



COMMUNITY UPDATE

Division of Community Development Newsletter

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Did You Know...

The Navajo name for May is T'aatsoh, which means "the growing of big leaves".

Upcoming Events

May 13: Mother's Day

May 16: LRAC Training - DCD Conference Room

May 28: Memorial Day

June 1: Navajo Nation Memorial Day

June 13: PAV Training AM/PM sessions - DCD Conference Room



DCD Provides Much-Needed Repairs for Former Bennett Freeze Area Homes

During the week of April 30 to May 3, the DCD Home Renovation Team worked on three homes in the Coppermine Chapter area. This area was affected by a court ruling known as the "Bennett Freeze" which prohibited development or rehabilitation on homes in the area for over 50 years. The condition of most of the homes in the area had deteriorated to the point that there was substantial damage to the interior and roofs.

Mr. Carl Smith, DCD Executive Director, and Mr. Narvel Perry, DCD Construction Supervisor, led the crew to

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renovate the three homes. The Coppermine Chapter had identified and assessed 27 homes to be repaired by the DCD Team. However, the Chapter only had enough materials on hand to repair the three homes during this visit.

Based on further assessments done by Mr. Smith and Mr. Perry, the chapter will order additional materials. Then at a later date, the crew will return to finish the remaining sites.

At the first site, the team stripped the floor of old tiles and put down a new layer of durable vinyl tiles. Three broken windows and two deteriorated doors were replaced and new window trimmings were added.

At the second site, a deteriorated stove pipe assembly was removed and a new set installed. The new stovepipe would prevent further smoke leakage for improved health benefits for the residents. A broken window was also replaced.

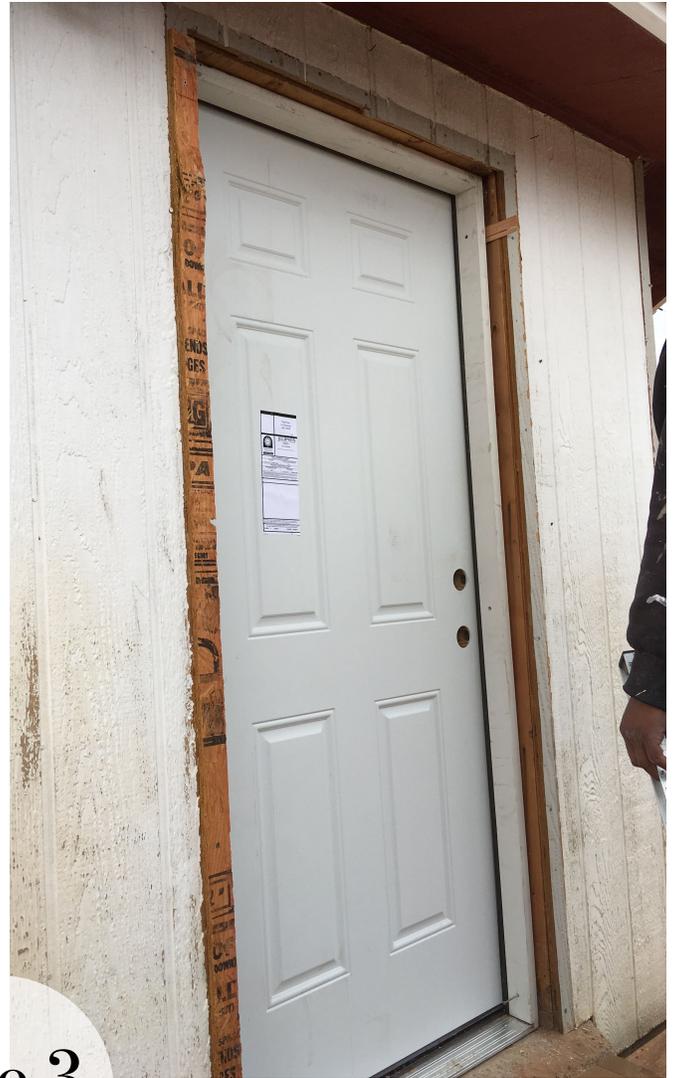
At the third site, the sink, the front door, and the exterior wall siding was replaced. At all three locations, the interior and exterior walls were repainted.

The team was visited by members of the Coppermine Chapter Housing Committee who were excited that the renovations were underway and they expressed their appreciation for the work. Coppermine Chapter provided food and refreshments for the DCD crew while they were there.



Congratulations to the DCD Team for a
job well done!





Site 3





EARTH DAY

May 2018

TRASH PICK-UP



With Earth Day being on the 22nd of April, all of the Navajo Nation Divisions were assigned a specific section of the roads surrounding the Window Rock area for trash pickup.

On the morning of April 24, 2018, the Division of Community Development staff picked up trash along their assigned three miles of road north of Tsehootsoi Medical Center.

Fifteen employees, including Community Development's Executive Director, Carl Smith, went out and participated in the clean-up. Our hard-working employees worked as a team and finished cleaning up the three miles in just a few hours.



The participating team members were rewarded afterwards with lunch and refreshments provided by DCD.

Thanks to everyone that participated!

Tribal Water System Training



On May 3, 2018, the Community Housing and Infrastructure Department (CHID), in coordination with the Southwest Environmental Finance Center Network (EFCN), provided an Asset Management training for tribal water systems: Asset Life for Sustained Operations. The Navajo Tribal Utility Authority, Navajo Water Resources Department, Navajo Environmental Protection Agency and certified chapters participated in the training at Gallup-UNM branch.

"With the Navajo Nation's limited revenues, aging infrastructure, and regulatory obligations, a comprehensive approach to managing the water systems is vital", said James Adakai, CDBG Programs and Projects Specialist. "Our goal as the lead agency is to provide training for Navajo tribal water systems operators, regulators and other stakeholders on maintenance of water systems at sustainable levels and with cost-saving measures", said Marlon Stevens, CHID Director.

The participants were provided the necessary training to develop an inventory of utilities components, identify critical assets for sustained operations, make decisions about how to operate, maintain, repair and replace those assets and set goals for an improved level of service at a sustainable cost.

"The CHID will be working with EFCN to provide training on other topics relative to infrastructure including drought preparedness, developing a comprehensive 5-year infrastructure plan, and acquisition of resources and financing water projects beneficial to the Navajo Nation and cooperating entities", added Stevens.



Fort Defiance Veteran Renovations

Site #1

The DCD Home Renovation team worked on two veterans' homes this month. The team completed a bathroom addition and home renovations for a veteran in the Fort Defiance area on Site #1. The bathroom renovations included installing a new toilet and shower and upgrading fixtures in the kitchen.



Site #2

Beginning May 14, 2018, the DCD Home Renovation Team started working on a home for a veteran in the Fort Defiance housing area. The veteran and his wife recently started living with 5 grandchildren and also need additional room for them.



This will be a major renovation as the DCD Team will be replacing the exterior wall with new siding, installing new doors, installing new windows, replacing the roofing, installing soffits, installing new flooring, replacing plumbing fixtures, installing new bath tubs, and painting the interior and exterior walls. They will also be framing in the back porch area to construct a new bedroom for the children.

Currently, the team has installed a new front door, new exterior siding, plumbing fixtures, and a bath tub. The team is hard at work on the soffits and framing in the porch.



Utah Navajo Voter Drive

Fort Defiance ASC Office Renovation



DCD workers have been busy renovating offices for the Administrative Service Centers as the department is hiring staff for the 8 centers. Many of the offices were in serious need of repairs in order to become comfortable work spaces for the new employees.

The Ft. Defiance ASC office was the latest

one to be renovated. The workers made changes to the floor plan by removing and replacing some walls and door openings, replacing floor tiles, repainting the walls and baseboards, and creating new office space. Due to the DCD workers dedication and hard work, they finished the renovations in 2 weeks.



San Juan County Utah has not completely updated Navajo voter registrations for county elections based on the Utah Federal District Court Judge order installing the new school board and county commission election districts. The County is required to align voter registrants with the newly adopted county commission and school board election districts. The new election districts also require new precinct boundaries. It is unfortunate that over two thousand Navajo registrants have not been appropriately identified by rural addresses and placement in the proper newly adopted precincts, especially in Mexican Water, Red Mesa Montezuma Creek and Aneth areas.

May 16, 2018

Aneth Chapter House & Red Mesa Chapter House (separate locations and simultaneous visit)

9:00 am - 5:00 am

May 17, 2018

Montezuma Creek Utah Diné Professional Plaza (West of the Post Office)

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

May 18, 2018

Mexican Water Chapter House

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

May 21, 2018

Monument Valley Welcome Center

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

May 22, 2018

Navajo Mountain Chapter House

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

BULLETIN BOARD

Navajo Nation Council approves \$100 million investment for water, electricity, and capital project improvements

The 23rd Navajo Nation Council on April 17th during the Spring Council Session, voted unanimously in support of Legislation No. 0116-18, approving an expenditure plan to invest over \$100 million for Navajo communities and families across the Navajo Nation to receive power lines, water lines, and various capital improvement projects.

The bill calls for the funds to be implemented over the course of three years in accordance with the Síhasin Fund Power line and Chapter Projects Expenditure Plan, which developed as a result of a directive issued by the Síhasin Fund Subcommittee last year.

<http://bit.ly/2NNCspri8>

PRESIDENT BEGAYE AND VICE PRESIDENT NEZ FUND APPROXIMATELY \$100M IN POWER AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

WINDOW ROCK – On Monday, May 7, President Russell Begaye and Vice President Jonathan Nez signed legislation that funds approximately \$100 million dollars in improvements to electricity and infrastructure needs across the Navajo Nation.

“The Office of the President and Vice President (OPVP) is taking action in providing basic needs to our people. This legislation supports Navajo Nation veterans, elders and youth.

<http://bit.ly/2NNPrez100MS>

Census Tracts on Navajo Nation Selected for Opportunity Zone

"The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which was signed into law on December 22, 2017, created Opportunity Zones that will spur economic development. Entities that invest in selected areas will receive tax benefits. See link for instructions to a map that will show the exact Census tracts. The official list will be published in the Federal Register at a later date."

<http://bit.ly/2kNNWOaau>

Navajo Nation Council increases scholarship funding for Navajo students

On April 17th the 2018 Spring Council Session, Navajo Nation lawmakers approved Legislation No. 0445-17, which sought to allocate approximately \$1.6 million from the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance to the Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship and Financial Assistance, under the Department of Diné Education. According to the legislation, sponsored by Council Delegate Jonathan Hale (Oak Springs, St. Michaels), the Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship and Financial Assistance experienced a nearly 10-percent, or \$2 million budget cut for FY2018 from the Nation and federal funding, which resulted in about 6,400 scholarship

PERSONNEL NEWS

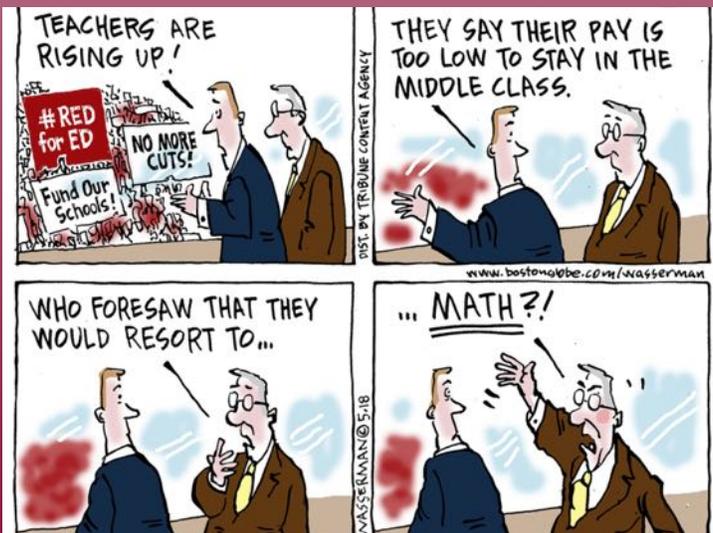
DCD OPEN POSITIONS

Administration Service Center:

POSITION TITLE	LOCATION	PAY RATE	CLOSING DATE
Accounts Maintenance Specialist(S)	Jeddito, AZ	24,731.20	06/01/2018
Accounts Maintenance Specialist(S)	Crystal, NM	24,731.20	06/01/2018
Community Services Coordinator(S)	Whitecone, AZ	34,881.60	05/29/2018
Accounts Maintenance Specialist(S)	Tsayatoh, NM	24,731.20	06/06/2018
Accounts Maintenance Specialist(S)	Oak Springs, AZ	24,731.20	06/06/2018
Accounts Maintenance Specialist(S)	Red Lake, AZ	24,731.20	06/12/2018
Community Services Coordinator(S)	Lukachukai, AZ	34,881.60	06/01/2018
Community Services Coordinator(S)	Round Rock, AZ	34,881.60	05/29/2018
Accounts Maintenance Specialist(S)	Tsaile, AZ	24,731.20	06/06/2018
Accounts Maintenance Specialist(S)	Iyanbito, NM	24,731.20	06/01/2018
Accounts Maintenance Specialist(S)	Standing Rock, NM	24,731.20	06/01/2018
Accounts Maintenance Specialist(S)	Alamo, NM	24,731.20	06/01/2018
Accounts Maintenance Specialist(S)	Pinedale, NM	24,731.20	06/01/2018
Accounts Maintenance Specialist(S)	Nahodishgish, NM	24,731.20	06/06/2018
Accounts Maintenance Specialist(S)	Mariano Lake, NM	24,731.20	06/06/2018
Accounts Maintenance Specialist(S)	Crystal, NM	24,731.20	06/01/2018
Accounts Maintenance Specialist(S)	Navajo Mountain, AZ	24,731.20	06/06/2018
Administrative Service Officer (S)	Shiprock, NM	41,017.60	05/29/2018
Sr. Programs and Projects Specialist (S)	Baca, NM	52,852.80	05/22/2018
Sr. Programs and Projects Specialist (S)	Dilkon, AZ	52,852.80	05/22/2018
Administrative Service Officer (S)	Fort Defiance, AZ	41,017.60	05/22/2018
Administrative Service Officer (S)	Tuba City, AZ	41,017.60	05/22/2018
Administrative Service Officer (S)	Baca, NM	41,017.60	05/29/2018
Administrative Service Officer (S)	Dilkon, AZ	41,017.60	06/05/2018

For the most up-to-date personnel info, please visit DPM's website at <http://www.dpm.navajo-nsn.gov/jobs.html>

Comic Of The Month



JUST FOR LAUGHS

Q: What did the computer do at lunchtime?

A: Had a byte!

Q: What happens to a frog's car when it breaks down?

A: It gets toad away.

Q: Why couldn't the leopard play hide and seek?

A: Because he was always spotted.

Mapping the Impact of Wildfires and Other Natural Disasters

Interactive Map Shows Who Is Affected Down To Census Block

America Counts Staff | December 2017

When a disaster hits, be it hurricanes, earthquakes or wildfires, knowing how many people live and work in the affected areas is crucial to recovery and rebuilding efforts.

This year's series of severe natural disasters that destroyed homes and businesses in Florida, Texas and California and caused catastrophic damage in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands has magnified the need for quick and accurate information.

The U.S. Census Bureau's OnTheMap for Emergency Management is a public data tool that provides a web-based interface to gauge the potential impact of disasters on the workforce and residents of a particular area. Users can gather detailed information on workers, population and housing characteristics for hurricanes, floods, wildfires, winter storms, and federal disaster declaration areas.

OnTheMap for Emergency Management automatically incorporates real-time disaster event boundary updates from the National Weather Service's National Hurricane Center, Department of Interior, Department of Agriculture and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. These event boundaries are then tabulated against data from American Community Survey (ACS) five-year estimates, 2010 Census, and the LEHD Origin-Destination Employment Statistics (LODES). (LEHD is the Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics program at the U.S. Census Bureau.)

An interactive map viewer can display the information in defined geographies at census block, block group, tract, and county-level detail. The ability to pinpoint the count and characteristics of people working and living in affected areas can help in emergency preparedness and recovery efforts. Statistics can even be generated for specific segments of the workforce, including ages, earnings or industry groupings.

In Figure 1 below, ACS population data is being mapped for areas potentially impacted by the Atlas fire that recently roared through parts of northern California (boundary as of October 11, 2017).

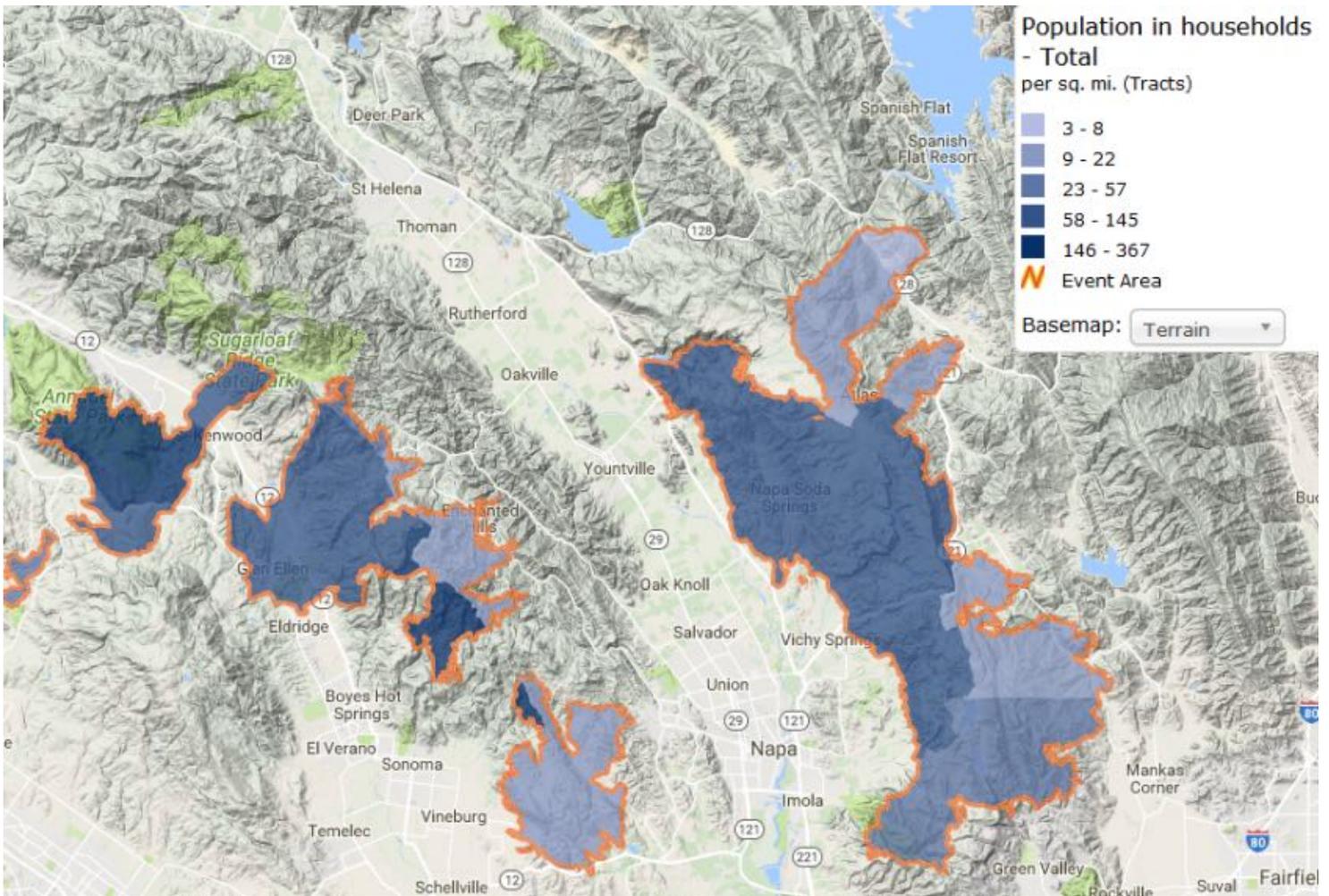


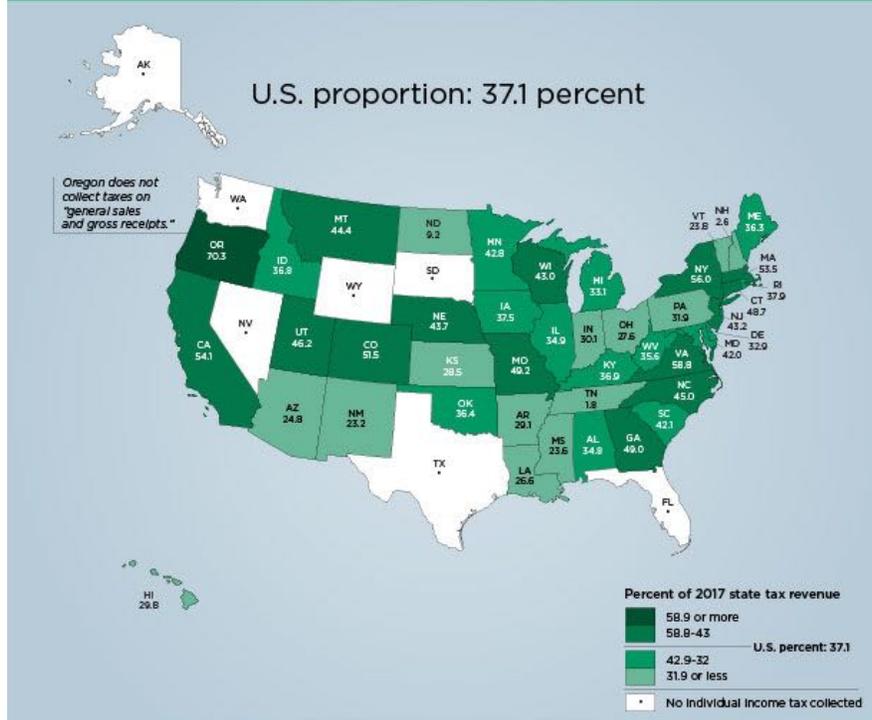
FIGURE 1: POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS FOR OCTOBER 11, 2017 ATLAS FIRE PERIMETER (SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS BUREAU, 2011-2015 AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY 5-YEAR ESTIMATES, ACCESSED VIA ONTHEMAP FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT)

The potential impact of a disaster can also be viewed from a workforce perspective by looking at the demographics and industries of workers employed or living in the area.

“For example, the LODES data set tells us that 23 percent of workers employed in the Atlas fire perimeter work in manufacturing but only 9 percent of workers living in that area are employed in manufacturing,” said Heath Hayward, geographer at the Census Bureau’s Center for Economic Studies.

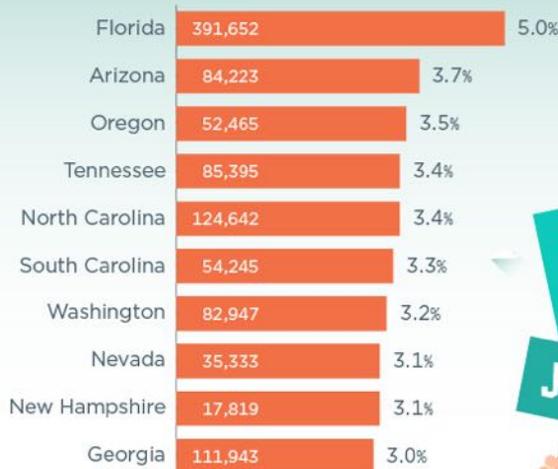
READ MORE AT: <https://www.census.gov/library/stories/2017/12/wildfire-mapping.html>

Individual Income Tax as a Proportion of State Tax Revenue



Top 10 States in Employment Growth

Number and Percent Increase in Employment from 2015 to 2016



Note: Employment during the week of March 12. Ordering of states ranked in the top 10 may be different from shown because of nonsampling error and disclosure avoidance methods used to protect the confidentiality of the data.



U.S. Department of Commerce
Economics and Statistics Administration
U.S. CENSUS BUREAU
census.gov

Source: 2016 County Business Patterns
www.census.gov/programs-surveys/cbp/data/tables.html

Red Mesa Power Line Project On Track

The Red Mesa Power Line Project is funded under a FY-2016 ICDBG grant in the amount of \$463,919 to serve 16 households. The project is currently 53 percent complete.

James Adakai, Navajo Nation CDBG Programs and Projects Specialist, said "Red Mesa is a good example of why chapters should keep trying to submit a proposal each year to address lack of power line service in their community." Adakai, added "The [Red Mesa] chapter kept submitting a proposal every year. On the third year, the project was funded. Partly, the reason is NTUA was in the process of buying out the inventory, and the service area jurisdiction of Utah based utility Company, Rocky Mountain Electric."

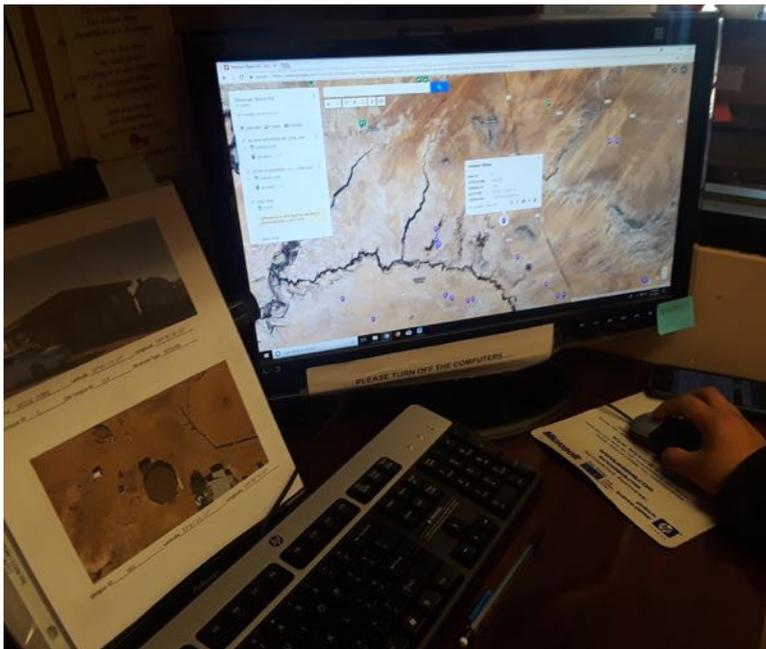
The families are happy to see the power line construction going up in their neighborhood.



Mexican Water Passes Chapter Resolution To Use Plus Codes

The Mexican Water Chapter passed a resolution on April 8 2018, to authorize the usage of Plus Codes to give physical addresses to everyone residing with Mexican Water service area while the chapter continues to complete its Enhanced 9-1-1 Rural Addressing system.

The Chapter said the use of Plus Codes will "Enhance the data that Mexican Water Chapter has already collected in latitude and longitudes.



They will be able to use Plus Codes for emergency services, receive deliveries and for tourism within the Chapter service area".

The Mexican Water Chapter Staff attended the Navajo Chapter Technology Conference in March 2018 where they learned about the use of Plus Codes from Doug Rinckles and Jarda Bengl from the Google Switzerland office. They took the information back to the Chapter to use for the benefit of all the chapter members.

Local Governance Certified Chapters

Chapter	Agency	LGA Cert. Date		Chapter	Agency	LGA Cert. Date
1 Nahata Dziil	Ft. Defiance	8/16/02		1 Newcomb	Northern	6/18/04
2 Steamboat	Ft. Defiance	5/30/03		2 San Juan	Northern	3/7/07
3 Cornfields	Ft. Defiance	7/14/10		3 Tse'Daa'Kaan	Northern	6/21/07
4 Naschitti	Ft. Defiance	11/22/10		4 Sheepsprings	Northern	8/24/07
5 Lupton	Ft. Defiance	11/24/10		5 Tolikan	Northern	11/29/10
6 Dilkon	Ft. Defiance	12/21/10		6 Toadlena/Two Grey Hills	Northern	1/10/11
7 Greasewood Springs	Ft. Defiance	12/21/10		7 Burnham	Northern	7/11/11
8 Kinlichee	Ft. Defiance	12/29/10		8 Beclabito	Northern	1/10/12
9 Teesto	Ft. Defiance	7/11/11		9 Mexican Water	Northern	2/7/12
10 Ganado	Ft. Defiance	12/2/14		10 Upper Fruitland	Northern	2/28/12
11 Houck	Ft. Defiance	12/2/14		11 Aneth	Northern	3/31/15
12 Ft. Defiance	Ft. Defiance	1/15/16		12 Cove	Northern	4/5/15
TOTAL: 12				TOTAL: 12		

Chapter	Agency	LGA Cert. Date		Chapter	Agency	LGA Cert. Date
1 Shonto	Western	9/22/99		1 Chinle	Chinle	12/21/10
2 Tuba City	Western	12/27/04		2 Pinon	Chinle	2/21/12
3 Kayenta	Western	8/6/10		3 Whippoorwill Springs	Chinle	12/2/14
4 Bodaway/Gap	Western	12/21/10		4 Nazlini	Chinle	2/17/15
5 Birdsprings	Western	7/11/11		TOTAL: 4		
6 Chilchinbeto	Western	7/11/11				
7 Leupp	Western	7/11/11				
8 LeChee	Western	1/31/12				
9 Dennyhotso	Western	2/14/12				
10 Tonalca	Western	12/2/14				
11 Ts'ah Bi' Kin	Western	6/24/16				
TOTAL 11						

Chapter	Agency	LGA Cert. Date
1 Littlewater	Eastern	11/15/07
2 Baahaali	Eastern	12/24/08
3 Whiterock	Eastern	12/21/10
4 Ojo Encino	Eastern	3/6/12
5 Baca/Prewitt	Eastern	12/22/14
6 Casamero Lake	Eastern	4/15/15
TOTAL: 6		

TOTAL CERTIFICATION : 45

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