

# COMMUNITY UPDATE

## Division of Community Development Newsletter

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### Did You Know...

Did you know although Navajos are famous for turquoise jewelry there are no turquoise mines located on the Navajo Nation. Most quality turquoise from the United States is found in the Southwest, particularly in Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada, Colorado, and California.

### Upcoming Events

**October 31:** Halloween

**November 6:** Navajo Nation General Election

**November 11:** Veterans' Day

**November 12:** Veterans' Day Observed

**November 22:** Thanksgiving

**November 23:** Navajo Nation Family Day

## DCD Special Projects Team Helps Homeless Family in Sawmill



With the nights becoming colder and rain and snow making an early October appearance, a family living in Sawmill is in desperate need of shelter. The family of 12 is currently living in 4 tents several miles from the highway amid the ponderosa pines in Sawmill, Arizona. The DCD Special Projects Team led by Mr. Carl Smith, DCD Executive Director, is doing all they can to build a home for the family before the winter comes.

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The family of 12 includes a 4-month old baby, an expectant mother, two elderlies, and a veteran and they had been living in the area since the spring after they were evicted from the NHA housing in Ft. Defiance. The family tried to find affordable housing in the area but could not find anything. The available rental locations were asking for prices from \$700 to \$1,500 a month.

The mother had received a homesite lease in Sawmill, but had not built on it. With nowhere else to go, the family moved to that location and set up a temporary shelter in a tent while others slept in vehicles. They cooked on an outdoor stove and many of their possessions were out in the open or hanging from tree branches. The father had been working in Salt Lake City, Utah, but he quit his job and returned to help his family.





The family is currently living in four tents and had started digging a trench for a house. However, the family was depending on the income of the mother and although she was able to afford some housing materials with each paycheck, the going was slow.





Since the family has a 4-month old baby and two elderly individuals, with the coming winter, their plight became urgent. The family's situation caught the attention of the Navajo Nation President's Office and DCD Executive Director, Carl Smith. The DCD Team mobilized quickly and have now completed digging trenches for the foundation, pouring concrete for the footings and started working on the foundation walls.

The DCD Team has also provided several loads of firewood for the family over two days so they can have a way to keep warm. The father and the older males decided to stay at the homesite with their possessions while the rest of the family was moved to a temporary shelter at the Sawmill Chapter House. The family has been extremely appreciative of all the help they have been getting.



# LITTLEWATER POWER LINE PROJECT PROVIDES ELECTRICITY TO 30 FAMILIES



The Littlewater Chapter of the Navajo Nation and Continental Divide Electric Co-op (CDEC) are pleased to announce the completion of the Littlewater Chapter/White Ridge Power Line Project to provide electricity to 30 families.

“This is a lifetime historical event for our community,” Chapter Manager Genevieve Castillo said. “I almost gave up on the project so many times. You really have to have your heart into it to make something like this work.”

Castillo, who has been the chapter manager since 2008, said obtaining the necessary rights-of-way to build the 11-mile powerline extension took about 30 years. The 30 families now receiving service had their electric meters installed in early October.

“The project had been attempted so many times. It took everyone involved to finally make it happen on this eastern checkerboard land. And I think that is why it means so much to us,” Castillo said.

Located 13 miles east of Crownpoint, Littlewater’s land base is a patchwork of fee land, allotments, tribal trust and BLM property. Because power lines travel across all these different land statuses, securing rights-of-way to serve homes and families can be a complex and very time-consuming process, CDEC Member Services Manager Mac Juarez said.

“Efforts to provide service to those living in checkerboard areas can date back many years and several generations. But our mission, as a not-for-profit electric cooperative, has always been to extend service to those who would otherwise be unable to receive power,” Juarez said.



Chapter officials and CDEC employees caravanned from house to house on October 10 and 11, turning on power as Littlewater homeowners clapped and cheered with joy. Siblings who grew up without electricity and have since moved, returned home to moms and dads to witness the moment, including 43-year-old Jimmie Augustine, Jr.

“It took her all these years to get lights,” Augustine said, referring to his 73-year-old mother Dorothy. “I shed tears for her; and I thank everyone who did all the work and effort.”

The occasion was not without its somber moments, as community members and officials also reflected on deceased Littlewater elders who were among those that needed electricity when the rights-of-way process first began in the 80s. “The longest living elder in our community is 84-years-old. If you think about it, that’s a whole lifetime,” Castillo said.

Among the many entities and individuals involved in the Littlewater Chapter/White Ridge Power Line Project were rights-of-way agent Lucinda Henry (contracted by CDEC); Denise Copeland, archaeologist with the Navajo Nation Capital Projects Management Department; Navajo Nation Council Delegate Leonard Tsosie; and Steve Morales and Debbie Olivar with CDEC’s rights-of-way team.

The total cost of the project was \$913,903 with \$633,696 coming from UUFB, \$78,207 from the chapter, and \$202,000 from NNCIP general funds.



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# AIRBUS DEMOS AIR CARRIER



The Navajo Nation is planning on starting an air transportation venture that will provide air transportation for emergency medical transport, public safety, first responders, fire and rescue, and other types of situations where air support is needed. At a demonstration held on Friday, October 19, 2018, members of the Navajo Nation and representatives from Airbus, a key partner, showed an Airbus helicopter which would be similar to ones that the venture will be using.

The new venture is being funded by the Naat'aanii Development Fund and would work with IHS, Navajo Nation departments and enterprises, surrounding hospitals, and other partners who may need that type of service. The service would initially have 5 helicopters and 2 fixed wing aircraft. Since the venture will be a Navajo enterprise, the funds generated will be going back to the Navajo Nation and will help diversify the Nation's economic investments. The company is looking to hire Navajo veterans, pilots, and nurses.

Following the tour of the Airbus helicopter, several people spoke at the luncheon, including Airbus representatives, Council Delegate Nathaniel Brown, and DPS Director Jesse Delmar and Police Chief Phillip Francisco. Also in attendance were representatives from the Office of the President/Vice-President and several Navajo Nation Divisions.

# Canyon Diablo Tornado



**BY M.C. Baldwin, Rural Addressing/GIS Coordinator, NNAA**

Yesterday (10-21-18) around 2 pm DST, a tornado touched down about 2.5 miles northeast of exit 225 of I-40 on the Navajo Nation side in the Canyon Diablo area. The tornado may have been visible from Twin Arrows casino.

The tornado lasted for almost five minutes before it dissipated; this part of Navajo Nation is not as high as Flagstaff elevation and is usually warm and part of the Kaibab formation with rocky roads.

The last time my mother saw a tornado in this area was when she was a teenager and was sighted between Navajo Nation boundary and I-40 (around 1940s). The nearest road to this area is Route N-6910, that runs between I-40 and Route N-15 (highway from Leupp). Since this is a rural area, only the prairie dogs and jack rabbits were disturbed along with some reptiles and cattle.

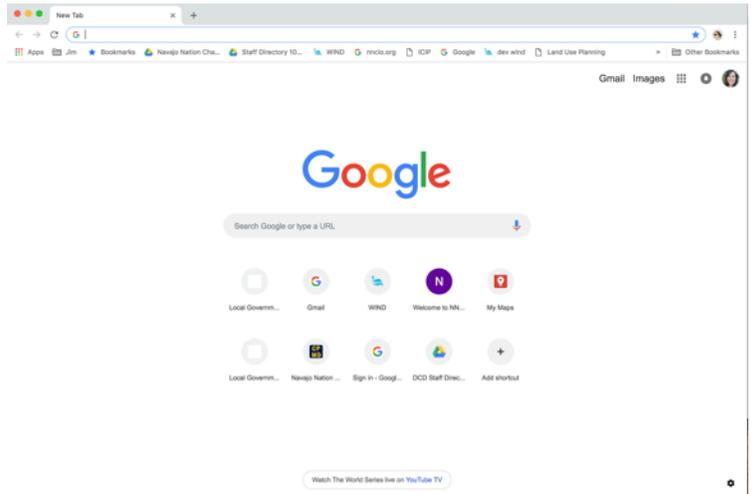
# What's New in the Redesigned Google Chrome?

Dan Grabham | 5 September 2018

Google Chrome has got a whole new look to celebrate both 10 years since the first version of the browser and 20 years since Google was incorporated as a company.

Chrome - which has around two billion users globally - is typically updated every six weeks, but it released a special update yesterday that introduces some new features.

Here's what's in the new update which includes a refreshed design, a revamped password manager and updated autofill. The Chrome search box ("Omnibox") also gives you more information directly as you type.



## A new look for Chrome

The biggest change, Chrome now features more rounded shapes, new icons and a new colour palette. The new browser has a simpler look. For those who open a lot of tabs, the look of the website icons have been made easier to see at-a-glance. On iOS, the toolbar has moved to the bottom of the screen to make it easier to use with the new non-home button iPhones. The look-and-feel is definitely lighter and bright colors stand out more.

## Underneath the surface

Google has worked to improve Chrome's startup time, latency, usage of memory, and usability with this update and the company says that further improvements are also planned.

## Richer results from searches

The Omnibox will now show you answers directly in the address bar without having to open a new tab - so you can see the weather or a translated word without actually having to visit a page. Think autocomplete but totally powered up. The Omnibox will also enable you to search Google Drive in the near future.

## Better at filling in stuff

Chrome now has a totally redesigned system for autofilling stuff like passwords, addresses, and credit card numbers - all saved to your Google Account of course. You can now also access this information from the toolbar. Like Safari, Chrome will now auto-generate passwords for you. Chrome will save it, and next time you sign in, it'll be there across the platforms you use Chrome on.

Apparently the password manager is called Chrome Dino.

## Switch to tab

If you search for a website you already have open (we're looking at you, tab-crazy people who always complain about Chrome being slow) then Chrome will now give you the option to "Switch to tab".

## New tab page improvements

You can now customize the new tab page so you're able to simply open a new tab and "Add shortcut." And you can customize the background image, too.

<https://goo.gl/it1H4X>

# Bulletin Board

## **ADMIN BUILDING #1 and #2 PARKING LOTS GET IMPROVEMENTS**

Starting the week of October 15, 2018, Administration Building #1 and #2 parking lots were resurfaced and additional pavement was laid down north of Administration Building #1. The parking lot improvements will be a welcome change for employees and clients who come to the buildings, especially in inclement weather. Before, the north side of Administration Building #1 was just a plain dirt parking lot and would get muddy during rain or snow.



## **NAVAJO NATION RECEIVES FIRST SNOWFALL OF THE SEASON**

On Tuesday, October 16, snow fell across Northern Arizona including higher elevations on the Navajo Nation. The Navajo Nation Council was in session and was interrupted at one point by a power outage.

Due to a few Pacific hurricanes moving into Mexico recently, the Navajo Nation has also been seeing plenty of rainfall. This is a welcome relief to several months of drought and a short monsoon season.

## **PRESIDENT BEGAYE SIGNS MOA TO REDUCE WASTE AND CREATE RECYCLED PAPER PRODUCTS**

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M-President Russell Begaye signed an agreement between the Navajo Division of Economic Development (DED) and Presidio Environmental Southwest to develop an environmental complex consisting of a paper pulp mill on the Navajo Nation.

President Begaye formalized the memorandum of agreement (MOA) on Sept. 29, to initiate a study to find a viable location for the mill.

“By signing this MOA, we’re taking steps to address recycling on a national and global scale while also boosting our economy with an anticipated 200 to 400 jobs within the recycling plant,” President Begaye said. “Once a location is determined, this project stands to create revenue through leases, taxes and fees.”

The paper pulp mill offers potential to support secondary markets for business development and housing.

READ MORE AT:

<https://us15.campaign-archive.com/?u=obf367cc7bf787cb9bo2b21c8&id=5cb57e312e>

## PERSONNEL NEWS

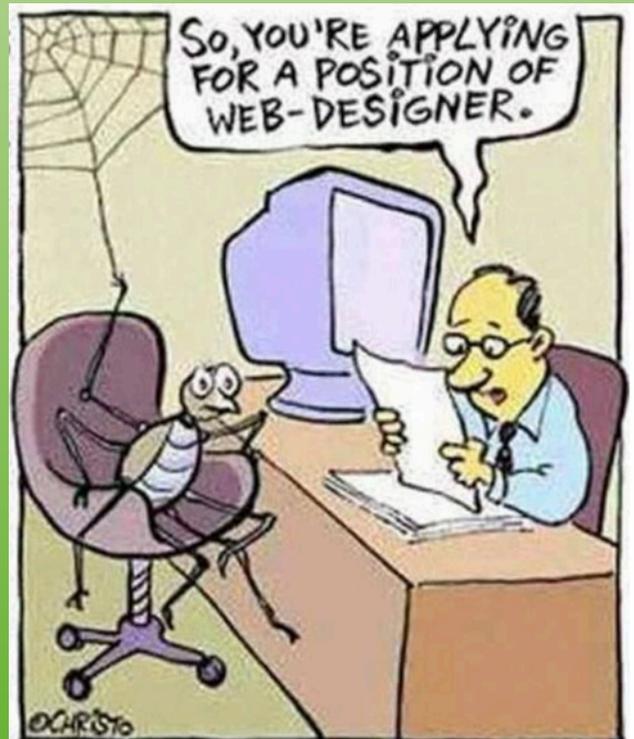
### **DCD OPEN POSITIONS**

**Administrative Service Centers:**

<b>POSITION TITLE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>PAY RATE</b>	<b>CLOSING DATE</b>
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Tohatchi, NM	25,335.20	OUF
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Jeddito, AZ	25,335.20	OUF
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Tsayatoh, NM	25,335.20	OUF
Community Services Coordinator (S)	Round Rock, AZ	35,755.20	OUF
Accounts Maintenance Specialist(S)	Blue Gap, AZ	25,335.20	OUF
Accounts Maintenance Specialist(S)	Tselani, AZ	25,335.20	11/15/2018
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Hardrock, NM	25,335.20	11/05/2018
Accounts Maintenance Specialist(S)	Nahodishgish, NM	25,335.20	OUF
Accounts Maintenance Specialist(S)	Alamo, NM	25,335.20	OUF
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Mariano Lake, NM	25,335.20	OUF
Community Services Coordinator (S)	Iyanbito, NM	35,755.20	10/24/2018
Accounts Maintenance Specialist(S)	Kaibeto, AZ	25,355.20	OUF
Accounts Maintenance Specialist(S)	Coppermine,AZ	25,355.20	OUF
Administrative Services Officer(S)	Dilkon, AZ	41,017.60	OUF
Administrative Services Officer(S)	Tuba City, AZ	41,017.60	11/05/2018

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

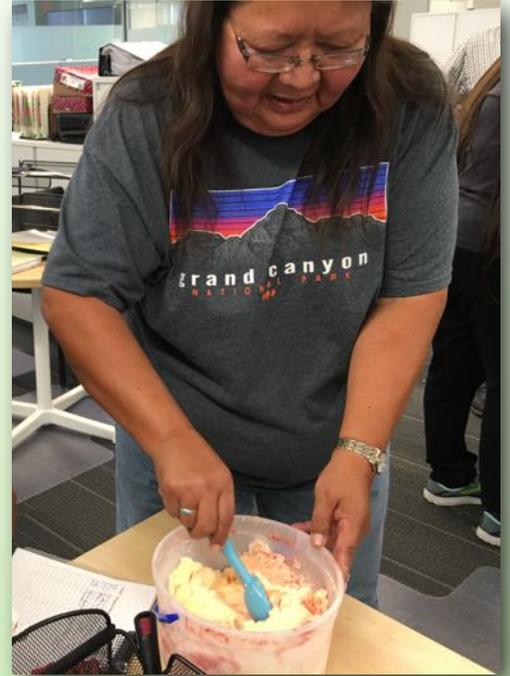
# COMIC OF THE MONTH



## DCD EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAY



On Friday, October 19, DCD employees held an impromptu birthday party for Ms. Jackie Morgan, CPMD. The party included singing, a birthday cake and ice cream. She did not volunteer her age, but the best guess from fellow staff members was 19.



*Happy Birthday  
Jackie!!!*

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## CPMD EMPLOYEES CELEBRATE NATIONAL BOSS DAY

To celebrate National Boss Day on October 16, the CPMD staff got a cake for Ms. Sherylene Yazzie, CPMD Department Manager III. CPMD staff served cake, punch, ice cream and chips and invited other departments to join in the festivities.



We want to thank all DCD bosses for the fine work that they do.

# Navajo Nation Census Information Center News

## Veterans Day 2018: Nov. 11

OCTOBER 17, 2018

Veterans Day originated as “Armistice Day” on Nov. 11, 1919, the first anniversary marking the end of World War I. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance, and Nov. 11 became a national holiday beginning in 1938. President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed legislation in 1954 to change the name to Veterans Day as a way to honor those who served in all American wars. The day honors military veterans with parades and speeches across the nation and a remembrance ceremony takes place at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va. The ceremony honors and thanks all who served in the U.S. armed forces.

The following facts are made possible by the invaluable responses to the U.S. Census Bureau’s surveys. We appreciate the public’s cooperation as we continuously measure America’s people, places and economy.

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### Veteran Population

Did You Know?

#### **18.2 million**

The number of military veterans in the United States in 2017.

*Source: 2017 American Community Survey*

#### **1.6 million**

The number of female veterans in the United States in 2017.

*Source: 2017 American Community Survey*

#### **11.8%**

The percentage of veterans in 2017 who were black. Additionally, 77.3 percent were non-Hispanic white, 1.6 percent were Asian, 0.8 percent were American Indian or Alaska Native, 0.2 percent were Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, and 1.4 percent were some other race. (The numbers for blacks, non-Hispanic whites, Asians, American Indians and Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders, and some other race cover only those reporting a single race.)

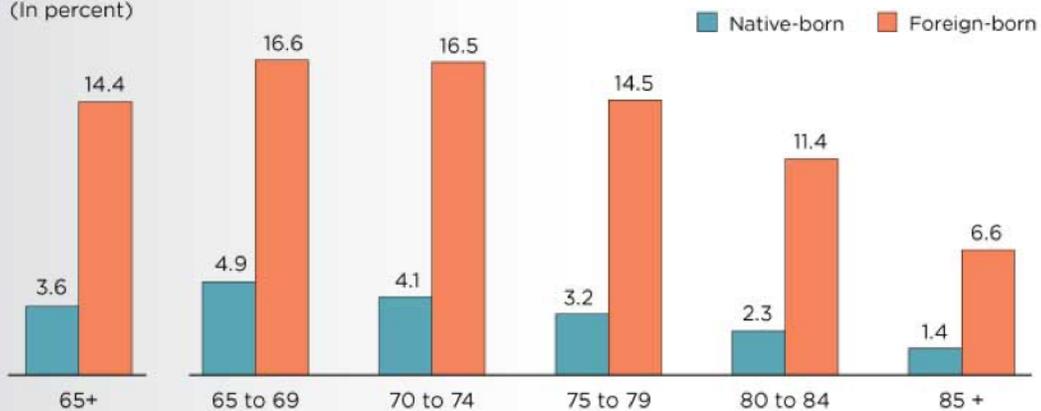
*Source: 2017 American Community Survey*

**READ MORE AT: <https://www.census.gov/newsroom/facts-for-features/2018/veterans-day.html>**

# Older People Living With Grandchildren: 2012-2016

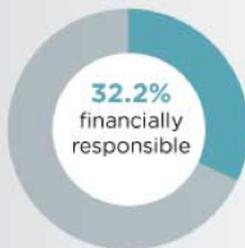
**Among older people, the foreign-born are more likely than the native-born to live with their grandchildren under the age of 18.**

(In percent)

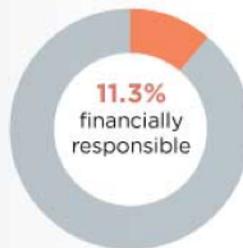


**However, the native-born grandparents living with their grandchildren under 18 are more likely to be financially responsible for them.**

Native-born grandparents living with grandchildren



Foreign-born grandparents living with grandchildren



# Census Jobs

## **The Census Bureau is currently hiring recruiting assistants!**

- 2 Navajo/Apache
- 1 Window Rock/San Juan
- 1 Coconino
- 1 Mohave
- 1 Yavapai

<https://www.census.gov/about/census-careers/opportunities/positions/2018-test-positions/recruit-assistant.html>

## **Recruiting Assistant - Census**

[www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)

Duties Recruiting Assistant. Meet with government officials, business leaders, employment agencies, media outlets, community centers, faith-based groups, and other appropriate sources in the community to promote census employment opportunities.

## **For other Census Jobs in Arizona:**

<https://www.census.gov/about/regions/denver/jobs/arizona.html>

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Title	Salary	Responsibilities
<b>Area Census Office Manager (ACOM)</b>	\$68,640 Annually(\$33.00/hr.)	The ACOM leads and supports a team of managers through multiple operations in an Area Census Office (ACO)
<b>Administrative Manager (AM)</b>	\$50,960 Annually(\$24.50/hr.)	The AM is responsible for office administrative activities, including personnel and payroll operations for the assigned office
<b>IT Manager (IT)</b>	\$50,960 Annually(\$24.50/hr.)	The IT Manager is responsible for managing technological functions used by hundreds of field and dozens of office staff
<b>Lead Census Field Manager (LCFM)</b>	\$59,280 Annually(\$28.50/hr.)	Responsible for leading and directing the Census Field Managers. Serves as backup to ACOM regarding in-office duties and those pertaining to any of his/her external responsibilities
<b>Census Field Manager (CFM)</b>	\$50,960 Annually(\$24.50/hr.)	The CFM is responsible for managing field data collection activities and several hundred field operations staff

**POSITIONS AVAILABLE IN:**  
**Phoenix, Arizona**



# NOW HIRING!!! RECRUITING ASSISTANTS

### Recruiting Assistant Job Duties:

- ✓ Promotes Census jobs in assigned areas and in local communities.
- ✓ Assists with locating free space with access to computers to assist applicants with online application/assessment
- ✓ Locates free space to hold operational training sessions
- ✓ Informs supervisor of recruiting results and ongoing community relations efforts.
- ✓ Travel Required

## Apply Online!

[WWW.2020CENSUS.GOV/JOBS](http://WWW.2020CENSUS.GOV/JOBS)

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(1-855-562-2020)

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## Great Pay!!!

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<b>Oklahoma</b>	<b>Nebraska</b>
<b>Texas</b>	<b>North Dakota</b>
<b>Montana</b>	<b>South Dakota</b>
<b>Kansas</b>	<b>Wyoming</b>

Road to 2020 Census



# 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 Dennenhotso	Western	2/14/12				
10 Tonalea	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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