

Division of Community Development Newsletter



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Did You Know...

In the Navajo language, the Navajo Nation as a geographic entity with its legally defined borders is known as "Naabeehó Bináhásdzo". This contrasts with "Diné Bikéyah" and "Naabeehó Bikéyah" for the general idea of "Navajoland". <a href="http://bit.ly/2KNjmJn">http://bit.ly/2KNjmJn</a>

#### **Upcoming Events**

April 1: April Fool's Day

April 21: Easter

April 22: Earth Day

April 29-May 1: Navajo Sustainability

Symposium - NAU

May 2: NN Police Officer's Day

## FT. DEFIANCE CHAPTER RECEIVES FUNDS FOR SOLAR STREET LIGHTS



The Ft. Defiance Chapter was recently awarded nearly \$1 million in funding for a solar street light project from the Sihasin Fund. Timothy Begay, currently an LDA for Council Delegate, Wilson Stewart, has served as the Project Representative for the project. The project has been active for the past six or seven years, but Mr. Begay was involved as the project representative for the last two years.

## Ft. Defiance Chapter Receives Funding for Solar Street Lights (Continued)

The solar streetlights will be installed in Ft. Defiance for 3 miles on BIA Routes 110, N-7 and N-12. There will be over 141 poles installed. The funding pays for two things, the product and construction.

Navajo Electric out of St. Michaels will be doing the construction. The lighting product will be provided by Shundiin Shine Lighting & Electrical, a Navajo-owned business.

Mr. Begay said, "The rights-of-way have been done and everything is ready to go. The start date will be sometime in April. Currently, they are pouring concrete for the poles.



I just want to thank everyone that was involved. CPMD was a great help with assistance from Ben Cowboy and Gina Eltsocie. There were other departments that helped out including DOJ, BIA, NDOT in addition to CPMD. Everyone pitched in and got the project going. It was a joint effort between departments.

I think we're the first community to have solar streetlights. I know Chinle is doing a similar project and there are other areas where solar streetlights are being installed, but our community is the first to do it."

James Adakai, Acting Department Manager for CPMD remarked, "I commend CPMD staff for their due diligence and hard work toward making this project a reality. Fort Defiance Solar project is the first certified chapter to execute the MOA and get their Sihasin fund disbursed directly to the chapter."

Currently, the project is in Phase 1, which aims to install streetlights in the Ft. Defiance community area on the main streets. After Phase 1 is completed, there are plans to move on to Phase 2 and 3. Phase 2 will involve installing streetlights in other roads in the community where streetlights are needed. Finally, Phase 3 will involve installing streetlights on N-12 going toward Window Rock.



# Dr. Pearl Yellowman Confirmed for DCD Executive Director by Navajo Nation Council



Screenshot from NNTV5's live broadcast of the Council Session.

April 17, 2019 — Late on Wednesday night after a long day of Council business, Dr. Pearl Yellowman was confirmed by the 24th Navajo Nation Council as the Executive Director for the Division of Community Development.

Honorable Council Delegate Mark Freeland sponsored her confirmation legislation. Dr. Yellowman was accompanied by both Delegate Freeland and Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez to address the Council.

The Council voted unanimously 20-0 on legislation 0012-19 to confirm Dr. Yellowman. She is now firmly on board to lead the division for the next four years.

Dr. Yellowman's introductory remarks and responses to delegates' questions resonated with the Council and they easily confirmed her.

Congratulations Dr. Yellowman! We at DCD look forward to accomplishing much with you in the next four years.

# Administrative Service Center Update

## Crownpoint ASC On the Move



## NEW ASC STAFF IN SHIPROCK

The Shiprock Administrative Service Center has two new staff members on board, Cherylnette Teller, Office Specialist, and Thomasina Chavez, Administrative Service Officer.

Welcome aboard Ms. Teller and Ms. Chavez!

The Crownpoint ASC Office oversees 32 chapters and two ASC areas, Crownpoint and Baca/Prewitt.

The ASC Office staff are holding monthly mandatory trainings for both ASC areas on a variety of topics. Currently, training is being conducted on Ethics and Rules for Baca-Prewitt area.

## For Crownpoint area:

- October: Huerfano, FMS procurement training
- November: Whitehorse Lake, preparing for an OAG audit
- December: Bahastl'ah (Twin Lakes),
   FMS fiscal policies
- January: Tse' li'ahi' (Standing Rock), ethics and rules training
- February: Tohatchi, FMS record keeping, CPMD projects
- March: Grant writing training Whitehorse Lake, cancelled due to snowfall, will be moved to April

March 20, 2019

Baca/Prewitt, ethics and rules, underwriting exposure summary training and CPMD projects

## **IT'S ARBOR MONTH!**

BY RICK ROBINSON - ARIZONA COMMUNITY TREE COUNCIL

Celebrate trees this month with Arizona Community Tree Council at local Arbor Day / Earth Day events. Join us at:

#### **Phoenix Zoo**

**Party for the Planet Earth Day Celebration** 

April 13 from 9 AM - 4 PM

Learn more

## City of Mesa Celebrate Mesa Earth Day Event

Pioneer Park

April 13, 2019 from 10 AM - 2 PM

Learn more

## Keep Phoenix Beautiful Earth Day Phoenix Event

Cesar Chavez Plaza

April 22, 2019 from 10:30 AM - 2 PM

Learn more



We also have a full calendar of ACTC professional development programs coming up so mark your calendars and register today! <u>View upcoming opportunities here</u>

Enjoy this beautiful weather!

- Rick Robinson, ACTC President

## SANDOVAL CAMP POWER LINE EXTENSION PROJECT

The Sandoval Camp Power Line Extension Project will serve 10 homes and 2 wells. Funding for the project was provided by the state of New Mexico and the Navajo Nation.

- \$50,000.00 New Mexico Capital Outlay
- \$300,000.00 Navajo Nation General Funds
- \$70,000.00 Navajo Nation General Funds

Funding for the project was established with the assistance of former Council Delegate Leonard Tsosie. The project managers for this project were Ben Cowboy, Judith Willoughby, and Elmer Johnson from CPMD.

Angeline Burnside, Community Services Coordinator, Whitehorse Lake Chapter, wrote, "We are excited to announce that Continental Divide Electric Cooperative will be connecting electricity to Sandoval Camp, April 18, 2019." There will be a community celebration to mark the connection of the electricity that will occur on Thursday, April 18, 2019 starting at 10:00 AM.

Great job everyone!!







## **G Suite Update**

## Office editing makes it easier to work with Office files in Docs, Sheets, and Slides April 10, 2019

This announcement was made at Google Cloud Next '19 in San Francisco.

## What's changing

With Office editing, you can now edit, comment, and collaborate on Microsoft Office files using Google Docs, Sheets, and Slides. This feature brings the collaboration benefits of G Suite to Office files while streamlining workflows by eliminating the need to convert file types.

## Who's impacted

End users

## Why you'd use it

Office editing will make it easy for G Suite users to open and edit Microsoft Office files that have been shared by partners, vendors or other teams. In cases where some members of your organization use Office while others use G Suite, this ensures seamless collaboration and eliminates the need to consider or convert file types.

Office editing brings everyone the benefits of G Suite's real time collaboration tools and intelligence features to Office files.

#### **End users:**

In Google Drive, double-click your Office file. This will open a preview of the file.

At the top, click Open in Google Docs, Sheets, or Slides.

From here, you can edit, share, view version history, collaborate in real-time with others, and more.

All changes you make will be saved to the original Office file.

#### **Additional details**

The following Office file types are supported:

Word files: .doc, .docx, .dot

Excel files: .xls, .xlsx, .xlsm (macro enabled Excel files), .xlt

Powerpoint files: .ppt, .pptx, .pps, .pot

Note: If you edit Word, Excel, or PowerPoint documents older than Office 2007, files will be saved to a newer format when editing using Office editing.

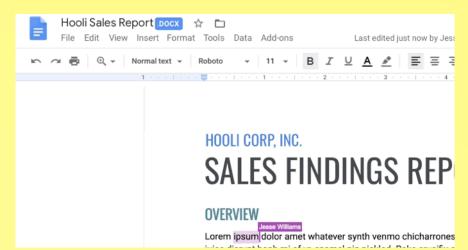
### **Rollout details**

Rapid Release domains: Extended rollout (potentially longer than 15 days for feature visibility) starting on April 17, 2019.

Scheduled Release domains: Extended rollout (potentially longer than 15 days for feature visibility) starting no earlier than May 6th, 2019.

### **G** Suite editions

Available to all G Suite editions
This feature will be ON by default.





## NEW MEXICO MAKES HISTORIC INVESTMENT IN TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

New Mexico Indian Affairs Department Cabinet Secretary Lynn Trujillo credits state lawmakers and Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham for 'historic investment' in tribal communities in 2019

News Release State of New Mexico Indian Affairs Department

On April 5 New Mexico Indian Affairs Department Cabinet Secretary Lynn Trujillo credited state lawmakers and Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham for a "historic investment" in tribal communities this year. The Indian Affairs Department has received \$75 million in direct capital outlay funds and an additional \$30.7 million will be invested in tribes through other state agencies such as the Departments of Transportation, Aging and Long-Term Services, and Education.

The \$75 million will fund over 140 projects in tribal communities, including improvements to drinking water and sewer systems, renovating chapter houses and tribal buildings, and extending broadband services.

"Under Governor Lujan Grisham's leadership, the amount of this year's capital outlay funding is more than the past 10 years combined," said Secretary Trujillo, a member of Sandia Pueblo. "Tribal communities in New Mexico have gone through some very lean years and this year's appropriation for capital projects is an incredible opportunity for tribal communities."

READ MORE AT: http://bit.ly/2KMdFvk

## NAABIK'IYATI COMMITTEE APPROVES PLAN OF OPERATION FOR A CENSUS 2020 COMPLETE COUNT COMMISSION

On Thursday, March 28, 2019, the Naabik'iyati Committee of the Navajo Nation Council unanimously approved the plan of operation for a Census 2020 Complete Count Commission. Now that the plan of operation has been passed, the next step is selecting people to fill the 10 positions. The legislation has the Speaker selecting five representatives and the President selects the other five.

Ideally, the commission would have broad representation from across the Navajo Nation from various organizations that serve the Navajo Public. The Commission will have the tremendous task of reaching out to all areas of the Navajo Nation and educating the public about the need to get counted. An accurate count is very important to the Navajo Nation since it forms the basis of legislative re-districting and how federal programs are funded.

## NEZ-LIZER PROCLAIM CLEAN RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AS THE NAVAJO NATION'S TOP ENERGY PRIORITY

WINDOW ROCK - Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez and Vice President
 Myron Lizer issued a historic proclamation during a ceremony held at
 Veterans Memorial Park in Window Rock on Tuesday, stating that the Navajo
 Nation will pursue and prioritize clean renewable energy development for
 the long-term benefit of the Navajo people.

The proclamation known as Navajo Hayoołkaał or Navajo Sunrise, was signed by President Nez and Vice President Lizer, to create a new economic vision for the Navajo people through healing the land, fostering clean energy development, and providing leadership for the energy market for the Navajo people.

READ MORE AT: http://bit.lv/2Xq5l8q

## **PERSONNEL NEWS**

## **DCD OPEN POSITIONS**

## **Administrative Service Centers**

POSITION TITLE	LOCATION	PAY RATE	CLOSING DATE
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Oak Springs, AZ	25,335.20	04/24/2019
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Jeddito, AZ	25,335.20	05/09/2019
Community Services Coordinator (S)	Twin Lakes, NM	35,755.20	04/17/2019
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Forest Lake, AZ	25,335.20	04/30/2019
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Rock Point, AZ	25,335.20	04/15/2019
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Black Mesa, AZ	25,335.20	04/18/2019
Community Services Coordinator (S)	Hardrock, NM	35,755.20	04/29/2019
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Alamo, NM	25,335.20	04/15/2019
Community Services Coordinator (S)	lyanbito, NM	35,755.20	04/29/2019
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Red Valley, NM	25,335.20	04/18/2019
Community Services Coordinator (S)	Kaibeto, AZ	35,755.20	04/24/2019
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Coppermine, NM	25,335.20	04/22/2019
Community Services Coordinator (S)	Cameron, AZ	35,755.20	04/29/2019
Administrative Services Officer (S)	Chinle, AZ	41,641.60	04/30/2019

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

## COMIC OF THE MONTH



# INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing."

-- Walt Disney

http://bit.ly/2VKPZIM

## Navajo Nation Census Information Center News

## One Year Out, Census Bureau on Track for 2020 Census

## For the First Time, People Can Respond Online From Any Device, By Mail or by Phone

AMERICA COUNTS STAFF | APRIL 01, 2019

The U.S. Census Bureau is on track, on budget and on time in its planning for the 2020 Census and has formed partnerships with some of the nation's most important corporations, nonprofits and multicultural groups to ensure that everyone is counted one year from today.

"The goal of the 2020 Census is to count everyone once, only once, and in the right place," said Dr. Steven Dillingham, director of the Census Bureau. "A year before the census is conducted, we are on track. We are confident that our early planning is going to pay off."

Census Day, the reference date for responses to the 2020 Census, is April 1, 2020. For the first time, people will be able to respond anytime, anywhere — online from any device or by mail or phone.

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## - Steve Dillingham, director of the Census Bureau

Today, during a press briefing at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., Dillingham also discussed the Census Bureau's new public relations campaign and tag line: "Shape your future. START HERE." A national advertising campaign will start appearing in media across the country in January 2020.

"We are ahead of where we were at this point for the 2010 Census in terms of our planning, and we will be ready to take a complete and accurate census next year," said Albert E. Fontenot Jr., associate director for Decennial Census Programs.

The 2020 Census is important because responses are used to help determine how more than \$675 billion in federal funds annually are spent across the country. Those funds are used for services like emergency response and fire departments, and clinics and hospitals.

Results from the 2020 Census also determine congressional representation for each state, and are used by states to draw state legislative and school district lines.

The census of population and housing is taken every 10 years and is required by the U.S. Constitution. New technology, as well as census takers using smartphones and tablets, will make for the most modern and efficient census to date.

"The outcome from the 2020 Census is huge," said Tim Olson, associate director for Field Operations. "It determines how we are represented in Congress and how federal resources are allocated to the state and local levels."

Flanked by representatives of multicultural groups and key partners — such as the Annie E. Casey Foundation, the American Library Association and the Chickasaw Nation of American Indians — Census Bureau executives highlighted ways they are working to count everyone who lives in the United States.

#### Counting All Your Children

Counting all children who live and sleep in your home most of the time — including newborn babies — is important to gaining funds for future schools and programs they will need, said Lisa Hamilton, president and chief executive officer of the Annie E. Casey Foundation, which advocates for child health and education.

"An accurate 2020 Census is critical to understanding how kids, families and communities are doing and informing our decisions as a nation," said Lisa Hamilton, president and CEO of the Annie E. Casey Foundation, a Baltimore-based national philanthropy that seeks to build a brighter future for America's children. "We all have a part to play in increasing awareness about the importance and safety of participating and making sure all kids are counted, no matter where they live or where they are from."

## Responding at Your Library

Being able to respond online will make the 2020 Census easy for most people. But about 20 percent of people who live in the United States don't have access to the internet at home, particularly those who live in rural and remote areas.

While people can always answer by mail or phone, the American Library Association reminds people that most libraries have computers they can use to fill out the 2020 Census online.

"With 99 percent of hard-to-count areas located within five miles of a public library, we have a tremendous opportunity to promote equity," said Loida Garcia-Febo, president of the American Library Association. "We want our communities to know that they can count on libraries to help reach a complete count in 2020."

### Reaching out to Multicultural Groups

Multicultural groups are reaching out to their communities across the country to emphasize the importance of responding to the 2020 Census. Partnerships with nonprofits, companies and local government groups are being formed, and complete count committees are being established in towns and cities.

The first count of people will begin in Toksook Bay, Alaska, on Jan. 21, 2020. Remote Alaska's vast, sparsely settled areas are traditionally counted in January of the decennial census year. That's because many residents leave following the spring thaw and ice break up to fish and hunt or for other warm-weather jobs, making it difficult to get an accurate count in the days leading up to the April 1 Census Day.

"An accurate counting of Native Americans is particularly important because of the government-to-government relationship tribes have with the federal government, said Bill Anoatubby, Governor of the Chickasaw Nation.

"The federal government has treaty responsibilities to provide education, health care, housing and other services to Native Americans," he said. "Therefore, an accurate count of people from each Native American nation or tribe is essential in outlining the details of those responsibilities."

Census Bureau leadership encouraged people across the country to help the Census Bureau get a full count next spring by applying for a job with the Census Bureau; joining a complete count committee; or reaching out to their friends, families, neighbors, coworkers and community groups to spread the word that the 2020 Census is important, and responding is safe and secure.

Individual responses to the 2020 Census are confidential and never shared with other government agencies. The Census Bureau goes to extraordinary lengths to protect the information from cyberattacks.

READ MORE AT: <a href="https://www.census.gov/library/stories/2019/03/one-year-out-census-bureau-on-track-for-2020-census.html">https://www.census.gov/library/stories/2019/03/one-year-out-census-bureau-on-track-for-2020-census.html</a>

#### Baseball Is Back! All 30 Teams Play on Opening Day March 28 is the earliest start ever and 2019 is the first season with 15 games on opening day. American League (AL) National League (NL) Bold = Opening day home team Central Division West Division East Division Houston Astros 6,892,427 Chicago White Sox 9,533,040 Baltimore Orioles 4.836.531 Los Angeles Angels 13,353,907 Cleveland Indians 2,058,844 Boston Red Sox **New York Yankees** 20,320,876 Oakland Athletics 4,313,002 4,727,357 Detroit Tigers Seattle Mariners 3,867,046 Kansas City Royals 2,128,912 3,091,399 **Texas Rangers** 7,399,662 Minnesota Twins 3,600,618 Toronto Blue Jays\* 5,928,040 Atlanta Braves 5,884,736 Arizona Diamondbacks 4,737,270 Chicago Cubs 9,533,040 Cincinnati Reds Milwaukee Brewers 2,179,082 1,576,236 Colorado Rockies 2.888,227 Miami Marlins New York Mets Los Angeles Dodge

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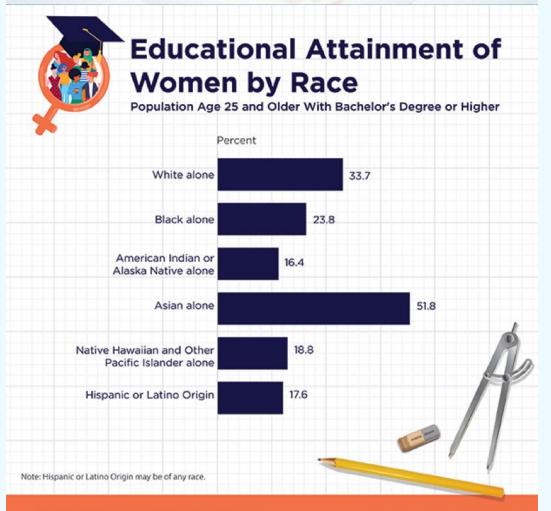
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San Diego Padre

San Francisco Giants



Philadelphia Phillies Washington Nationals

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# Census Bureau Hiring for Window Rock Office

The Census Bureau is currently accepting applications online for positions at the future Window Rock Area Census Office. There will be several positions filled for the new Window Rock Office including Office Managers, Field Managers, and other support staff. NOTE: Census has extended the application deadlines for these positions and extended geographic area to 70 miles.

To apply online and to get further information about the application process, go to <a href="http://www.2020census.gov/jobs">http://www.2020census.gov/jobs</a>

## **Current listings are:**

## **Area Census Office Manager (Navajo)**

The finalized vacancy announcement, listed below for the Area Census Office Manager (Navajo), AD-0301-00 in the Dallas Regional Census Center opened Friday, March 29, 2019 and will close at 11:59 p.m., EST, on Monday, April 22, 2019.

You can view the announcement at the link(s) provided below:

#### **ARIZONA**

MUST RESIDE within the St. Michaels/Window Rock local commuting area <a href="https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/528700300">https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/528700300</a> RCC2020DAL-2019-0824 (External)

### Lead Census Field Manager (Navajo)

The finalized vacancy announcement, listed below for the Lead Census Field Manager (Navajo), AD-0301-00 in the Dallas Regional Census Center opened Friday, March 29, 2019 and will close at 11:59 p.m., EST, on Monday, April 22, 2019.

You can view the announcement at the link(s) provided below:

### **ARIZONA**

MUST RESIDE within the St. Michaels/Window Rock local commuting area <a href="https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/528700200">https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/528700200</a>
RCC2020DAL-2019-0823 (External))

## **Recruiting Manager (Navajo)**

The finalized vacancy announcement, listed below for the Recruiting Manager (Navajo), AD-0301-00 in the Dallas Regional Census Center opened Friday, March 29, 2019 and will close at 11:59 p.m., EST, on Monday, April 22, 2019.

You can view the announcement at the link(s) provided below:

**ARIZONA** 

MUST RESIDE within the St. Michaels/Window Rock local commuting area <a href="https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/528699800">https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/528699800</a> RCC2020DAL-2019-0820 (External)

## **Information Technology Manager (Navajo)**

The finalized vacancy announcement, listed below for the Information Technology Manager (Navajo), AD-0301-00 in the Dallas Regional Census Center opened Friday, March 29, 2019 and will close at 11:59 p.m., Est on Monday, April 8, 2019.

You can view the announcement at the links) provided below:

**ARIZONA** 

MUST RESIDE withir the St. Wichaels/Window Rock local commuting area <a href="https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/528699900">https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/528699900</a> RCC2020DAL-2019-0821 (External)

## **Administrative Manager (Navajo)**

The finalized vacancy announcement, listed below for the Administrative Manager (Navajo), AD-0301-00 in the Dallas Regional Census Center opened Friday, March 29, 2019 and will close at 11:59 p.m., EST, on Monday, April 22, 2019.

You can view the announcement at the link(s) provided below:

**ARIZONA** 

MUST RESIDE within the St. Michaels/Window Rock local commuting area <a href="https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/528700100">https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/528700100</a> RCC2020DAL-2019-0822 (External)

For applicants to preview the questions, they must click on the "How to Apply" link on the right side of the job announcement and scroll to the bottom and click on the "click here" link. Applicants applying to these job announcements should read the "Who May Apply" section carefully to determine their eligibility/area of consideration.

#### NOTE:

In order for applicants to search merit promotion (status) job announcements, they must select "Federal Employees" on the search page in USAJOBS. The default choice is "U.S. Citizens", and the search will only display DE (public) job announcements. By clicking the "Federal Employees" option, the search will display both merit promotion and DE job announcements.

If you have any questions in regards to the announcement, please contact the Census Recruiting phone line or email which will be listed on the job announcement under "Agency Contact Information". This contact information varies for each Region.

## THE NAVAJO NATION

## JONATHAN NEZ | PRESIDENT | MYRON LIZER | VICE PRESIDENT



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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO

:

Department Managers and Staff

Division of Community Development

**FROM** 

Pearl Yellowman, Division Director
Division of Community Development

DATE

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April 15, 2019

**SUBJECT** 

Earth Day Clean Up Activities

In observance of Earth Day 2019, all employees within the Division of Community Development are requested to participate in 2019 Earth Day Cleanup activities. On April 23, 2019 from 9:00AM to 12:00PM, DCD staff is scheduled to pickup trash along the loop by Window Rock Post Office. The attached map depicts assigned area.

Lunch will be provided after the trash pickup.

The following departments are assigned to coordinate and provide items. Have all items ready before April 23rd:

Safety: vest, first aid - CPMD

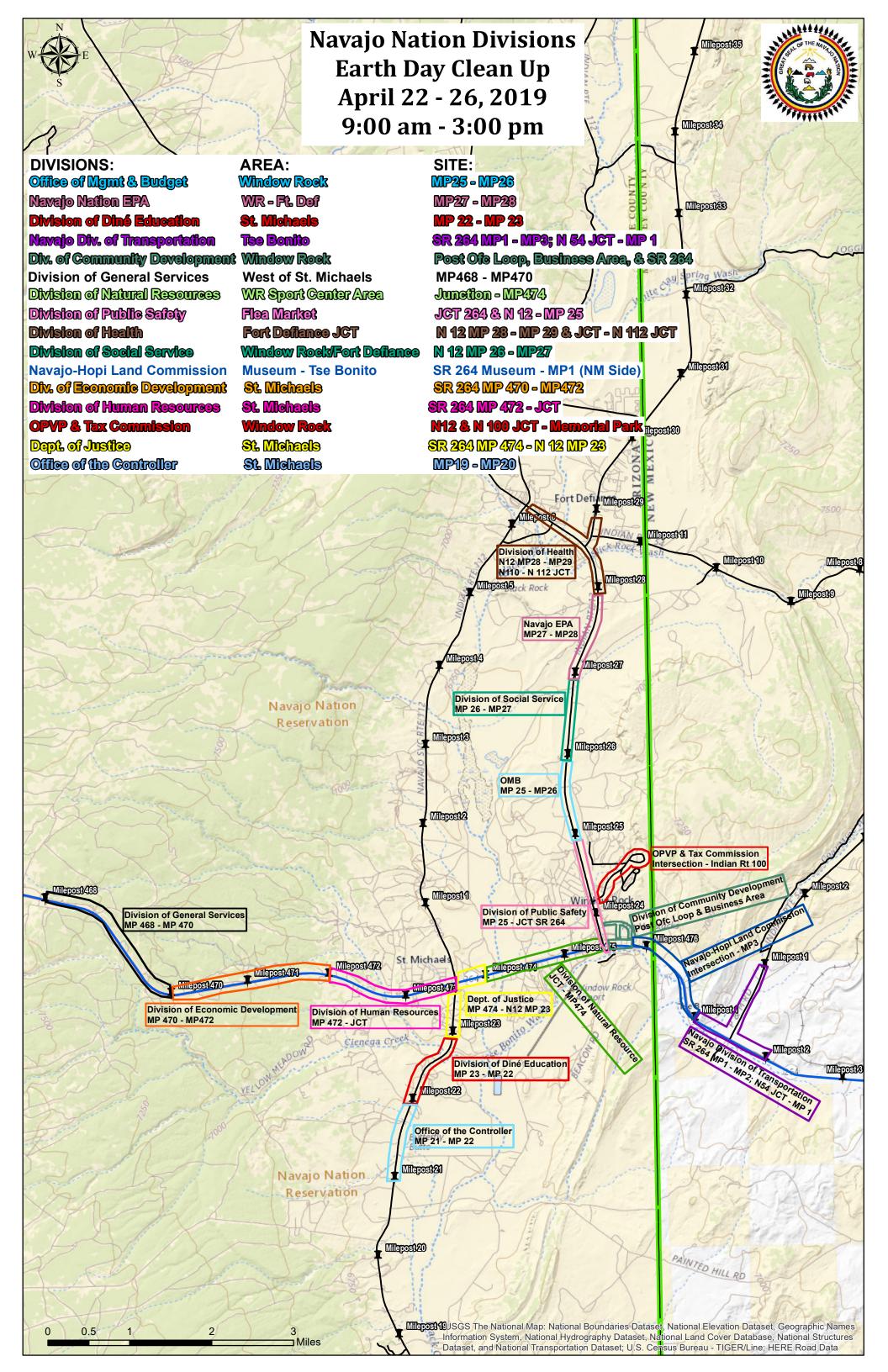
Vehicles and drivers: to pickup and dispose collected trash bags - CHID

**Supplies:** *trash bags, gloves* – ASC **Lunch:** *Setup, food and drinks* - Admin

Dressed appropriately and exercise safety precautions when parking vehicles and exiting vehicles along the highway.

Please join in and let's all make a difference for our Mother Earth.

Attachment





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