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**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**

Tracking No. 0158-20

**DATE:** July 14, 2020

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION:** PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION;  
AN ACTION RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT; APPROVING THE  
NAVAJO NATION TIMBER USE POLICY STATEMENT

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this legislation is to approve the Navajo Nation Timber Use Policy submitted by the Navajo Forestry Department.

**This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committees. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review each proposed resolution in detail.**

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1 PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
2 24<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Second Year, 2020

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10 AN ACTION  
11 RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT; APPROVING THE  
12 NAVAJO NATION TIMBER USE POLICY STATEMENT  
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14 BE IT ENACTED:

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16 **Section One. Authority**

- 17 A. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. Section §500 (C), the Resources and Development  
18 Committee of the Navajo Nation Council has oversight authority over land.
- 19 B. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. Section §500 (C)(2), the Resources and Development  
20 Committee of the Navajo Nation Council has the authority “[t]o oversee  
21 regulation of activities on Navajo Nation lands for disposition or acquisition of  
22 resources, surface disturbance, or alternation of the natural state of the resource,  
23 including the enforcement and administration of applicable Navajo Nation and  
24 federal laws, regulations, guidelines, and administrative procedures in the  
25 development and use of resources as a good steward.”
- 26 C. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. Section §501 (B)(1), the Resources and Development  
27 Committee of the Navajo Nation Council has the power “[t]o promulgate rules  
28 and regulations governing transportation, community development, local  
29 government units, land acquisitions for the Navajo Nation, environmental  
30 protection, and the use, sale, exchange, and development of Navajo Nation lands

1 and/or resources, whether held in fee or trust status.”

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3 **Section Two. Findings**

4 A. The Navajo Forestry Department is “authorized to enforce, develop and  
5 recommend policies, rules, regulations, and management plans governing the  
6 multiple-use and sustained yield management of the Navajo Nation forest and  
7 woodlands in the best interest of the Navajo Nation.” See RDCO-79-16.

8 B. The Navajo Forestry Department has developed the Navajo Nation Timber Use  
9 Policy Statement, which is attached as **Exhibit 1**.

10 C. The Section 164 Review Form Document No. 014133 is attached as **Exhibit 2**.

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12 **Section Three. Approval**

13 A. The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby  
14 approves the Navajo Nation Timber Use Policy Statement, attached as **Exhibit 1**.