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Council celebrates ribbon cutting for new cell tower in Low Mountain



Navajo Nation leadership joined representatives from NTUA and Low Mountain Chapter for a ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating a new cell tower in Low Mountain.

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On Tuesday, Speaker Crystalyne Curley and Council Delegate Brenda Jesus joined chapter officials and representatives from the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA) to celebrate the ribbon cutting of a new cell tower in Low Mountain, expanding telecommunications access for surrounding communities.

Speaker Curley recognized the Resources and Development Committee for prioritizing telecommunications infrastructure in underserved communities and thanked Low Mountain Chapter officials, the Community Land Use Planning Committee, and residents who helped advance the project.

“This moment is meaningful because many of our people have lived without reliable cell service for far too long,” said Speaker Curley. “Our families want access to the same tools and opportunities as everyone else. This project moves our communities forward by expanding access and creating opportunity.”

NTUA Deputy General Manager of Communications Systems Brian Thomason said the milestone reflects years of planning and investment to expand connectivity across the Navajo Nation.

"Today's celebration is a positive step in a journey that began in 2010," said Thomason. "NTUA received a multimillion-dollar grant to help close the digital divide. This tower provides a platform for multiple communication systems, expanding services and connectivity."

NTUA Wireless Project Manager Shannahelena Tachine said the tower will expand coverage and improve access to high-speed internet in nearby areas.

"The new tower extends coverage into Low Mountain valley and out to Whippoorwill and Jeddito," said Tachine. "This project represents the NTIA Tribal Broadband Grant administered by NTUA on behalf of the Navajo Nation. The technology enables Choice Wireless to deliver high-speed internet, with a goal of making service affordable for everyone."

Resources and Development Committee Chair Brenda Jesus thanked her colleagues for working together to waive tower fees and expressed appreciation to NTUA for its work.

"We must look forward seven generations to bring services and opportunities to our communities and our children," said Chair Jesus. "Through partnerships with NTUA and by utilizing federal and state grants, this project has become a reality."

Speaker Curley said the project reflects years of work by many leaders and the commitment of the community.

"We worked with the RDC to remove barriers, including tower fees that chapters could not afford," said Speaker Curley. "This is not about revenue. It is about providing a basic service to our people and our children."

She also thanked community member Percy Begay and his family for granting grazing consent for the tower site, as well as NTUA for its partnership.

Looking ahead, Speaker Curley said the tower marks the beginning of broader efforts to expand connectivity in the region.

"We want our children to come home to Low Mountain, go to school here, build businesses here, and succeed here," said Speaker Curley. "This makes that possible. Our next step is expanding broadband capacity, including working toward 5G service in nearby communities like Many Farms and Pinon."

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