

# 25th Navajo Nation Council 2026 Winter Session Report

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To the Navajo Nation Council

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Ya'at'eeh to the 25<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council, Navajo Nation President and Vice President, Tribal, County, State and Federal Partners from across the Navajo Nation, and to Our Dine People. I am honored to provide to you the BIA Navajo Region's Fiscal Year 2026 Winter Session Quarterly Report.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Navajo Region began Fiscal Year 2026 under extraordinary circumstances. A federal government shutdown from October 1 to November 12, 2025 resulted in a 43-day closure of our offices. This lapse in appropriations significantly impacted our ability to provide timely services to the Navajo Nation. While operations resumed under a Continuing Resolution on November 13, 2025, funding constraints persisted, limiting program capacity and delaying critical projects.

Despite these challenges, the Navajo Region remained steadfast in fulfilling its federal trust responsibilities. Our teams worked diligently to prioritize essential services, including contract administration under Public Law 93-638, natural resource management, and emergency response functions. For example, the Branch of Fire Management continued operations during the shutdown, ensuring wildfire prevention and response across the Navajo Nation. Similarly, technical assistance for tribal contracts and infrastructure projects resumed promptly after funding was restored.


However, staff shortages compounded by the shutdown have reduced service delivery across multiple programs, including natural resources, real estate, and mineral management. Temporary reassignments and alternate workforce arrangements were implemented to maintain continuity, but resource limitations remain a concern. We are actively exploring strategies to strengthen workforce capacity and improve service efficiency moving forward.

Key Highlights for the Reporting Period (Nov. 13 – Dec. 31, 2025):

- Resumption of contract funding and monitoring for Navajo Nation programs under P.L. 93-638.
- Advancement of environmental cleanup projects in Chinle, Rock Point, and Sanostee Chapters.
- Ongoing infrastructure improvements through acquisition and road maintenance programs.
- Continued wildfire prevention and suppression efforts by the Navajo Interagency Hotshot Crew.
- Progress on water resource and irrigation projects are critical to agricultural sustainability.

Finally, I extend my deep gratitude to all BIA Navajo Region employees for their resilience and unwavering commitment during these unprecedented times. Your dedication ensures that we continue to uphold our mission and serve the Navajo Nation with integrity and respect.

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The BIA Navajo Region commenced Fiscal Year 2026 with a government shutdown due to a lapse in appropriated funds. This shutdown lasted from October 1, 2025, until November 12, 2025, resulting in a 43-day closure of the BIA Navajo Region. The reporting performance period for the Winter Session spans from November 13, 2025, to December 31, 2025. During this period, the BIA Navajo Region has achieved the following accomplishments:

**ADMINISTRATION**

**Branch of Budget Management**

Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 – The fiscal year commenced under a temporary funding measure, the Continuing Resolution (CR), enacted through Public Law 119-37 (H.R. 5371) – *Continuing Appropriations, Agriculture, Legislative Branch, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Extensions Act, 2026*. This legislation was signed by the President on November 12, 2025.

The CR authorized continuing appropriations for the period of October 1, 2025, through January 30, 2026, covering a total of 122 days. During this timeframe, federal programs operate at a funding rate of 33.42%, based on FY 2025 enacted amounts.

Below is a summary of FY 2026 funds provided to the Navajo Nation under P.L. 93-638 contracts, as of January 12, 2026. Total funding provided is \$4,374,641.00 with \$586,840.00 available for draw down and \$1,618,419.00 to be awarded.

NAVAJO NATION P.L. 93-638 FUND STATUS REPORT						
as of January 12, 2026						
Fund	FA Budget Program	Funds Available	To be awarded	Not Drawn Down	Distributed	Available Funds
267A2100DD	A0N9B1010 : AGRICULTURE PRGRM-TPA	436,299.00	436,299.00		436,299.00	0.00
267A2100DD	A0H901010 : SOCIAL SERVICES-TPA	2,031,573.00				2,031,573.00
267A2100DD	A0H901040 : Domestic Violence	48,793.00				48,793.00
267A2100DD	A0H922021 : ICWA - Program Management	77,656.00				77,656.00
267A2100DD	A0J908080 : TRIBAL COURTS PROGRMS-TPA	704,143.00	704,143.00		704,143.00	0.00
267A2100DD	A0N6A3031 : FOREST MARKETING ASSIST	8,536.00				8,536.00
267A2100DD	A0N9A0505 : NATURAL RESOURCES -TPA	1,442.00				1,442.00
267A2100DD	A0N9C3030 : FORESTRY PROGRAM -TPA	258,795.00	258,795.00		258,795.00	0.00
267A2100DD	A0N9D4040 : WATER RES PROGRAM -TPA	247,482.00	0.00	247,482.00	247,482.00	0.00
267A2100DD	A0N9E5050 : WILDLIFE&PARKS PRGRM-TPA	179,185.00	179,185.00		179,185.00	0.00
267A2100DD	A0R9D4040 : ENVRMNTL QLTY PRGRM-TPA	39,997.00	39,997.00		39,997.00	0.00
267A2100DD	A0T902020 : OTHER AID-TRBL GOV -TPA	339,358.00	0.00	339,358.00	339,358.00	0.00
26XA2100DD	A0H937070 : HOUSING IMPROV PROGRM-TPA	1,382.00				1,382.00
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>4,374,641.00</b>	<b>1,618,419.00</b>	<b>586,840.00</b>	<b>2,205,259.00</b>	<b>2,169,382.00</b>

## Branch of Indian Self-Determination

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Navajo Region (NR) Branch of Indian Self-Determination (BISD) oversees twenty current Non-Construction Contracts, seven Subpart J Construction Contracts, and six Tribal Organizations under Public Law 93-638. For Calendar Year 2026, the Nation submitted twelve Successor Annual Funding Agreement (SAFA) proposals and five Contract Renewal proposals. The BIA approved eight SAFA proposals and allocated Fiscal Year 2026 Continuing Resolution funding at 33.42% of the FY 2025 rate. Remaining funds for approved 2026 contracts will be awarded as they become available through congressional appropriations.

The FY 2025 funding for approved CY 2025 SAFAs was delayed due to the lapse in appropriations and was not released until BIA returned to the office.

The funding distribution to the Nation and TO's P.L. 93-638 Contracts is shown in Table 1. Contractors continue providing services and performing activities as per their approved 2025 or 2026 Statements of Work (SOW) and budgets. All awarded funds benefit the Nation entirely.

**Table 1 -Public Law 93-638 Contracts Funding Allocations**

<b>Contract No.:</b>	<b>The Navajo Nation</b>	<b>Amount</b>
A21AV00003	Social Services-Department of Family Services Program CY 2025	10,272,926
A21AV00384	Social Services- Navajo Family Assistance Services Program CY 2025	862,254
A26AV00011	Housing Improvement Program – CY 2025	1,609,145
A22AV00149	Environmental Archaeological Non-Roads	39,997
A22AV00151	Tribal Courts Program	704,143
A23AV00265	Adult Detention Program	3,300,618
A23AV00267	Juvenile Correction Program	1,132,345
A23AV00366	Water Development Program	159,948
A23AV00367	Forestry Management Program	258,795
A25AV00489	Water Monitoring and Inventory Program	87,534
A25AV00568	Tribal Enrollment Program	339,358
	Sub-Total: The Navajo Nation	18,767,063
	Tribal Organizations	
A21AV00046	Navajo Agricultural Products Industry	2,335,000
A23AV00007	Navajo Technical University	457,143
A24AV00800	Dine Bi Olta School Board Association, Inc.	68,340
A26AV00010	Rock Point Community School	7,003,288.65
	Sub-Total: Tribal Organizations	9,863,771.65
	GRAND TOTAL	28,630,834.65

BIA Indian Self Determination Awarding Officials continue to offer technical assistance for the Nation and TO's Pub. L. 93-638 Contracts, including the Nation's Pub. L. 93-638 477 Contract. The BIA NR Awarding Official's Technical Representatives (AOTR), in consultation with the Nation's 638 programs, are scheduling Pub. L. 93-638 Contract Monitoring.

The Nation's Contracting Officers responded to findings and questioned costs for the Nation's FY 2022 and 2023 Single Audit Reports (SAR). Their response and documentation satisfactorily addressed and resolved all questions, leading to the closure of both SARs without issuing any bill of collections.

### **Branch of Acquisitions**

In FY 2026 Q1, the Branch of Acquisition supported the Navajo Nation by improving infrastructure and services. Through strategic contracts and procurement, BIA advanced projects to enhance education, public safety, and transportation.

Pre-Work Coordination: BIA Pre-work meetings were successfully conducted with contractors for the following priority projects:

- Painting Project, BIA Building #3 – Window Rock, AZ (Contract No. 140A0925P0093)
- Tuba City OU2 & OU3 Project – Tuba City, AZ (Contract No. 140A0925P0086)
- Tuba City Well Closure – Tuba City, AZ (Contract No. 140A0925P0090)
- Former Sanostee School Remediation Project – Sanostee, NM (Contract No. 140A0925P0082)
- Pest Control Services and Cleanup, Building #251 – Ft. Defiance, AZ (Contract No. 140A0925P0076)

Contract Administration: Branch staff continue to monitor and administer ongoing contracts issued in previous fiscal years. These efforts ensure compliance, timely completion, and quality standards for construction and service projects.

#### **Procurement Summary for FY 2026**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Value</b>
Awarded Purchase Requests	17 requests totaling \$119,437.99
Purchase Requests in Process	10 requests totaling \$762,746.66
Overall Total	27 requests totaling \$882,184.65

Educational Facilities: Construction and remediation projects are improving BIE school conditions, creating safer learning environments for Navajo students. Transportation Safety: Maintenance and repair of BIA highways within the Navajo Reservation enhance public safety and ensure reliable bus routes.

The Branch of Acquisition remains committed to delivering high-quality projects and services that support the Navajo Nation's priorities. BIA NR values the ongoing collaboration and guidance of the Navajo Nation in achieving these goals.

**TRUST SERVICES:** BIA Navajo Region Trust Service Programs include the Branches of: Environmental Management, Fire Management, Forestry, Natural Resources, Real Estate Services, Probate & Estate Services, Engineering (Water Resources, Safety of Dams, Navajo Indian Irrigation Project (NIIP), Federal Indian Minerals Office and Geospatial Information System.

### **Branch of Environmental Management (BEM)**

The Branch of Environmental Management (BEM), in coordination with its Environmental Quality Act Compliance Review (EQACR) advanced multiple land transfer and remediation efforts and completed significant NEPA compliance actions.

BEM completed cleanup of Chinle Land Transfer parcels B1, G1, and P1 (7.608 acres) in Chinle Chapter, AZ, with a final walkthrough on December 18, 2025. In Rock Point, AZ, the sheep dip vat cleanup project was assigned, and the contractor will mobilize for site sampling and cleanup after meeting NEPA requirements. In Rough Rock, AZ, a contract was awarded for former sheep dip vat cleanup, and the contractor is preparing NEPA compliance documentation. In Sanostee Chapter, NM, the cleanup of the former Sanostee Boarding School site will return 91.4 acres to trust land; additional remediation was identified, a contract was awarded, and prework submittals are underway. In Tonalea, AZ, BIA assessed the site and prepared a Scope of Work to remove an abandoned Indian Health Service building to eliminate hazards and protect community health.

BEQACR reviewed NEPA documents for two FAST41 broadband projects, the McKinley County Schools ERate Project and the Navajo Nation Department of Education ERate Project. They are coordinating with federal agencies to issue a joint Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). The office processed 69 Categorical Exclusions (CEs) for housing needs and tree-cutting permits, aiding home site approvals and utility connections for Navajo tribal members. They also processed 28 and 67 Cultural Resources Compliance Forms (CRCFs) for the Navajo Nation Heritage and Historic Preservation Department (NNHHPD), supporting NEPA clearance for home sites and utility lines. Additionally, they reviewed an IHS NEPA package for a water project, processed three FONSI documents for Navajo Nation projects, and managed FY2026 Continuing Resolution funding for the P.L. 93-638 NNHHPD contract totaling \$39,997.00.

**The Branch of Fire Management (BIA Wildland Fire Program) is deemed an essential function; consequently, the program continued its services throughout the Government Shutdown period.**

Navajo Hotshots: The Navajo Interagency Hotshot Crew (NIHC) responded to five wildfires with rapid mobilization, achieving 99% of management objectives, coordinating across multiple agencies, and completing ~3.6 acres of fuel reduction. They also conducted public outreach on wildland fire prevention and fulfilled crew training requirements. Operating with 21 federal personnel and various equipment, the crew logged 399 hours and advanced task books for several leadership positions. Community impacts included structure protection, minimized burned acres, and positive public feedback. The quarter demonstrated effective coordination, safe operations, and progress toward NIHC goals, with a focus on improving communications, planning, and community engagement.

From July to September 2025, the BIA Navajo Region tackled 78 fires over 86.9 acres (51 human-caused, 78.1 acres; 27 lightning, 8.8 acres). Excluding the Oak Ridge fire, six human-caused fires have been reported since October 1, primarily in the Shiprock Agency. The Fort Defiance BIA Fire Dispatch Office managed 14 out-of-region assignments in the fourth quarter.

#### Out-of-Region Assignments (Dispatched from Fort Defiance, Q4 FY2025)

	Date	Name	Resource Type	Location
1	7/13/2025	Dragon Bravo	Hotshots	Grand Canyon NP
2	7/14/2025	Beaver Damn	T6 Engines - 2	Hopi Agency, BIA
3	7/20/2025	RMR Region	Helitack	RMR Support - IA
4	7/24/2025	Northwest support	Helitack	Olympia NF, Washington
5	7/25/2025	Betony Butte	T6 Engine	Hopi Agency, BIA
6	8/1/2025	Middle Mesa	Type 2 IA	Carson NF, NM
7	8/6/2025	Bronco	Hotshots	San Carlos Agency, BIA
8	8/9/2025	Indian Creek	Single Resource	Ft. Apache Agency, BIA
9	8/15/2025	SPA LTS	Single Resource	Southern Paiute Agency, BIA
10	8/19/2025	Tunnel	T6 Engine	Canyon De Chelly NP
11	8/20/2025	Vereda Blanca	Single Resource	Cibola NF
12	8/24/2025	Harrington	Type 2 IA	San Carlos Agency, BIA
13	8/26/2025	Lower Sugarloaf	Hotshots	Wenatchee NF, Washington
14	8/31/2025	CA-ONCC	T6 Engine	Northern California

In the 2025 fire season, Navajo Helitack performed reconnaissance and delivered UHF equipment. Helicopter 7HE flew 32.5 hours locally from June 13 to July 24, then moved to the Pacific Northwest, logging 29.1 hours at the Bear Gulch Fire. By August 24, they supported initial attacks at Gifford Pinchot NF and responded to the Wildcat Fire at Wenatchee NF, reaching 35.7 hours by September 1. Their assignment concluded on September 17 after 56 days of operations, receiving 'excellent' ratings.



The Navajo Nation Executive Order imposed fire restrictions with Stage One beginning on June 16, 2025, followed by Stage Two on July 29, 2025. All restrictions were lifted on September 10, 2025.

The Navajo Nation EPA/ Air Quality Control and Operating Permit Programs Office reported this fire registration total from July 1 to August 31, 2025 (Table 1):

Agricultural/ Field Burning	Cultural Traditional	Complaints
0	186	0

Table 1. Total burn registrations are separated by types. Total 186.

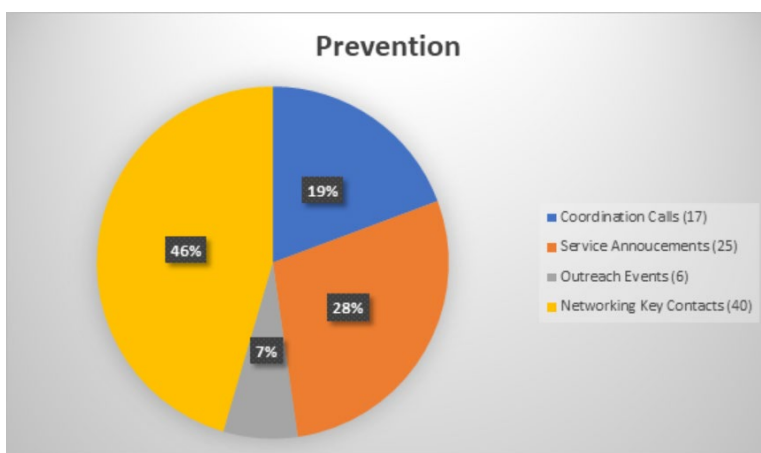


Figure 1. Fire Prevention Activities from July to August 2025.

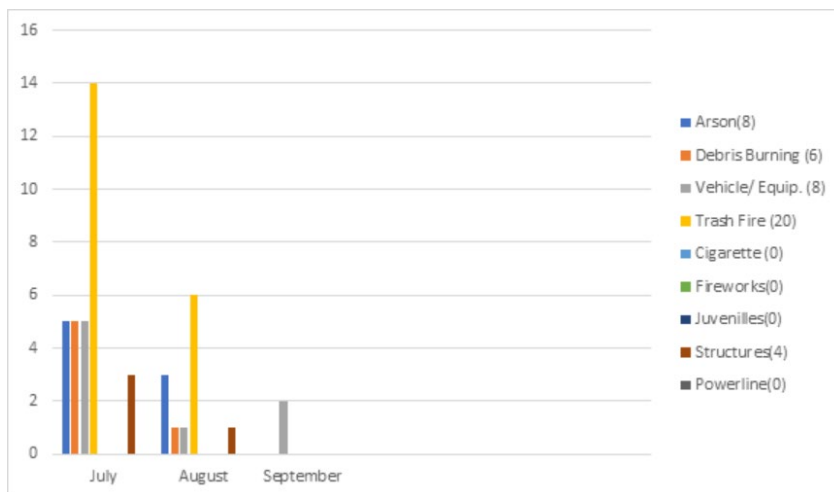
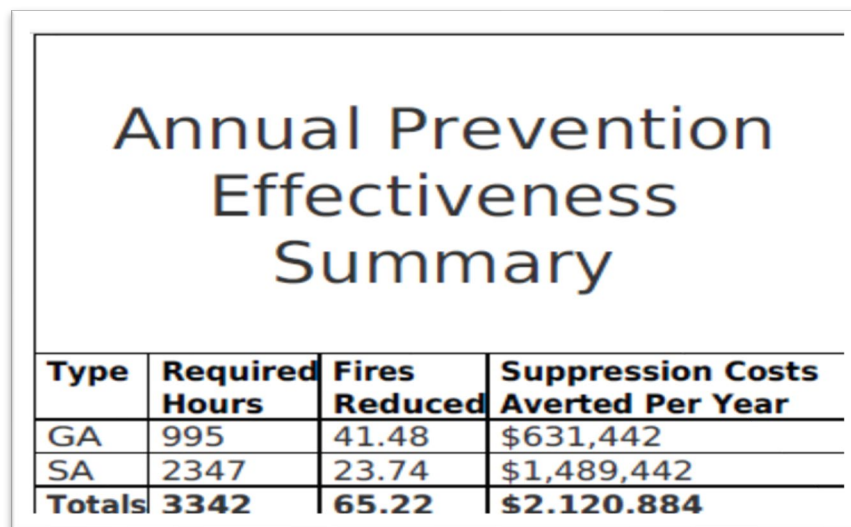


Figure 2. Fire Investigations were completed from July to September 2025.  
Total number is 46.



**Figure 3. Wildland Fire Prevention 2025 Fiscal Year Accomplishments.**  
**(Wildland Prevention Spatial Analysis and Planning Strategies (WPSAPS)).**

The Navajo Region Engine Section maintained readiness for initial attack, enhancing program effectiveness and staff qualifications by hiring temporary and permanent seasonal firefighters. Three personnel supported the Navajo Interagency Hotshot Crew and Navajo Scouts IA Crew on five Southwest assignments and one Northwest tour. A Type 6 Engine was dispatched to Northern California and reassigned to Umatilla Indian Reservation, OR for initial attack. The section responded to 56 fires (~70.89 acres), including trash-to-wildland, natural, arson, vehicle-to-wildland, structure, ceremonial, and powerline fires. Fort Defiance Engine staff also supported the Hopi Agency, distributed burn restriction notices, and reported violations to the EPA. Prevention and outreach efforts included Chinle Kids Day, Window Rock Navajo Nation Fair, and Diné College career day, promoting community engagement and fire safety education.

Shiprock Station: Despite a slowdown in fall and winter, the Shiprock workstation managed 17 fires (mostly human-caused) that burned 7.96 acres, working closely with Navajo Nation Fire & Rescue. Two crew members provided out-of-region support: an Engine Boss assisted Fort Apache Helitack for 21 days, and one engine crew member aided the Navajo Scouts on the Middle Mesa fire in northern New Mexico. The BIA Navajo Region Branch of Fire Management (BFM) supported Eastern Oklahoma Region initial attack by dispatching a Type 6 engine, crew, support module, and overhead Task Force Leaders, and helped BIA Western Region/Ft. Apache Agency with prescribed burns. BFM is coordinating with BIA NIFC for a potential transition to the National Wildland Fire Service in February 2026, while strengthening partnerships with cooperating agencies. Earlier reports summarized 2025 activity due to the federal government shutdown.

## **Branch of Forestry**

The BIA Branch of Forestry assisted the Navajo Nation Forestry Management Program with commercial forest inventory using a new tablet-based data application, completing 13% of inventory plots in the Chuska Mountains. Due to the Government Shutdown, which impacts the application of the herbicide treatment, BIA delayed the coordination on a woody invasive species project to Fall 2026 for the Eastern Navajo Agency. Forestry is also seeking owner consent from Indian allotment owners in the Oak Ridge Timber Sale Area for treatments under the Navajo Nation Ten-Year Forest Management Plan. Letters requesting landowner consents were mailed earlier in 2025, and a public notice was published in December 2025. A separate consent request for BIA preparation and treatment will follow.

## **Branch of Natural Resources**

Branch of Natural Resources (BNR) enhanced its trust responsibilities by aiding conservation planning, range inventories, and infrastructure improvements for sustainable use and supporting transparency in decisions with landowners and permittees. Delores Becenti joined the BIA Natural Resource team to serve as Acting Regional Supervisory Natural Resources Specialist while continuing to carry out Regional Geospatial Coordination services. Ms. Becenti offers over 15 years of federal/tribal program management and GIS expertise. BNR also managed the Programmatic Environmental Assessment Grazing Management Plan with a contractor for permit renewals. In December 2025, BIA joined the Navajo Nation Department of Agriculture, 75 District Grazing Committee members, and the Nation's sub-contractor its contractor to share information on the developing the Agricultural Resource Management Plan in Flagstaff, Az. Branch of Natural Resources completed Phase I of the Chuska Lake Silviculture Projects and prepared Phase II for 300 acres targeting invasive species, pending approvals. Range inventory in LMD 18 continued to inform carrying capacities and livestock adjustments, with 286 conservation plans contracted and proposals pending for other LMDs. Approval was obtained for Ganado and Red Lake irrigation projects, while submissions for Red Willow and Crystal are under review. Materials were acquired to install monitoring cages across multiple RMUs to support long-term rangeland health assessments.

## **Fort Defiance Agency**

The Branch of Natural Resources completed Phase I of the Chuska Lake Silviculture Projects and prepared for Phase II targeting invasive species pending BRCF approvals. Range inventory in LMD 18 continued, with 286 conservation plans contracted and funding proposals for other LMDs pending. Irrigation projects in Ganado and Red Lake secured BRCF approvals, while Red Willow and Crystal submissions are under review. Monitoring cages were procured for rangeland health assessments.

## **Western Navajo Agency**

Branch of Natural Resources advanced the Former Bennett Freeze Area Integrated Resource Management Plan's implementation by completing resource and cropland management plans.

The Cameron Waterline Project improved agricultural reliability. WNA adopted remote sensing for stocking rate decisions. Additional actions included permittee questionnaires, rangeland health monitoring, overseeing contracts, and initiating consultations with NN Fish & Wildlife and Heritage Preservation.

### **Navajo Partitioned Lands (NPL)**

NPL program provided services on heirship, permit eligibility, and land use which support annual permit renewals, livestock updates, drought education, and road safety. NPL collaborated on feral horse management and conducted heirship interviews. Infrastructure work included assessing windmills, constructing steel tanks, and processing repair referrals.

### **Chinle Agency**

The Government Shutdown, along with reduced staffing at the Chinle Natural Resources program resulted in providing essential natural resource services. BIA was able to temporarily assign Peter Lefebvre to serve as the Acting Natural Resource Manager and oversee the NPL office in Pinon, Az. Mr. Lefebvre brings a wealth of experience in natural resource and rangeland management to the Chinle/NPL area.

### **Shiprock Agency**

BIA Shiprock Agency manages 2,718,856 acres in the northeastern portion of the Navajo Nation. BIA temporarily assigned Robert Begay to assist with carrying out services on natural resources, farming, and rangeland management to the Shiprock Agency. Mr. Begay brings expertise in archaeology, cultural resource management and environmental protection to this program. Due to limited resources, Shiprock assisted 28 Navajo clients with inquiries on agricultural land use permits and natural resources, and conservation planning.

### **Partnership Needs (Navajo Nation)**

BNR requests participation from the Navajo Nation Agricultural and Natural Resource programs to serve a part of an interdisciplinary teams to monitor IRMP progress, update grazing and permit records, support NEPA/BRCF approvals, improve infrastructure, manage feral horses, plan for drought, and coordinate efforts to protect water and rangeland health. Continued outreach, education, workforce development, and conservation planning with BIA will ensure the sustainability of Navajo lands.

### **Branch of Real Estate Services**

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, to ensure compliance with all Federal, State, Tribal and Local laws and regulations are being complied with and is within the best interests of the landowners.

## **Oil and Gas**

During the first quarter of 2026, the Oil and Gas program processed the 37½% State of Utah Royalty and Royalty-In-Kind payments for September through November and issued monthly letters to the Navajo Nation Controller's Office requesting payment submission to the State of Utah. Additionally, Chevron's water usage payment to the Navajo Nation for July through September was processed under Lease No. 14-20-0603-8669. BIA prepared follow-up letters to the Navajo Nation General Land Development Department (GLDD) regarding pending reviews and consents for multiple applications, including four Applications for Permit to Drill (APD) for Elk Petroleum's Greater Aneth Field Cluster Project and several Sundry Notice applications for Vision Energy Group, DJR Operating, and Elk Petroleum's C9 Pipeline Corridor Expansion Project. Initial letters were sent in May and September 2025, but no responses have been received. On July 31, 2025, BIA issued a decision on Navajo Transitional Energy Company's request to suspend operations on three Navajo Nation Oil and Gas leases, granting suspension of operations and production for one year while denying suspension of rental and royalty payments. Finally, BIA staff attended an on-site inspection with Enduring Resources, BLM, and company representatives for a revised well pad on December 2, 2025.

## **Solid Minerals**

BIA Solid Minerals program continued monthly conference calls and Teams meetings with the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE), Navajo Nation Solid Minerals Program, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) offices in Arizona and New Mexico, and other stakeholders to discuss updates and issues related to Navajo Mine (NTEC), Chevron Mine (CMI), and Peabody Western Coal Company (PWCC). OSMRE inspectors provided status updates on reclamation progress for each coal mine. Discussions continued regarding PWCC bond reduction with solicitors and the Navajo Nation Minerals Department, and a follow-up was made to the BLM Arizona State Office for recommendations on bond amounts; however, no responses have been received. OSMRE scheduled site inspections for Navajo Mine, Chevron Mine, and PWCC with participation from BIA and Navajo Nation staff. Additionally, BIA and Navajo Nation Solid Minerals Program began planning quarterly inspections for four sand and gravel sites within the Navajo Nation. The Kaibeto Resources, LLC site was revisited with no changes since the last inspection, while the Kaibeto Borrow Pit, leased to Sealaska Contractor, LLC, was inspected and found to be actively hauling material to the Tonalea Day School complex.

## **Surface Leasing and Mortgages**

In the first quarter of 2026, the Surface Leasing and Mortgages program completed one Business Site Lease for Collateral Assignment, encoded two leases into the Trust Asset Accounting Management System, processed three Title Status Report requests, reviewed one Quiet Title property, and completed seven FOIA requests.

### **Cadastral Survey**

Efforts streamlined Navajo Regional Office Cadastral Survey projects by organizing priority projects, recent and pending surveys, and budget information. Surveys were compiled by state (Arizona, New Mexico, Utah) into a spreadsheet and submitted to each state office for feedback. Identified projects were shared with the Realty Officer and BILS for the Navajo Region. Priority projects for FY2026 were identified for BLM state offices in Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah. Administrative tasks included collaborating with the Cadastral Administrative Point of Contact to de-obligate funds, guided by the New Mexico Cadastral Administrative Liaison on November 25, 2025. Participation also occurred in Cadastral Manual Review meetings on November 19, December 17, and December 18, 2025.

### **Acquisition and Disposal**

RES Acquisition and Disposal program informed landowners about Indian allotments via one-on-one consultations, often with their children as heirs. Key terms like Original Allottees, Fractionation, Undivided Interest, and Grantors/Grantees were explained. Four consultations covered 13 allotments, and one title research was completed for the Ignacio, Colorado Will Clinic project. No gift deed applications were finished this quarter, but the program took part in public outreach at the Ignacio Tribal Will Project from December 17–20, 2025, with the University of Denver Law School. Realty Specialists met individually with 24 landowners, including interpreting three sessions and reviewing 221 Indian allotments.

### **Branch of Probate & Estate Services**

The Branch of Probate and Estate Services prepares cases for individual Indians that 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 completed by contacting the family members of the decedent by means of home visits, searching the internet, telephone interviews, writing letters and office visits. The majority of family research work is 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 at various Chapter Houses.

The Branch of Probate and Estate Services adjudicated 31 cases with the Office of Hearings and Appeals this quarter, which are now being processed for trust asset disbursement. Currently, there are 8,899 active cases in various processing stages. Out of 34 cases eligible for closure, none have completed disbursements (0.00%).

This quarter, 13 cases were prepared and submitted to OHA: 11 by Eastern Navajo Agency, 1 by Fort Defiance Agency, and 1 by Shiprock Agency.

### **Branch of Engineering**

#### **Water Resource Management**

The TPA Continuing Resolution #1 led to three contracts for the Navajo Nation: Water Monitoring (\$87,534), Water Development (\$159,948), and NAPI On-Farm Development & ATRL (\$436,299). For FY2025, performance goals were mostly met. Some specific measures reached 100%, while others hit 75% and 95%. Contracts for several irrigation and groundwater projects have been extended to December 31, 2029. BIA is working with the Navajo Nation on

upcoming project deliverables due in FY2026. Several projects are waiting for the completion of ARPA and New Mexico Tribal Infrastructure-funded work. The major dam construction is pending Fish Weir completion targeted for April 2026, with a \$21M funding gap needing resolution. Funding was approved from the San Juan River–New Mexico Trust Fund, and efforts are underway to secure this money. Construction for the FC Fish Weir is being managed by Meridian Construction, set for April 2026. Additional projects like Yellowman Siphon and the HC Canal Lining aim to complete by early 2026. BIA staff are also assisting with two NN Fish & Wildlife projects.

### **Safety of Dams (SOD) Program**

Many Farms Dam has improved significantly after stabilization work. Plans are underway to rehabilitate Kin Bineola Dam, in coordination with the local community. Annual inspections of five dams were completed, old equipment was removed, and emergency warning systems were upgraded at four sites. An Emergency Action Plan for Chuska Dam was also finalized.

### **Navajo Indian Irrigation Project (NIIP)**

A meeting with relevant parties was held in August 2025, with another planned for February 2026. Funds allocated for FY2025 included \$5.5 million for Operations & Maintenance, \$2.3 million under the WIIN Act, and \$38,432 for water quality. Meetings also focused on policy formation for Block 9 Stage 2 and compliance activities, including delivery of the Final FY24 Irrigation & Drainage Report and ongoing wildlife remediation efforts.

### **Federal Indian Minerals Office (FIMO)**

- The Farmington Indian Mineral Office began FY 2026 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter with a federal government shutdown due to a lapse in appropriation funding. This shutdown impacted our operations because our Navajo allottees were unable to access our services including access to records. Further, the FIMO Director resigned at the end of October 2025. Once appropriation funding was approved by Congress, FIMO resumed its operations with the staff working diligently to catch up on oil and gas activities. In mid-December 2025, BIA Navajo Region closed the FIMO building which also housed the Navajo Indian Irrigation Project and Branch of Road Maintenance Shiprock Agency staff due to a reported safety hazard. Staff were directed to telework for three weeks while BIA Navajo Region address the safety hazard situation. Once corrective action was implemented, staff returned to work to carry out FIMO's mission operations.
- **Ongoing Projects:**
- Communitization Agreement – The Carson Unit consists of twenty-three (23) IA leases that have been reviewed, and the FIMO realty staff is currently working on the NEPA process for these leases.
- Communitization Agreement- FIMO Realty staff reviewed two leases for the Lybrook Federal Com. Several meetings were held between the DOI Solicitors, FIMO staff, and the Oil and Gas Operator. BLM is assisting with well spacing review to combine an existing CA that was approved in 2016. FIMO will proceed with NEPA upon BLM's final review.

- Lease Cancellations – FIMO received a notice from BLM on the Lone Mesa Unit cancellation from the unit operator back in November 2025. There are fifteen (15) leases in this unit. FIMO concurred with the voluntary cancellation request and processing the lease cancellations. FIMO will be notifying landowners of this cancellation.
- Resource Management Plan Amendment/Environmental Impact Statement – BLM in collaboration with the BIA Navajo Region are co-leads on this project. The RMPA EIS project has been put on a “pause status” to allow for the Programmatic Agreement of Section 106 Consultation process to align with the plan. There has been no update on this project. New Mexico BLM initiated consultation with the Navajo Nation’s Resources and Development Committee without notifying the BIA Navajo Region. When BIA Navajo Region conducted their consultation with the NNC RDC Committee, the committee strongly opposed the proposal of the Programmatic Agreement of RMPA.
- Lease Sale- In FY 2025, FIMO received requests from allottees to lease their allotments for oil and gas activity. FIMO identified 45 tracts that could be included in the lease sale. FIMO is working collaboratively with NM BLM State Office for technical assistance and is in the pre-planning stage for a lease sale.

#### **Accomplishments:**

- FIMO has made great strides in continuing our responsibility with the on-the-ground activities. FIMO staff continues to strive to address the many questions received and service the allottees daily. FIMO has worked to adjust and find creative ways to assist the needs of the allottees.
- Outreach – For the 1st quarter, FIMO has scheduled outreach sessions in the Eastern Navajo areas. Unfortunately, due to the federal government’s limiting resources, outreach activities will be limited to four (4) activities for FY 2026.
- Inspection & Enforcement – the BLM Inspection and Enforcement (I&E) has not provided their report to FIMO.
- Environmental Surface Inspection – FIMO has completed fifteen (15) inspections that include surface inspections on wells that have been plugged and ensure the sites have meet final reclamation plans. There were three (3) spills and releases reported that are in Category 1 to 0. These spills were considered minimal impacts. Inspections have been conducted and EPS is working with BLM and operators to get these sites mitigated for proper clean up.
- Lease Termination/Cancellation – pending
- Application for permit to drill (APD) – There were no new notices of staking for proposed well pad installation submitted and no Application for Permit to Drill (APD) submitted for this quarter.
- Audit/Compliance Reviews – FIMO auditor’s work plan for FY 2026 has not been received.
- Royalty Distribution – There were approximately \$3,241,317.15 royalties distributed to mineral owners for the 1st quarter. FIMO did not receive the distribution reports during the Government Shutdown.



## **Office of Geospatial Information System**

The Office of Geospatial Support has been providing essential GIS services to the Navajo Region, aiding in natural resource management and operations. Since September 2025, the Regional Geospatial Coordinator has also served as Acting Branch Manager for the Branch of Natural Resources. This dual role helps integrate geospatial technology into range inventory projects, permit tracking, and conservation planning.

Key achievements include updating SOPs for grazing and permit administration, supporting NEPA compliance through spatial analysis, and offering mapping resources for drought monitoring and infrastructure projects. Leadership activities involved coordinating data calls and collaborating with Navajo Nation programs and federal partners to align with resource management goals.

These efforts have enhanced operational efficiency, improved data-driven decision-making, and reinforced the federal trust responsibility to manage tribal lands. Future priorities include expanding GIS applications for rangeland management and supporting interdisciplinary planning for new resource management initiatives.

## **Eastern Navajo Agency**

Branch of Real Estate Services (BRES)

### **Leasing Section**

Seven Residential Lease Consents were completed after consulting with clients or mailing them. Three incomplete Residential Lease packages were sent back as certified mail, which involved preparing correspondences, address labeling, and postage. Additionally, ten Biological Resources Clearance Forms were submitted to the Navajo Nation Division of Fish and Wildlife, with twenty forms receiving approval. Four National Environmental Policy Act clearance requests were sent, two of which were approved. One appraisal request was submitted to the Appraisal and Valuation Services Office without any approvals yet. The agency received twenty-five new Residential Lease Applications from applicants and completed calculations for six Residential Leases based on the percentage of landowner requirements. Three Residential Lease Assignments/Amendments were finalized and distributed to clients. On average, ten to twelve phone calls per day were handled regarding pending residential lease applications, and eight to twelve walk-in clients were assisted daily.

### **Rights-of-Way Section**

Right-of-Way Easements were processed for three Navajo Nation Waterline Projects located in Red Rock, Huerfano, Torreon, and Counselor Chapters, covering nine allotments. One project was returned due to discrepancies as submitted by the Navajo Nation Water Management Branch, along with an Electric Reroute project submitted by Continental Divide Electric Cooperative. A Waterline project for Lybrook West WL, submitted on January 5, 2026, is currently pending with Eastern Navajo Agency BRES.

### **Acquisition and Disposal**

Twenty consultations with landowners were conducted for land transactions affecting 165 Individual Indian Allotments. Eight applications were processed for approval with the Bureau of

Indian Affairs (BIA). Additionally, ten Deeds to Restricted Indian Lands were received, processed, and approved with the BIA, primarily for landowners avoiding Indian Probate.

To'Hajiilee and Alamo Chapters, collaboration with Western New Mexico (WNM) led to the construction of four satellite towers on Band Land in Alamo Chapter. WNM obtained most required documents, and the BIA provided a draft lease for review and consent by Alamo Chapter. This project aims to provide internet and broadband services to the community.

#### Branch of Natural Resources (BNR)

Eastern Navajo Agency achieved numerous goals supporting range management decisions to benefit landowners' income from land use and proper natural resource management. For the 2025 Grazing Permit Renewal Project, ENA approved 295 Trust Asset Accounting Management System (TAAMS) Range Contracts, conducted grazing permit orientations, invoiced, and reviewed and corrected 167 TAAMS Range Contracts, refraining from re-issuing permits to non-compliant individuals. Permits are issued at 75% of carrying capacity.

The Alamo and Canoncito Noxious Weed Project which began August 20, 2024, will end on December 31, 2026. This project involves controlling noxious weeds and invasive plants using herbicide aerial application over 1,112 acres and cut-stump/foliar spray over 373 acres in various locations in New Mexico. On September 7, 2024, the Contractor completed 113 stand exams and is currently analyzing data and preparing the silvicultural prescription for spraying in September 2026.

Natural Resources contracted the Rangeland Inventory Project to Eastern Shawnee Professional Services to complete 873 transects by December 31, 2025. By September 2025, 710 study plots were completed, facing access issues and hostile interactions in certain areas during fieldwork. Radio announcements were made from September 24 to October 10, 2025.

#### Branch of Probate and Estate Services (BPES)

During this reporting period, Probate staff submitted six cases, thirty-seven of which were accepted by the Office of Hearings and Appeals (OHA). These cases involved \$938.81 in Individual Indian Money (IIM) accounts, forty-four allotments, and seventeen probable heirs. The team completed eight disbursements and closings, managing thirteen new death notice cases. They also assisted 305 clients through various channels, including office visits, home visits, sessions with FIMO and chapter houses, phone calls, and emails.

#### **Probate Outreach**

Staff continued to inform Indian allotment interest holders about their holdings and implications. Outreach activities were conducted in Navajo, supporting estate planning and land use planning, benefiting the Navajo Nation by facilitating consent for infrastructure and commercial projects involving Indian allotments.

#### **Client Services**

Services included printing and explaining Individual Tribal Interest (ITI) reports, updating client contact information, clarifying required documents for OHA case submissions, conducting client

interviews for probate cases, and educating the public on the federal probate process and estate planning.

**INDIAN SERVICES:** The BIA Navajo Region's Indian Services include the Branches of Safety, Facility Management, Human Services, Property, Transportation, and Tribal Government.

### **Branch of Safety**

#### **Workplace Safety Progress and Inspection Summary**

The Branch of Safety (BOS) has improved workplace safety in the Navajo Region. Through annual inspections, BOS evaluated 16 Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) sites and two Office of Justice Services (OJS) sites. This quarter, Safety completed 62% safety reports, 67% OJS reports were finalized; and 70% abatement plans were finished.

Safety's regular inspections address hazards and foster a proactive safety culture through training sessions and educational materials, supporting our goal of reducing risks to employee well-being.

#### **Technical Assistance and Support**

Safety provided safety guidance to the following Navajo Nation offices: Legal Services, Detention Centers, Animal Control, Scholarship Office, Enrollment Office, and Department of Transportation.

#### **Great Plains Region Technical Assistance:**

For FY 2026, Safety established an agreement to inspect 12 Agency locations with over 300 planned inspections: thus, ensuring consistent safety standards across regions. Safety is committed to hazard reduction, emergency preparedness, and smooth operations to ensure a safe environment for all BIA employees and visitors.

### **Branch of Facilities**

Branch of Facility Management (NRO-BOFM) continues to collaborate with the Navajo Nation to plan and implement future projects aligned with our mission of delivering technical services related to facility management. These efforts focus on BIA-owned buildings that house Navajo Nation programs, as well as facilities operated and maintained by BIA.

Additionally, the BIA NRO-BOFM is actively engaged in several ongoing projects in partnership with the Navajo Nation Heritage & Historic Preservation Department (NNHHPD). Below is an overview of current and upcoming projects:

#### **Ongoing Projects:**

Fort Defiance Agency: Painting Project - BIA Building, No. 3, located in Window Rock, Arizona. This facility houses the Navajo Nation Department of Justice (NNDOJ). Renovations include the removal of existing panels, preparation and repair of cracked and damaged wall surfaces, and applying new paint.

Commencement of Project: December 15, 2025.  
Estimated Completion Date: February 1, 2026.

Eastern Agency: Facility Management staff is assisting the Navajo Nation Tribal Enrollment program with temporary relocation into a BIA facility until construction of their new location is complete.

#### Upcoming Projects:

Fort Defiance Agency: Flooring Replacement – BIA Building No. 3

A walk-through assessment was conducted on December 12, 2025, with NNDOJ. BIA BOFM is currently performing a cost analysis for repair and/or replacement and will keep NNDOJ informed of progress.

Fort Defiance Agency - Landscaping & Tree Limb Removal – Buildings 40 & 251 (Fort Defiance, AZ): BIA BOFM requested assistance from NNHHPD regarding tree limbs falling near these facilities. After review, NNHHPD confirmed no significant cultural resources were identified. BIA BOFM will initiate a Scope of Work (SOW) to trim surrounding trees and remove a fallen limb that impacted a hogan in the area.

### **Branch of Human Services**

BIA Human Services staff assist the Navajo Nation with providing technical guidance and support to the Navajo Nation Social Services program as part of ensuring compliance with Public Law 93-638 contracted services.

#### Individual Indian Monies Account Social Services (one Social Worker)

The BIA Navajo Region administers Individual Indian Money (IIM) account services to safeguard trust assets and support beneficiaries in managing their financial resources. Core responsibilities include:

- Account Management and Beneficiary Support: Assisting account holders with inquiries, disbursement requests, and ensuring timely processing of funds in compliance with federal trust standards.
- Estate Planning and Probate Coordination: Working closely with the Office of Hearings and Appeals to finalize probate cases and update beneficiary records, ensuring accurate distribution of trust assets.
- Financial Education and Outreach: Providing guidance to beneficiaries on account use, budgeting, and long-term financial planning to promote economic stability and self-sufficiency.
- Collaboration with Social Services: Coordinating tribal and federal social service programs to address emergency needs, guardianship issues, and protective payee arrangements for vulnerable individuals.

These services uphold fiduciary responsibilities while promoting transparency and trust in the management of individual Indian assets.

#### Indian Child Welfare Act Services (one Social Worker)

The BIA Navajo Region provides ICWA services to ensure compliance with federal law and protect the rights of Indian children and families. Key responsibilities include:

- Receiving and routing ICWA notices and coordinating case intake with the Navajo Nation ICWA Program and state child-welfare agencies to ensure timely tribal involvement.
- Maintaining and updating the designated tribal-agent list to support proper service of notice and facilitate communication between jurisdictions.
- Tracking and finalizing quarterly and annual ICWA reports for federal compliance, including active efforts documentation and case outcomes.

These services strengthen collaboration between tribal, state, and federal partners to safeguard cultural identity and promote family reunification whenever possible.

## **Tribal Government Services**

### **Tribal Enrollment**

For this Quarter, BIA referred 3 requests to the Navajo Nation Office of Vital Records/Enrollment program regarding Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB) requests for prospective membership. CIB requests range from individuals seeking scholarship and benefits to prison inmates seeking membership with the Navajo Nation.

Awarding Official Technical Representative (AOTR) Activities - Tribal Operations Specialist serves as the AOTR for three (3) P.L. 93-638 contracts. BIA Awarding Official (AO) and the AOTR in coordination with the Navajo Nation, completed transactions for:

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

On January 8, 2026, AOTR processed the Program Electronic Purchase Request for Tribal Enrollment in the amount of \$1,700.00. These funds are made available pursuant to H.R. 5371/public law 119-37 continuing appropriations. The funding is a one-time distribution of funds.

On December 2, 2025, the AOTR processed the Program Electronic Purchase Request for Tribal Enrollment in the amount of \$339,358.00. These funds were made available pursuant to H.R. 5371/public law 119-37 continuing appropriations. The funding is a one-time distribution of funds.

BIA AOTR followed up twice: first on November 14, 2025, and then again on January 12, 2026, regarding the status of BIA Form 4432 which expired on October 31, 2025.

The Navajo Nation's Tribal Enrollment Program Manager requested the status of a Revocable License Agreement (RLA) to the BIA Navajo Region. BIA's AOTR forwarded the Nation's inquiry to the BIA Indian Self Determination Awarding Official to provide a response. This RLA is for temporarily securing office space within the BIA Eastern Navajo Agency building in

Crownpoint, NM. As of January 12, 2026, the response is pending from the Navajo Nation on the RLA.

On November 13, 2025, BIA AOTR followed up on the meeting with the Nation regarding the need to update the Probate Procedures meeting. The meeting has been confirmed for January 29, 2026.

On August 28, 2025, Navajo Nation Program Manager alerted the AOTR in securing security personnel at Western Navajo Agency in Tuba City, Arizona. This request is pending consultation between BIA and BIE Facility Management.

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

On December 10, 2025, BIA conducted PL 93-638 Contract Monitoring Review with Navajo Nation's Higher Education office in Chinle, Arizona. Representatives include BIA Awarding Official and AOTR and Navajo Nation Program Manager. Concerns, comments, and recommendations were discussed and included the following: records management archival request; larger office space request for Western Navajo Agency, and P.L. 93-638 contractual training for tribal staff; and potential forward funding request which similarly aligns with BIE. Overall, the AOTR finds the monitoring review satisfactory and identified no issues with the PL 93-638 Contract and its Scope of Work.

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

On December 2, 2025, the AOTR processed the Program Electronic Purchase Request for Tribal Courts in the amount of \$704,143.00. These funds were made available pursuant to H.R. 5371/public law 119-37 continuing appropriations. The funding is a one-time distribution of funds.

**Navajo Nation Attorney Fees Agreement No. A25AC00314**

On September 15, 2025, BIA Tribal Operations Specialist processed the Program Electronic Purchase Request in the amount of \$395,231.69 for the Navajo Nation. BIA reviewed the Cooperative Agreement between the Navajo Nation's Department of Justice and the BIA Navajo Region. These funds are for payment towards reasonable and appropriate attorney fees and litigation support to the Navajo Nation by the Secretary of the Interior as provided by 25 U.S.C. §§ 640d-7(e) and 640d-27(a) and other applicable laws. Navajo Nation provided their Statement of Work; and to date, the Navajo Nation Department of Justice has not presented invoices for expenses incurred. These funds are continued unspent funds from prior years by the Navajo Nation.

**Freedom of Information Act:**

The Tribal Operations Specialist continues to process FOIA requests using the first in and first out method. A total of 24 were processed and closed since July 2025 to present.

## **Home Improvement Projects**

The BIA Navajo Region (NR) has received FY 2025 Home Improvement Program (HIP) funding amounting to \$1,484,236.00. Navajo Nation resubmitted its Contract Renewal Proposal to continue contracting HIP services. BIA reviewed and approved this proposal, resulting in the full available FY 2025 HIP funding being awarded under a Public Law (Pub. L.) 93-638 Contract.

The Navajo Nation's HIP continues to submit its Government Performance Results Act (GPRA) reports for its active Pub. L. 93-638 Contracts.

Additionally, the Navajo Nation's HIP submitted its FY 2026 Tribal Annual Performance Report, which the BIA subsequently forwarded to BIA Central Office's Division of Housing Services.

## **Branch of Property**

BIA Property staff are preparing for the Annual Inventory in January 2026. They are identifying unused items for donation to the Navajo Nation and collaborating on recycling outdated electronics.

Property has supported other regional programs by guiding Facility Management and contractors in cleaning Building 251 in Ft. Defiance. They are preparing capitalized assets for disposal through a certified recycling facility and assessing buildings in Window Rock/Ft. Defiance to relocate BIA programs.

Discussions with Tuba City officials about the land where government buildings were demolished will continue in 2026 to explore its status and permissible use with the Navajo Nation.

## **Branch of Transportation**

The BIA Transportation Staff manages inter-modal transportation facilities, ensuring reliability and safety for the Navajo Nation and the public. They work with NDOT to support the Tribal Transportation Program (TTP) by providing technical assistance and services.

**Road Maintenance:** Each Field Office/Agency Road Maintenance Program, respectively, continuing to perform routine maintenance activities on BIA system roads, bridges, and transportation facilities on the Navajo Nation by direct service.

Below are some of our Agency Road Maintenance Programs' maintenance activities performed during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter.

AGENCY	ROUTINE ROAD MAINTENANCE																
	Road Assessments	Blading	Fence Repair	Sign Repair	Delineator Maint.	Pothole Patching	Mowing	Guardrail Repair	Cattleguard Clean Out	Culvert Pipe Clean	Drainage/Erosion Repair	Sidewalk Clean/Repair	Bridge Repair	Snow/Ice Control	Blow Sand Removal	Shope Building Maintenance	
	Ft. Defiance	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓		✓
	Chinle	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓		✓				✓			✓
	Western	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓		✓		✓		✓
	Shiprock	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓
	Farmington	✓			✓		✓		✓								✓
	New Lands	✓		✓	✓	✓											✓
	Eastern	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓					✓

**Ft. Defiance Agency** staff carried out asphalt surface patchwork on N6, N12, N15, N60, and N602, grading routes with assistance from Chinle, Shiprock Agencies, NDOT, and Navajo County, as well as guardrail cleaning, fence repairs, and erosion repairs with support from other offices. They also performed bridge repairs and snow and ice control with assistance from other offices.

**Chinle Agency** staff completed activities including mowing on N64, N59, and N251; fence repair on N7; sign repairs on N27 and N13; pothole patching on N15 while assisting Ft. Defiance; cattleguard clean-out on N41 and N27; vegetation removal on N7 and N27; grading on N171, N172, N67, and N8059. They also addressed erosion repair on N8027, N41, N8068, and N8033, snow and ice removal on N13, and conducted road assessments on N4, N41, N8066, N8033, and N8062.

**Western Navajo Agency** staff replaced a damaged culvert on N6486, repaired guardrails on N6331, conducted severe erosion repairs on N6486, N6460, N118, N6310, N594, and N23, and did pothole patchwork on N21.

**Shiprock Agency** staff undertook tasks such as culvert cleaning on N5006, erosion repair on N36, N367, N361, N5005, N13, N5012, N8008, N5016, and N12, and fence repairs on N5031, N13, and N30 (assisting Ft. Defiance Agency). They also completed pothole patching on N5, N36, N13, and N12, vegetation removal on N5031 and N12, cattleguard clean out on N5031 and N30 (assisting Ft. Defiance Agency), guardrail repair on N5031, blading on various roads including N351, N34, N35, N5010, and others, road assessments on multiple roads including N5, N5012, N34, and others, and snow and ice removal on N13.



**Eastern Navajo Agency** staff engaged in culvert cleaning on N7141, N7057, and N7060, erosion repair on N9, N7141, N7057, and N7060, fence repair on N9, pothole patching on N9, N49, N11, N474, N7062, and N1045, vegetation removal on N46, N705, and N9, and cattleguard clean out on N9, N48, N56, and N49. They also did blading on N7004, N46, N474, N7059, and N481, mowing on N48, N9, and N474, sign repair on N48, N9, N64, N11, N49, and N474, road assessments on N46, and approach repair on N48.

**Farmington & New Lands** staff undertook surface patchwork, sign repairs, delineator maintenance, winter preparation, cattleguard cleanout, road assessments, shop building maintenance, and preventative equipment maintenance and service.

Other activities during this quarter included preventive equipment maintenance/service and general operations such as daily reports, vehicle and equipment reports, online training, safety meetings, and inventory of materials. Each agency continues to collaborate and coordinate with Navajo DOT (NDOT), Chapters, Counties for Apache, Navajo, Coconino, Hopi Tribe's DOT (HDOT), and schools to complete scheduled tasks for the safety of local communities, emergency vehicles, and the traveling public.