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TITLE: An Action Relating to Resources and Development Committee; Approving Tribal Ranch Leases on Bluewater, Berryhill Ranch, Carrica Ranch, Chaco Canyon Ranch, Elkins Ranch, Pitts Ranch, Gallo Allotment Ranch, I.K. Westbrook Ranch, Shaw Ranch, Sims Ranch, and Vanderwagon Ranch

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET
Tracking No. 0113-26

DATE: June 8, 2026

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE; APPROVING TRIBAL RANCH LEASES ON BLUEWATER RANCH, BERRYHILL RANCH, CARRICA RANCH, CHACO CANYON RANCH, ELKINS RANCH, PITTS RANCH, GALLO ALLOTMENT RANCH, I.K. WESTBROOK RANCH, SHAW RANCH, SIMS RANCH, AND VANDERWAGON RANCH

PURPOSE: The purpose of the resolution is to approves Tribal Ranches Leases on Bluewater Ranch, Berryhill Ranch, Carrica Ranch, Chaco Canyon Ranch, Elkins Ranch, Pitts Ranch, Gallo Allotment Ranch, I.K. Westbrook Ranch, Shaw Ranch, Sims Ranch, and Vanderwagon Ranch.

FINAL AUTHORITY: Resources and Development Committee

VOTE REQUIRED: Majority Vote

This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committees. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review each proposed resolution in detail.

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1 PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
2 25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Fourth Year, 2026

3 Introduced by:

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6 (Prime Sponsor)

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10 AN ACTION
11 RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE;
12 APPROVING TRIBAL RANCH LEASES ON BLUEWATER RANCH,
13 BERRYHILL RANCH, CARRICA RANCH, CHACO CANYON RANCH,
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15 WESTBROOK RANCH, SHAW RANCH, SIMS RANCH, AND
16 VANDERWAGON RANCH

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18 BE IT ENACTED:

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20 SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- 21 A. The Resources and Development Committee is a standing committee of the
22 Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 500(A).
23 B. The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council has
24 authority to give final approval of all land withdrawals, non-mineral leases,
25 permits, licenses, rights-of-way, surface easements and bonding requirements on
26 Navajo Nation lands and unrestricted (fee) land. This authority shall include
27 subleases, modifications, assignments, leasehold encumbrances, transfers,
28 renewals, and terminations. 2 N.N.C. § 501 (B)(2).
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1 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- 2 A. The Division of Natural Resources Department of Agriculture Tribal Ranches
3 Program has submitted a request to approve tribal ranch leases on eleven Navajo
4 Nation Ranches including Bluewater Ranch, Berryhill Ranch, Carrica Ranch,
5 Chaco Canyon Ranch, Elkins Ranch, Pitts Ranch, Gallo Allotment Ranch, I.K.
6 Westbrook Ranch, Shaw Ranch, Sims Ranch, and Vanderwagon Ranch.
- 7 B. One Bluewater Ranch Unit Lease and its Executive Official Review document are
8 attached as **Exhibit A**. The Lessee is Travis Platero and Co-Lessee is Trudy
9 Platero.
- 10 C. Five Berryhill Ranch Unit Leases and their Executive Official Review documents
11 are attached as **Exhibit B**. The Lessees and Co-Lessees are Lessee Deborah
12 Dennison and Co-Lessee Devyn Dennison Berryhill Ranch for Unit 1/6; Lessee
13 Herbert Holgate and Co-Lessee Ruth Watson for Berryhill Ranch Unit 2; Lessee
14 Harry Moore, Jr. and Co-Lessee Gerald R. Moore for Berryhill Ranch Unit 3;
15 Lessee Anthony K. Howard and Co-Lessee Jerrelisa J. Homer for Berryhill
16 Ranch Unit 4; and Lessee Loretta A. Morris and Co-Lessee Sabrina K. John for
17 Berryhill Ranch Unit 5.
- 18 D. Three Carrica Ranch Unit leases and their Executive Official Review documents
19 are attached as **Exhibit C**. The Lessees and Co-Lessees are Lessee Casey Begay
20 for Carrica Ranch Unit 1; Lessee Howard S. Begay and Co-Lessee Farin Begay
21 for Carrica Ranch Unit 2; and Lessee Loritta J. Largo and Co-Lessee Timothy J.
22 Largo for Carrica Ranch Unit 3.
- 23 E. Five Chaco Canyon Ranch Unit leases and their Executive Official Review
24 documents are attached as **Exhibit D**. The Lessees and Co-Lessees are Lessee
25 Paul D. Pablo and Co-Lessee Lathan M. Pablo for Chaco Canyon Ranch Unit 3;
26 Lessee Leroy Williams and Co-Lessee Gloria James for Chaco Canyon Ranch
27 Unit 4; Lessee Cornelius J. Carl and Co-Lessee Alveena M. Carl for Chaco
28 Canyon Ranch Unit 6; Lessee Manuel Watchman, Sr. and Co-Lessee Marilyn
29 Watchman for Chaco Canyon Ranch Unit 7; and Lessee Dugan Morgan and Co-
30 Lessee Cotillion Sneddy for Chaco Canyon Ranch Unit 8.

- 1 F. One lease for Elkin's Ranch Unit 7 and its Executive Official Review document
2 for Lessee Regina M. Keedah and Co-Lessee Wilbert Dempsey, Sr. are attached
3 as **Exhibit E**.
- 4 G. Eight Pitts Ranch Unit Leases and their Executive Official Review documents are
5 attached as **Exhibit F**. The Lessees and Co-Lessees are Lessee Anna R. Francis
6 and Co-Lessee Kaydee Mego for Pitts Ranch Unit 1; Lessee Chester Carl for Pitts
7 Ranch Unit 2; Lessee Marjorie Lantana and Co-Lessee Trina R. Lantana-Platero
8 for Pitts Ranch Unit 4; Lessee Chambliss Lantana and Co-Lessee Sheena Lantana
9 for Pitts Ranch Unit 5; Lessee Barbara Whitehair for Pitts Ranch Unit 6; Lessee
10 Dean C. Gamble and Co-Lessee Clyde G. Gamble, Sr. for Pitts Ranch Unit 7;
11 Lessee Alfred T. Nez and Co-Lessee Lisa K. Jymm for Pitts Ranch Unit 8; and
12 Lessee George B. Tso and Co-Lessee Gerald L. Tso for Pitts Ranch Unit 9.
- 13 H. One Gallo Allotment BLM Lease and its Executive Official Review document for
14 Lessee Marshall Keetso and Co-Lessee Yvonne L. Suina are attached as **Exhibit**
15 **G**.
- 16 I. Six I.K. Westbrook Ranch Unit Leases and their Executive Official Review
17 documents are attached as **Exhibit H**. The Lessees and Co-Lessees are Lessee
18 Carlton Pioche and Co-Lessee Kelsey Pioche for I.K. Westbrook Unit 1; Lessee
19 Wilbur Etsitty and Co-Lessee Betty Etsitty for I.K. Westbrook Unit 2; Lessee
20 Dean L. Slim and Co-Lessee Delbert L. Slim for I.K. Westbrook Unit 3; Lessee
21 Delbert L. Shurley and Co-Lessee Leonora Shurley for I.K. Westbrook Unit 5;
22 Lessee Harvey Peshlakai and Co-Lessee Albert Kieyoomia for I.K. Westbrook
23 Unit 6; and Lessee Wilford Cowboy and Co-Lessee Sharmyn Cowboy for I.K.
24 Westbrook Unit 7.
- 25 J. Four Shaw Ranch Unit Leases and their Executive Official Review documents are
26 attached as **Exhibit I**. The Lessees and Co-Lessees are Lessee Alfred Murphy, Sr.
27 and Co-Lessee Melissa L. Murphy for Shaw Unit 1; Lessee David Slim and Co-
28 Lessee Cody Slim for Shaw Unit 2; Lessee Bobby Noble and Co-Lessee
29 Wilhelmina Noble for Shaw Unit 3 and Lessee Alphonso T. Bitsoi and Co-Lessee
30 Geraldine Bitsoi for Shaw Unit 4.

- 1 K. Three Sims Ranch Unit Leases and their Executive Official Review documents
2 are attached as **Exhibit J**. The Lessees and Co-Lessees are Lessee Justin D.
3 Yazzie, Jr. and Co-Lessee Justine D. Bayles for Sims Unit 1; Lessee Edward Tom
4 and Co-Lessee Kyle Tom for Sims Unit 2; and Lessee Rocedeelynn Roan and Co-
5 Lessee Davidson T. Roan for Sims Unit 3.
- 6 L. One Vanderwagon Ranch Unit Lease and its Executive Official Review document
7 are attached as **Exhibit K** for Lessee Jerrod Glasses and Co-Lessee Larry Glasses.
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9 **SECTION THREE. APPROVAL**

- 10 A. The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby
11 approves Tribal Ranches Leases on Bluewater Ranch, Berryhill Ranch, Carrica
12 Ranch, Chaco Canyon Ranch, Elkins Ranch, Pitts Ranch, Gallo Allotment Ranch,
13 I.K. Westbrook Ranch, Shaw Ranch, Sims Ranch, and Vanderwagon Ranch. The
14 Navajo Nation hereby approves the Leases subject to, but not limited to the Terms
15 and Conditions in the Leases attached hereto as **Exhibits A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H,**
16 **I, J, and K**.
- 17 B. The Navajo Nation hereby authorizes the President of the Navajo Nation to
18 execute any and all documents necessary to implement the intent and purpose of
19 this resolution.
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