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BEHIND THE SCENES

Northern Arapaho Tribe Supports Deb Haaland for Secretary of Interior

Recently a happy story was heard on Morning Edition. It’s about Parachute, a small town, and how it’s becoming a hotbed for wind energy in the American West. It’s all thanks to the Northern Arapaho Tribe, who own power plant sites on their reservation.

Before the tribe was involved, wind energy developers couldn’t find a place to put their turbines. Many of these sites are needed to support the reservation’s coal plants.

The tribe’s role wasn’t effortless, though. It took a lot of work and negotiation, including meetings with state and federal agencies, other tribes, land owners, and developers.

But now, the tribe is a leader in wind energy development in the West, and it’s helping other tribes and communities benefit from this new energy source.

To learn more about this story and others like it, check out the Northern Arapaho Tribe’s website and their social media pages.

NATIONAL STORIES

Reversing Ghost Towning: How to Revitalize Rural Western Towns

This is a story about how some communities in rural America are working to revitalize their towns.

For many years, rural towns have been facing decline. The population is shrinking, businesses are closing, and young people are leaving. But now, some communities are taking action to bring life back to their towns.

One example is the town of Laramie, Wyoming. The city is working to attract new businesses and residents, and they’re doing it by focusing on local history and culture.

The city has also created new development opportunities, such as a new downtown area and an arts district.

This story is part of a series called “Modern West,” which explores the challenges and opportunities facing rural America.

Listen to this story and learn more about how rural communities are working to bring life back to their towns.

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Wyoming Public Radio Story about Laramie teacher, Mr. Tyndall, and his class’ attempt to build a science fair project.


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