from the Liberty Bell and the National Constitution Center.

Washington Post: [William Penn statue to stay in Welcome Park after National Park Service reversal](#)

Azi Paybarah, January 8, 2024

NPS initially said removing the statue from the Philadelphia park would make a more 'welcoming, accurate, and inclusive experience for visitors'. The National Park Service announced on Monday it will not remove a statue of William Penn from the park in Philadelphia where his home once stood.

Wall Street Journal: [Park Service Withdraws Plan to Remove William Penn Statue](#)

Kris Maher, January 8, 2024

The National Park Service withdrew its plan to remove a statue of William Penn from a Philadelphia park after it drew fire from state GOP leaders, who criticized it as an attempt to “cancel” the founder of the colony that would become Pennsylvania. The federal agency said last week that the statue would be removed as part of a proposal to rehabilitate Welcome Park, located on the site of Penn’s former home, to make the park more welcoming, accurate and inclusive.

USA Today: [National Park Service scraps plan to remove Philadelphia statue after online firestorm](#)

Amaris Encinas, January 8, 2024

The National Park Service will no longer move forward with plans to permanently remove Pennsylvania founder William Penn’s statue from a historical park, the agency said Monday. Removing the statue, along with a replica of Penn’s home, were among some of the changes planned for Welcome Park, a recreation area within Independence National Historical Park in Philadelphia, according to the Friday announcement.

National Review: [National Park Service Retracts Plan to Remove William Penn Statue from Philadelphia Park](#)

David Zimmerman, January 8, 2024

The National Park Service on Monday retracted its plan to remove the William Penn statue as part of rehabilitating Welcome Park in Philadelphia, Pa., three days after it was announced that the landmark sculpture “would be removed and not reinstalled.”

PennLive: [No changes planned to William Penn statue in Philly, park service says](#)

Paul Vigna, January 8, 2024

Independence National Historical Park has withdrawn the review of a draft proposal to rehabilitate Welcome Park and closed the public comment period, the National Park Service (NPS) said Monday. The preliminary draft proposal, which was released prematurely and had not been subject to a complete internal agency review, is being retracted.

Philadelphia Inquirer: [William Penn statue will not be removed from Welcome Park, says National Park Service in sudden reversal](#)

Frank Kummer, January 8, 2024

The sudden reversal came after a barrage of complaints, often spearheaded by Republicans, but joined by high-profile Democrats such as Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro. The National Park Service has withdrawn a proposal to permanently remove a statue of William Penn as part of its rehabilitation of Welcome Park in Old City, saying the plan was “released prematurely and had not been subject to a complete internal agency review.”

PhillyVoice: [William Penn statue will not be removed from Philly’s Welcome Park, NPS says](#)

John Paul Titlow, January 8, 2024

A proposed redesign for the historical site called for the monument to be taken down and greater emphasis placed on the city’s Native American history. The proposed plan to remove the William Penn statue from Welcome Park in Old City was withdrawn by the National Park Service on Monday after it was sharply criticized by a Republican state lawmaker and other conservatives.

DelCo Daily Times: [National Park Service walks back plan to remove William Penn statue at Welcome Park in Philadelphia](#)

Medianews Group and Tribune News Service, January 8, 2024

On Monday night, the National Park Service withdrew a draft proposal to rehabilitate Welcome Park, including removing a statue of William Penn in a move that had set off an uproar earlier in the day. The press release read, “Independence National Historical Park has withdrawn the review of a draft proposal to rehabilitate Welcome Park and closed the public comment period. The preliminary draft proposal, which was released prematurely and had not been subject to a complete internal agency review, is being retracted. No changes to the William Penn statue are planned.

CBS News Philadelphia: [Plan to remove William Penn statue, renovate Welcome Park in Philadelphia withdrawn](#)

Tom Ignudo, January 8, 2024

A plan to renovate Philadelphia’s Welcome Park, including removing the William Penn Statue, has been withdrawn, the National

Park Service said Monday. The NPS said the plan for the park located at Second and Walnut Streets was released "prematurely."

NBC Philadelphia: [NPS withdrawals plan to remove statue of William Penn from site of his Philadelphia home](#)

Hayden Mitman and Kaleah Mcilwain, January 8, 2024

Following public outcry -- and intervention from the governor -- the NPS has withdrawn a renovation plan for Welcome Park at the site of William Penn's former home in the city's Old City neighborhood.

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Good morning, Early Birds. The statue of William Penn in Philadelphia's Welcome Park isn't going anywhere — and neither is a much larger Penn statue atop City Hall. Look how big it is! The sculptor, Alexander Milne Calder, was the grandfather of Alexander Calder, whose works grace the Hart Senate Office Building and the National Gallery of Art.

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In today's edition ... Release of the bipartisan border security framework is likely delayed ... A look at the violent threats against members of Congress, state officials, local leaders and judges since 2020 ... but first ...

From the courts

The consequences of Trump's immunity court case



Former president Donald Trump during the civil fraud trial against the Trump Organization in New York on Dec. 7. (Eduardo Munoz Alvarez/Pool/AFP/Getty Images)

Former president **Donald Trump** is expected to watch today as his lawyers try to convince three appeals court judges that he can't be tried for his alleged role in the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol and trying to overturn the 2020 election.

The outcome could have big implications for Trump — and future presidents. That's because the case raises a novel issue for the courts, which have never before been asked whether a former president is immune from federal criminal prosecution.

Trump is hoping to avoid a trial in the 2020 election case, which was brought by special counsel **Jack Smith**. He's accused of conspiring to overturn the 2020 election.

Trump is also facing political stakes, as he's on track to become the Republican nomination for president.

“His choice to attend the argument — not uncommon but also not required in an appeal — instead of spending more time in Iowa just one week from the GOP's first nominating contest there reflect the bet he and his campaign are placing on blending his criminal defense with electoral message. Tuesday's appearance is poised to be the first of many times this year that he quickly pivots between the courtroom and the campaign trail or brings the campaign to the courthouse steps as he faces four separate criminal cases and two civil trials,” our colleague **Isaac Arnsdorf** reports.

- Trump's purpose in showing up in the courtroom is to show “seriousness and defiance” and garner media attention as he's going on the offense, according to Isaac's reporting.

To understand the legal aspects of the case, we picked the brains of our fantastic colleagues who cover the ins and outs of the Trump trials.

HOW THE CASE CAME TO BE

Trump appealed the case to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia after U.S. District Judge **Tanya S. Chutkan** rejected his attempt to dismiss the case in December. The former president argued that he is immune from federal prosecution because he was president at the time of the alleged crime.

- “Whatever immunities a sitting President may enjoy, the United States has only one Chief Executive at a time, and that position does not confer a lifelong ‘get-out-of-jail-free’ pass.” Chutkan wrote in her decision. “No court — or any other branch of government — has ever accepted it. And this court will not so hold.”
- Smith asked the Supreme Court to fast-track the case, but the court refused to do so. It didn't explain why.

THE ARGUMENTS

The former president is arguing that he is immune from federal prosecution for his acts as president — and because he was not convicted in his impeachment trial, trying him now would amount to double jeopardy.

“Presidential immunity and the Impeachment Judgment Clause foreclose the criminal prosecution of President Trump for his official acts,” his lawyers argued in a brief to the court.

Smith argues that courts haven't found that former presidents have immunity from criminal liability. And even if they do, Smith argues, it wouldn't apply to Trump, who worked with private individuals and government officials to remain in power.

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- Smith has also argued that a lack of conviction in an impeachment trial does not limit Trump's ability to be prosecuted. Trump was acquitted in his Senate impeachment trial.

A NOTE ON THE IMPEACHMENT STANDARD

But about that impeachment argument ... it's complicated.

When **Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell** (R-Ky.) voted to not convict Trump in his trial, he said the courts would be the more appropriate venue for assessing the president's actions.

"Impeachment was never meant to be the final forum for American justice," McConnell argued at the time. "We have a criminal justice system in this country. We have civil litigation. And former Presidents are not immune from being held accountable by either one."

THE JUDGES

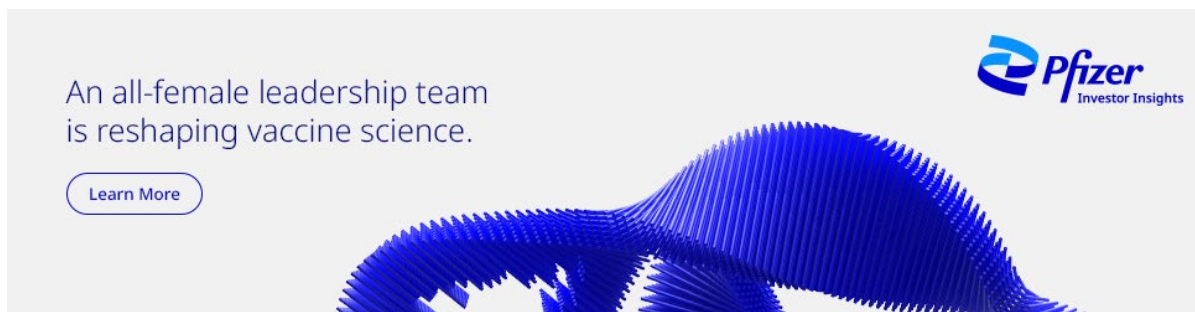
None of the judges on the panel, who are randomly assigned, were nominated by Trump.

Judge Karen L. Henderson was nominated by **President George H.W. Bush** and has served on the court since 1990. Reporters and legal watchers will listen to Henderson closely.

The other two judges on the panel, **Florence Y. Pan** and **J. Michelle Childs**, were nominated by **President Biden** and confirmed by the Senate in 2022.

Childs was in the running for former Supreme Court justice **Stephen Breyer's** seat on the court. **Rep. Jim Clyburn** (D-S.C.) and **Sen. Lindsey Graham** (R-S.C.) urged Biden to choose Childs, who was a federal district court judge in South Carolina, but the appointment went to **Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson**. Biden nominated Pan for the seat vacated by Jackson.

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TRUMP'S CHANCES FOR SUCCESS

Our colleague **Devlin Barrett** says it's hard to say whether Trump's legal arguments will

hold sway. But he says this: “This appeals court has already found in a separate case that Trump is not immune to civil liability for his actions as a presidential candidate around Jan. 6, so it is hard to imagine they will find he has absolute criminal immunity.”

Another colleague, **Spencer S. Hsu**, adds that he’s watching what the judges say about each of the arguments raised by Trump.

- For example, are they more concerned with Trump’s claim of presidential immunity or his double jeopardy claim that former president’s cannot be charged for conduct they have been impeached but not convicted of by the Senate?
- How much credence do they give an argument raised by outside left-leaning analysts suggesting Trump cannot appeal the immunity issue before trial at all?

THE TIMELINE

Time is of the essence. Smith had hoped to begin the trial against Trump on March 4, but that could be delayed depending on the outcome and timeline of a decision in this case.

Because this is a new legal question and they know it will be reviewed by the Supreme Court, the judges will want to write a thoughtful, in-depth opinion, according to Supreme Court reporter **Ann Marimow**. She predicts that a D.C. Circuit decision will “take weeks — not days.”

But no matter the outcome of today’s proceedings, the Supreme Court is likely to have the last word.

“After the D.C. Circuit issues its ruling, either party can seek rehearing by a full complement of appeals court judges or go directly to the Supreme Court,” Ann adds.

THE IMPACT

While the outcome of this case will have huge consequences for the special counsel case, it could have implications in the Georgia case, too.

Trump filed similar claims in the [Georgia case](#) on Monday, where is charged with 13 counts related to an alleged conspiracy to overturn the 2020 election results in the state. If

the Supreme Court finds that Trump was immune as president, that could affect the Georgia prosecution, even though he is charged with state crimes, Spencer notes.

And presidential immunity would not apply to the Florida case involving classified documents “because he was not president during the time of the alleged actions in the indictment,” our colleague **Perry Stein** says. It also won't apply to the case in New York, which alleges that Trump paid hush money to adult actress **Stormy Daniels**.

What we're watching

ON THE HILL

Austin fallout: We are watching continued fallout over **Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin's failure to disclose his hospital stay** to the president, members of Congress and officials at the Pentagon.

Rep. Matt Rosendale (R-Mont.) is filing articles of impeachment. The top Republican on the **House Armed Services Committee**, **Rep. Mike Rogers** (Ala.), tweeted that he's “quickly losing faith” in Austin's ability to lead the Defense Department.

Austin was admitted to a hospital after a procedure on Jan. 1 and was discharged from the intensive care unit last night.

Border security framework probably delayed: Senate negotiators on border security said Monday night that a framework is unlikely to be released this week, which negotiators had suggested was likely as recently as this weekend. Disagreements remain on too many issues, including parole, which has been the most difficult part of already tough negotiations.

“We'll continue to try and get this nailed down,” **Sen. Chris Murphy** (D-Conn.) told reporters, per our colleague **Paul Kane**.

OVERSEAS

Secretary of State Antony Blinken is in Tel Aviv today as escalating tensions between

Israel and the Lebanese militant group **Hezbollah** raise the specter of a full-scale regional war.

On Monday evening, Israeli **Foreign Minister Israel Katz** said in a televised interview that Israel had killed a top Hezbollah commander, **Wissam al-Tawil**, calling it “part of the war,” our colleague **Annabelle Timsit** reports. The targeted killing comes as Israel weighs launching a major military operation in Lebanon.

- But as our colleagues **John Hudson, Yasmeen Abutaleb** and **Shane Harris** reported over the weekend, the Biden administration has privately warned Israeli officials against the escalation. Washington believes, based on a secret assessment from the **Defense Intelligence Agency**, that “it will be difficult for the **Israel Defense Forces** (IDF) to succeed because its military assets and resources would be spread too thin given the conflict in Gaza,” our colleagues report.

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The campaign

Violent political threats surge as 2024 begins, haunting American democracy



Law enforcement officers patrol the grounds of the Mississippi Capitol in Jackson on Jan. 4 as they deal with a second consecutive day of bomb threats. (Rogelio V. Solis/AP)

Our colleagues **Sarah Ellison**, **Yvonne Wingett Sanchez** and **Patrick Marley** [take a look](#) at the violent threats and acts of intimidation against many government officials since the 2020 presidential election and its effect on American democracy.

Members of Congress, state officials, local leaders and judges have all been subjected to swatting, bomb threats and death threats.

- Special counsel Jack Smith, who is overseeing the prosecution of Trump in two federal cases, was the target of an attempted swatting at his Maryland residence on Christmas Day, [per **NBC News's Michael Kosnar** and **Zoë Richards**](#). Chutkan, the judge presiding over Trump's election subversion case, was the target of a similar incident on Sunday.

The targets of the threats share a common attribute: They have done or said something that has earned the ire of the former president, our colleagues write.

- "I am really worried that there is going to be a tragedy," Wisconsin Supreme Court **Justice Jill Karofsky** said in an interview with our colleagues. "I believe people when

they say that they want to hurt us or kill us. I don't think they're idle threats.”

The Media

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Good morning, Early Birds. The statue of William Penn in Philadelphia's Welcome Park isn't going anywhere — and neither is a much larger Penn statue atop City Hall. Look how big it is! The sculptor, Alexander Milne Calder, was the grandfather of Alexander Calder, whose works grace the Hart Senate Office Building and the National Gallery of Art.

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In today's edition ... Release of the bipartisan border security framework is likely delayed ... A look at the violent threats against members of Congress, state officials, local leaders and judges since 2020 ... but first ...



From the courts

The consequences of Trump's immunity court case



Former president Donald Trump during the civil fraud trial against the Trump Organization in New York on Dec. 7. (Eduardo Munoz Alvarez/Pool/AFP/Getty Images)

Former president **Donald Trump** is expected to watch today as his lawyers try to convince three appeals court judges that he can't be tried for his alleged role in the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol and trying to overturn the 2020 election.

The outcome could have big implications for Trump — and future presidents. That's because the case raises a novel issue for the courts, which have never before been asked whether a former president is immune from federal criminal prosecution.

Trump is hoping to avoid a trial in the 2020 election case, which was brought by special counsel **Jack Smith**. He's accused of conspiring to overturn the 2020 election.

Trump is also facing political stakes, as he's on track to become the Republican

nomination for president.

“His choice to attend the argument — not uncommon but also not required in an appeal — instead of spending more time in Iowa just one week from the GOP's first nominating contest there reflect the bet he and his campaign are placing on blending his criminal defense with electoral message. Tuesday's appearance is poised to be the first of many times this year that he quickly pivots between the courtroom and the campaign trail or brings the campaign to the courthouse steps as he faces four separate criminal cases and two civil trials,” our colleague [Isaac Arnsdorf](#) reports.

- Trump's purpose in showing up in the courtroom is to show “seriousness and defiance” and garner media attention as he's going on the offense, according to Isaac's reporting.

To understand the legal aspects of the case, we picked the brains of our fantastic colleagues who cover the ins and outs of the Trump trials.

HOW THE CASE CAME TO BE

Trump appealed the case to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia after U.S. District Judge **Tanya S. Chutkan** rejected his attempt to dismiss the case in December. The former president argued that he is immune from federal prosecution because he was president at the time of the alleged crime.

- “Whatever immunities a sitting President may enjoy, the United States has only one Chief Executive at a time, and that position does not confer a lifelong ‘get-out-of-jail-free’ pass.” Chutkan wrote in her decision. “No court — or any other branch of government — has ever accepted it. And this court will not so hold.”
- Smith asked the Supreme Court to fast-track the case, but the court refused to do so. It didn't explain why.

THE ARGUMENTS

The former president is arguing that he is immune from federal prosecution for his acts as president — and because he was not convicted in his impeachment trial, trying him now

would amount to double jeopardy.

“Presidential immunity and the Impeachment Judgment Clause foreclose the criminal prosecution of President Trump for his official acts,” his lawyers argued in a brief to the court.

Smith argues that courts haven't found that former presidents have immunity from criminal liability. And even if they do, Smith argues, it wouldn't apply to Trump, who worked with private individuals and government officials to remain in power.

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- Smith has also argued that a lack of conviction in an impeachment trial does not limit Trump's ability to be prosecuted. Trump was acquitted in his Senate impeachment trial.

A NOTE ON THE IMPEACHMENT STANDARD

But about that impeachment argument ... it's complicated.

When **Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell** (R-Ky.) voted to not convict Trump in his trial, he said the courts would be the more appropriate venue for assessing the president's actions.

“Impeachment was never meant to be the final forum for American justice,” McConnell argued at the time. “We have a criminal justice system in this country. We have civil litigation. And former Presidents are not immune from being held accountable by either one.”

THE JUDGES

None of the judges on the panel, who are randomly assigned, were nominated by Trump.

Judge Karen L. Henderson was nominated by **President George H.W. Bush** and has served on the court since 1990. Reporters and legal watchers will listen to Henderson closely.

The other two judges on the panel, **Florence Y. Pan** and **J. Michelle Childs**, were nominated by **President Biden** and confirmed by the Senate in 2022.

Childs was in the running for former Supreme Court justice **Stephen Breyer's** seat on the court. **Rep. Jim Clyburn** (D-S.C.) and **Sen. Lindsey Graham** (R-S.C.) urged Biden to choose Childs, who was a federal district court judge in South Carolina, but the appointment went to **Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson**. Biden nominated Pan for the seat vacated by Jackson.

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TRUMP'S CHANCES FOR SUCCESS

Our colleague **Devlin Barrett** says it's hard to say whether Trump's legal arguments will

hold sway. But he says this: “This appeals court has already found in a separate case that Trump is not immune to civil liability for his actions as a presidential candidate around Jan. 6, so it is hard to imagine they will find he has absolute criminal immunity.”

Another colleague, **Spencer S. Hsu**, adds that he’s watching what the judges say about each of the arguments raised by Trump.

- For example, are they more concerned with Trump’s claim of presidential immunity or his double jeopardy claim that former president’s cannot be charged for conduct they have been impeached but not convicted of by the Senate?
- How much credence do they give an argument raised by outside left-leaning analysts suggesting Trump cannot appeal the immunity issue before trial at all?

THE TIMELINE

Time is of the essence. Smith had hoped to begin the trial against Trump on March 4, but that could be delayed depending on the outcome and timeline of a decision in this case.

Because this is a new legal question and they know it will be reviewed by the Supreme Court, the judges will want to write a thoughtful, in-depth opinion, according to Supreme Court reporter **Ann Marimow**. She predicts that a D.C. Circuit decision will “take weeks — not days.”

But no matter the outcome of today’s proceedings, the Supreme Court is likely to have the last word.

“After the D.C. Circuit issues its ruling, either party can seek rehearing by a full complement of appeals court judges or go directly to the Supreme Court,” Ann adds.

THE IMPACT

While the outcome of this case will have huge consequences for the special counsel case, it could have implications in the Georgia case, too.

Trump filed similar claims in the [Georgia case](#) on Monday, where is charged with 13 counts related to an alleged conspiracy to overturn the 2020 election results in the state. If

the Supreme Court finds that Trump was immune as president, that could affect the Georgia prosecution, even though he is charged with state crimes, Spencer notes.

And presidential immunity would not apply to the Florida case involving classified documents “because he was not president during the time of the alleged actions in the indictment,” our colleague **Perry Stein** says. It also won't apply to the case in New York, which alleges that Trump paid hush money to adult actress **Stormy Daniels**.

What we're watching

ON THE HILL

Austin fallout: We are watching continued fallout over **Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin's failure to disclose his hospital stay** to the president, members of Congress and officials at the Pentagon.

Rep. Matt Rosendale (R-Mont.) is filing articles of impeachment. The top Republican on the **House Armed Services Committee**, **Rep. Mike Rogers** (Ala.), tweeted that he's “quickly losing faith” in Austin's ability to lead the Defense Department.

Austin was admitted to a hospital after a procedure on Jan. 1 and was discharged from the intensive care unit last night.

Border security framework probably delayed: Senate negotiators on border security said Monday night that a framework is unlikely to be released this week, which negotiators had suggested was likely as recently as this weekend. Disagreements remain on too many issues, including parole, which has been the most difficult part of already tough negotiations.

“We'll continue to try and get this nailed down,” **Sen. Chris Murphy** (D-Conn.) told reporters, per our colleague **Paul Kane**.

OVERSEAS

Secretary of State Antony Blinken is in Tel Aviv today as escalating tensions between

Israel and the Lebanese militant group **Hezbollah** raise the specter of a full-scale regional war.

On Monday evening, Israeli **Foreign Minister Israel Katz** said in a televised interview that Israel had killed a top Hezbollah commander, **Wissam al-Tawil**, calling it “part of the war,” our colleague **Annabelle Timsit** reports. The targeted killing comes as Israel weighs launching a major military operation in Lebanon.

- But as our colleagues **John Hudson, Yasmeen Abutaleb** and **Shane Harris** reported over the weekend, the Biden administration has privately warned Israeli officials against the escalation. Washington believes, based on a secret assessment from the **Defense Intelligence Agency**, that “it will be difficult for the **Israel Defense Forces** (IDF) to succeed because its military assets and resources would be spread too thin given the conflict in Gaza,” our colleagues report.

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The campaign

Violent political threats surge as 2024 begins, haunting American democracy



Law enforcement officers patrol the grounds of the Mississippi Capitol in Jackson on Jan. 4 as they deal with a second consecutive day of bomb threats. (Rogelio V. Solis/AP)

Our colleagues **Sarah Ellison**, **Yvonne Wingett Sanchez** and **Patrick Marley** take a look at the violent threats and acts of intimidation against many government officials since the 2020 presidential election and its effect on American democracy.

Members of Congress, state officials, local leaders and judges have all been subjected to swatting, bomb threats and death threats.

- Special counsel Jack Smith, who is overseeing the prosecution of Trump in two federal cases, was the target of an attempted swatting at his Maryland residence on Christmas Day, per **NBC News's Michael Kosnar** and **Zoë Richards**. Chutkan, the judge presiding over Trump's election subversion case, was the target of a similar incident on Sunday.

The targets of the threats share a common attribute: They have done or said something that has earned the ire of the former president, our colleagues write.

- "I am really worried that there is going to be a tragedy," Wisconsin Supreme Court **Justice Jill Karofsky** said in an interview with our colleagues. "I believe people when

they say that they want to hurt us or kill us. I don't think they're idle threats.”

The Media

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