

# COMMUNITY UPDATE

Division of Community Development Newsletter

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## Did You Know...

The Navajo Nation encompasses two Paiute groups, the San Juan Southern Paiute near Tuba City and the San Juan Northern Paiute near Navajo Mountain, UT. The Navajo Nation entered into a treaty with the Paiute groups but the treaty was never certified by the federal government.

## Upcoming Events

**September 3:** Labor Day

**September 3-9:** Navajo Nation Fair - Window Rock

**October 4-7:** Northern Navajo Nation Fair - Shiprock

## DCD Special Projects Team UPDATE



## Naschitti's Complete Home Build:

The DCD Special Project Team continues to successfully build and renovate homes around the Navajo Nation. The most recent project which is nearing completion is in Naschitti, New Mexico. The DCD Special Project Team is currently working on the inside of the house by taping and mudding the walls, getting it ready for paint.

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## St. Michaels Home Renovation:

The next home renovation is taking place in Saint Michaels, Arizona. The DCD Special Projects Team has been working on the inside of the house, hanging drywall, mudding, and taping the walls, and getting it ready for paint. The electrical part of the house was also fixed and finished. This house was damaged by a fire that started inside the house and DCD was called in to help.

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## Former Bennett Freeze Area/ Kaibeto Renovations:

Former Bennett Freeze Area/ Kaibeto projects have begun! This project began with a week's worth of work renovating two Kaibeto homes. The work included installing windows, doors, floor tiles, an electric water heater, lights, switches, and outlet covers. The work also included painting interior walls, removing floor tiles, and installing trim around the windows.

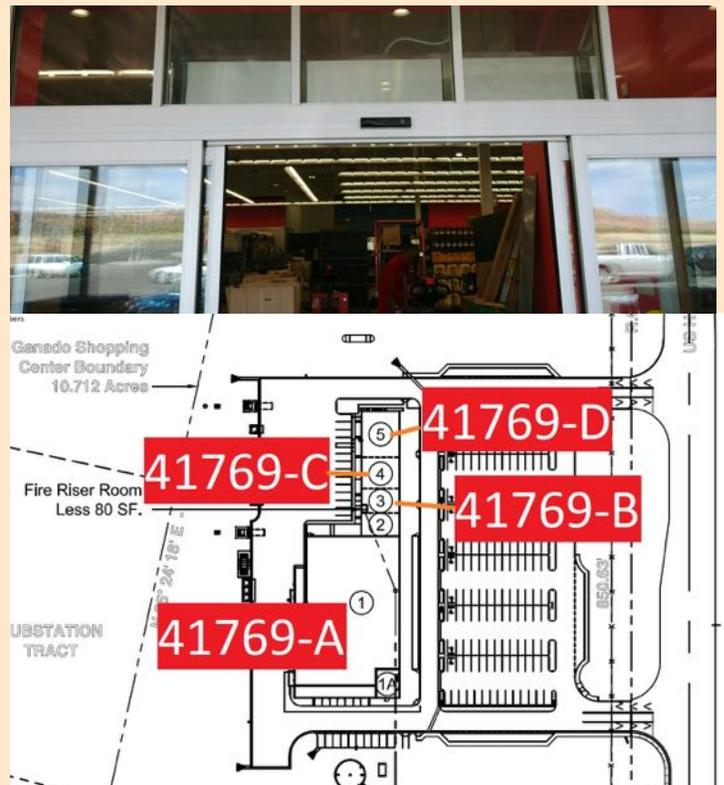


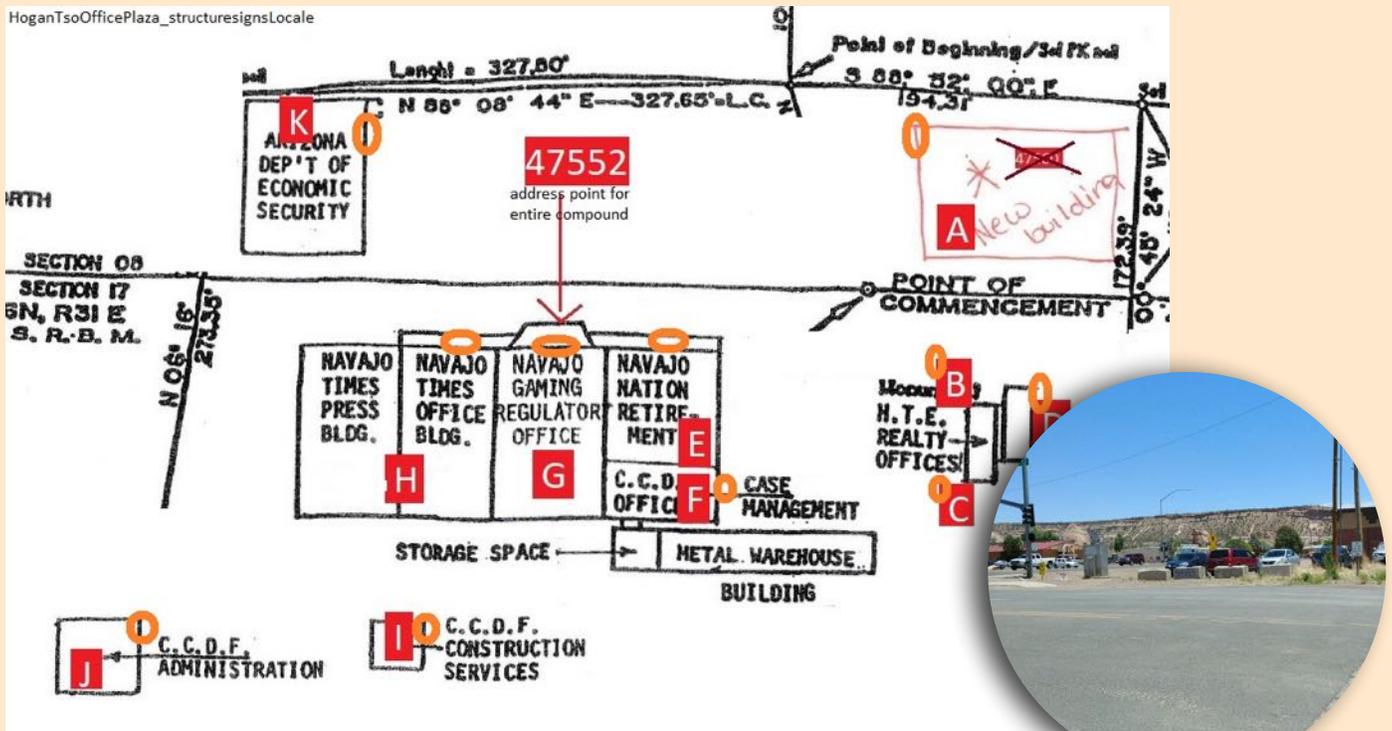
## ADDRESSING AUTHORITY SIGN INSTALLATIONS GETS BOOST FROM NEW HIRE

BY DOUGLAS BITAHY

Hello my name is Douglas Bitahy. I am from Fort Defiance, AZ and I work with the Division of Community Development - Navajo Nation Addressing Authority. Over the four weeks I've been here, M.C. Baldwin, Rural Addressing/GIS Supervisor, has shown me how to assemble and install address signs.

My first project was to assemble aluminum plaque signs with correct digits for the Hogan Tso Enterprises Office Plaza and installing them. We then went out to Burnside, AZ where we placed alphabetical stickers above four doors of businesses on the new Burnside Shopping Plaza.





We also made a trip out to Pueblo Pintado to assemble and install address signs for a lady who had requested them prior. I then returned to HTE Office Plaza to finish installation on the plaque signs for eleven local businesses. I was able to use just a drill and self fasteners without any trouble.

Last week, M.C. Baldwin and I made a week long trip to Utah to participate in the Navajo/San Juan County registration and verification drive in which we met up with other rural addressing departments. There was a prior meeting in May, but this time, we were at Navajo Mountain Chapter, Monument Valley Welcome Center, Mexican Water Chapter, Red Mesa Chapter and Aneth Chapter from 9:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. I used a laptop to find peoples' exact home locations and then gave them a "Plus Code", which they could use for third party deliveries. I also logged everyone in using the Field Data Collection (FDC) chart and used the FDC mapping tool from the WIND system, to find exact coordinates of said Plus Codes.

We plan on going back to Utah for one more registration and verification drive in the near future as this recent one wasn't the outcome we had hoped for. I have since been gathering alphabetical stickers and aluminum plaques for more field work in the Sheep Springs NHA subdivision area where I'll be installing more addressing signs soon. It's been a very interesting four weeks and I've been learning a lot so far. I look forward to these next few weeks as we have plenty of people to get registered, or verified, and address signs to assemble/install.



## DCD RECEIVES NEW BACKHOE FOR HOME PROJECTS



On Wednesday, August 29, 2018, DCD received a new backhoe to be used for the Navajo Nation Office of the President/Vice-President Special Projects for Home Renovations. This was the result of a joint effort between DCD Administration and the Community Housing and Infrastructure Department.

The new equipment has some modern conveniences including a radio and air conditioning to allow for long period of work in the hot sun.

This will also save the division money that would normally be spent on rentals and delivery charges to the various work sites around the Navajo Nation.



# NAVAJO NATION CELEBRATES NAVAJO CODE TALKERS DAY

August 2018



WINDOW ROCK—Leaders and citizens of the Navajo Nation, and of the United States, recognize today as Navajo Code Talkers Day in honor of the contribution and sacrifice of the warriors who developed an unbreakable code to bring an end to World War II.

“The freedom we enjoy is connected to the Navajo Code Talkers,” President Russell Begaye said. “On the front lines of some of history’s bloodiest battles, these men were using our language to protect American soldiers. Our language is powerful. It is strong and sacred.”

“In a hundred years, we will still be speaking Diné bizaad,” President Begaye continued. “In five hundred years, we will still be speaking Diné bizaad.”

The Navajo language, Diné bizaad, was used to secure military communication lines to advance marines forward on the battlefields of the Pacific Theatre.

At a time when the reliability of Native American soldiers was called into question, an original group of 29 Navajo Code Talkers transmitted information about tactics, troop movements, orders and other battlefield messages using telephones and radios. Their work was so



successful that more than 400 Navajos were called upon to serve as code talkers by the end of WWII.

“We honor our code talkers and the language that was spoken to win the war,” Vice President Jonathan Nez said. “I look at it as God looking upon us as a blessed nation. We are a blessed nation, ladies and gentlemen. Let’s always remember that. And it all started 150 years ago when our ancestors came back as a people to our homeland.”



President Begaye and Vice President Nez were joined by some of the remaining Navajo Code Talkers and their family members. Families of the late code talkers were also in attendance, along with delegates of the Navajo Nation Council and many more.

Read more at: <https://us15.campaign-archive.com/?u=0bf367cc7bf787cb9b02b21c8&id=580f9420b9>



# BRINGING THE DREAM OF HOMEOWNERSHIP TO AMERICAN INDIAN RESERVATIONS

by Patrice Kunesch



As a newly minted lawyer many years ago, I was offered an opportunity of a lifetime – an in-house attorney position with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe at the tribe’s headquarters in Ft. Yates, North Dakota. But there was a problem.

I was drawn to that place where my grandfather grew up running along the banks of the Oahe River and to the land where my family has lived for many generations. I thought I’d live there too and give back to the community that helped shape and form my identity. In the end, I could not accept the offer.

Why not? Because there was no place for my family to live in Ft. Yates – and I could not make sense of commuting from Mandan or Bismarck every day while tending to the responsibilities of two young children at home 70 miles away.

Scarcity of housing and affordable housing options on most American Indian reservations is still a serious issue with dire consequence. Limited housing options prevent many more people from taking jobs, raising families, and building economies where businesses flourish and children thrive. Moreover, when families move away from the reservation because they cannot find suitable housing, the community is

deprived of millions of dollars that could have been spent and invested in reservation-based goods and services.

The need for homeownership is stark. Twenty years ago, the Government Accountability Office could find just 91 mortgages extended on all of the nation's hundreds of reservations during a five-year span. Although the number of mortgages has increased significantly since then, it still is tens of thousands short of filling the dire need and strong demand for reservation housing.

Why is homeownership so challenging on American Indian reservations? The biggest obstacle is the lengthy and complex mortgage lending process that frustrates both lenders and borrowers. Neither banks nor families can wait a year or more to close a loan, and prospective homebuyers often give up or move away. Another reason is that homeownership has not been an integral part of the economic development paradigm on many reservations. Too often, the American dream of homeownership evaporates at the boundaries of Native homelands. This has got to change.

As the director of the Center for Indian Country Development (CICD) at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, I am passionate about increasing homeownership opportunities on tribal lands. Why? The short answer: people and opportunity. The growing population of American Indian and Alaskan Natives needs better access to homeownership opportunities to reduce over-crowdedness, boost tribal economies, and build healthy, vibrant communities. Importantly, stable housing improves outcomes for families and overall community well-being.

To begin addressing these issues, the CICD established the National Native Homeownership Coalition, which immediately issued a call-to-action for a guide to developing and financing housing on reservations. The result is the Tribal Leaders Handbook on Homeownership, the first-ever comprehensive resource on the lending and development process and homeownership programs available in Indian Country.

What's needed to increase mortgage lending and attract reservation investments? More lenders, better systems, and faster processing. On the mortgage side, for example, allowing more lenders to use federal programs will open up the full array of public and private loan products to reservation residents. For tribal communities, supporting homebuyer readiness programs creates financial capabilities with long term benefits throughout the community. Equally important is developing an efficient federal title system that streamlines the system and recognizes the time sensitivity and collateral requirement of lending transactions.

One of the things I hope will happen from the use of the Handbook, from this impressive collection of information and resources, is that the next young lawyer or teacher or doctor who is offered a job assisting her tribe won't have to think twice about saying yes.

<https://www.nativebusinessmag.com/bringing-the-dream-of-homeownership-to-american-indian-reservations/>

# Bulletin Board

## **NAVAJO NATION PRESIDENT HELPS HOPI PARTITIONED LANDS RESIDENTS WELCOME SOLAR POWER UNITS**

WHIPPOORWILL, Ariz.—How do you bring power to Navajo families living on Hopi Partitioned Land?

“One home at a time,” Dory Peters, president of Big Navajo Energy, told President Russell Begaye on Thursday.

President Begaye was touring the first four homes to receive power on Hopi Partition Land under a \$253,044 contract he signed with Big Navajo Energy on Aug. 7 to deliver solar power units to 44 homes impacted by the Navajo-Hopi land dispute. Big Navajo Energy, a 100-percent Navajo-owned company partnered with Humless, a manufacturer of solar generator systems, to install 1,500- to 15,000-watt solar power systems to homes that are off the grid on the eastern side of Hopi Partitioned Land.

<https://nativenewsonline.net/currents/navajo-nation-president-helps-hopi-partitioned-lands-residents-welcome-solar-power-units/>

## **PRESIDENT BEGAYE APPROVES \$1.2 MILLION FOR VETERANS**

DILKON—During the parade at the Navajo Nation Southwest Fair & Rodeo, President Russell Begaye signed Resolution CJY-60-18 approving of \$1,200,000 for the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration (NNVA) to continue financial assistance for veterans.

<https://us15.campaign-archive.com/?u=0bf367cc7bf787cb9b02b21c8&id=ea666ea567>

## **NAVAJO UTILITY PROPOSES SOLAR PROJECT NEAR CAMERON**

In May of last year, the 120,000 photovoltaic solar panels at the Kayenta Solar Plant went operational, becoming the first utility-scale solar plant on the Navajo Nation.

Now, just over a year later, the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority that owns the Kayenta plant is pushing ahead with two more solar projects on the reservation.

First up is a new array located adjacent to the Kayenta solar plant that will double solar generating capacity at that site to 55 megawatts. Construction will begin in August.

The other project is being proposed near Gray Mountain and Cameron, less than an hour north of Flagstaff.

In a community meeting at the Cameron Chapter last month, NTUA officials outlined a plan for a 100- to 150-megawatt solar plant capable of powering at least 20,000 homes. Operations could begin sometime in 2020.

[http://azdailysun.com/news/local/article\\_361b8a26-0eb8-5619-b6bc-cd3407334bdb.html](http://azdailysun.com/news/local/article_361b8a26-0eb8-5619-b6bc-cd3407334bdb.html)

## PERSONNEL NEWS

### DCD OPEN POSITIONS

#### Administrative Service Centers:

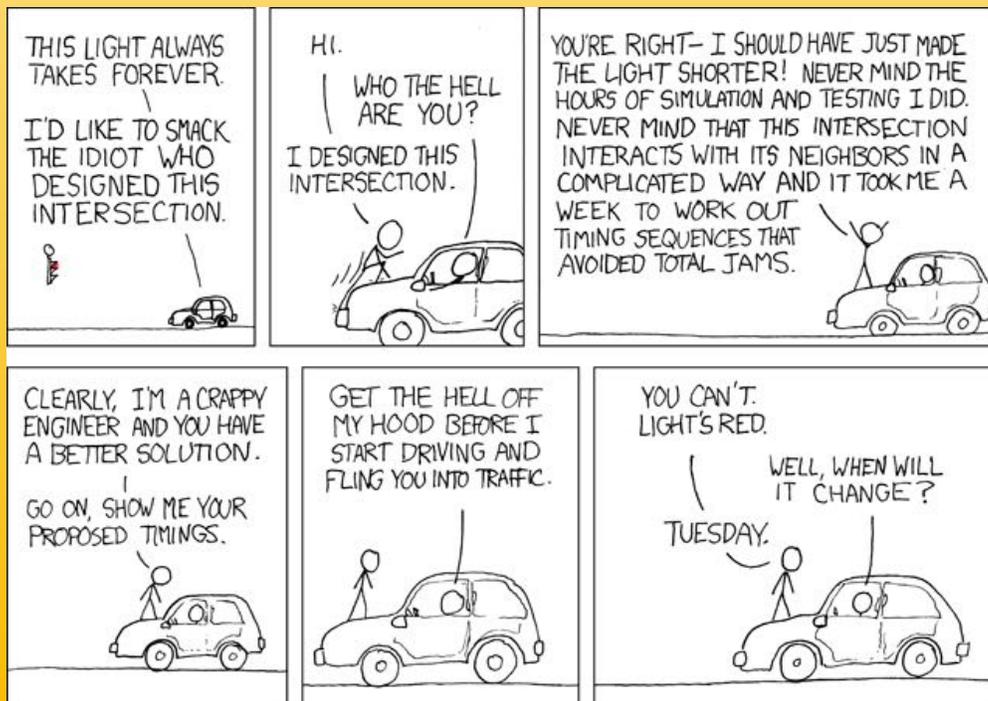
POSITION TITLE	LOCATION	PAY RATE	CLOSING DATE
Community Services Coordinator (S)	Jeddito, AZ	34,881.60	09/11/2018
Community Services Coordinator (S)	Round Rock, AZ	34,881.60	OUF
Accounts Maintenance Specialist(S)	Blue Gap, AZ	24,731.20	OUF
Accounts Maintenance Specialist(S)	Nahodishgish, NM	24,731.20	OUF
Accounts Maintenance Specialist(S)	Alamo, NM	24,731.20	OUF
Accounts Maintenance Specialist(S)	Kaibeto, AZ	24,731.20	OUF
Administrative Services Officer(S)	Dilkon, AZ	41,017.60	OUF

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

LONG LIGHT

<https://xkcd.com/277/>



# Navajo Nation Census Information Center News

## SFS: \*Special Edition\* Fires in California: August 2018

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California Governor's Office of Emergency Services: Cal OES on Facebook: August 8, 2018 — "Over 14,000 firefighters are on the front lines of 15 large wildfires across California. To date, these fires have burned over 644,000 acres and damaged or destroyed over 2,000 structures. The Mendocino Complex is now the largest fire in state history, and the Carr Fire is now the 12th largest."

California Statewide Fire Summary: August 2, 2018 — "Over 13,000 firefighters are on the lines battling 18 large wildfires across California. To date, these fires have burned over 340,000 acres and damaged or destroyed over 1,800 structures. 15,000 homes continue to be threatened by these fires, and nearly 40,000 residents are under evacuations at this time."

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### Using U.S. Census Bureau Data for Emergency Response and Recovery:

The Census Bureau has publicly available statistics and free tools, including:

**American Community Survey (ACS):** The only reliable and timely source of comprehensive social, economic, housing and demographic characteristics of the U.S. population at the community level.

**American FactFinder:** A detailed data tool that allows you to access over 11 billion statistics from the ACS every year on topics such as language, disability status, vehicle availability and much more.

**Census Business Builder: Regional Analyst Edition - 2.4:** A new tool built for chambers of commerce and regional planning staff who need a broad portrait of the people and businesses in a user-defined region. See below for reports and maps.

**OnTheMap for Emergency Management:\*** An intuitive, web-based data tool that allows you to access detailed workforce, population and housing characteristics for the hurricane areas in real time.

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### Key Stats:

OnTheMap for Emergency Management\* provides real-time access to a range of detailed Census Bureau data about the people living and working in federal disaster declaration areas and areas being affected by hurricanes, floods, wildfires and winter storms.

Sources: 2010 Decennial Census data, 2011-2015 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates and 2014 Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics Origin-Destination Employment Statistics.

## OnTheMap for Emergency Management\*

<https://onthemap.ces.census.gov/em/>

**OnTheMap for Emergency Management** LEHD Home OnTheMap Help and Documentation

**Search:**  Filter U.S. Census Bureau data for disasters, natural hazards, and weather events. Click for more information on Pacific Storms.

**Events as of 08/09/2018**

**Wildfires**

- CARR Fire**  
Shasta County, CA, Trinity County, CA  
Affected Population: 4,832
- RANCH Fire**  
Lake County, CA, Colusa County, CA, Mendocino County, CA  
Affected Population: 666
- RIVER Fire**  
Lake County, CA, Mendocino County, CA  
Affected Population: 266
- FERGUSON Fire**  
Mariposa County, CA, Tuolumne County, CA  
Affected Population: 179
- Taylor Creek Fire**  
Zip 97527, 97532  
Affected Population: 155
- SOUTH VALLEY ROAD Fire**  
Zip 97021  
Affected Population: 93
- CRANSTON Fire**  
Idyllwild-Pine Cove CDP, CA, Mountain Center CDP, CA  
Affected Population: 78
- SNOW SHOE Fire**  
Zip 97541  
Affected Population: 73
- MILES Fire**  
Jackson County, OR, Douglas County, OR  
Affected Population: 44
- Milepost 90 Fire**

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Center for Economic Studies, LEHD | e-mail: [CES.OnTheMap.Feedback@census.gov](mailto:CES.OnTheMap.Feedback@census.gov)

**Note: The map above is zoomed into California to show all wildfires and affected areas. Wildfires are listed by affected population from greatest to least.**

**READ MORE AT: <https://www.census.gov/newsroom/stories/2018/california-fires.html>**



# 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
<b>TOTAL: 12</b>				<b>TOTAL: 12</b>		

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		<b>TOTAL: 4</b>		
6 Chilchinbeto	Western	7/11/11				
7 Leupp	Western	7/11/11				
8 LeChee	Western	1/31/12				
9 Dennehotso	Western	2/14/12				
10 Tonalca	Western	12/2/14				
11 Ts'ah Bii' Kin	Western	6/24/16				
<b>TOTAL 11</b>						

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
<b>TOTAL: 6</b>		

**TOTAL CERTIFICATION : 45**

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