

25th Navajo Nation Council 2025 Summer Session Report

Bureau of Indian Affairs Navajo Region



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Ya'at'eeh Honorable Madame Speaker Curley, Honorable Council Delegates of the 25th Navajo Nation Council, Honorable President Dr. Nygren, Madam Vice President Montoya, Tribal, State, County, and local leaders, Navajo Nation employees and Shik'éeí dóó Shi Dine'ée of our Great Navajo Nation.

It is with great pleasure to share the significant highlights and accomplishments of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Navajo Region for the 2025 Third Quarter. Since my last report to you, we have encountered involuntary fluctuations that have impacted our mission operations; nevertheless, we've remained resilient, steadfast and committed to serving our Navajo people and Navajo Nation.

First and foremost, the BIA Navajo Region continues to implement and carry out President Trump's Executive Orders as well as Interior Secretary Burgum's Secretarial Orders for implementing government efficiencies within the Department of the Interior. As such, we supported our workforce with opportunities to participate in two phases of the Deferred Resignation Program where fifty-seven of our BIA federal employees who were eligible voluntarily resigned or retired. These employees were from our BIA transportation, natural resources, real estate, safety, and facility management programs. Regardless of a reduced workforce, be rest assured that BIA Navajo Region continues to remain committed and dedicated to our mission and we continue to strive to do our best to serve the Navajo Nation.

Secondly, the BIA Navajo Region Fire Management Program responded to two large wildland fires – Bridge Creek in Navajo Mountain and Oak Ridge in St. Michaels and surrounding areas. Our BIA Navajo Region Wildland Fire Management team consists of highly specialized and trained Type 1 Hotshot Crews who respond to fire suppression and natural disaster relief efforts. We collaborated with other federal, state, county, and local partners to suppress these fires. We also secured our Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) Team to assist with post-wildfire recovery assessments and develop a plan for the Navajo Nation. Our BIA Navajo Region programs also supported Navajo Nation programs with providing our equipment and services for evacuation efforts.

I want to thank Navajo Nation leaders: President Nygren, Madame Speaker Curley, the 25th Navajo Nation Council, other federal, state, tribal, county and local community leaders as well as Navajo Nation programs for voicing your support for the work we provide to the Navajo Nation

I continue to express my heartfelt gratitude to my team for their hard work and dedication and for their efforts that may have gone unnoticed, and I truly appreciate their contributions to our success. My team is a valuable part of our organization.

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For the performance period from April 1, 2025 - June 30, 2025, the BIA Navajo Region reports the following accomplishments:

ADMINISTRATION:

Acquisitions support various programs in soliciting, awarding, and monitoring, contracts and agreements for the Navajo Region and the five agencies within Navajo Region, to support their initiative in promoting well-being, equity and justice for the Navajo Nation

Purchase Order No. 140A0925P0018 was awarded to Mooweeep, Inc. for highway striping services for the Eastern Navajo Agency for Routes N49-11, N9W, and N56. The project was completed in June 2025.

Purchase Order No. 140A0925P0014 was awarded to Tehama Technical Services for the remediation of the Rock Point Sheep Dip Vat site. A pre-work meeting was held on July 3, 2025, and work will begin on July 14, 2025.

Purchase Order No. 140, issued No. 6, was issued for Sundance Consulting for additional remediation at the Chichiltah Landfill site. Work started on July 9, 2025, and is expected to be completed in September 2025.

Contracts for noxious weed projects have been awarded for both the Western Navajo Agency and the Eastern Navajo Agency within the Navajo Region.

Staff continue to monitor and manage ongoing contracts that have been issued in previous fiscal years for construction and services.

A total of 112 purchase requests have been awarded for Fiscal Year 2025, with a value of \$2,243,703.10. The overall total thus far is 129 purchase requests, amounting to \$6,166,111.55 for FY 2025.

The work in progress for the school construction contracts is benefiting the members of the Navajo Nation by maintaining and upgrading the deteriorating conditions of BIE schools attended by many students of the Navajo Nation.

BIA highways within the Navajo Reservation are being maintained and repaired for the safety of the public, including members of the Navajo Nation and local bus routes to ensure the safety of students.

Budget: Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 - While there is an enacted budget for FY 2025, uncertainties remain regarding potential funding adjustments, including any increases or decreases. Currently, FY 2025 funds have been allocated through Continuing Resolution (CR) 1, which covers the period from October 1 through December 20, 2024, and CR 2, which spans from December 21, 2024, through March 14, 2025. On March 15, 2025, the President signed the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act 2025, providing further clarity on funding levels.

Notably, through an exception apportionment, the Nation has received 100% of FY 2025's allocation based on FY 2024 funding amounts. Regional Operation Programs (ROP) and Tribal Priority Allocation (TPA) funds have received for CR #1, CR #2, and the 30-day auto-apportionment 1, which applies from March 15 through April 13, 2025, as well as 30-day auto-apportionment 2, covering April 14 through May 12, 2025. Unfortunately, it is not known whether there will be any funding adjustments (increases/decreases).

Below is a summary of FY 2025 funds provided to the Navajo Nation under P.L. 93-638 contracts, as of April 7, 2025. Total funding provided is \$54,560,294.12 with \$23,548,628.48 available for draw down.

NAVAJO NATION P.L. 93-638 FUND STATUS REPORT as of July 7, 2025						
Fund	FA Budget Program	Funds Available	To be Awarded	Not Drawn Down	Distributed	Available Funds
256A2100DD	A0N301010 : IRRIGATION, OPER & MAINT	2,486,000.00	0.00	2,486,000.00	2,486,000.00	0.00
256A2100DD	A0N9B1010 : AGRICULTURE PRGRM-TPA	1,305,502.00	0.00	1,305,502.00	1,305,502.00	0.00
256A2100DD	A0H901010 : SOCIAL SERVICES-TPA	6,078,915.00	5,782,906.00	296,009.00	6,078,915.00	0.00
256A2100DD	A0H901040 : Domestic Violence	146,000.00	146,000.00		146,000.00	0.00
256A2100DD	A0H913030 : WELFARE ASSISTANCE-TPA	5,206,274.00	3,400,630.00		3,400,630.00	1,805,644.00
256A2100DD	A0J908080 : TRIBAL COURTS PROGRMS-TPA	1,859,673.00	0.00	1,859,673.00	1,859,673.00	0.00
256A2100DD	A0J908081 : TRIBAL COURTS(TPA) TIWAHE	227,419.00	0.00	227,419.00	227,419.00	0.00
256A2100DD	A0N330000 : COOP LANDSCAPE CONSERVATN	20,000.00				20,000.00
256A2100DD	A0N6A3031 : FOREST MARKETING ASSIST	15,745.00				15,745.00
256A2100DD	A0N9A0505 : NATURAL RESOURCES -TPA	4,315.00				4,315.00
256A2100DD	A0N9C3030 : FORESTRY PROGRAM -TPA	774,372.00	0.00	309,671.36	309,671.36	464,700.64
256A2100DD	A0N9D4040 : WATER RES PROGRAM -TPA	740,521.00	0.00	740,521.00	740,521.00	0.00
256A2100DD	A0N9E5050 : WILDLIFE&PARKS PRGRM-TPA	586,161.00	0.00	586,161.00	586,161.00	0.00
256A2100DD	A0R9D4040 : ENVRMNTL QLTY PRGRM-TPA	131,339.12	0.00	131,339.12	131,339.12	0.00
256A2100DD	A0T902020 : OTHER AID-TRBL GOV -TPA	1,015,435.00	0.00	1,015,435.00	1,015,435.00	0.00
256A2100DD	AEE904040 : JHNSN O'MALL A GR TPA BIA	1,010,340.00	0.00	1,010,340.00	1,010,340.00	0.00
256A2100DD	AEE931010 : TRIBAL SCHOLARSHI TPA BIA	13,580,558.00	0.00	13,580,558.00	13,580,558.00	0.00
256A2240DD	A3T937070 : CSC CONTRACT SUPPORT TPA	19,367,590.00				19,367,590.00
25XA2100DD	A0H937070 : HOUSING IMPROV PROGRM-TPA	4,135.00				4,135.00
TOTALS		54,560,294.12	9,329,536.00	23,548,628.48	32,878,164.48	21,682,129.64

Indian Self-Determination: The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Navajo Region (NR) Branch of Indian Self-Determination (BISD) continues to work with the Navajo Nation (Nation) on twenty-two non-construction contracts, seven Subpart J construction contracts, and six other Tribal Organizations (TO) under Public Law (P.L.) 93-638. This quarter, two Public Law 93-638 Calendar Year (CY) 2025 Successor Annual Funding Agreement (SAFA) proposals had their 90-day deadlines extended to September 2025 in accordance with 25 CFR Part 900, providing additional time for the Nation's Division of Social Services to revise the Scope of Work (SOW) and budgets for services that remain under P.L. 93-638 contracts for the Department of Family

Services and Navajo Family Assistance Services Programs, as the services for Adult Care Services and Welfare Assistance transition to a P.L. 102-477 477 Plan Contract No. A25AV00618.

Two TOs submitted their School Year (SY) 2025-2026 SAFA proposals, which were reviewed by BIA NR and the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE). Additionally, this quarter, BIA NR awarded SY 2024-2025 funding and one-time FY 2024 and 2025 funding to P.L. 93-638 contracts. The funding distribution to the Nation and TOs under P.L. 93-638 contracts is shown in Table 1. All contractors continue providing services to communities and conducting other contractual activities in accordance with their approved 2025 SOWs and budgets. All funds awarded entirely benefit the Nation.

Table 1 -Public Law 93-638 Contracts Funding Allocations

	The Navajo Nation	Amount
A21AV00001	Natural Heritage Program	\$61,480.42
A21AV00002	Fish & Wildlife Program	\$104,519.42
A21AV00003	Social Services-Department of Family Services Program	\$3,484.32
A21AV00383	Social Services- Navajo Treatment Center Children and Families	\$230,325.00
A22AV00149	Environmental Archaeological Non-Roads	\$200,000.00
A23AV00267	Juvenile Correction Program	\$259,060.59
A24AV00177	Johnson O'Malley	\$14,230.00
	Sub-Total	\$ 873,099.75
	Tribal Organizations	
A19AV00984	Dine Bi Olta School Board Association, Inc. (DBOSBA)	\$2,000.00
A24AV00800	DBOSBA	\$153,299.00
A23AV00905	Rock Point Community School (RPCS)	\$1,262,743.34
	Sub-Total	\$ 1,418,042.34
	GRAND TOTAL	\$2,291,142.09

This quarter, the BIA Navajo Region (BIA NR) Awarding Officials (AOs) conducted on-site Public Law (P.L.) 93-638 Contract Monitoring for the following contracts:

- A21AV00186: Uniform Patrol Services, with the BIA Office of Justice Services (OJS).
- A21AV00140: Criminal Investigations, with BIA OJS.
- A23AV00265: Juvenile Correction, with BIA OJS.
- A23AV00267: Adult Detention, with BIA OJS.
- A22AV00381: Safety of Dams.

AOs attended the Nation's monthly update virtual meetings for Irrigation Project Subpart J Construction Contract Nos. A16AV00710 and A17AV00180. They also conducted construction inspections on completed irrigation projects under Subpart J Construction Contract Nos. A16AV00710 and A17AV00180. The AO and Awarding Official's Technical Representative (AOTR) held an in-person meeting with the Nation to discuss the Wheatfields Lake Recreation Area Scope of Work under Subpart J Construction Contract No. A25AV00198 and non-construction Contract No. A21AV00002. The AO and the 477 AOTR conducted bi-weekly virtual meetings with the Nation's Division of Social Services regarding the approved 477 plan.

The Nation's Contracting Officer has not provided a response to the questions on costs questioned for the Nation's FY 2022 Single Audit Report (SAR). The Nation's Contracting Officer has repeatedly assured us that a response is forthcoming, but nothing has been received. In addition, the Nation's FY 2023 SAR was received by the Federal Clearinghouse on November 19, 2024. The BIA NR received the Nation's FY 2023 SAR on November 22, 2024, from the Indian Affairs Division of Internal Evaluation and Assessment (DIEA). On March 14, 2025, the AO issued the Management Decision (MD) with Findings and Determinations (F&D) to meet the DIEA-established timeline. The MD with F&D sustained the questions cost in the amount of \$822, for Nation's FY2023 SAR, as no supporting documents or adequate response was provided by the Nation. However, the AO provided the Nation with 45 additional days to submit supporting documents for the question cost of \$885,973. On May 9, 2025, the Nation provided a response for the FY 2023 SAR but still lacks supporting documentation to resolve the questioned costs. The Nation needs to address and resolve the questioned costs for the FY 2022 and FY 2023 SARs so that they can be closed out.

TRUST SERVICES: The BIA, Navajo Region Trust Service Programs include Environmental Services, Fire Management, Forestry, Geospatial Information Systems, Natural Resources, Probate & Estate Services, Real Estate Services, Engineering, and the Federal Indian Minerals Office.

Branch of Natural Resources: The Navajo Region Branch of Natural Resources provided an update to the Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources regarding the status of grazing permits. An Environmental Assessment and a Grazing Management Plan are currently being developed for the four agencies (Western Navajo, Fort Defiance, Chinle Agency, and Shiprock Agency). Once the Environmental Assessment and Grazing Management Plan are completed, the BIA Navajo Region Branch of Natural Resources will address the carrying capacity by implementing a management plan to recommend sheep units across the Navajo Nation.

The Branch of Natural Resources will begin encoding the grazing and agricultural land use permits into the Trust Accounting Assets Management System (TAAMs) for accountability and tracking of heirship within TAAMs. Staff are signing up for the TAAMs Range training scheduled for August 19-21, 2025.

The Regional Rangeland Management Specialist (RRMS) focused this quarter (April – June 2025) on disseminating education and information through various project reports, funding opportunities, and information-sharing, while working with a contractor performing the four Agency

Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) Permit Renewal project and the Navajo Nation Agriculture Resource Management Plan (ARMP).

The Branch of Natural Resources hosted five Manager's meetings during this quarter, which were held on April 7, April 28, May 19, June 9, and June 16. The continued focus has been to request agency data follow-up for their updated number of grazing and Agricultural Land Use Permit (ALUP) renewals, the number of Conservation Plans written, and monitoring data completed, along with accommodating plans. Range Inventory and Monitoring that are ongoing for the four agencies are being particularly monitored since the kick-off of the Navajo Nation (NN) Agriculture Resource Management Plan (ARMP). The Navajo Regional Office (NRO) Supervisory Natural Resource Specialist continues to request agencies to update their monitoring efforts and prepare their Grazing and ALUP Permit Update documentation for upcoming RDC or other significant meetings to BIA-NRO management. The NN benefits from monitoring as it allows the NN to assess their natural resources and grazing permits. Without monitoring, many protocols in the performance of natural resources assessments are never realized, as the benefits outweigh the management performance.

Reporting events from April to June included attending two NN ARMP meetings, three meetings with the National Tribal Horse Coalition (NTHC), and three other contractor meetings for contracts between the BIA and the NN. The RRMS attended one meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers and the Bird Springs Chapter for their flood planning efforts, and one meeting collaborating with NPL on carrying capacity assumptions based on the most recent range inventory. The Regional Range Management Specialist (RRMS) attended two National Tribal Horse Coalition (NTHC) meetings that reported additional interest in the feral horse problem faced by Tribes. The NTHC subcommittee meeting was well attended as BIA and NRO explained their need to involve the NN in the discussion through NN Tribal Resolution, which is an arduous process. Resolutions were discussed for all Tribes with horses, where reducing unauthorized livestock (feral horses being the number one issue) will facilitate the improvement of NN range and permit renewal policies.

The Navajo Region Branch of Natural Resources Awarding Officials Technical Representative (AOTR) reviewed the NN Wheatfields Lake Recreation Project Area and monitored it for program delivery efforts.

Fort Defiance Agency: The Fort Defiance Agency Branch of Natural Resources (BNR) Program is working with the Navajo Nation and BIA Forestry on the recent Oak Ridge Fire BAER Post Assessment and Rehabilitation Project.

BNR has been awarded the Chuska Lake Stand Exam, which is currently ongoing. BNR submitted and was awarded a contract for its range inventory proposal for Land Management District (LMD) 18, which has begun with the crew starting in the Pine Springs/Houck Chapter (LMD 18-6) rangelands. LMD 18 is approaching a 10-year period since the previous range inventory, which will help determine the latest carrying capacities and recommend livestock adjustments.

BNR has submitted PR #44022431 to acquire galvanized wire panels for range monitoring cages to be installed in the agency's Range Management Units (RMU).

Western Navajo Agency (WNA): The WNA Branch of Natural Resources (BNR) has been implementing the Former Bennett Freeze Area (FBFA) Integrated Resource Management Plan (IRMP). The IRMP supports future management plans for areas impacted by the FBFA. Under the implementation of the IRMP, the WNA BNR has accomplished the following:

A) The Land Management District (LMD) 1 Resource Management Plan (RMP) has been completed, and the Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) for the LMD 1 RMP is currently in its final draft. The RMP covers both the rangeland and cropland areas of LMD 1, which consists of the WNA communities of Tonalea, Kaibeto, LeChee, and Coppermine.

B) Work on the Land Management District (LMD) 3 Cropland Management Plan (CMP) and the associated Programmatic Environmental Assessment has been completed. The CMP is specific to the LMD 3 communities of Coal Mine Canyon, To'Nanees'Dizi, Bodaway/Gap, and Cameron. For further information on the FBFA IRMP and the Programmatic Environmental Assessments, contact WNA-BNR at (928) 283-2252 or by email at wna_bnr@bia.gov. Additional information on the FBFA IRMP can be obtained by visiting the websites <https://www.bia.gov/FBFA-EA> and <http://www.sundance-inc.net/lmd-1-rmp-pea>.

The work on the Cameron Waterline Project is in the final stage of completion and is scheduled to be finished by July 31, 2025. The Cameron waterline project aims to establish a reliable water supply for agricultural activities in the Former Bennett Freeze Area of the Western Navajo Agency. Once completed, the waterline will be essential for efficiently distributing water to livestock, rangelands, and croplands. This project is in Cameron, Arizona, starting in a valley along the Little Colorado River and extending southwest through rugged sandstone terrain to a pipe stand location east of U.S. Highway 89.

Construction involves creating a new right-of-way easement to support the local community's socioeconomic development related to livestock and agricultural operations. The waterline will source water from an existing well (#3T-551) near the Lower Colorado River, which was initially built as a domestic/community supply under Indian Health Service Project #NA-77-826 but has since been detached from water system #09-04030100. The Cameron Chapter has passed a resolution (CAMOCT-24-18 #1) in support of the waterline project.

The WNA Branch of Natural Resources (BNR) has been using a publicly available online tool called StockSmart to enhance its service to the grazing permittees as part of conservation planning. This tool utilizes the Rangeland Production Monitoring Service, a spatially explicit database that automatically updates annual data on aboveground net primary productivity for all rangelands in the contiguous United States, based on remote-sensed Normalized Difference Vegetation Index data. StockSmart is specifically designed to assist in calculating stocking rates for cattle, horses, and sheep across various landscapes in the Western Navajo Agency area. By visualizing livestock

terrain use and analyzing animal distribution in relation to water sources and slope, the WNA BNR can make more informed and sustainable grazing decisions. Along with ground-truthing, this approach supports the monitoring of large land areas and helps in recommending management actions; if properly implemented, it can also recommend adjustments to stocking rates.

Navajo Partitioned Lands (NPL): The NPL continues to assist in Phase II of the heirship reissuance of livestock grazing permits in cooperation with the Navajo Department of Agriculture, local grazing officials, and the Resource and Development Committee (RDC) of the Navajo Nation Council.

Conservation of soil and water through public education and technical assistance will continue to protect and properly manage natural resources. The continuation of completing the annual assessment for the operation and maintenance of the 84 windmills includes 41 windmills in need of repairs. The Navajo Nation has a 93-638 Contract for windmills and should consider the NPL area.

Public education in the conservation and management of natural resources, including animal health, is especially important during the current drought. This public education includes sharing the Navajo Nation Drought Contingency Plan and its recommendations regarding severe water shortages. The NPL program also completed the 2025 Monitoring Report for the spring growing season. NPL has three permanent monitoring cages and 32 temporary monitoring cages. An inventory of noxious weeds and invasive species along paved highway rights-of-way has been completed, which requires treatment coordinated with the Navajo Department of Transportation (DOT), BIA DOT, active permittees, and respective grazing officials for effective management.

NPL continues to provide reports on grazing permit activity, water resource assessments, including windmills and projects at local chapters. NPL continues to disseminate information on the monthly drought and rangeland health. The program will continue to work with permittees in the development and implementation of recommended best management practices. Additionally, NPL continues to assist livestock buyers with bi-weekly livestock sales held locally to aid those without adequate means to transport their livestock to sales and auction yards.

Referrals for windmill operation and maintenance, fence repairs, and cattle guard cleanouts for NPL, as well as referrals from Hopi Partitioned Lands (HPL) for fence repairs and cattle guard cleanouts, are logged in and scheduled for assessment or repairs. Customer service is provided through walk-ins, telephone calls, and emails to aid in Heirship Applications for grazing permit eligibility. NPL will continue to work with the Navajo Department of Workforce Program to place individuals with BIA NPL, providing supervision, training, and employee development.

Chinle Agency: The Chinle Agency Branch of Natural Resources staff attends monthly district and agency-wide grazing meetings, which are scheduled for the first week of each month. This includes meetings for Land Management Districts 4, 10, and 11, as well as at least one permittee meeting per month. Additionally, farm board meetings are scheduled each month and include the

Many Farms and Tsailé Wheatfields Irrigation Project. Chinle Agency staff participate in these meetings to report ongoing permit transfer updates, assist with conservation plans, and discuss permit transfers and probates.

The Chinle Agency Branch of Natural Resources emphasizes these goals with individual grazing permit holders and community-level approaches by volunteering for local cleanups, habitat restoration projects, and other conservation planning initiatives. Staff members educate themselves about environmental issues such as climate change and engage in traditional teachings while respecting cultural values, aiming to meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

The Chinle Agency range monitoring plans include installing 32 monitoring cages to assess forage growth and utilization, as well as rangeland health, by observing changes over time using photo points. This monitoring is conducted annually to evaluate the impacts of management strategies for each observation in every district.

The Chinle Agency Branch of Natural Resources continues to assist farmers and ranchers with conservation plans that will help them better understand how to manage their ranch operations or farmland. By visiting these families and discussing their goals, staff can provide valuable insights when writing these plans. They are often surprised by how much they learn about soil nutrients and infiltration rates as part of Best Management Practices (BMPs). What benefits them the most are hands-on experiences such as soil sampling and comparing soil texture to Soil Map Units.

Customer service through phone calls, emails, and walk-in clients is essential for upholding values of accountability and transparency. By attending grazing committee meetings, farm board meetings, and permittee meetings, staff foster a culture of openness and engagement.

Shiprock Agency: The Range Technician at the Shiprock Agency assisted 121 individuals. The Range Technician provided valuable support by addressing a variety of inquiries from individuals regarding grazing and land use permits, ensuring that all requests were met with appropriate responses and resources. This assistance is vital for the effective management and collaboration of land and resource use within the community.

The Range Technician's proactive engagement in various projects, meetings, and support roles demonstrates a commitment to effectively managing resources, facilitating communication, and addressing the needs of the community's land and resource users, as detailed below.

NGWSP Waterline Project

Response: Addressed the NGWSP waterline project needs.

Action Item: Compiled a list of affected land-users' names for review and assessment.

Additional Requests Received

- Proposed NTUA Waterline:
- Inquiry regarding the waterline in the Mexican Water Chapter.

- Homesite Lease Areas:
- Information requested for proposed homesite lease areas in the TeecNosPos area.

Communication Tower:

Inquiry about the proposed communication tower in Sweetwater.

Action Item: Compiled names of permittees for all proposed sites.

Surveys and Permits

Farm Plot Survey: Conducted a survey of one farm plot.

Grazing Permit Packages: Compiled two grazing permit packages for final approval.

Meetings Attended

- Grazing and Farm Board Meetings: Participated to stay updated on local issues and initiatives.
- Natural Resource Meeting: Engaged with stakeholders on resource management topics.
- District Grazing Committee Meetings: Actively involved in discussions affecting grazing practices.
- San Juan Farm Board Meeting: Contributed to decisions and planning related to farm resources.

Assistance Provided

Livestock Trespass Issue: Assisted a grazing official with information on a trespass issue involving a permit holder.

Permit Transfers: Review Process: Reviewed nine grazing permit transfers.

Documentation: Logged transfers into the database and filed them accordingly with attached clearances.

Support: Aided individuals lacking information on their loved ones' permits.

Eastern Navajo Agency, Branch of Real Estate Services (BRES):

Residential Lease for ARPA Assistance: Numerous residential lease applications were requested and issued to clients needing leases to receive ARPA assistance. The residential lease process requires gathering consent, completing a survey plat, obtaining NEPA clearance documents, and securing an appraisal for those requiring a rental payment. The BRES is actively working on finalizing leases to ensure issuance before the expiration of APRA funding.

Rights of Way Project: The BRES worked on a pipeline project encompassing 43 allotments, which required drafting and sending notices and letters to over 3,000 landowners to comply with regulatory requirements. The project was completed, and all landowners were compensated.

Fiber Optic Right of Way Project for the Navajo Nation and McKinley County Schools: This project aims to provide mainline fiber optic services to government and school office locations within the Eastern Navajo Agency and involves a significant number of allotments. The targeted completion date is scheduled for the year 2025.

Uranium Mining Project: The BRES participated in several team meetings regarding the proposed uranium mining project in the Church Rock and Crownpoint Chapter areas. The project is in the preliminary stages, with the application entered into the FAST-41 project process. This process requires the federal offices involved to establish a timeline and adhere to compliance measures for completing their required actions.

Gift Deeds and Sale of Allotment Interests: The BRES received numerous requests from landowners for gift deeds and sales of allotment interests. The landowners must independently decide to whom they wish to gift or sell their allotments. Several applications were canceled due to a lack of response from applicants or unresponsiveness to the BRES in continuing their applications. The sale of allotments is delayed by the Navajo Nation's failure to respond to the initial option given to them to purchase the allotments. Currently, twenty (20) sales are pending

Client Disputes and Complaints: Clients are filing disputes regarding trespassing on allotted land and delays in processing residential lease applications due to consent requirements. The frequency of these complaints is increasing due to complex family heirship issues and disputes between family members, often resulting in retaliatory actions.

Eastern Navajo Agency, Branch of Natural Resources (BNR):

Objectives and Goals: The BNR supported range management decisions in the best interest of the landowners, enabling them to receive income from the use of their land and ensuring the proper management of natural resources.

2025 Grazing Permit Renewal Project: The BNR approved 168 Trust Asset Accounting Management System (TAAMS) Range Contracts, provided grazing permit orientations, and invoiced accordingly. The BNR continues to review and correct 111 TAAMS Range Contracts. The BNR is not reissuing grazing permits to individuals who did not comply with the grazing permit requirements, including outstanding invoices. All grazing permits are issued at 75% of carrying capacity.

Alamo/Canoncito Noxious Weed Project: The project began on August 20, 2024, and will end on September 30, 2025. It involves controlling noxious weeds and invasive plants using aerial application of herbicide over 1,112 acres and 373 acres using cut-stump and/or foliar spray in Canada de Los Apaches, Canada de Ojo, Arroyo Gigante, Rio Salado, Alamocita Creek, and Jaraloca Creek. On September 8, 2024, the contractor completed the stand exam work and initiated the Silviculture Prescription. On May 20, 2025, the BIA received the Navajo Nation's comments regarding the BIA Eastern Navajo Agency Restoration Project. Based on those comments, the BIA finalized a new version of the Silviculture Prescription for review. The BIA, Navajo Region, Branch of Forestry provided formal notifications to individual Indian landowners about the control mechanisms and locations. On July 3, 2025, the Eastern Navajo Agency mailed 575 additional letters and forms to individual Indian landowners.

Rangeland Inventory Project: The BNR contracted Eastern Shawnee Professional Services to complete the project by December 31, 2025. This will involve 873 transects or study plots using the double-sampling method to estimate and measure biomass production, document plant species,

cover and composition, and account for wildlife, topography, and non-grazeable areas. On March 18, 2025, the BNR delivered GIS data to the contractor for review and preparation for fieldwork. The vegetation inventory commenced on May 12, 2025, starting with District 16, where 278 study plots were completed. The fieldwork then moved to District 19, completing 62 study plots and one in Canonicito. The information gathered will be used to determine stocking rates and carrying capacities based on ecological site descriptions for each range unit. Field teams encountered a significant number of locked gates, particularly in District 16, which hindered access to locate study plots; however, they identified alternative access routes.

Eastern Navajo Agency Branch of Probate and Estate Services (BPES):

BPES Case Submissions: The BPES staff submitted 106 cases, of which 43 were accepted by OHA. These cases involved \$1,072,598.73 in Individual Indian Money accounts, 529 allotments, and 261 probable heirs. The BPES staff sent 30 cases to BTFA for distribution, with 21 in process for disbursements and 9 that concluded in closures.

Client Assistance and Outreach: The BPES assisted 3,682 clients through various channels, including in-office and home visits, outreach sessions with FIMO and chapter houses, telephone calls, and emails.

The BPES staff keeps Indian allotment interest holders informed about their holdings and the implications thereof. The outreach activities, conducted in Navajo, support estate and land use planning. These activities benefit the Navajo Nation by facilitating consent for infrastructure and commercial projects involving Indian allotments.

The BPES services requested by clients include, but are not limited to, printing Individual Tribal Interest reports and educating clients on how to read the reports, updating contact information, and explaining the required documents for case submission to OHA; conducting client interviews for probate cases; and educating the public about the federal probate process and estate planning. The BPES work activities support tribal self-determination, self-governance, and sovereignty by ensuring that the titles to Indian allotments are accurate and up to date.

Eastern Navajo Agency Branch of Transportation (BOT): Monthly Activities Summary
Month of April Activities:

In April, the staff focused on vital road maintenance and improvement efforts across several routes:

Ditching and Blading:

- N489 Star Pond
- N482 Littlewater
- N98
- N52
- N7009 in Nahodishgish
- N7133, N7134, N7135, N93, and N7008 in Pueblo Pintado, New Mexico.
- N50 Mount Powell

- Brush Removal:

- Completed on N9 West and N9 East.

Mowing:

- Carried out on N9 West, N1047 West Mesa, and N1042 Crownpoint, New Mexico.

Fence Repairs:

- Conducted on N48 Littlewater, including the installation of T-posts and repairs of broken/rusted lines.
- Dirt was removed from the fence line on N48 Littlewater, New Mexico.

Additional Activities:

- Ditching and blading on N482 White Point and N50 Mount Powell.
- Brush removal on N49 Smith Lake and N9 East, including clearing along fence lines.
- Erosion repair on N9 East.
- Sign repair at the intersection of N46 and N9 Pueblo Pintado.
- Fence repairs on N9 East to Pueblo Pintado.
- Pothole patching on N9 West from the district line to Crownpoint, New Mexico.
 - Removed two cattle guards on N474 Ojo Encino and repaired the fence afterward, transporting the cattleguard went back to the BOT yard for cleaning.
- Fence repairs and low fence line lifting on N9 East Pueblo Pintado and N48 South Casamero Lake, New Mexico.
- Sign repairs on N46 Pueblo Pintado.
- Ditching and blading on N7054 Pinedale, N7111 Mariano Lake communities, and N7124 Standing Rock.
- Cleaning of the inlet and outlet culverts on N9 East.

These activities support safe and reliable roads for the public, emergency vehicles, school buses, and commerce.

Month of May Activities:

In May, the BOT crew continued their road safety and maintenance efforts:

Cattle Guard Management:

- Removed one unused cattle guard and reinstalled it in Pueblo Pintado.
- Complete cattle guard cleaning was conducted at Torreon School.

Road Sign and Fence Repairs:

- Initiated repairs on road signs and fences at Lupton on N7140.

Reconnaissance:

- Conducted reconnaissance of paved and earthen routes during rainy days across various locations, including Tohajiilee, Chichiltah, Jones Ranch, Breadsprings, Ojo Encino, Torreon, Tinian, Pueblo Pintado, Whitehorse, Smith Lake, Little Water, Mariano Lake, and Pinedale.

Current Work in Lupton, Arizona:

- Ongoing work on Route N7140 involving drainage cleaning, erosion repair, fence repair, raising the fence line, and brush removal along the right of way and fence line.
- Pothole patching completed in several areas on N7140.

These activities continue to contribute to safe and reliable roads for the public, emergency vehicles, school buses, and commerce.

Month of June Activities:

In June, the BOT crew completed various road maintenance activities:

Drainage and Fence Repairs:

- Completed drainage cleaning, fence repairs, raised the fence line, and removed brush along Route N7140 in Lupton.
- Continued to address erosion repair and clean up windblown debris.

Pothole Patching:

- Completed on N9 West from Crownpoint to the district line, N49/11 from Smith Lake to Pinedale, and N56 Tohajiilee.

Contractor Activities:

- A contractor completed pavement markings on N9 West, N56, and half of N49/11.

Additional Maintenance:

- Fence repairs and wing brace repairs were conducted on N9 West and N52 in Nahodishgish.
- Erosion repairs completed on routes N52 and N98 in Nahodishgish.
- The BOT GEO team completed ditching and blading on Standing Rock Route N7057.
- Cattle guard cleanings and fence repairs are ongoing.
- Road signs were replaced in Little Water on N48 and along N9 West from Crownpoint to the district line.
- Culvert inlets and outlets were repaired for erosion on N49 Smith Lake MM 2.

These efforts ensure the maintenance of safe and reliable roads for all users including the public, emergency vehicles, school buses, and commerce. This summary reflects the continued commitment to improving road conditions and infrastructure across the regions served, prioritizing safety and efficiency for all travelers.

Coordination Efforts: In coordination with the Navajo Nation Division of Transportation, BOT's primary goal is to keep roads open and safe for the traveling public within the eastern portion of the Navajo Nation. Staff must coordinate and address emergencies and inclement weather that can impact roads, washouts, and bridges. The crew remains alert and, when necessary and feasible, pretreats roads in the Eastern Navajo Agency. This ensures safer travel for public and emergency vehicles.

Branch of Engineering (BOE): The BOE completed all Navajo Nation (NN) Public Law (P.L.) 93-638 contract annual onsite monitoring visits for the following NN Programs for Fiscal Year 2025: Water Monitoring, Water Rights, Water Development, Fruitland-Cambridge (F-C) Irrigation

Rehabilitation projects, Hogback-Cudei (H-C) Irrigation Rehabilitation projects, Conjunctive Groundwater Use Wells projects, and Safety of Dams. The Conjunctive Groundwater Use Wells Model 108 contract was extended to December 31, 2025, to complete and submit project deliverables and expend all contract funding. The NN will submit Model 108 contract deliverables for the following projects: AMI meters Phase 2, Updated Conjunctive Groundwater Development Plan, and Naschitti to Sheep Springs Interagency Agreement construction activities. The Conjunctive Groundwater Use Wells Subpart J contract was extended to December 31, 2029. Some projects are still on pause until the NN completes work funded under the ARPA and New Mexico Tribal Infrastructure funding.

The NN will submit a modification to the current P.L. 93-638 Subpart J contract for Work Order #1, Chilchiltah Vanderwagon Water System, to modify the scope of work to complete tasks not accomplished using the NN's outside funding. Work Order #2, the Cutter Lateral Blending Study project, has been completed, and the NN is currently working on submitting project deliverables to the BIA. Carryover/cost savings funds for Work Order #2 will be considered after the NN formally requests them from the BIA. Work Order #4, the Sheep Springs Connection Phase One project, is on hold at the NN's request, as the NN is currently utilizing ARPA and New Mexico Tribal Infrastructure funding for this project. This funding may be re-scoped to another Conjunctive Groundwater Use Wells project.

The F-C Irrigation Canal's Diversion Dam construction project will remain on hold until the Fish Weir construction project is completed by April 2026, and the NN finds a resolution for the additional funds needed, estimated at approximately \$21 million, to complete the Diversion Dam project. The NN plans to submit its Trust Fund Expenditure Plan for P.L. 111-11 Water Settlement for San Juan River-New Mexico to the BIA for review. Within this expenditure plan, the NN has notified the BIA that an amount for the Diversion Dam construction will be requested.

The Navajo Nation Technical Construction Operation Branch procured their construction contractor (Meridian Construction Company) for the F-C Irrigation Canal's Fish Weir project in December 2024. Construction for the Fish Weir began in January 2025 with Phase One of the project, establishing the groundwork for the Fish Return from the Fish Weir back to the San Juan River. This construction ended in March 2025. Phase Two will resume in October 2025 and complete the Fish Weir and the Fish Return by April 2026, during the irrigation off-season.

The NN also procured Meridian Construction Company for the H-C Irrigation Canal Rehabilitation projects: Helium Lateral Flume, Jim Canyon Siphon, and Salt Creek Siphon in September 2024. The construction was completed in May 2025, and a final walk-through inspection was conducted on June 5, 2025, with representatives from the NN, BIA, and Meridian Construction Company in attendance. Additionally, the NN procured Weeminuche Construction Authority for the H-C Irrigation Rehabilitation Canal Lining project in November 2024. This contractor began work in early December 2024, completing the Phase One portion of the contract by early January 2025. The second phase will begin at the end of summer 2025 and wrap up by April 2026.

The BIA Indian Self-Determination Branch requested technical assistance from the BOE for the Wheatfields Lake Recreation Construction Project, funded to the NN Fish and Wildlife Office through the P.L. 93-638 contracting process from the BIA. This project will begin later in Fall 2025 and is currently progressing through the Model 108 planning contract. The BOE Branch Chief will serve as the AOTR for the Subpart J Construction contract.

Safety of Dams (SOD) Program: The BIA Safety of Dams Program completed the annual onsite monitoring visit with the NN Safety of Dams Program on June 13, 2025. The Many Farms Dam remains in Emergency Response Level One due to instability in the spillway structure, which has evident cracks. The Bureau of Reclamation and their contractor completed grout work on the dam's spillway to stabilize it. The BIA Division of Water and Power-Safety of Dams Office inspected this work and deemed the spillway structurally sound. Consequently, the BOE SOD program will recommend that the BIA NRO Regional Director lift the Emergency Response Level One status.

The Tuba City Dam and Pastor Canyon Dam inspections were completed on June 10, 2025, by the BIA Western Region SOD Officer, with the final report forthcoming. The Kin Bineola Dam in Lake Valley, NM, will be rehabilitated back to its original form before the dam was breached, with funds coming from the BIA Division of Water and Power Office. The BIA SOD Program worked with the Lake Valley Chapter to locate recent contact information for the homeowner and plans to meet with the homeowner who currently resides in the flooding area to discuss options for either remaining in the area or potentially relocating. This effort will involve the BIA Eastern Navajo Agency Office.

In June 2025, the BIA Division of Water and Power-Safety of Dams Office removed old downstream site equipment from the Todacheene, Window Rock, Wheatfields, Asaayi, and Captain Tom Dams. The BIA Division of Water and Power-Safety of Dams Office will complete the Comprehensive Review DSAT for the Tohajiilee Dam in August 2025.

Navajo Indian Irrigation Project (NIIP) Updates: The BIA NIIP Project Management Team (PMT) held its quarterly meeting on May 1, 2025, with the Navajo Agricultural Products Industry (NAPI) and the Bureau of Reclamation-Four Corners Construction Office (BOR-FCCO). The next PMT meeting is scheduled for July/August 2025. The BIA NIIP continues to establish a NIIP Policy Team that includes participants from the BIA Central Office, NN, NAPI, and BOR-FCCO to provide updates on NIIP's current and future development plans and funding status. A meeting will be scheduled in September/October 2025 with the BIA-Navajo Region, BIA NIIP, and the NN.

The BIA NIIP Office continues to implement an Interagency Agreement between BIA and BOR-FCCO. This agreement will allow BOR-FCCO to provide technical support and operations training for the operation and maintenance (O&M) facilities at NAPI. The BIA NIIP submitted a solicitation contract for services packet requesting BIA NIIP Environmental Commitments Compliance. This solicitation packet was submitted to the BIA Navajo Region Acquisitions Office for review and processing.

The BIA NIIP and NAPI provided drainage investigations to address issues affecting the Upper Fruitland Community and residents. BIA NIIP, its contractor, and NN attended the Upper Fruitland CLUP-C meeting in February 2025 to present collected data from water monitoring sites near the affected areas. The Upper Fruitland Chapter will coordinate and schedule for BIA NIIP's contractor to visit the affected residences to conclude the investigations.

Branch of Environmental Management (BEM):

Chinle Land Transfer (Parcels B-1, G-1, and P-1), Chinle Chapter: The project entails the relinquishment of approximately 7.608 acres to return to the Navajo Nation. Clearance for archaeological and biological assessments has been completed. Mobilization to the site is scheduled for July 2025.

Shiprock Administration Reserve (SAR), Shiprock Chapter: The abatement and demolition of buildings and structures at the Shiprock Administrative Reserve were completed in February 2025. A memorandum on the status of the project was submitted to Council Delegate Eugenia Charles-Newton on March 13, 2025. A memorandum of project completion was sent to the Navajo Nation President, the Navajo Nation Land Department, and the Navajo Nation Council, Office of the Speaker, on May 30, 2025.

Rock Point Sheep Dip Vat #1, Rock Point Chapter: The Rock Point Sheep Dip Vat #1 is located north of the Rock Point Chapter house. Before the site was fenced by a resident as private property, the bureau's contractor removed some of the sheep dip vat structures. During the site visit, visible concrete debris remained onsite, which limited site reconnaissance. A closure report was completed for this site and will be considered closed. No further action will be taken by BEM.

Rock Point Sheep Dip Vat #2, Rock Point Chapter: BEM has awarded a contract for the remediation of Rock Point Sheep Dip Vat #2. This site is located southwest of the Rock Point Chapter house. The contractor is currently working on pre-work submittals and compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act.

Bass Lake Sheep Dip Vat, Twin Lakes Chapter: BIA and BEM coordinated a Teams meeting with the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency (NNEPA) and the Waste Regulatory Compliance Department regarding the resolution of the impacts of excavation on the cultural site of Bass Lake Sheep Dip Vat. BIA is currently awaiting an exemption letter from the NNEPA to coordinate with the Navajo Nation Historic Preservation Department (NNHPD) to close the project and protect the current site, which may have potentially buried cultural artifacts. The exemption letter will support that this site was not fully cleaned up due to the cultural artifacts present and complies with the Foundation of the Dine', Dine' Law, and Dine' Government.

Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA): As of May 22, 2025, BIA and BEM officially transferred the SDWA water sampling activities back to the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) in accordance with the Service Level Agreement. Fifty-seven (57) water systems were transferred to BIE to continue regulatory compliance for the schools.

Branch of Environmental Quality Act Compliance Review (BEQACR) (NEPA)

The staff of the Branch of Environmental Quality Act Compliance Review (BEQACR) is providing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) technical guidance on two FAST 41 broadband projects, benefiting the McKinley County Schools E-Rate Project and the Navajo Nation Department of Education E-Rate Project. Each of these projects enhances the Navajo Nation's access to broadband capabilities. These meetings are ongoing to maintain the progress of the projects. The NEPA program is on standby to review environmental documents to possibly issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the projects.

BEQACR processed one hundred forty-nine (149) Categorical Exclusions (CEs) for housing needs and tree-cutting permits for utility line installations submitted by businesses on behalf of the Navajo Nation. The CE documents indicate that NEPA reviews were completed and are critical for allowing the approval of homesites and the installation of utility lines for Navajo tribal members.

BEQACR reviewed and analyzed Indian Health Service (IHS) NEPA documents for four (4) Water Supply and Waste Disposal Facility Projects. The NEPA analysis supports the IHS request for BIA Right-of-Way (ROW) approval to construct domestic water facilities for Navajo Nation tribal member homes.

BEQACR processed FONSI determination for the following projects/activities:

- **Elk Petroleum Company** submission of four Applications for Permit to Drill (APDs) to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Farmington Field Office (FFO) requesting to drill three (3) oil wells and one injection well, along with constructing associated surface features. The proposed project is located within the BLM FFO management area on Navajo Tribal Trust surface, with minerals administered by the Navajo Nation and BIA. The Proposed Action is located on Navajo Nation tribal trust land in the Aneth Chapter, Utah, within the Shiprock Agency, New Mexico.
- **The Navajo Nation Division of Transportation (NDOT)** proposal to replace the existing, 47-year-old Tohatchi Bridge, which connects to Navajo Route 108 (N108) and crosses over the Red Willow Wash to the Indian Health Service's Health Care Center, located in the southern part of the Tohatchi community in McKinley County, New Mexico. This replacement will improve community ingress and egress for the Navajo Nation's Tohatchi Chapter community. The bridge is currently used by the Navajo Tohatchi Chapter and other regional residents to access the Tohatchi Health Center. The approval of the ROW application will enable the ROW grant to be transferred to the NDOT.
- **Mesa Verde Resources proposal** to expand surface humate mining operations at the Star Lake Mine in McKinley County, New Mexico, within the Navajo Nation. The proposed action would expand Mesa Verde's current surface mining operations at the Star Lake Mine within the permitted area. The proposed mine expansion would include an additional 80.67 acres in the northwest and northeast quadrants of Section 04, and a 30-foot-wide new access road (totaling 2.96 acres) from the existing Star Lake Mine area (Action Area). Mesa Verde would operate using the same mining and reclamation practices at Star Lake Mine that were developed in collaboration with the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and

Natural Resources Department and BLM FFO. This will allow Mesa Verde to lease Indian Allotted Lands to mine humate in Section 04 under the existing 10-year (with renewal options) Humate Mine Lease Agreement with the 16 Allottees.

- **Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM)** request for a ROW easement renewal for 6.006 miles of the existing Yah-Tah Hey to Pittsburgh (YP) 115 kilovolt (kV) transmission line within McKinley County, NM, on the Navajo Nation. The proposed action is to grant a ROW easement renewal for the existing 50-foot ROW and to allow PNM to continue operation and maintenance of the YP 115 kV Transmission Line.
- **Navajo Region BIA Fort Defiance Navajo Agency of Natural Resources (BNR)** proposal to treat noxious weeds in riparian areas along Red Willow Wash, Chuska Wash, Chuska Lake, and the tributaries and streams along the watershed. The project is located in Tohatchi, McKinley County, New Mexico. This project aims to remove two (2) targeted weed species, Tamarisk and Russian Olive, including 45 invasive weed species identified.
- **Vision Energy proposal** to construct the Hogback Deep Helium Plant with a pipeline and an underground electrical line in Hogback, New Mexico. This will allow Vision Energy reasonable access to Navajo Nation trust lands to develop their valid existing permitted facility administered by the BIA NRO, while protecting surface resources to the maximum extent possible.

The Regional Archeologist (RA) reviewed and completed 172 National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106 reviews for NEPA CEs.

The RA processed forty-two (42) Cultural Resources Compliance Forms (CRCF) for the Navajo Nation Heritage and Historic Preservation Department (NNHHPD). These NEPA documents are critical for allowing the approval of homesites and the installation of utility lines for Navajo tribal members.

Three (3) FONSIIs were drafted for three EAs for projects on the Navajo Nation.

The RA provided two training courses on the NEPA process and NHPA Section 106 to Transwestern Pipeline Company for their renewal of their ROW on Navajo Nation Trust (NNT) and Navajo Allotment Lands (NAL). Training was also provided to Invenergy Consulting regarding ROW on NNT and NAL.

The RA assisted the NNHHPD, Peabody Coal Company, and the Museum of Northern Arizona with the reburial of cultural materials that were excavated during mining operations on Black Mesa.

The RA met with the Navajo Nation Fort Defiance Chapter regarding a solar street light project along BIA Routes N7, N12, and N112. They provided guidance on NEPA requirements for the project and set up tentative dates to continue assisting the Fort Defiance Chapter.

The RA participated in the Colorado River Post Operation National Historic Preservation Act meeting with stakeholders, focusing on the operations of the dams along the Colorado River and potential impacts on cultural resources.

Federal Indian Minerals Office (FIMO): The third quarter for FY2025 was steady for the FIMO. FIMO has implemented the return-to-office policy for staff per guidance from the BIA NRO. FIMO continues to meet with allottees at the office, answer telephone inquiries, and provide phone-in and in-person outreach to the communities in the Eastern Navajo Agency. Activities continue to increase as FIMO identifies new projects being proposed. FIMO remains committed to servicing allottees and fulfilling its trust responsibilities to meet mission goals.

Competitive Lease Sale Planned for Fall of 2025: FIMO continues to inspect all Navajo allotted oil and gas leased lands and enforce regulations pertaining to operational, surface, and environmental issues. These duties include:

1. The concurrence or approval of applications for permits to drill, gathering systems, and alternate measurement methods.
2. Physical inspections of oil and gas sale facilities.
3. Investigation of oil and gas discrepancies and undesirable events.

These duties are performed by the BLM Farmington Field Office and FIMO's BIA Environmental Protection Specialist.

Inspection & Enforcement: The BLM Inspection and Enforcement (I&E) has not provided their report to FIMO.

Environmental Surface Inspection: FIMO continues to conduct inspections on producing wells, drilling wells, pre-abandoned wells, and notices of staking. FIMO's Environmental Protection Specialist (EPS) continues to contact operators to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of APDs and lease terms. There are four orphan wells that are currently pending status, seeking funding to proceed with plugging. FIMO continues to improve its surface inspection program, working with landowners who report complaints about oil and gas issues and assisting in resolving matters by coordinating with the BLM and operators. Twenty-five (25) wells have been inspected by the BIA EPS.

Application for Permit to Drill (APD): There were no new notices staking for proposed well pad installation submitted this quarter, nor any Applications for Permit to Drill (APD) submitted.

Royalty Distribution: The Bureau of Trust Funds Administration (BTFA) prepares, and reviews withdrawal/transfer vouchers, submits them for approval to the appropriate authorizing official, and processes them. BTFA also verify the availability of funds, prepare work tickets, when necessary, provide technical assistance to other agencies as needed, maintain logs of daily activities in the service manager, and ensure outstanding customer service to all beneficiaries who contact the office.

Ongoing Projects

- **Carson Unit:** FIMO received a copy of a resolution approving the Carson Unit for DJR Operating. We have met with ENLC, and we will be moving forward with a Communication Agreement; DJR will start drilling this year in the Carson Unit.
- **Lone Mesa Unit Communication Agreement:** We will be meeting with Enduring shortly to discuss the newly developed Communication Agreement process.

- **Alamos Canyon Unit Proposal:** We will be meeting with Enduring and BLM shortly to continue discussions on this issue.
- **Ponderosa Unit:** Moving forward. The Communication Agreement for Indian allotments has been completed.
- **Bobby B Unit:** Moving forward. Enduring is preparing a Communication Agreement for Indian allotments.
- **Ridge Unit:** Moving forward. Enduring is preparing a Communication Agreement for Indian allotments.

FIMO has made great strides in continuing its responsibility for on-the-ground activities. FIMO staff continues to strive to address the many questions received and service allottees daily. FIMO has worked to adjust and find creative ways to assist the needs of allottee members.

Outreach: FIMO Outreach staff conducted a total of 16 in-person outreach events with a combined attendance of 550 mineral owners. Locations included: Nageezi, Huerfano, Pueblo Pintado, Ojo Encino, Shiprock, Nenahnezad Chapter Houses, and Torreon/Starlake Chapter House. Outreach notices were mailed to mineral owners residing in these locations, as well as surrounding communities and towns.

Branch of Forestry: The Branch of Forestry received a total of 81 Timber Cutting Permits (permits) from the Navajo Nation during Fiscal Year 2025. The permits were reviewed, processed, and returned to the Navajo Nation's Forestry Management Program through official correspondence for their reference and use.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs, Central Office, Division of Forest Inventory and Planning (FIP), and the Central Office Timber Team are scheduled to be in Fort Defiance, Arizona, to provide technical assistance to the Navajo Nation's Forestry Management Program from September 8 to September 19, 2025. The Central Office Team will provide onsite training for the Navajo Nation's Forestry Management Program on continuous forest inventory procedures.

The Branch of Forestry is coordinating with the Eastern Navajo Agency's Branch of Natural Resources to prepare and implement a woody invasive species project. This project covers approximately 1,500 acres of riparian woodlands in Alamo and Canoncito, New Mexico. It focuses on removing Russian Olive and Tamarisk trees from two primary watersheds. The project is on schedule to have silvicultural treatments implemented in September 2025.

The Branch of Forestry is also coordinating with the Branch of Wildland Fire and Aviation Management to identify homes at risk of fire and implement hazardous fuels reduction treatments within the Mariano Lake, New Mexico, community. Homes and structures within allotted lands have been identified as high risk by the Branch of Forestry. Currently, the Navajo Region is in the process of obtaining majority owner consent for allotments identified as high risk. The project is tentatively scheduled to be conducted over a 10-year period, with Phase 1 of wildland-urban interface fuels reduction treatments scheduled to occur from 2025 to 2028.

Branch of Fire Management: For the performance period from April 1, 2025, to June 30, 2025, the BIA Navajo Regional Branch of Fire Management (BFM) reports the following accomplishments:

There have been seventy-four (74) human-caused wildland fires that BFM personnel have responded to within the Third Quarter (Q3). The total acreage for human-caused fires is 11,224 acres. An additional four (4) lightning fires have also been recorded, covering a total of 2,588 acres. The total number of fires for the quarter is seventy-eight (78), with an approximate total of thirteen thousand eight hundred twelve (13,812) acres burned in Q3.

BFM assisted the Navajo Tribal Utilities Authority (NTUA) with falling high-complexity trees along a fiber optic right-of-way on the Defiance Plateau.

BFM mobilized a Type-2 Initial Attack crew for the Bridge Fire in the Gila National Forest. The Navajo Hotshots were also mobilized to respond to the Trout Fire, which is also located in the Gila National Forest.

BFM encountered two significant fires within the boundaries of the Navajo Region. The Bridge Creek Fire, which has burned 2,588 acres on Navajo Mountain, is nearly contained at 80% and is currently in monitor status. The other fire, Oak Ridge, has burned 11,027 acres and is at 96% containment, currently undergoing full suppression and being patrolled for hot spots. Both fires require the assistance of a Complex Incident Management Team to manage them.

The Branch of Fire Management, Fuels Section, is working collaboratively with the Eastern Navajo Agency and BIA Forestry on a project to assist residents in the communities of Mariano Lake and Smith Lake. This project aims to create "defensible space" around homes that are near woodland areas.

Fire resource allocation has been effective for BFM. Out-of-region equipment and personnel needed to be ordered to assist with initial attack fires within the Navajo Region during the month of June; this includes Type-6 engines and overhead personnel.

The Branch of Fire Management, Prevention Section, continues to assist with public outreach efforts at various schools, chapters, and community events within the Navajo Nation, as well as with investigations of human-caused fires.

Restrictions, both Stage 1 and Stage 2, were implemented for the Navajo Nation during the peak of fire season in June.

The Branch of Fire Management continues to develop working relationships with cooperative agencies within and surrounding the Navajo Nation. This includes logistical and operational support that is reciprocated to the Bureau of Indian Affairs resources as well.

Branch of Real Estate Services: The Real Estate Services provides continued support to the Navajo Nation, landowners, and third-party entities for Oil & Gas, Minerals, Right-of-Ways, Leasing, Acquisition & Disposal, Fee to Trust, and Mortgaging, ensuring compliance with all federal, state, tribal, and local laws and regulations while acting in the best interests of the landowners.

The Oil & Gas Division processed 37½ State of Utah royalty and royalty-in-kind payments for March, April, and May, notifying the Navajo Nation Controller's Office to remit payments each month. The Division also processed the water usage payment for the months of January through March from Chevron to the Navajo Nation for Lease No. 14-20-0603-8669.

Additionally, the Oil & Gas Division processed and submitted four (4) Applications for Permit to Drill to the Bureau of Land Management for the approval of Helium Wells: P8-D1-D, N17-B1-D, U16-B2-D, and NP8-A1-D. The Division also attended a lease compliance inspection at Lan Ma's Oil and Gas Company and monitored plugged and abandoned inspections at eleven (11) well locations.

The Solid Minerals Division continues to hold monthly conference calls or Teams meetings with the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE), Navajo Nation Solid Minerals, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in both Arizona and New Mexico, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) staff to provide updates and address issues related to Navajo Mine (NTEC), Chevron (CMI), and Peabody Western Coal Company (PWCC). The OSMRE inspector provides updates and status reports on the reclamation for each coal mine.

The Solid Minerals Division also continues to work with the Navajo Nation regarding Kaibeto Resources LLC (reclamation) and NTEC (lease suspension request). Site inspections were conducted for NTEC, CMI, and PWCC.

The Right-of-Way Division has several ongoing projects with Navajo Power, Transwestern Pipeline Company, Tallgrass Energy Company, Emery Telecommunication & Video Inc., Arizona Public Service, Tucson Electric Company, El Paso Natural Gas Pipeline, Invenergy LLC, the Arizona Department of Transportation, the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority, Indian Health Services, the New Mexico Department of Transportation, and the Navajo Nation Department of Transportation. Technical assistance is being provided to these companies to ensure that perfected applications are received for timely processing of approvals.

The Leasing Division works closely with the Navajo Nation, individuals, and third-party entities to ensure that business, residential, and homesite leases are processed timely. The Division collaborates with the RBDOs and the Office of the Controller to ensure that leases are monitored for compliance. The Division works with all parties to process amendments, assignments, mutual terminations, and cancellations.

The Acquisition & Disposal Division works with individual landowners who wish to transfer their undivided trust interests to others, which can be achieved through a land sale or a gift deed. The Division focuses on educating landowners about Indian allotments and sharing information about their options through detailed one-on-one consultations. This quarter, the Division processed four (4) gift deeds covering nine (9) allotments.

The Mortgaging Division processes all mortgages pertaining to Tribal Trust lands, from securing funding for a new home to releasing existing mortgages upon completion of payment. This quarter, the Division reviewed and approved two (2) leasehold mortgages and processed six (6) releases of mortgages and deeds of trust.

Branch of Probate: The Branch of Probate and Estate Services prepares cases for individual Indians who hold trust assets by completing the family history of the decedent and compiling all documents required by the Office of Hearings and Appeals. Research is conducted by contacting the family members of the decedent through home visits, internet searches, telephone interviews, written correspondence, and office visits. The majority of family research work is done in conjunction with the Navajo Nation Vital Records Office. BIA Navajo Region Probate and Estate Services staff also assist in Tribal Wills Clinics and outreach events at various Chapter Houses.

The Branch of Probate and Estate Services was able to adjudicate fifty-four (54) cases this quarter with the Office of Hearings and Appeals, which are currently being processed for the disbursement of trust assets. As of the end of this quarter, we have a total of 8,862 active cases being processed at some level. Currently, there are 227 cases eligible for closure; of those, 164 have completed the disbursement of trust property and trust personalty (72.25%).

During the quarter, one hundred and sixteen (116) cases were prepared and submitted to OHA for adjudication. Of those, seventy (70) were from the Eastern Navajo Agency, twenty-eight (28) were from the Fort Defiance Agency, and eighteen (18) were from the Shiprock Agency.

Office of Geospatial Services

For the performance period from April 1 to June 30, 2025, the BIA Navajo Region Geospatial Program is pleased to submit this report. To date, there are 333 Navajo Nation GIS users of BIA's Enterprise License Agreement (ELA) with ESRI™, an increase from 330 GIS users in the last quarter.

National Tribal Geographic Information Systems Conference (NTGISC)

The Regional Geospatial Coordinator (RGC) delivered an annual presentation showcasing the achievements of the 12 RGCs across the 12 BIA Regions. Additionally, she facilitated engagement with numerous tribal GIS users at the RGC and Branch of Geospatial Support (BOGS) exhibit table. Navajo Nation GIS users discussed various projects and challenges with the Navajo Region RGC, providing valuable guidance and direction.

BIA Introduction to ArcGIS Pro Training for Navajo Nation Tribal GIS Users

The Regional Geospatial Coordinator, (RGC) in collaboration with the Western and Southwestern RGCs, conducted a successful in-person introductory training session in Albuquerque, New Mexico. This training was specifically designed for tribal audiences to enhance their skills and knowledge in using ArcGIS Pro® (ESRI's GIS desktop software), ArcGIS Online, and Portal (cloud technology). It also provided customized information on BIA and other federal agency data assets for tribes. Eight GIS users from the Navajo Nation participated in the training.

Oak Ridge Fire Response: The RGC responded to the Oak Ridge Fire incident on June 30, 2025, assisting with data management and collection for responders and community needs. Collaboration with cultural resources teams from both the Navajo Nation and the BIA to provide the Complex Incident Management Team with essential geospatial data for their operations. An internal dashboard was created to update the responding team on the fire perimeter, containment

and evacuation status, and affected acres. RGC continues to support the Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) team with data and information needs.

Technical Assistance: On June 25, 2025, the RGC assisted a Western Agency chapter GIS user in understanding the Coordinate Geometry (COGO) tool in ArcGIS Pro and encoding a survey plat into a feature.

On June 13, 2025, the RGC discussed GIS support for Community Wildfire Protection Planning with a chapter in the Eastern Agency. The Chapter Coordinator requested the creation of maps to visually communicate hazards and plans. The coordinator will collaborate with Fire Management for further guidance in developing this plan.

INDIAN SERVICES: The Bureau of Indian Affairs Navajo Region Indian Services include Facilities Management, Housing Improvement Program, Property Management, Safety Management, Tribal Government, Branch of Transportation,

Branch of Safety: Workplace Safety Progress and Inspection Summary

The Branch of Safety has made significant strides in advancing workplace safety and promoting employee well-being across the Navajo Region. Through a comprehensive annual inspection program, we conducted safety walkthroughs at 26 Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) sites and 3 Office of Justice Services (OJS) sites. As of this quarter:

- 100% of safety inspection reports for BIA sites have been completed
- 67% of inspection reports for OJS sites have been finalized
- 85% of all combined inspection reports (across 29 total sites) are finalized
- 70% of the corresponding abatement plans have been completed

These inspections help identify root causes of hazards and foster a culture of accountability and proactive safety. Our efforts include hosting both virtual and in-person safety trainings and distributing educational materials to prevent workplace injuries and illnesses. These activities support our strategic objective of reducing risks to employees' physical, mental, and emotional well-being while promoting a safe and supportive workplace environment throughout the Navajo Nation.

Technical Assistance and Support to Programs (April–June)

During this quarter, the Branch provided technical assistance and safety guidance to multiple 638 programs and Navajo Nation offices, including:

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| - Navajo/Hopi Legal Services | - Navajo Enrollment Office |
| - Navajo Detention Centers | - Navajo Department of Transportation |
| - Navajo Animal Control | - Navajo Communities and the Public |
| - Navajo Scholarship Office | |

Our support focused on ensuring a safe and healthy environment for all employees and visitors. Emphasis was placed on hazard reduction, emergency preparedness, and minimizing operational disruption. Assistance was especially impactful across the Western Navajo Agency, where tailored guidance helped uphold safety in everyday operations and during critical events.

Technical Assistance to Rocky Mountain Region

In addition, the Branch of Safety provided technical assistance to the Rocky Mountain Region, completing over 20 safety inspections to support BIA's commitment to workplace safety across regions. These inspections reinforce inter-regional collaboration and promote consistent safety standards agency-wide.

Emergency Management – Oak Ridge Fire Response

The Branch of Safety played an active role in supporting the Navajo Nation Emergency Management Department during the Oak Ridge Fire. Our team coordinated directly with the Incident Command Post, providing safety and occupational health guidance for emergency shelter operations. In partnership with the Indian Health Service (IHS), we helped implement communal disease mitigation protocols to ensure the health and safety of displaced community members housed in shelter locations.

This collaborative emergency response effort demonstrated the Branch's ability to integrate safety operations into crisis management and highlighted the importance of public health coordination during wildland fire incidents.

Branch of Human Services: The NRO Branch of Human Services continues to manage all **Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA)** Notices received from diverse sources, including state agencies, state courts, and legal counsel for families. In addition to responding to ICWA Notices, staff also uploads all final decrees of adoption notices as required in 25 CFR § 23.11 and § 23.111. This quarter, our office received 30 ICWA notices; of these, 26 notices did not provide notification to the Navajo Nation ICWA Program. In these instances, our office acts swiftly, offering guidance on the appropriate contact information and identifying the relevant BIA Region where the child is in protective custody. Additionally, ICWA information is integrated into a shared system utilized by BIA Regions to enhance communication and coordination. The Acting Regional Social Worker continues to collaborate with the Navajo ICWA Program and DHS ICWA Specialist in updating and maintaining the ICWA Designated Tribal Agents list in the FASSCMS Cloud, providing a written response to state, county, or local courts within 15 calendar days. By following ICWA guidelines, our office continues to ensure the protection and well-being of children while reinforcing the sustainability of ICWA principles.

Individual Indian Money (IIM): The Branch of Human Services offers direct support to federally recognized tribal members living on the Navajo Nation who benefit from IIM accounts managed by our office. NRO has one IIM Social Worker who currently oversees and manages over sixty cases, ensuring compliance with federal regulations governing these supervised accounts. In the spirit of responsible stewardship, accountholders are encouraged to explore

alternative resources before considering the use of their IIM funds. To provide thorough and personalized guidance, four (4) assessments were conducted through face-to-face meetings in the accountholder's environment. The assessments are critical in providing a comprehensive look at the various aspects of the account holder's life, daily activities, the current living situation, and resources available to them. The face-to-face assessments and supporting documents help the social worker determine whether any special circumstances limit the account holder's ability to manage their trust income, which might necessitate restricting an account. Staff completed three (3) distribution plans this quarter. The face-to-face assessments ensure that decisions regarding fund utilization are informed and aligned with the individual's best interests and long-term financial well-being. In cases where the referring program reports suspected neglect, abuse, or financial exploitation of an account holder, staff will coordinate with Navajo Adult Protective Services (APS).

Other Activities: The Branch of Human Services continues its commitment to accessibility and responsiveness by providing technical assistance upon request from the Nation. This commitment is grounded in our mission to uphold public trust and honor the values of the great Navajo Nation. Our collaborative approach ensures that our efforts are comprehensive and effectively address the various needs of those we serve.

Office of Tribal Government Services (OTGS): On June 30, 2025, the Tribal Operations Specialist assisted with the Southwest Incident Management Team, BIA Emergency Response Team, Fire Management and Navajo Nation regarding the Oak Ridge Fire. OTGS assisted with the Public Information Officer, by working with affected Navajo community Chapters and Honorable Council Delegate Brenda Jesus, at Oaksprings Chapter and St. Michaels Chapter.

Tribal Enrollment: For this quarter, the BIA Navajo Region referred thirty (30) requests to the Navajo Nation Office of Vital Records/Enrollment program regarding Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB) requests for prospective membership. The CIB requests range from individuals seeking scholarships and benefits to prison inmates seeking membership with the Navajo Nation. Referrals were made to the following agencies: ENA 1; Chinle 1; Fort Defiance 0; Shiprock 2; Western 0; and Window Rock 27.

AOTR Activities: The Tribal Operations Specialist serves as the Awarding Official Technical Representative (AOTR) for three (3) P.L. 93-638 contracts. In coordination with the Navajo Nation, the following transactions were completed this quarter by the BIA Navajo Region Awarding Official (AO) and the AOTR:

P.L. 93-638 Contractual Program, Tribal (Census) Enrollment (TE) Program Contract, A16AV00151:

On June 6, 2025, the AOTR received the Tribal Enrollment Data form from the Navajo Nation as requested by the BIA, Department of the Interior. This information was gathered as a voluntary and annual collection of Tribal Enrollment Data.

On July 8, 2025, the AOTR inquired about the temporary office space request with the Program Manager. This request will help the BIA determine the needs for the TE staff at the Crownpoint

Agency and provide a response for our official records. The AOTR has not received any new information regarding the temporary office space request for Crownpoint made to the BIA on June 3, 2025.

On June 13, 2025, the AOTR provided a review and recommendations to the Awarding Official regarding the CY 2024 Federal Financial Reports (SF-425) and Annual Narrative Report (ANR) for Public Law (Pub. L.) 93-638 Contract Nos. A13AV00203, A16AV00285, A19AV00373, and A221V00150 – Tribal Enrollment Program. The AOTR had no issues with the ANR and accepted the report.

On June 17, 2025, the AOTR concurred with the recommendation of the BIA Facility Management and Information Specialist regarding the Starlink installation at the Shiprock and Tuba City BIA Agency offices for the TE program.

P.L. 93-638 Contractual Program, Higher Education, Contract A17AV00096:

On June 13, 2025, the AOTR provided a review and recommendations to the Awarding Official regarding the Calendar Year (CY) 2024 Federal Financial Reports (SF-425) and Annual Narrative Report (ANR) for Public Law (Pub. L.) 93-638 Contract No. A22AV00148 – Higher Education Program. The AOTR had no issues with the ANR and accepted the report.

P.L. 93-638 Contractual Program, Tribal Courts, Contract No. A22AV00151:

On May 7, 2025, the AOTR provided a review and recommendations to the Awarding Official regarding the Navajo Nation Calendar Year 2024 Annual Narrative Reports (ANR) and Federal Financial Reports for Tribal Courts Program Contract Numbers A17AV00252 and A22AV00151. Noted concerns included the program's need to expend all one-time funding and balances that remain available. The AOTR accepted the report.

Housing Improvement Program: This quarter, no funding was received for the FY 2025 Home Improvement Program. If funding becomes available, the Navajo Nation (Nation) will be informed and will re-submit its HIP Contract Renewal Proposal.

1. The Nation's HIP continues to submit its Government Performance Results Act (GPRA) reports for active P.L. 93-638 Contract No. A22AV00588. On June 30, 2025, the Nation submitted the GPRA Calendar Year 2024 3rd Quarterly Report; however, no expenditures or activities were reported.
2. Currently, the BIA NR Housing Services Officer position is vacant. This position also serves as the Awarding Official's Technical Representative to provide technical assistance to the Nation's HIP.

Branch of Facilities: The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Navajo Regional Office – Branch of Facility Management (NRO-BOFM), continues to collaborate with the Navajo Nation (Nation) to develop and implement future projects that align with our mission to provide technical services related to facility management. These efforts focus on the buildings that house Nation programs or other facilities that the BIA operates and maintains.

One key partnership involves the Nation's Heritage and Historic Preservation Department (NNHHPD) under the Division of Natural Resources, through a Public Law (PL) 93-638 contract. Under this contract, a modification was implemented to add \$200,000 to support NNHHPD in continuing to provide services to the Regional Facility Management Branch. These services focus on cultural resources management, including compliance with historic preservation standards and the management of historic and cultural properties.

Another project requested by the Nation involved repairs to the freezer and fire service systems at the Chinle Youth Detention Center, located in Chinle, Arizona. NRO-BOFM provided funding in the amount of \$224,400 through a PL 93-638 contract modification to support this effort.

In addition to contract modifications, NRO-BOFM is currently assisting with requests for office space at both the Eastern and Western Agencies, in Crownpoint, New Mexico, and Tuba City, Arizona. These efforts support two Nation programs: Vital Records and the Department of Agriculture.

Branch of Property: The Annual Physical Inventory has been completed and finalized for submission. The inventory, consisting of personal and real property, is to be verified against the official record. This will assist programs in determining if assets need to be excessed. Property staff have been assisting programs in the processes of transferring, excessing, or disposing of unnecessary equipment. This includes identifying excess equipment available for transfer to the Navajo Nation.

Property staff have been working to assist the Division of Facilities Management and Construction (DFMC) with a Service Line Agreement (SLA) for the contractor building the Chi Chil Tah School. The SLA will provide temporary power for the contractor and will eventually serve as the permanent line for the final construction. Staff have also been working to provide information regarding the fence boundary at Black Mesa Community School, which is needed for a roadway improvement project.

Property has responded to the Crystal Chapter regarding the boundary for the Crystal Board School. We have requested a survey of the property boundary based on the legal description, and we will provide the Chapter President with the survey documents when they are ready.

Branch of Transportation (BOT): BOT Staff continue to strive to fulfill their mission of managing the intermodal transportation facilities by maintaining the existing infrastructure for dependability and safety that serves the Navajo Nation and the traveling public. BIA Transportation supports this mission by providing transportation-related technical assistance and services, working directly with the NDOT as they pursue self-sufficiency and discretion in the administration and operation of the Tribal Transportation Program (TTP).

Road Maintenance: Each Field Office/Agency Road Maintenance Program continues to perform routine maintenance activities on BIA system roads, bridges, and transportation facilities that serve the Navajo Nation directly. Below are some of the maintenance activities performed by our Agency Road Maintenance Programs during the 3rd quarter.

	ROUTINE ROAD MAINTENANCE																
	Road	Blading	Fence	Sign Repair	Delineator Maintenance	Pothole	Mowing	Guardrail	Crack	Cattleguard Cleanout	Culvert Pipe Cleanout	Drainage/Erosion	Sidewalk Cleaning/Re	Bridge	Snow/Ice	Blow Sand Removal	Shope Building
Ft. Defiance	✓.	✓.	✓.	✓.		✓.	✓.	✓.		✓.	✓.	✓.				✓.	✓.
Chinle	✓.	✓.	✓.	✓.		✓.	✓.			✓.			✓.		✓.		✓.
Western	✓.	✓.	✓.	✓.	✓.	✓.		✓.			✓.	✓.		✓.	✓.	✓.	✓.
Shiprock	✓.	✓.	✓.	✓.	✓.	✓.	✓.	✓.	✓.	✓.	✓.	✓.			✓.	✓.	✓.
Farmington	✓.			✓.	✓.	✓.	✓.					✓.					✓.
New Lands	✓.			✓.	✓.	✓.	✓.					✓.					✓.

Ft. Defiance Agency - Road Maintenance performed the following:

- Replaced damaged culvert metal pipes and delineators: N69 & N9806
- Removed sand drifts: N693 & N9653
- Pothole patching: N6, N7, N12, N15 & N60
- Repaired roadway shoulder and side slopes: N69 & N693

Chinle Agency - Road Maintenance performed the following:

- Repaired roadway shoulder and side slopes: N4 & N59
- Installed culvert metal pipes: N25 & N64
- Replaced damage, missing, and graffitied signs: N4, N7, N59 & N41
- Permanent pavement markings: N59, N8066, N7, N102, N8077 & N8078

Western Navajo Agency - Road Maintenance performed the following:

- Replaced damaged culvert metal pipes and delineators: N6520, N6530, & N593
- Removed sand drifts: N59, N6465, N6720 & N6820
- Repaired severe erosion: N23, N6444, N6460 & N6486
- Snow & ice control: N16, N20, N21, N221, N6312, N6330/31, N6310/20/21, & N221

Shiprock Agency - Road Maintenance performed the following:

- Repaired pavement and pothole patching: N5, N12, N13, N35, N36, N5099, N5069, N5068
- Repaired severe erosion: N12, N33, N36, N5002 & N5020
- Permanent pavement markings: N5, N19, N34, N5000, N5004, N5010 & N5080
- Removed sand drifts: N12 (p), N35 (p), N5053 (e), N5054 (e) & N8014 (e)

Farmington & New Lands Field Offices

The Roads Maintenance crew continues with daily routine road maintenance activities as shown in the table (above) and assists other agencies with various road maintenance activities when requested.

Other activities during this quarter consist of preventive equipment maintenance/service and general operations (daily reports, vehicle & equipment reports, online training, safety meetings, inventory of materials, etc.). Each agency continues to work together, coordinate, and collaborate in the spirit of partnership with the Navajo DOT (NDOT), Chapters, Apache County, Navajo County, Coconino County, Hopi DOT (HDOT), and the schools to complete their scheduled tasks for the safety of local communities, emergency vehicles, and the traveling public.