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### Iyanbito community receives equipment to improve and maintain roads



**PHOTO:** Council Delegate Edmund Yazzie and Vice President Jonathan Nez stand with Iyanbito Chapter officials and New Mexico legislators on March 11, 2016.

**IYANBITO, N.M.** – Last Friday, Council Delegate Edmund Yazzie (Churchrock, Iyanbito, Mariano Lake, Pinedale, Smith Lake, Thoreau) along with Navajo Nation Vice President Jonathan Nez, New Mexico legislators, and Iyanbito Chapter officials celebrated the delivery of a new grader that was purchased through funding from the state and the chapter.

Delegate Yazzie, who represents the community of Iyanbito located approximately 16-miles east of Gallup, New Mexico, said Friday's event is the culmination of advocacy efforts at the state level and an example what can be accomplished when all parties work together to address the needs of the Navajo people.

"I thank our state leaders including Sen. George K. Muñoz (D – Dist. 4) and Rep. Eliseo Lee Alcon (D – Dist. 6) as well as the Iyanbito Chapter officials for working together on this initiative," said Delegate Yazzie. "The equipment will serve and help many of our Navajo families in this community."

Chapter officials are grateful for the new equipment that will be used to improve dirt roads throughout the community and to clear roads of snow and ice during the winter season.

“It is a good day. It was great to see the partnership between the Navajo Nation, Iyanbito Chapter, and our New Mexico lawmakers, Sen. Muñoz and Rep. Alcon,” said Vice President Jonathan Nez. “This new motor grader will greatly improve the roads for community members, especially during the winter.”

Navajo Nation officials worked with the state legislators and other entities to secure funding from capital outlay funds from the state of New Mexico and the chapter.

Delegate Yazzie thanked the state leaders for the support and advocacy at the state level and for the support of the chapter officials as well.

“The community will benefit from this and we will continue working to further improve our roads,” added Delegate Yazzie.

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