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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Ya'at'eeh Honorable Council Delegates of the 25th Navajo Nation Council, Honorable Navajo Nation President Nygren and Madame Vice President Montoya, Honorable Interim Chief Justice Shirley and the Navajo Nation.

I am pleased to present the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Navajo Region's Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Spring Quarterly Report, which summarizes our Region's accomplishments and ongoing projects for the performance period of January 1 through March 30, 2026.

During the second quarter of FY 2026, the BIA Navajo Region continued to advance its mission amid two distinct federal funding phases and an intensified departmental focus on strengthening Tribal Self-Governance for the Navajo Nation.

On November 12, 2025, *Public Law 119-37 (H.R. 5371)* established a Continuing Resolution (CR) providing temporary funding from October 1, 2025, through January 30, 2026. During this 122-day period, federal programs operated at a prorated **33.42 percent** of FY 2025 enacted levels. On January 23, 2026, full-year FY 2026 appropriations were enacted through *Public Law 119-74 (H.R. 6938)*, which funded federal agencies for the remainder of the fiscal year at FY 2025 enacted levels. These two phases ensured program continuity while requiring close resource management across Navajo Region programs.

Consistent with this Administration's and the Department of the Interior's priority to strengthen Tribal sovereignty and expand Self-Governance, the Region continues to advance collaborative efforts with the Navajo Nation to transition additional program functions under P.L. 93-638. Areas prioritized for assumption include rights-of-way, oil and gas and minerals management, road maintenance, forestry, water resources, and Indian Child Welfare Act functions—programs where the Nation already maintains strong operational capacity. Efforts are also continued to enhance natural resources infrastructure, including range management for grazing, to support long-term stewardship of Navajo trust lands.

Together, these efforts reflect a unified commitment to ensuring stable federal funding, strengthening tribal capacity, and supporting the Navajo Nation's long-term goals for Self-Governance, responsible resource management, and service delivery to Navajo communities.

As we continue our important work in carrying out BIA's mission operations, I express my deep appreciation to the Navajo Nation's elected leadership for their steadfast partnership, guidance, and support of the BIA Navajo Region's program service delivery—particularly during a time when federal agencies, including BIA, are implementing the federal government's workforce efficiencies. I also extend heartfelt thanks to our dedicated BIA Navajo Region employees whose professionalism, resilience, and commitment ensure that essential services continue

uninterrupted for the Navajo people and our tribal communities. Your work sustains trust responsibility and strengthens the federal-tribal relationship every day.

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ADMINISTRATION

Branch of Budget Management

During Fiscal Year (FY) 2026, federal programs operated under two funding authorities. On November 12, 2025, Public Law 119-37 (H.R. 5371), the Continuing Appropriations, Agriculture, Legislative Branch, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Extensions Act, 2026, was enacted. This Continuing Resolution (CR) authorized funding for the period of October 1, 2025, through January 30, 2026, covering a total of 122 days. Throughout the CR period, federal programs operated at a prorated funding level of 33.42 percent, based on FY 2025 enacted amounts.

Subsequently, on January 23, 2026, Public Law 11974 (H.R. 6938), the Commerce, Justice, Science; Energy and Water Development; and Interior and Environment Appropriations Act, 2026, was signed into law. This legislation provided full-year FY 2026 appropriations for numerous federal departments and agencies responsible for activities pertaining to commerce, law enforcement, scientific research, energy and water development, public lands, and environmental programs. Under this act, all federal agencies received full-year funding at the FY 2025 enacted levels for the remainder of FY 2026.

As of April 6, 2026, the Navajo Nation has received a total of \$43,031,964.78 in FY 2026 funding under P.L. 93-638 contracts. Of this amount, \$39,997.00 remains available for drawing down.

NAVAJO NATION P.L. 93-638 FUND STATUS REPORT						
as of April 6, 2026						
Fund	FA Budget Program	Funds Available	To Be Awarded	Not Drawn Down	Distributed	Available Funds
267A2100DD	A0H901010 : SOCIAL SERVICES-TPA	6,078,915.00	0.00	0.00	197,082.79	5,881,832.21
267A2100DD	A0H901040 : Domestic Violence	146,000.00				146,000.00
267A2100DD	A0H913030 : WELFARE ASSISTANCE-TPA	1,356,374.00				1,356,374.00
267A2100DD	A0H922021 : ICWA - Program Management	154,708.00				154,708.00
26XA2100DD	A0H937070 : HOUSING IMPROV PROGRAM-TPA	1,382.00				1,382.00
267A2100DD	A0J908080 : TRIBAL COURTS PROGRMS-TPA	2,106,950.00	0.00	0.00	2,106,950.00	0.00
267A2100DD	A0N301010 : IRRIGATION, OPER & MAINT	5,500,000.00				5,500,000.00
267A2100DD	A0N3E1010 : FOREST DEVELOPMENT	400,000.00				400,000.00
267A2100DD	A0N3E2020 : FOREST MNGMT INVNTRS&PLNS	180,000.00				180,000.00
267A2100DD	A0N3E3030 : WOODLAND MANAGEMENT	172,000.00				172,000.00
267A2100DD	A0N3E5050 : TIMBER HARVST INITIATIVE	250,000.00				250,000.00
267A2100DD	A0N6A3031 : FOREST MARKETING ASSIST	25,543.00				25,543.00
267A2100DD	A0N9A0505 : NATURAL RESOURCES -TPA	144,441.78	144,441.78			0.00
267A2100DD	A0N9B1010 : AGRICULTURE PRGRM-TPA	1,305,502.00	1,305,502.00			0.00
267A2100DD	A0N9C3030 : FORESTRY PROGRAM -TPA	774,372.00	0.00	0.00	774,372.00	0.00
267A2100DD	A0N9D4040 : WATER RES PROGRAM -TPA	740,521.00	0.00	0.00	740,521.00	0.00
267A2100DD	A0N9E5050 : WILDLIFE&PARKS PRGRM-TPA	536,162.00	0.00	0.00	536,162.00	0.00
267A2100DD	A0R9D4040 : ENVRMNTL QLTY PRGRM-TPA	119,681.00	0.00	39,997.00	79,684.00	0.00
267A2100DD	A0T902020 : OTHER AID-TRBL GOV -TPA	1,015,435.00	0.00	0.00	1,015,435.00	0.00
267A2240DD	A3T937070 : CSC CONTRACT SUPPORT TPA	16,769,808.00				16,769,808.00
267A2100DD	AEE904040 : JHNSN O'MALL A GR TPA BIA	715,548.00	0.00	0.00	715,548.00	0.00
267A2100DD	AEE931010 : TRIBAL SCHOLARSHI TPA BIA	4,538,622.00	0.00	0.00	4,538,622.00	0.00
TOTALS		43,031,964.78	1,449,943.78	39,997.00	10,704,376.79	30,837,647.21

Branch of Indian Self-Determination

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Navajo Region (NR) Branch of Indian Self-Determination (BISD) continues to work with Navajo Nation’s (Nation) twenty current non-construction Contracts, seven Subpart J Construction Contracts and six Tribal Organizations (TO) under Public Law (P. L.) 93-638. The Nation submitted twelve Calendar Year (CY) 2026 Successor Annual Funding Agreement (SAFA) proposals and five Contract Renewal proposals to continue contracting services under Pub. L. 93-638. The BIA approved 15 CY 2026 SAFA proposals and awarded the available congressionally appropriated Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Continuing Resolution (CR) 1 and full apportionment funding at the FY 2025 CR Rate of Operation.

The funding distribution to the Nation and TO’s P. L. 93-638 Contracts are shown in Table 1. All P.L. 93-638 contractors continue to provide services to communities and other contractual activities, in accordance with their approved 2026 Scope of Works and budgets. All funds awarded entirely benefit the Nation.

Table 1 -Public Law 93-638 Contracts Funding Allocations

Contract No.:	Navajo Nation	Amount
A22AV00148	Higher Education/Scholarship	6,963,474
A22AV00149	Environmental Archaeological Non-Roads	79,684
A22AV00151	Tribal Courts Program	1,402,807
A23AV00265	Adult Detention Program	5,639,752
A23AV00267	Juvenile Correction Program	1,835,007
A23AV00366	Water Development Program	318,651
A23AV00367	Forestry Management Program	515,577
A23AV00611	Fish Hatchery Modernization Project	500,000
A24AV00177	Johnson O’Malley Program	716,923
A25AV00489	Water Monitoring and Inventory Program	174,388
A25AV00568	Tribal Enrollment Program	693,077
A25AV00618	477 Plan (Division of Children and Family Services)	55,591,464.18
A26AV00340	Law Enforcement (LE) – Patrol Services	21,906,758
A26AV00341	LE Criminal Investigations	4,486,927
A26AV00275	Natural Heritage Program	659,709
A26AV00276	Fish & Wildlife Program	251,996
A26AV00280	Navajo Treatment Center for Children and Their Families	197,082.79
	Sub-Total the Navajo Nation	101,933,276.97
	Tribal Organizations	
A24AV00800	Dine Bi Olta School Board Association, Inc.	38,000
A26AV00010	Rock Point Community School	460,791
	Sub-Total Tribal Organizations	498,791
	GRAND TOTAL	102,432,067.97

The BIA NR BISD Awarding Officials continue to provide technical assistance to the Nation and TO's P.L. 93-638 Contracts and to the Nation's P. L 93-638 477 Contract. The BIA NR Awarding Official's Technical Representatives (AOTR), in consultation with the Nation's 638 programs, continue to schedule P. L. 93-638 Contract Monitoring.

Navajo Nation did not provide a response to the findings and questioned costs for the Nation's FY 2024 Single Audit Reports (SAR). The Awarding Official (AO) determined to sustain all eight findings and questioned costs of \$3,578,025. Findings #2024-009 and #2024-010 are repeat findings from prior fiscal years 2023, 2022, and 2021. AO recommended allowing 45 days from the date of the Findings and Determination for the Nation to provide substantive evidence to resolve each finding and questioned costs. The due date for the Management Decision will be reached June 5, 2026. This Management Decision may be revised accordingly. However, if no evidence or response is provided a Bill of Collection will be issued for the \$3,578,025 in questioned costs.

Branch of Acquisitions

Contracts Awarded

Contract Number	Project Description	Location
140A0926P0019	Baca/Haystack Sheep Dip Vat Remediation Project	Prewitt, NM
140A0926P0020	Fence Repair Project, Western Navajo Agency, Branch of Transportation	Tuba City, AZ
140A0926P0007	Building 40 Fence Repair Project, Branch of Transportation	Ft. Defiance, AZ
140A0926P0014	Gamerco Building Hazardous Material Cleanup Project	Gamerco, NM
140A0926P0015	Tonalea IHS Building Demolition Project	Tonalea, AZ

Pre-Work Meetings

Pre-work meetings were held with various contractors for projects for the Navajo Region. The contracts discussed include:

- 140A0926P0007: Building #40 Fence Project, Ft. Defiance, AZ
- 140A0926P0014: Gamerco Building Hazardous Cleanup, Gamerco, NM
- 140A0926P0015: Tonalea Demolition Project, Tonalea, AZ
- 140A0925P0078: Pavement Marking for Ft. Defiance Agency, Branch of Transportation
- 140A0925P0070: Rough Rock Sheep Dip Vat Project, Rough Rock, AZ

Contract Monitoring and Administration

During the reporting period, staff continued to monitor and administer all active construction and service contracts issued in prior fiscal years, ensuring compliance and ongoing progress. The office also responded to multiple data calls from Central Office related to acquisition requirements. For Fiscal Year 2026, a total of 62 purchase requests have been awarded, totaling \$946,873.28, while an additional 26 purchase requests valued at \$3,384,221.37 remain in process. Altogether 88 purchase requests have been initiated this fiscal year, representing a combined value of \$4,331,094.65. The construction work supported by these contracts continue to directly benefit the Navajo Nation by improving deteriorating BIE school facilities attended by Navajo students and by maintaining and repairing BIA highways across the reservation.

These improvements enhance public safety, support local transportation needs, and ensure safer travel conditions for school buses and community members.

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

Branch of Environmental Management: Chinle Land Transfer (Parcels B-1, G-1, and P-1), Chinle Chapter, Arizona. This project will return about 7.608 acres of land to the Navajo Nation. The three parcels were thoroughly cleaned. BIA is currently awaiting the final report to be issued.

Rock Point Sheep Dip Vat, Rock Point Chapter, Arizona: This project will clean up the former sheep dip vat site at Rock Point and BIA has awarded this project. Contractor will be onsite during the week of April 6-10, 2026, to conduct preliminary sampling. Former Sanostee Boarding School, Sanostee Chapter, New Mexico: This project involves removing buried concrete piers, sidewalks, and asphalt roads at the former Sanostee Boarding School site. After completion, about 91.4 acres of former trust land will be returned to the Navajo Nation. As of March 23, 2026, the contractor began excavating concrete piers onsite. Former Tonalea Indian Health Service Building, Tonalea, Arizona: The former Tonalea Indian Health Service building in Tonalea has been awarded to a Contractor for sampling, abatement, and demolition. On April 7th, 2026, the Contractor will be onsite to collect samples from the building for asbestos, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), and lead prior to initiating the abatement and demolition process. This project is expected to be completed by July 2026.

BIA NEPA processed one hundred eighty-eight (188) Categorical Exclusions (CEs) for housing needs and tree cutting permits for utility line installations submitted by businesses on behalf of the Navajo Nation. NEPA also processed twenty-eight (37) Cultural Resources Compliance Forms (CRCF) for the Navajo Nation Heritage and Historic Preservation Department (NNHHPD). Both Categorical Exclusion and Cultural Resource Compliance Form documents

are critical for allowing the approval of home sites and the installation of utility lines for Navajo tribal members. NEPA also reviewed and analyzed Indian Health Service (IHS) NEPA documents for five (5) Water Supply and Waste Disposal Facility Projects. NEPA analysis supports the IHS request for BIA Right-of-Way (ROW) approval to construct domestic water facilities for Navajo Nation tribal member homes. In addition, NEPA processed a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) document for the Navajo Nation Department of Education and the Gallup McKinley County Schools Broadband projects also known as FAST 41 Projects. These projects will install a broadband communication line from Yatahey to Shiprock, NM, and from Thoreau to Pueblo Pintado, NM. NEPA also processed Fiscal Year 2026 PL 93-638 funding for the Navajo Nation Heritage and Historic Preservation Department contract in the amount of \$79,684.00.

Cultural Resources and Archaeological Compliance Report

During this reporting period, BIA coordinated with the Navajo Nation Heritage and Historic Preservation Department, the Navajo Nation Resource Enforcement Department, and Archaeology Southwest regarding the Ganado Archaeology Site (AZ-P-20-96). Discussions focused on the next steps in an ARPA-related investigation concerning unauthorized blading activities at the site by a local resident. A field investigation has been scheduled for the week of April 20–24, 2026.

Program staff also participated in a March 17, 2026, coordination meeting with the Fort Defiance Chapter, Navajo Nation UMLTRA, the Department of Surface Mining, and the BIA Branch of Transportation concerning the Fort Defiance Chapter’s Street Solar Light Project. The chapter requested access to an existing BIA right-of-way, which had been approved several weeks earlier along with NEPA compliance for the project.

On March 18, 2026, coordination took place with the Navajo Nation Heritage and Historic Preservation Department, BIA Transportation, and the Wide Ruins Chapter concerning human remains eroding from BIA Route N9345. Several options were discussed, and the preferred approach was for the Navajo Nation Heritage and Historic Preservation Department to map the archaeological site and provide recommendations for stabilizing the location within the right-of-way.

Branch of Forestry

Continuous Forest Inventory & Technical Assistance: Branch of Forestry continues to provide technical assistance to the Navajo Nation Forestry Management Program on commercial forest inventory procedures utilizing a newly implemented tablet-based data collection application. As of this reporting period, the Navajo Nation Forestry Management Program has completed 21% of the total Continuous Forest Inventory (CFI) plots, representing approximately 178 plots and 5,736 measured trees located primarily within the Chuska Mountains. In accordance with federal forestry quality standards, the Branch of Forestry is preparing to conduct Quality Control/Quality Assurance (QC/QA) field checks on 10% of the completed plots to ensure data

accuracy, methodological consistency, and long-term inventory reliability.

Oak Ridge Timber Sale Area – Allottee Consents: Forestry staff are actively securing Indian Allottee Consent from beneficiary Indian landowners within the Oak Ridge Timber Sale Area, consistent with requirements of the Navajo Nation Ten Year Forest Management Plan. Consent is specifically requested to authorize preparation of commercial timberland for forest treatment activities, which may include Timber sales, Permit sales, Thinning and stand improvement, Reforestation, Fuels reduction, Habitat restoration and other applicable forest land management activities. Navajo Nation holds trust interest in 28 allotments within the Oak Ridge Timber Sale Area. On February 4, 2026, the BIA transmitted a formal request to the Nation seeking consent through issuance of a Tribal Resolution, with a requested response date of March 23, 2026. As of this reporting period, a favorable response has not yet been received.

Branch of Natural Resources

The Branch of Natural Resources (BNR) advanced several regional initiatives that strengthened policy alignment, improved communication with the Navajo Nation, and supported consistent natural resource management across the Navajo Region. Key accomplishments included discussing and coordinating regional Standard Operating Procedures and flowcharts, delivering Trust Asset Accounting Management System (TAAMS) training to support centralized permit administration, authorizing conservation planning consultants to assist permittees, coordinating Agricultural Resource Management Plan (ARMP) scope and activities, and aligning regional processes with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Affairs Manual, Part 54.

BNR issued formal letters to grazing permittees announcing a temporary pause on new permits, and to the Navajo Nation clarifying BIA participation in district grazing committee meetings, ensuring transparency and consistency in communications. Staff coordinated Section 106 compliance with the Navajo Nation Archaeologist to support ongoing BNR projects and participated in multiple agency level engagements, including technical assistance at the Fort Defiance Agency grazing meeting, a Central Agency coordination meeting with District Grazing Officials, and community outreach and education at Navajo Partitioned Lands.

These accomplishments benefit the Navajo Nation by enhancing transparency, strengthening trust responsibilities, improving environmental compliance, and supporting consistent decision making across agencies. To continue progress, the Navajo Nation is asked to prioritize ARMP related coordination and collaboration, provide feedback to permittee communications, and support continued community outreach. No significant Federal Register updates affecting BNR programs were noted this quarter, though national policy alignment and monitoring continued throughout the reporting period.

Fort Defiance Agency:

The Fort Defiance Agency BNR is managing several initiatives, including mapping and identifying noxious weeds over 300 acres near Chuska Lake (Phase I) and preparing for weed

retreatment bidding (Phase II), with required Biological Resources Compliance Forms from the Navajo Nation. Fieldwork for the LMD 18 Range Inventory assessed 869 transects across 635,308 acres to guide livestock adjustments, with 286 grazing conservation plans contracted and more proposals pending funding.

BRCFs are approved for Ganado and Red Lake Irrigation Projects, while applications for Red Willow and Crystal await review. The Agency has also acquired equipment for range monitoring in over fifty RMUs spanning multiple districts. These efforts support rangeland conservation, strengthen trust relationships, and uphold responsibilities to the Navajo Nation. Project updates will be provided at monthly District Grazing Committee meetings.

Western Navajo Agency (WNA):

During the reporting period, the Western Navajo Agency BNR consistently assisted visitors and clients, offered technical support, and collaborated with Navajo Nation officials and various organizations on conservation, land use, and permitting issues. Notably, the agency completed a contract modification to support livestock water facility repairs in the Former Bennett Freeze Area and held workshops to guide permittees in conservation planning. The agency is dedicated to managing agricultural resources with community participation, integrating traditional ecological knowledge, and encouraging active involvement from all Navajo Nation departments to sustain natural resources. Ongoing removal of livestock is necessary to restore depleted rangelands, and strong leadership is needed to prioritize conservation efforts benefiting the Navajo Nation's residents.

Navajo Partitioned Lands (NPL):

The Navajo Partitioned Lands agency supported heirship interviews conducted by the Navajo Nation Department of Agriculture at the Pinon Office and contributed to community outreach and education regarding the 2024 range inventory report, which was delivered in partnership with the Western Agency BNR at the request of Council Delegate Germaine Simonson. These efforts enhance trust relationships and uphold fiduciary responsibilities with the Navajo Nation by fostering transparent communication and collaborative engagement. Continued cooperation from the Navajo Nation is encouraged to further advance these projects and support ongoing initiatives in coordination and planning such as the Navajo Partitioned Lands Agricultural and Range Resources Management Plan.

Chinle Agency:

Consultations were conducted with 112 permittees, transferees, and probate cases across Land Use Permits, Grazing permits, and other natural resource matters. Through its administrative responsibilities over permits, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) continues to work cooperatively with the Navajo Nation to fulfill its mission under 25 CFR 166 and 167, ensuring meaningful consultation and collaboration. These efforts serve to strengthen trust relationships and uphold fiduciary responsibilities between BIA and the Navajo Nation.

Shiprock Agency:

During the quarter, the Shiprock Agency continued to provide support to holders of Agricultural Land Use Permits (ALUP) and Grazing Permits. Plans are underway to establish procedures for approving ALUPs for permittees who have been waiting for their new permits. These efforts help to strengthen trust relationships and uphold fiduciary responsibilities between the Shiprock Agency and the Navajo Nation. The Agency encourages cooperative engagement from the Navajo Nation to help advance projects and maintain effective progress where documentation is required to process transfers and probates in permits.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs appreciates the ongoing partnership with the Navajo Nation and remains committed to supporting the Nation's priorities through coordinated project planning and implementation. Continued collaboration is especially valuable in areas such as assembling interdisciplinary teams for resource management efforts, including the Former Bennett Freeze Area's Integrated Rangeland Management Plan (IRMP) and the Agricultural Resource Management Plan (ARMP).

Sharing updates on grazing permits, livestock numbers, and conservation activities helps ensure accurate Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) reporting and timely processing of renewals. Cooperation on environmental compliances such as NEPA consultations and related documentation—also supports the smooth progression of rangeland and irrigation projects.

Joint efforts to maintain agricultural infrastructure, including waterlines, windmills, and storage tanks, contribute to the strength and resilience of livestock and farming operations. In addition, partnership on issues such as feral horse management, drought planning, range monitoring, and proper waste disposal continues to play an important role in protecting land and water resources.

Finally, continued communication, workforce development, and coordination between the Nation and the BIA will help sustain the long-term conservation and stewardship 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 second quarter, the Oil and Gas program processed the State of Utah 37½ Royalty and Royalty-In-Kind payments for December 2025 through February 2026 and notified the Navajo Nation Controller's Office to remit monthly payments. The program also processed

Chevron's Water Usage payment for October through December 2025 under Navajo Nation Lease No. 142006038669. Follow-up actions were prepared to the Navajo Nation (GLDD) concerning several outstanding Application for Permit to Drill and Sundry Notice applications submitted by operators, including Elk Petroleum's Greater Aneth Field Cluster project, Vision Energy Group's Sundry application within Oil and Gas Lease I89IND58, DJR Operating pipeline proposal within the Carson Unit Express, and Elk Petroleum's C9 Pipeline Corridor Expansion project. On July 31, 2025, the BIA issued a decision on Navajo Transitional Energy Company's request on behalf of Tacitus LLC, approving a one-year suspension of operations and production while denying suspension of rental and royalty payments. The program also participated in an onsite inspection with DJR, BLM, and BIA on January 26, 2026, and approved an amendment on February 19, 2026, restoring 80 acres to Navajo Nation Oil and Gas Lease No. 1420603270.

Solid Minerals

In the Solid Minerals program, monthly coordination continued among OSMRE, the Navajo Nation Solid Minerals Program, BLM Arizona and New Mexico, and BIA staff concerning updates for the Navajo Mine, Chevron Mine, and Peabody Western Coal Company. Ongoing discussions continued regarding PWCC's bond reduction request. OSMRE scheduled site inspections for all three coal mines, coordinated with BIA and Navajo Nation staff. Quarterly Sand and Gravel inspections were completed at Kaibeto Resources, the Kaibeto Borrow Pit (Sealaska Contractor), Wheatfield, Apache County, NECA Tees Nos Pos, and the NECA SHill project during February 11–12, 2026.

Surface Leasing and Mortgages

Surface Leasing and Mortgages completed a corporate assignment of a Business Site Lease, encoded three Business Site Leases into TAAMS, requested eight certified Title Status Reports, reviewed and recorded one Trustee's Deed, and completed two FOIA responses.

Cadastral Survey

Cadastral Services continued to function as the Navajo Regional Cadastral POC while gathering priority project information, recent surveys, pending survey data, and budget details to streamline project management. Significant BLM staffing shortages across Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah continue to affect survey progress. FY2026 priorities remained in place for Arizona (T27N R30E and T27N R31E), New Mexico (T15N R17W and T15N R16W), and Utah (identified but pending obligation).

Acquisition and Disposal

In Acquisition and Disposal, compiling 14 consultations with landowners regarding Indian Allotment terminology and available estate options, covering 94 allotments. They processed one Gift Deed application and completed one Gift Deed involving two allotments each, conducted 12

title research requests, and continued coordination on Fort Wingate Legislation matters involving ongoing cleanup, survey prioritization, and administrative transfers for remaining parcels. Planning and support activities proceeded for upcoming 2026 FIMO/BTFA outreach events, and preparations advanced for the Chinle Will Clinic Project scheduled for March 23–27, where 37 landowners are registered to receive will-writing services at no cost.

Right-of-Way

The NRO RES Right-of-Way program continued major regional ROW activities. The Painted Desert – Navajo Power project, involving a new dual 345 kV transmission line and access road, remains in idle status pending NEPA review by DOI and BLM leadership in Washington. Applicants continue to pursue landowner consent, considerations, and bonding requirements, while a meeting is being planned with the Navajo Nation Department of Transportation concerning a potential 3.5-mile tribal ROW acquisition. Several land tracts along the Little Colorado River will require FERC approval, and lead agency determination is under legal review by BIA and BLM Solicitors.

Emery Telecommunications continued construction on its 108-mile broadband ROW across southern Utah and northeast Arizona, with completion expected by April 2026.

Sacred Winds Communications advanced two FAST41 broadband projects: the GMCS project continues landowner consent efforts involving 40 allotments, while Phase I of the NNDOE project has completed all regulatory tasks and is expected to receive a Grant of Easement on April 7–8, 2026, with a 25-year term.

Transwestern Pipeline Company continued efforts to secure allottee consents and NEPA compliance for the renewal of its two major pipeline alignments exceeding 600 miles across Arizona and New Mexico.

Tallgrass Energy reported no updates on its proposed Clean Energy pipeline project.

Arizona Public Service continues negotiations with the Navajo Nation to extend its existing 500 kV ROW for an additional 25 years beyond its 2041 expiration.

Tucson Electric Company is similarly negotiating renewal terms for its 345 kV transmission line, with a temporary extension issued through April 2026.

Kinder Morgan’s El Paso Natural Gas renewal efforts continue, with landowner consent acquisition and NEPA updates underway.

Invenergy, LLC continues to work on landowner consent and reviews of additional ROW requirements for a proposed 345–500 kV transmission line across northwest New Mexico.

Field Agencies

Within the Agency Offices, the Chinle Agency received five Navajo Nation Service Line

Agreement requests, processed 26 homesite leases and recorded four terminations, submitted one Title Status Report, continued Business Site Lease compliance oversight for two leases, and advanced special project cleanup tasks.

The Ft. Defiance Agency processed a right-of-way application from Clariant Corporation, issued fair market value notices to affected allottees, received 47 Navajo Nation approved leases, processed 14 homesite leases and two residential leases, and continued renewal work on Business Lease FD00199 with updated appraisal review.

The Shiprock Agency processed two 415(e) Business Leases for recording and has one pending, issued lease cancellations for two defaulted 415(a) leases, completed 13 of 14 certified title status requests, and delivered a presentation to the Navajo Nation Division of Economic Development on the importance of accurate legal descriptions during lease recording.

The Western Navajo Agency processed a right-of-way request from the Navajo Department of Transportation for upgrades to N9609 Kerley Road and issued fair market value notifications to landowners.

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.

Branch of Probate and Estate Services was able to have one hundred twenty-seven (127) cases adjudicated this quarter with the Office of Hearings and Appeals, which are currently being processed to disburse trust assets. As of the end of this quarter, we have a total of 7,708 active cases being processed at some level. Currently, there are 91 cases eligible for closure, of those, fifteen (15) have finished the disbursement of the trust property and trust personalty (16.48%). During the Quarter, there were eighty-three (83) cases prepared and submitted to OHA for adjudication, of those, sixty-three (63) were by Eastern Navajo Agency, twelve (12) were by Fort Defiance Agency, and eight (8) by Shiprock Agency.

Branch of Engineering

Tribal Priority Allocation (TPA) Water Contracts: During this reporting period, Engineering completed the BIA procurement process for two Tribal Priority Allocation water-related Public Law 93638 contracts with the Navajo Nation: 1) Water Monitoring Contract No. A25AV00489 – \$261,922; and 2) Water Development Contract No. A23AV00366 – \$478,599.

Conjunctive Groundwater Use Wells – Sub-part J Contract: The Sub-part J Conjunctive Groundwater Use Wells contract has been extended through December 31, 2029. Some associated projects remain paused pending completion of Navajo Nation work funded through ARPA and New Mexico Tribal Infrastructure funds. The Navajo Nation plans to submit a modification to the Sub-part J contract for Work Order 1: Chilchiltah–Vanderwagon Water System to revise the Scope of Work for items not completed using outside funding. Work Order #2: Cutter Lateral Blending Study is complete; the Navajo Nation is preparing final deliverables for BIA review. Remaining funds will be considered upon the Nation’s formal request for reallocation. Work Order #3: Project Manager Contract funding increased by \$399,430 in February 2025; the WSP contractor will continue managing Conjunctive Groundwater Use Wells projects through December 31, 2026. Work Order #4: Sheep Springs Connection Phase One is currently on hold at the Nation’s request while ARPA/TIF funds are utilized. This funding may be re-scoped to another Sub-part J project. Fruitland–Cambridge (F-C) Irrigation Canal Projects: The Diversion Dam construction project remains on hold pending the Navajo Nation’s identification of approximately \$21 million needed to complete remaining work. The Nation submitted its P.L. 111-11 Water Settlement Trust Fund Expenditure Plan to the BIA which was approved with the Bureau of Trust Fund Administration (BTFA) to electronically transfer \$25 Million to the Navajo Nation’s account.

The Navajo Nation Technical Construction Operations Branch procured Meridian Construction Company in December 2024 for the F-C Fish Weir project: Phase One began January 2025 and concluded March 2025, establishing the return path from the Weir to the San Juan River. Phase Two began November 2025 and is scheduled for completion April 20, 2026, with a final inspection on April 27, 2026. The Yellowman Siphon Phase Two project began in January 2026 and was completed at the end of March 2026; final inspection will occur after irrigation water is turned on.

Hogback–Cudei (H-C) Irrigation Rehabilitation Projects: The Navajo Nation procured Meridian Construction Company in September 2024 for construction on the Helium Lateral Flume, Jim Canyon Siphon, and the Salt Creek Siphon. Construction was completed in May 2025, and the final walk-through inspection occurred June 5, 2025, with the Nation, BIA, and Meridian Construction present.

For the H-C Canal Lining Project, the Navajo Nation procured Weeminuche Construction Authority in November 2024: Phase One construction began in December 2024 and concluded January 2025; and Phase Two began October 2025 and was completed January 2026.

Safety of Dams (SOD)

Many Farms Dam – Embankment Cracking Assessment: In March 2026, the BIA Safety of Dams Program, in coordination with the BIA Division of Water and Power – SOD Central Office and the Navajo Nation SOD Office, completed an onsite inspection of cracking observed along

the Many Farms Dam embankment. The data collected during the inspection is currently under analysis by the SOD Central Office. A plan-of-action meeting is scheduled for May 2026 to determine corrective measures.

The dam will remain at Emergency Response Level One due to the ongoing embankment and spillway concerns. Approximately eight months ago, the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) and its contractor completed grout stabilization work on the spillway structure. Subsequent inspection by the BIA Division of Water and Power – SOD Office confirmed the spillway is structurally sound.

Kin Bineola Dam Rehabilitation – Lake Valley, NM: The Kin Bineola Dam will be rehabilitated back to its original pre-breach configuration using funding provided through the BIA Division of Water and Power. The BIA Navajo Regional Office SOD Program recently coordinated with the Lake Valley Chapter to obtain homeowner contact information for an individual currently residing within the potential flooding area. A meeting will be held with the homeowner to discuss available options and will involve staff from the Eastern Navajo Agency.

Early Warning System Installations: In February 2026, the BIA Division of Water and Power – SOD Office completed Early Warning System (EWS) installations for the Round Rock, Asaayi, and Captain Tom dams, improving emergency management and real-time monitoring capabilities for downstream communities.

Dam Tender Training: From March 31 to April 2, 2026, the BIA Division of Water and Power – SOD Office hosted an in-person Dam Tender Training in Fort Duchesne, Utah. The Navajo Nation SOD Office participated in this training, which focused on operations, inspections, emergency procedures, and best practices for dam safety compliance.

Navajo Indian Irrigation Project (NIIP) Tribal Priority Allocation (TPA) Contract Actions: The BIA Navajo Indian Irrigation Project (NIIP) completed the procurement process for one Navajo Nation Public Law 93-638 contract during this reporting period NAPI On Farm Development and ATRL Contract No. A21AV00158 – *\$1,305,502*.

Project Management Coordination: The Project Management Team (PMT) held its quarterly meeting on January 23, 2026, with participation from NAPI and the Bureau of Reclamation – Four Corners Construction Office (BOR-FCCO). The next PMT meeting is planned for May 2026. BIA–NIIP Coordination Meeting occurred on April 1, 2026, continuing joint discussions among BIA-NIIP, BOR-FCCO, and NAPI on policies and procedures for Block 9 Stage 2 development. Both NIIP and Regional leadership attended the 2026 National Irrigation Meeting at the Irrigation Training & Research Center in San Luis Obispo, California, where project updates for CY2025 were presented.

Navajo Nation Leadership Coordination: An internal coordination meeting with the Navajo Nation Resources & Development Committee, NAPI, BIA Navajo Regional Office, BIA Central

Office, and NIIP were originally scheduled for March 13, 2026, to discuss long-term NIIP planning and funding levels. RDC postponed this meeting with an intent to reschedule for May 2026.

Canal System Wildlife Remediation: BIA NIIP continues collaborative remediation efforts addressing wildlife issues along the NAPI Irrigation Canal System, working jointly with the Bureau of Land Management, BOR, and NAPI to develop long-term solutions.

Funding Awards: BIA awarded the following FY26 funds to the Navajo Agricultural Products Industry: FY26 NAPI–NIIP Water Quality Funds: *\$38,432*, and FY26 NAPI Operations & Maintenance Funds: *\$5,500,000*.

Federal Indian Minerals Office

Realty / Leasing Projects: FIMO concurred with the Bureau of Land Management’s (BLM’s) request on S. Escavada Unit expansion and approved a Communitization Agreement for the Carson Unit. Two-unit expansions were received and reviewed for the White Crow Unit and Alamos Canyon Unit. The following projects were received: a Communitization Agreement for the Carson Unit from Enduring Resources, a Communitization Agreement for the Lybrook Federal from Enduring Resources, and Assignment from Dugan Production on five IA leases.

FIMO inspected two spill events for remediation. The spill areas are in Nageezi within the Ponderosa Unit and Otis Community area near Carson where the spill (water only) occurred from the well pad. In addition, eighteen wells inspected and eight sundries were received for plugging from BLM and operators.

Client Services: FIMO conducted three Outreach in January 2026 for the Navajo Oil and Gas Mineral Owners. FIMO Realty staff continue to work with operators and BLM on leasing administration, answering and responding to calls and assisting walk-in customers, and helping allottees with their inquiries about their mineral leases. Due to the Department’s workforce efficiencies, federal partners from BIA, BTFA, BLM and ONRR will conduct only four outreach events for the remaining fiscal year.

Geospatial Information System: Geospatial Support continued to provide essential GIS services supporting natural resource management, permitting processes, and program operations throughout the Navajo Region. During the reporting period, the office carried dual responsibilities supporting geospatial coordination while providing interim oversight for natural resource functions, helping to integrate GIS technology into range inventory work, permit tracking, and conservation planning.

Key contributions included updating Standard Operating Procedures for grazing and permit administration, supporting NEPA compliance through spatial analyses, and producing mapping resources supporting drought monitoring, land use planning, and infrastructure-related projects. The office also coordinated regional and agency data calls, worked closely with Navajo Nation

programs, and collaborated with federal partners to ensure consistent data use across resource management initiatives.

These efforts enhanced operational efficiency and advanced data-driven decision-making in support of the federal trust responsibility to conserve and manage tribal lands. Priority work moving forward includes expanding GIS applications for rangeland management and supporting interdisciplinary planning efforts, particularly through the integration of TAAMS-based authoritative data for farmland and grazing permit processes.

Eastern Navajo Agency

Real Estate Services: Staff reported significant leasing, environmental appraisal, and client service activity during the period. Three incomplete residential lease packages were returned via certified mail, while two residential lease assignments or amendments were completed. Thirty-five residential lease consent forms and forty new residential lease applications were processed, along with thirteen residential lease calculations based on landowner percentages. Thirteen residential leases were finalized and distributed to clients, eight were recorded with the Land Titles and Records Office, and a total of 257 clients were assisted by phone, softphone, email, or in person. Environmental and appraisal coordination included 34 Biological Resources Clearance Forms submitted (22 approved), 16 NEPA clearance requests (10 approved), and seven appraisal requests submitted to the Appraisal and Valuation Services Office, with no approvals to date. Title Status Report was completed for one allotment for Churchrock Chapter, sixteen allotments for DASH Capital Partners, LLC, forty-four allotments for the TEP Group/Verizon Wireless, six allotments for the Department of Energy, and one allotment via McKinley County for the Red Rock Regional Landfill. Acquisition and disposal activities included 24 landowner consultations for gift deeds and land sales affecting 199 Individual Indian Allotments, receipt of 11 completed appraisals, acceptance of 22 applications with four processed for approval, 10 Deeds to Restricted Indian Lands pending approval, and 119 NEPA review requests submitted for Categorical Exclusions. For the To'Hajiilee and Alamo satellite communities, five homesite and residential leases were issued. A business lease application for Western New Mexico Communications was accepted, and a lease has been drafted for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a 150-foot cell tower at four sites, with an appraisal request submitted to AVSO.

Natural Resources: Natural Resources staff continue to progress on major range and vegetation projects. Under the 2025 Grazing Permit Renewal Project, 20 grazing permit orientations were conducted for 121 permittees, resulting in 398 approved grazing permits and approximately 78 are pending review. Updated listings were provided to District Land Boards, including individuals receiving 10-year, 5-year, and 1-year permits, those ineligible for renewal, and records of canceled or expired permits dating back to 2014. The Alamo–Canoncito Noxious Weed Control Project, active from August 20, 2024, through December 31, 2026, identified 1,112 acres for aerial herbicide treatment and 373 acres for cut-stump or foliar spray. Treatment

areas include Canada de Los Apaches, Canada de Ojo, Arroyo Gigante, Rio Salado, Alamosita Creek, and Jaraloca Creek. A draft Silviculture Prescription Plan was completed and submitted for review, and BNR will confirm Tribal Trust and Band land acreages affected during Phase 1 by stand type, working with GIS to acquire tract specific data. The Rangeland Vegetation Inventory Project, spanning September 8, 2024, through December 31, 2026, includes 873 study plots using double sampling methods to measure biomass, species composition, cover, and non-grazeable factors. Field data collection began on May 12, 2025, and continues.

Probate and Estate Services: Probate and Estate Services staff submitted 68 probate cases, with 51 accepted by the Office of Hearings and Appeals. These cases involved \$1,746,347.21 in Individual Indian Money accounts, 765 allotments, and 371 probable heirs. The branch completed 55 disbursements and closings. Staff are currently assigned 3,178 cases, with 51 new death notices this period, and assisted 1,662 clients through office visits, home visits, chapter events, phone calls, emails, and coordinated sessions. Outreach (conducted in Navajo) kept allotment interest holders informed about land ownership and estate implications, supporting consent processes for infrastructure and commercial projects. Client services also included printing and explaining Individual Tribal Interest reports, updating contact information, identifying needed documents for OHA submission, conducting probate interviews, and educating the public about federal probate procedures and estate planning. These efforts help maintain accurate land title records and support long-term tribal sovereignty, self-determination, and the protection of trust assets.

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

Housing Improvement Service: Navajo Nation HIP continues to submit its Government Performance Results Act reports for its active P.L. 93-638 Contracts. HIP submitted its FY 2026 Tribal Annual Performance Report and BIA NR submitted it to Central Office's Division of Housing Services. No FY 2026 funding has been identified. Due to the federal government's implementation for workforce efficiencies, this work will be consolidated into an existing position with the BIA Navajo Region. Alternately, like similar functions, BIA Navajo Region supports this function to be transitioned to the Navajo Nation to align with Indian Self Determination initiatives.

Branch of Transportation

The BIA Transportation Staff manages inter-modal transportation facilities, ensuring liability 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 Programs, respectively, continue to perform routine maintenance activities on BIA system roads, bridges, and transportation facilities on the Navajo Nation direct service.

Below are some of our Agency Road Maintenance Programs' maintenance activities performed during the 4th quarter.

AGENCY	ROUTINE ROAD MAINTENANCE																	
	Road Assessments	Blading	Fence Repair	Sign Repair	Pavement Striping	Delineator Maint.	Pothole Patching	Mowing	Guardrail Repair	Cattleguard Clean	Culvert Pipe Clean	Crack Seal	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 were assisted by Chinle and Shiprock Agencies, NDOT, and Navajo County grading BIA bus routes. The team also assisted in patching surface, guardrail cleaning, and fence repairs on N6, N12, N30, N15, N27, N60, and N602. The FDA-BORM is continuing to collaborate and schedule work with other BIA Road Maintenance Agencies, NDOT, and Counties for road maintenance services within the agency's jurisdiction.

Chinle Agency road maintenance staff completed fence, sign repairs, shoulder maintenance on N4, N7, N59, N41, N8033; pothole patch, cattleguard clean, vegetation removal on N12, N64, N27, N41, N59; blading, erosion repair, culvert repairs on N8015, N7, N8091, N8092, N8033, N61, N8027; snow & ice on N13, N12 & N64; road assessments on N8027, N7 & N8034. Also Assisted Ft. Defiance Agency.

Western Navajo Agency staff performed pothole patching at various locations on N21 caused continuous cement trucks hauling to a new school location. Blow sand was removed from N6720, N6820, N6465, and N6730. Guardrails, cattle guards, and fencing were repaired on N59. Mowing is completed for N16 and will continue with N20. Inlet and outlet structures were cleaned for N59 and N221. Earth grading was completed for several routes, sign replace/repairs, shop building maintenance, preventative maintenance, equipment maintenance, and general operations were completed.

Shiprock Agency road maintenance crew performed culvert, erosion, fence repair, and sign repair on N63, N33, N36, N5099, N57; pothole, vegetation, cattleguard clean out

on N13, N5, N5000, N365, N30 FDA, N367, N562, N5099, N35, N12, N33, N364, N57, N513; blading, and guardrail repairs: N36, N5060, N332, N5035, N5099, N364, N57; road assessments, Snow & Ice, on N13 assisted other Agencies with road maintenance activities.

Eastern Navajo Agency: Road maintenance staff engaged in culvert, erosion, and fence repairs on N9, N11, N49, N9 FDA; pothole, vegetation, and cattleguard clean out on N11, N9, N49, N56, N7140, N7013, N474, and N9 FDA; blading, and signs repair on N7141, N11, N49, N7009, N7046, N7008, N7013, N7136, N7140; road assessments, guardrail repairs along N9.

Farmington & New Lands Field staff completed surface patchwork, sign repairs, fence repairs, winter preparation, road assessment, drainage repair, delineation maintenance and preventative maintenance equipment and service at the shop building.

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 Navajo DOT (NDOT), Chapters, Apache County, Navajo County, Coconino County, Hopi DOT (HDOT), and the schools to complete their scheduled task(s) for the safety of the local communities, emergency vehicles, and the traveling public.

Branch of Facility Management

The Branch of Facilities Management (BIA NROBOFM) continues to collaborate closely with the Navajo Nation to address facility related needs, including requests for office space to support public demand, enhance employee safety, and improve building conditions to reduce unauthorized activities. In alignment with our mission, NROBOFM also plans and initiates future projects that support Operations & Maintenance (O&M) services for BIA owned facilities that house Navajo Nation programs.

Future Project

At the Fort Defiance Agency, building 3—currently occupied by the Navajo Nation Department of Justice (NNDOJ)—BIA NROBOFM is preparing to replace existing carpet and wood flooring with laminate, water resistant flooring. This project is currently under review by Central Office for approval. Upon approval, NROBOFM will coordinate directly with NNDOJ to schedule work in a manner that minimizes impacts to daily operations.

Request for Office Space

The Navajo Nation Tribal Enrollment Program, a Public Law 93-638 program, has submitted a request for office space at the Eastern Agency in Crownpoint, New Mexico. The request has been approved, and BIA NROBOFM has identified available space to accommodate the program. Several coordination meetings have been held to provide updates and ensure alignment. A

Revocable Permit has been issued to the Navajo Nation for review, approval, and signature. The Navajo Nation is currently conducting its internal review of this permit.

Branch of Property

The Branch of Property has been working to complete the FY2026 Annual Inventory. The reconciliation of assets assists in identifying items that are no longer in use by the BIA and may be beneficial for donation to the Navajo Nation. Additionally, staff have been collaborating with various Programs to recycle electronics that are no longer being used. There have been several furnishings that have been transferred to Navajo Nation chapters at Eastern Navajo Agency, and we understand that more are in the works.

Property staff have been assisting Facility Management and Safety with a few of the projects they have on the preliminary stage or in the works. This includes but is not limited to clearing out Building 251 in Ft. Defiance; structural concerns Building 117 in Tuba City and Building 40 in Ft. Defiance. Staff continue to work with Fire Management during their transition to US Wildland Fire Service, by supporting continued operations so that there are no disruptions to basic daily needs.

Branch of Safety

The Branch of Safety continues to advance its mission of strengthening workplace safety and supporting employee well-being throughout the Navajo Region. As part of our annual inspection initiative, safety assessments were completed at 24 Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) facilities and three Office of Justice Services (OJS) locations. Results for this quarter include: All inspection reports for BIA facilities have been completed (100%); OJS inspection reports are nearly finalized, with 92% complete; and Abatement plans associated with identified findings have been completed at a rate of 96%.

These inspections play a key role in identifying hazards at their source, reinforcing responsibility at every level, and promoting a forward-thinking safety culture. In addition, the Branch continues to deliver both virtual and on-site safety training and distributes educational resources to help prevent workplace injuries and occupational illnesses. These activities align with our broader objective to safeguard the physical, mental, and emotional health of employees while cultivating a resilient and supportive work environment across the Navajo Nation.

Technical Assistance and Program Support: Throughout the quarter, Safety staff offered safety guidance and technical assistance to a range of 638 programs and Navajo Nation offices, including: Navajo/Hopi Legal Services, Navajo Detention Centers, Navajo Animal Control, Navajo Scholarship Office, Navajo Tribal Enrollment Office, Navajo Department of Transportation, and Navajo communities and members of the public.

Support for the Great Plains Region: Safety staff assisted the Great Plains Region in FY 2026 under a Service Line Agreement to improve workforce efficiency. They continue working to enhance safety, reduce hazards, and maintain operational continuity for employees and visitors. In the Navajo Nation, staff provide practical safety measures for everyday operations and high-priority events.

Tribal Government Services

During the reporting period, the Navajo Region forwarded four Certificate of Indian Blood requests to the Navajo Nation Office of Vital Records and Enrollment. These requests were for scholarships, program benefits, tribal membership verification, and included some from correctional institutions.

Programming oversight continued for three P.L. 93-638 contracts. Under the Tribal (Census) Enrollment Program Contract (A16AV00151), a Program Electronic Purchase Request totaling \$676,077.00 was processed on February 18, 2026, utilizing one-time funds authorized under Public Law 119-37. On March 27, 2026, coordination occurred between the Navajo Nation and regional offices to arrange discussions regarding a requested extension of Contract A25AV00568, along with ongoing support related to office space needs in alignment with Indian Self-Determination program requirements. Earlier in the quarter, on January 29, 2026, representatives from the Navajo Nation, BIA program offices, and the Navajo Nation Division met to review procedures for census research requirements associated with probate functions and the existing Scope of Work under Contract A25AV00568. Technical assistance continues to be provided as needed. On April 7, 2026, guidance was issued concerning a pending Navajo Nation request related to security personnel at the Western Navajo Agency, originally submitted in August 2025. The matter remains under review by BIA, BIE, and Facility Management programs.

Under the Higher Education Contract (A17AV00096), a Program Electronic Purchase Request totaling \$4,538,622.00 was processed on March 17, 2026, using one-time funding authorized under Public Law 119-74. For the Tribal Courts Program Contract (A22AV00151), a Program Electronic Purchase Request in the amount of \$1,402,807.00 was processed on February 18, 2026, funded through the FY 2026 Continuing Resolution under Public Law 119-37.

No new activity occurred this quarter under the Navajo Nation Attorney Fees Agreement (A25AC00314). The agreement authorizes reimbursement of reasonable litigation expenses under applicable federal statutes. As background, a payment request of \$395,231.69 was processed on September 15, 2025, to support Hopi Litigation-related costs. No invoices have been received from the Navajo Nation Department of Justice since that time.

Additionally, 39 **Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)** requests were processed and closed this quarter using the standard first-in, first-out workflow to ensure timely and consistent responses.