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## Delegates Vince James and Brenda Jesus conduct relief distribution for returning families of the Oak Ridge Fire



Working in collaboration with local organizations and volunteers, Council Delegate Vince James distributed essential supplies to families returning to their homes.

CORRECTION: The Oak Ridge Fire was misidentified in the headline and lede sentence.

**WINDOW ROCK, Ariz.** — In the aftermath of the Oak Ridge Fire, Council Delegates Vince James and Brenda Jesus coordinated and led the distribution of essential supplies to families returning to their homes. The relief efforts included the delivery of food, water, hygiene items, and cleaning materials to support residents during the early stages of recovery.

Working in collaboration with the Oak Springs Chapter, St. Michaels Chapter, the Oak Ridge Fire Incident Command Post, Community Health Representatives, and local volunteers, Delegates James and Jesus facilitated on-site distribution to ensure that displaced families had immediate access to critical resources.

Council Delegate Jesus also conducted home visits throughout the Oak Springs community to ensure that vulnerable households received direct support. Care packages included bottled water, non-perishable food items, baby supplies, hygiene kits, and personal protective equipment. Cleaning supplies were also provided to assist in the safe removal of debris and fire residue from homes.

Delegates James and Jesus emphasized the importance of sustained community engagement and ensured that every returning household was met with direct assistance and

follow-up. They also worked closely with local officials to document longer-term needs such as utility restoration and structural repairs.

The relief effort reflects a coordinated response among Navajo Nation leadership, emergency management officials, and community members committed to recovery.

Donations of non-perishable food, hygiene supplies, and cleaning items are still being distributed, and residents are being asked to contact their local chapter for future distribution locations.

Residents within the fire affected areas are encouraged to contact their local chapter or the Department of Emergency Management for further information about available support services and ongoing recovery efforts.

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