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REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Navajo Region is proud to present its Fiscal Year 2026 Summer Session Quarterly Report, highlighting the region's achievements and ongoing initiatives for the performance period of April 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026.

Throughout the third quarter, BIA Navajo Region advanced its mission to deliver essential services to the Navajo Nation, overcoming staffing shortages and responding to an increased departmental emphasis on Tribal Self-Governance initiatives. The Region remains steadfast in its support for the Nation's efforts to assume and manage federal functions and trust responsibilities through Public Law 93-638 contracts and services. By fostering close coordination, providing technical assistance, and ensuring diligent contract administration, BIA Navajo Region works collaboratively with the Nation to strengthen operations across natural resources, transportation, public safety, social services, and other critical trust functions. These PL 93-638 agreements enable federal resources to be directed to tribal departments best suited to serve Navajo communities, promoting self-determination, accountability, and the effective delivery of vital services. This commitment underscores a shared responsibility to uphold the federal trust mission and support the Nation's long-term goals for sovereignty, program capacity, and community well-being.

Additionally, BIA Navajo Region is charged with fulfilling the Department of the Interior's mission to advance energy initiatives across Tribal Nations and address the BIA probate backlog in Indian Country, further supporting tribal progress and resource management.

The dedication and resilience of BIA Navajo Region employees have been instrumental to this progress. Many of our 102 staff have taken on additional responsibilities, often performing the work of two to three full-time employees, to ensure continued service to the Navajo people and Nation. Their commitment, compassion, and public service are deeply appreciated and vital to our ongoing mission in BIA and to the Navajo Nation.

For modernization efforts, we moved from traditional desk phone landlines to Microsoft Teams-based calling, allowing our employees to place and receive calls directly through laptops. We can be reached at the following numbers: 505-870-0242, 505-979-9639, 505-207-5626, 505-870-3068, or 505-887-5973.

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ADMINISTRATION: The BIA Navajo Region's Administration includes Workforce/Staff Updates, Budget, and Acquisition.

Workforce/Staffing:

The Bureau of Indian Affairs, Navajo Region provides the status of its current workforce and their duty stations by Agency:

BIA	Regional Office	Chinle Agency	Eastern Navajo Agency	Fort Defiance Agency	Shiprock Agency	Tuba City Agency	FIMO	Total Number of Employees
Administration	8*		1*	1			1	9
TRUST SERVICES								
Engineering/Water Resources	2*				1			2
Environmental Management	4*						1	5
Forestry	1							1
GIS								0
Natural Resources	1*	2*	1	3	1*	2		10
Navajo Partitioned Land								3
Probate & Estate Services	3		3					6
Real Estate Services	8	1	3	2	2	1	2	19
INDIAN SERVICES								
Facility Management	4*							4
Human Services	2							2
Indian Self Determination	3							3
Property	3							3
Safety	2			1		1		4
Transportation (Road Maintenance)	6	4	3	1	7	9		31
Tribal Government	1							1
Total Employees	48	7	11	8	11	13	4	102
* Denotes 10 employees who are temporarily assigned to other programs where staff gaps exist and impacts critical services to the Nation.								

The Department of the Interior is focused on advancing Energy Dominance and reducing the BIA Probate Backlog in Indian Country. As a result, the BIA Navajo Region is recruiting for multiple positions within its Probate Program, including Contact Representative, Legal Administrative Specialist, Legal Assistant, and Legal Instrument Examiner. These roles are available at duty stations in Crownpoint, Gallup, and Shiprock, NM.

To further support the Department's Energy Dominance initiative, BIA Navajo Region is also seeking candidates for positions involved in energy-related projects. These projects encompass crude oil, natural gas, lease condensates, natural gas liquids, refined petroleum products,

uranium, coal, biofuels, geothermal heat, hydropower, and critical minerals as defined in 30 USC 1606(a)(3). Open positions include Realty Specialist, Realty Assistant (Generalist), Geospatial Information Specialist, Environmental Protection Specialist, and Engineer Technician (Minerals). Currently, recruitment in other areas within the BIA Navajo Region remains on pause.

Budget Management

For Fiscal Year (FY) 2026, BIA Navajo Region received full year appropriations at the FY 2025 enacted levels. Of the \$66,185,853.73 BIA Navajo Region was appropriated, approximately 63% of funds have been expended during FY 2026. BIA Navajo Region just entered its last quarter of the fiscal year.

The Department of the Interior in collaboration with the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs hosted the Tribal Interior Budget Council meeting in Washington, DC on May 19-20, 2026. The purpose of this meeting was to conduct a government-to-government consultation with Indian Tribes on the incorporating efficiencies in the Tribal Budget formulation process. The Navajo Nation was represented by Honorable Council Delegate Eugenia Charles-Newton who serves as the Co-Chair for the Public Safety & Justice Subcommittee and BIA Navajo Region's Regional Director. Ramah Chapter was also in attendance as they manage federal funds and provide services directly to its community, not through the Navajo Nation. The Chapter collaborates with the BIA Southwest Region for funding and technical support.

Indian Self Determination (Public Law 93-638)

The BIA Navajo Region promotes the Navajo Nation's Self Determination efforts in self-governance and sovereignty by entering PL 93-638 contracts. These agreements allow the Nation to take on federal responsibilities and functions that would otherwise be carried out by the BIA Navajo Region.

Below is a summary of FY 2026 funds provided to the Navajo Nation under P.L. 93-638 contracts, as of July 6, 2026. Total funding is \$48,647,130.89, with \$4,233,894.78 available for drawdown. BIA Navajo Region urges the Nation to access these funds promptly.

NAVAJO NATION P.L. 93-638 FUND STATUS REPORT						
as of July 6, 2026						
Fund	FA Budget Program	Funds Available	To be Awarded	Not Drawn Down	Distributed	Available Funds
267A2100DD	A0H603030 : HOUSING DEVELOPMENT	124,909.00	124,909.00			0.00
267A2100DD	A0H901010 : SOCIAL SERVICES-TPA	197,082.79	0.00	0.00	197,082.79	0.00
267A2100DD	A0H901040 : Domestic Violence	146,000.00	146,000.00			0.00
267A2100DD	A0H901050 : IND CHILD PRO & FAM VIOL	3,484.32	3,484.32			0.00
267A2100DD	A0H913030 : WELFARE ASSISTANCE-TPA	310,355.00				310,355.00
26XA2100DD	A0H937070 : HOUSING IMPROV PROGRAM-TPA	2,179,131.00	2,179,131.00			0.00
267A2100DD	A0J304545 : Conservation Law Enforcem	47,000.00	0.00	47,000.00		0.00
267A2100DD	A0J908080 : TRIBAL COURTS PROGRAMS-TPA	2,106,950.00	0.00	0.00	2,106,950.00	0.00
267A2100DD	A0N301010 : IRRIGATION, OPER & MAINT	5,500,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,500,000.00	0.00
267A2100DD	A0N3E1010 : FOREST DEVELOPMENT	400,000.00	0.00	400,000.00		0.00
267A2100DD	A0N3E2020 : FOREST MNGMT INVTNRS&PLNS	180,000.00	0.00	180,000.00		0.00
267A2100DD	A0N3E3030 : WOODLAND MANAGEMENT	172,000.00	0.00	172,000.00		0.00
267A2100DD	A0N3E5050 : TIMBER HARVEST INITIATIVE	250,000.00	0.00	250,000.00		0.00
267A2100DD	A0N6A3031 : FOREST MARKETING ASSIST	25,543.00	0.00	25,543.00		0.00
267A2100DD	A0N9A0505 : NATURAL RESOURCES -TPA	179,020.78	0.00	144,441.78		34,579.00
267A2100DD	A0N9B1010 : AGRICULTURE PRGRM-TPA	1,305,502.00	0.00	0.00	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	636,162.00	47,000.00	53,000.00	536,162.00	0.00
267A2100DD	A0R9D4040 : ENVRMNTL QTY PRGRM-TPA	119,681.00	0.00	0.00	119,681.00	0.00
267A2100DD	A0T902020 : OTHER AID-TRIBL 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	0.00	1,793,842.00	2,679,147.00	12,296,819.00
267A2100DD	AEE904040 : JHNSN O'MALL A GR TPA BIA	1,883,616.00	0.00	1,168,068.00	715,548.00	0.00
267A2100DD	AEE931010 : TRIBAL SCHOLARSHI TPA BIA	13,580,558.00	0.00	0.00	13,580,558.00	0.00
Totals		48,647,130.89	2,500,524.32	4,233,894.78	29,270,958.79	12,641,753.00

BIA Navajo Region's Indian Self-Determination Program worked with the Nation's twenty non-construction contracts, seven construction contracts, and six Tribal Organizations (TO) under Pub. Law 93-638. The Nation submitted twelve 2026 SAFA proposals and five contract renewal requests; sixteen were approved and fully funded. Additionally, Fiscal Year 2025 Contract Support Cost Additional Need funds were distributed to support Pub. Law 93-638 contracts.

The allocation of funding to the Nation and TO's Pub. Law 93-638 Contracts is outlined in Table 1 below. All Pub. Law 93-638 contractors remain engaged in delivering services to communities and fulfilling other contractual obligations, as specified by their approved Scope of Work and budget for FY 2026. The entirety of awarded funds serves to benefit the Nation.

Table 1 -Public Law 93-638 Contracts Funding Allocations

Contract No.	THE NAVAJO NATION	Amount
A21AV00001	Natural Heritage	73,093
A21AV00002	Fish & Wildlife	78,168
A21AV00140	Criminal Investigations	15,812
A21AV00186	Law Enforcement Patrol Services	77,199
A22AV00148	Higher Education/Scholarship	9,180,009
A22AV00149	Environmental Archaeological Non-Roads	29,027
A22AV00151	Tribal Courts Program	54,060
A23AV00265	Adult Detention Program	601,371.37
A23AV00267	Juvenile Correction Program	44,950
A23AV00366	Water Development Program	822,132

A24AV00177	Johnson O'Malley Program	1,168,704
A25AV00489	Water Monitoring and Inventory Program	155,905
A25AV00618	477 Plan (Division of Children and Family Services)	30,336,738.80
A25AV00894	Safety of Dams	782,369
A26AV00011	Housing Improvement Program	421,269
A26AV00275	Natural Heritage Program	106,000
A26AV00276	Fish & Wildlife Program	804,000
	Sub-Total Navajo Nation:	44,750,807.17
	NAVAJO TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS	
A23AV00007	Navajo Technical University	1,779,436
A24AV00800	Dine Bi Olta School Board Association, Inc.	15,512.05
A26AV00010	Rock Point Community School	1,079,419
A26AV00232	Navajo Agricultural Products Industry	9,523,081
	Sub-Total Tribal Organizations:	12,397,448.05
	GRAND TOTAL:	57,148,255.22

Three Tribal Organizations have submitted SAFA proposals for School Year 2026-2027 to continue services under Pub. Law 93-638 Contracts.

Indian Self Determination Program's Awarding Officials (AOs) continue to support the Nation with technical support to the Nation's Public Laws 93-638 and 102-477 Contracts. **BIA Awarding Official's Technical Representatives (AOTRs) continue to conduct contract monitoring for 638 Contracts, except for the Nation's Tribal Courts program. Annual contract monitoring is a regulatory requirement to ensure 638 contracted programs operate as intended and strengthens the Tribal-Federal Partnership. BIA Navajo Region is also working to schedule training for the Nation's Division for Children and Family Services Program so they can accurately and timely submit their Financial Assistance and Social Services Report (FASSR). This report is critical in determining the distribution of welfare assistance funding to the Nation and inaccuracies can be detrimental to reduced funding allocations. Currently, the Nation's FASSR Report remains outstanding.**

For the FY 2024 Single Audit Report, the Nation submitted responses on April 28 and May 21, 2026, addressing eight findings and \$3,578,025 in questioned costs. The AO recommended a 45-day period for the Nation to provide evidence to resolve each issue, and BIA Navajo Region is currently reviewing the documentation.

Acquisition

BIA Navajo Region's Acquisition staff play a critical role for the Navajo Nation by soliciting and awarding contracts for services, construction, supplies, and specialized needs; thereby ensuring that all awards benefit the Nation. Procurement services focus on road maintenance, construction, equipment, and program operations. The following contracts were awarded during this quarter:

Contract Number	Project Description	Location
140A0926P0021	Security Camera Surveillance System, Gamarco Facility	Gamarco, NM
140A0926P0025	Repair of Stairs/Gutters, Fire Management Office	Ft. Defiance, AZ
140A0926P0047	Fence Project, Gamarco Facility	Gamarco, NM
Multiple Contracts	Repairs for Heavy Equipment for Branch of Transportation	All Agencies – Eastern, Shiprock, Chinle, Ft. Defiance, Western Navajo
140A0926P0054	Repair of Fire Hydrant and Water Leak, Fire Management	Ft. Defiance, AZ
140A0926P0034	Repair of Ramp for Building 40, Ft. Defiance Agency	Ft. Defiance, AZ
140A0926P0031	New Fire Alarm System, Shiprock Agency Headquarters	Shiprock, NM
140A0926P0046	5-Year Monitoring for 34 Landfills within Navajo Region	Various Locations within Navajo Region
140A0926P0019	Baca and Haystack Sheep Dip Vat Project	Baca, NM
140A0926P0040	Structural Assessment for Building 40 and 251, Ft. Defiance Agency Headquarters	Ft. Defiance, AZ
140A0926P0023	Pavement Marking Project for Shiprock Agency, Branch of Transportation	Shiprock, NM

Acquisition staff continue to work on remaining Pre-Work Tasks that include meeting with BIA Navajo Region contractors to review project scope, clarify technical requirements, schedules and expected deliverables, and identifying potential issues early. The following contracts are in Pre-Work progress:

- 140A0921P0084: Crownpoint Stockpile Project, Crownpoint, NM
- 140A0925P0080: Pavement Marking for Western Navajo Agency, Branch of Transportation
- 140A0925P0078: Pavement Marking for Ft. Defiance Agency, Branch of Transportation
- 140A0925P0032: Pavement Marking for Ft. Defiance Agency, Branch of Transportation

FY 2026 Purchase Requests

For Fiscal Year 2026, 137 purchase requests have been awarded, totaling \$4,771,124.38. Another 29 requests are pending, valued at \$1,231,495.33. In total, there are 166 purchase requests worth \$6,002,619.71 for FY 2026.

TRUST SERVICES: BIA Navajo Region's Trust Service Programs include Environmental Services, , 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 Eastern Navajo Agency.

Environmental Management

Environmental Management staff continue to advance land-transfer and cleanup projects across the Navajo Nation.

Land Transfer: The Chinle Land Transfer parcels, totaling 7.608 acres, are fully remediated and are pending to be returned back to the Navajo Nation. BIA Navajo Region will need a Tribal Resolution to begin the land transfer into trust for the Nation's benefit. Cleanup at the former Tonalea IHS building concluded the week of July 3, 2026; with the local Chapter planning to request this small parcel of land to be returned to the Nation. At the former Sanostee Boarding School site, additional subsurface materials were identified, and supplemental funding will be required to complete work before returning approximately 91.4 acres to the Nation.

Sheep Dip Vat Status: Cleanup work is underway at the Rock Point Sheep Dip Vat site, with additional soil assessments scheduled for early July 2026. The Rough Rock Sheep Dip Vat project is moving forward with pending approval from the Navajo Nation EPA. The Baca/Haystack Sheep Dip Vat cleanup project has been awarded.

National Environmental Protection Act Status: Environmental Management continues supporting priority projects, including the FAST41 Broadband Initiative, with coordination underway to finalize joint environmental determination. NEPA processed 172 Categorical Exclusions supporting housing and utility needs; completed 50 Cultural Resources Compliance Forms; and reviewed three Findings of No Significant Impact for Navajo Nation projects. These efforts continue to support community development and ensure timely progress on essential infrastructure and land-use actions.

Forestry

BIA Navajo Region's Forestry staff is assisting the Navajo Nation's Forestry Management Program with commercial forest inventory using a tablet app. Staff recently finished quality control on 30 sub plots; the program failed inspection and must fix data for 178 completed plots.

Forestry staff are seeking the Navajo Nation's support for consent to conduct forest management on Oak Ridge Timber Sale Area allotments. A request for a Tribal Resolution was sent on February 4, 2026, with a response requested by March 23, 2026. BIA Navajo Region is awaiting for a response from the Navajo Nation.

Natural Resources

During the third quarter, the Branch of Natural Resources focused on strengthening compliance processes, improving coordination with Navajo Nation programs, and supporting ongoing land-management needs across all agencies. Work continued permit reviews, conservation planning, and intergovernmental collaboration, including coordination with the Navajo Nation Historic Preservation Department and participation in planning discussions for the Canyon de Chelly Joint Management Plan. Staff capacity was supported through recent certifications and temporary reassignments to maintain service coverage during staffing shortages.

Chinle, Fort Defiance, Shiprock, and Western Navajo Offices assisted permittees and advanced range management through range inventory, conservation planning, project proposals, and rangeland assessments, including ongoing water-infrastructure support for Navajo Partitioned Lands. Agencies stressed accurate livestock reporting for effective grazing, drought planning, and trust requirements.

BNR requested continued collaboration with the Navajo Nation on Agricultural Resource Management Plans, water issues, infrastructure, and livestock management. Due to transport challenges, the Navajo Nation Department of Agriculture paused its equine rescue program, and BNR staff prepared for increased inquiries about New World Screwworm. BIA announced FY 2026 funding for natural-resource programs and invited Tribal participation in invasive-species planning sessions.

Although staff shortages present challenges for the BIA Navajo Region to carry out effective services to the Nation, Natural Resources staff continue to prioritize reliable service, active cooperation with Navajo Nation partners, and responsible stewardship of Navajo lands and resources for future generations of the Navajo Nation.

Real Estate Services

Minerals (Fluid and Solid) BIA Navajo Region's Minerals program continued processing payments and approvals for Navajo Nation oil and gas activities, including State of Utah royalty transactions for April–June 2026 and water-use payments from Chevron for Lease No. 14-20-0603-8669. Several Applications for Permit to Drill and Sundry Notices were acted on in coordination with BLM, with some items still awaiting Navajo Nation responses. The suspension of operations granted to NTEC on behalf of Tacitus, LLC remains in effect until July 31, 2026. Field inspections and orphan-well cleanup efforts also continued. For Solid Minerals, BIA, OSMRE, and Navajo Nation partners held regular coordination meetings, completed reclamation reviews, and approved a bond reduction for Peabody Western Coal Company. Site inspections for Navajo Mine, Chevron Mine, and PWCC are underway, and additional sand and gravel inspections will be scheduled.

Surface Leasing and Mortgages actions included recording releases, probates, decrees, and title requests, along with lease modifications. Rights-of-way work continued major energy and broadband projects. Notable updates include ongoing review of the Painted Desert–Navajo Power 345 kV transmission application; completed construction for the Emery Telecom broadband easement (grant issued June 18, 2025); and issuance of 25-year Grants of Easement for Sacred Wind’s FAST-41 broadband projects on April 8 and April 30, 2026. Phase II remains pending until a complete application is resubmitted. Additional ROW work advanced for Transwestern Pipeline, Tucson Electric Company (extension to July 2, 2026), Arizona Public Service (proposed amendment to extend term to 2066), El Paso Natural Gas, Tallgrass Energy, and Invenergy.

Cadastral Survey work continued FY 2026 priority survey projects in Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah, with several survey plats completed and pending BLM review. Acquisition and Disposal activities focused on landowner education regarding Indian allotments, with 18 consultations completed. Work continued Fort Wingate land conveyances under Public Law 114-328, including completed patents in 2018 and 2024 and ongoing environmental cleanup for the remaining parcels. Survey work on Priority 2 and Priority 3 parcels continued through May and June 2026, with completion expected by September 2026.

Agency Offices continued routine realty actions, including service-line agreements, homesite-lease processing, ROW approvals, lease terminations, and title status reporting. Chinle, Fort Defiance, Shiprock, and Western Agencies processed leases, ROW actions, NHA assignments, temporary construction easements, and title requests, supporting ongoing community development and land-use needs across the Navajo Nation.

Probate & Estate Services

Probate and Estate Services processed 127 cases through the Office of Hearings and Appeals this quarter, with asset disbursement underway. At quarter’s end, 7,708 cases remain active. Of 172 eligibles for closure, 55 (31.98%) have completed disbursement. This quarter, 132 cases were submitted to OHA: 113 from Eastern Navajo Agency, 11 from Fort Defiance Agency, and 8 from Shiprock Agency. The BIA Navajo Region Probate team will hold three **Outreach events to collect vital records from IIM Landowners on August 1, August 15, and September 12, 2026.**

Engineering (Water Resources/Safety of Dams/NIIP)

Engineering staff advanced major projects this quarter. The Navajo Nation received a \$150,000 contract to support the Red Lake Irrigation Diversion Preliminary Report. The Conjunctive Groundwater Use Wells Project continues under an extended contract until 2029, with Work Order #2 finished, #3 funded through 2026, and #4 awaiting direction. The Fruitland-to-Cambridge Diversion Dam project is paused due to \$21 million in funding, and the expenditure

plan has been approved. Construction of the Fish Weir finished in May 2026, pending inspection, and Yellowman Siphon Phase Two was completed in April 2026.

The **Safety of Dams** program secured two FY26 contracts: Early Warning Systems (A25AV00894) for \$266,000 and Dam Maintenance (A25AV00894) for \$356,400. Program review activities were completed in April 2026, and follow-up actions are underway. **Cracking identified at the Many Farms Dam in March 2026 remains under review, with a corrective-action meeting scheduled for July 2026.** The dam continues under Emergency Response Level One. Annual inspections were completed for Many Farms, Dennehotso, Round Rock, Tsale, and Wheatfields at the end of April 2026.

The **Navajo Indian Irrigation Program** received FY26 funding for NAPI Operations and Maintenance (\$5,500,000) and Water Quality (\$38,432) under Contract A21AV00158. Coordination meetings with NAPI and the Bureau of Reclamation are scheduled for July 22 and July 28, 2026, to support ongoing development activities. A leadership meeting on long-term NIIP planning is rescheduled for August 2026. Work also continues with federal partners and NAPI to address wildlife impacts along the irrigation canal system.

Federal Indian Minerals Office

Realty / Leasing Projects: FIMO did not have any concurrencies with the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM's) and approved one Communitization Agreement for the MC7 Unit. Two-unit expansions were received and reviewed for the White Crow Unit and Alamos Canyon Unit. Projects for Dugan Production Company's pipeline, West Texas Nation Bank letter of credit bond by Dominion Production/Nacodoches Oil & Gas company, and Dugan Production Company's with Atkins Consulting seeking tract information regarding ROW project through Navajo Indian allotments were received.

FIMO inspected one spill event for remediation. The spill event occurred in the Nageezi area where saltwater was released from a lay flat line. In addition, two wells were inspected and four sundries were received for plugging wells from BLM and operators.

Client Services: FIMO took part in two outreach programs at San Juan College and Torreon Chapter House for Navajo oil and gas mineral owners. Realty staff continue to coordinate with operators and BLM on leasing, respond to calls, assist walk-ins, and address allottees' mineral lease inquiries. Due to workforce efficiencies, only four outreach events will be held by federal partners (BIA, BTFA, BLM, ONRR) for the rest of the fiscal year.

Eastern Navajo Agency

Real Estate Services

Appraisal work advanced consistently this period, with utility and power-line requests completed throughout the Region. Several right-of-way easements were secured for waterline and electricity projects. Staff joined right-of-way meetings to coordinate with chapters, providers, and project leaders, supporting timely progress on priority projects. These actions demonstrate sustained collaboration and ongoing land-use improvements for community infrastructure and services.

Natural Resources

The 2025 Grazing Permit Renewal is in progress; permits will be issued only to applicants who meet all requirements and settle outstanding invoices. Grazing levels remain at a reduced rate. BIA is partnering with New Mexico State University and Native Sustainable Agriculture to help permittees update conservation plans. The Eastern Navajo Agency has identified individual Indian allotments and landowners in the program, including District 16, where the Navajo Nation owns substantial land. The Alamo/Canoncito Noxious Weed and Invasive Control Project runs through 2026, following landowner consent and planning. Rangeland inventory reports are under review to inform future management.

Land Management District	# Range Units	# Permittees	# Permits Approved	# Pending	Not Eligible
16	161	187	175	12	104
19	69	94	88	6	19
20	171	221	200	21	92
Total	401	502	463	39	215

Probate and Estate Services

Probate and Estate Services submitted 107 probate cases, with 118 accepted by the Office of Hearings and Appeals. These cases involved \$2,545,066.23 in Individual Indian Money accounts, 1068 allotments, and 538 probable heirs. The branch completed 27 disbursements and closings. Staff are assigned 3,803 cases, received 44 new death notices, and assisted 690 clients through various channels. Outreach in Navajo kept allotment interest holders informed about land ownership and estate matters.

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

Facility Management

Facility Management staff continue to coordinate with the Navajo Nation to support facility related projects throughout the Region. Support for Navajo Nation programs is also provided through Pub. Law 93-638 contracts, that Facility Management delivers technical assistance and funding. Additionally, reviewed Requests for Office Space and enhancing internet systems at Eastern and Western Navajo Agencies.

In the area of construction, upgrades, and project management, Facility Management successfully monitored improvements throughout the region. At BIA Building 3, home to the Navajo Nation Department of Justice, a comprehensive painting upgrade was completed, and a carpet replacement is scheduled for the end of July 2026. These projects demonstrate BIA Navajo Region's dedication to providing professional, safe, and functional environments for Tribal service delivery.

Housing Improvement Program

BIA Navajo Region's Housing Improvement Program (HIP) timely submitted its Government Performance Results Act (GPRA) reports. For FY 2026, BIA Navajo Region received \$2,177,749 for HIP with the Nation submitting their CY 2026 SAFA Proposal. **BIA Navajo Region is awaiting the Nation's response to the SAFA.**

Human Services

Human Services team provides continued activities reflecting our ongoing dedication to regulatory compliance and effective program management, directly benefiting tribal members through enhanced support and oversight.

Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Activities:

Staff continuously support ICWA compliance by processing 25 ICWA notices and referred 7 notices to the Navajo Nation ICWA Program. Maintained consistent updates to the Financial Assistance and Social Services Case Management System (FASS-CMS) and participated in bi-weekly meetings with the Navajo Division for Children and Family Services to promote accurate reporting and strengthen program coordination.

Prepared and submitted a one-time purchase request for FY2025 & FY2026 Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act and Domestic Violence funding, totaling \$152,968.64 under Pub. Law 93-638.

Reviewed and provided actionable recommendations for revisions to the Navajo Nation's Financial Assistance and Social Services Report (FASSR), supporting continuous improvement and regulatory compliance. **BIA Navajo Region has scheduled a training for Navajo Nation on how to accurately and timely complete the FASSR – September 2-3, 2026.**

Individual Indian Money (IIM) Case Management:

Staff completed nine Administrative Restriction Letters and conducted eleven home visits for Navajo IIM accountholders referred to by the Bureau of Trust Funds Administration. Staff also met with four IIM accountholders and their families to resolve account concerns and finalized seven distribution plans. Responded to thirty-nine inquiries on IIM cases and ICWA-related assistance. Requested legal reviews for five Power of Attorney documents and court orders from the DOI Office of the Solicitors.

Property Management

BIA Navajo Region's Property team is finalizing FY2026 Annual Inventory for submission to Central Office. Staff are also assisting the New Mexico Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office, of the US Fish and Wildlife Service to transfer two rafts to the Navajo Nation, Property continues 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.

Safety

Workplace Safety Progress and Inspection Overview

Safety staff continue to ensure workplace safety and supporting employee well-being throughout the BIA Navajo Region. Safety Assessments for Twenty-six Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) facilities and 3 Office of Justice Services (OJS) were completed. Accomplishments include OJS facility inspection reports are 100% complete; BIA facility inspection reports are at 92% completion; and Abatement plans associated with identified findings have been completed at a rate of 96%.

Technical Assistance and Program Support (April to June)

Third Quarter accomplishments include providing guidance and technical assistance to 638 programs and Navajo Nation offices: Navajo Detention Centers, Navajo Animal Control, Navajo Scholarship Office, Tribal Enrollment Office, and Navajo Department of Transportation.

Transportation

Transportation staff continue to provide technical assistance and services related to transportation, collaborating directly with Navajo DOT as they work toward self-sufficiency in carrying out their Tribal Transportation Program (TTP).

Road Maintenance: With shortage of staff challenges, BIA Navajo Region has realigned its Road Maintenance services and staffing to meet its mission operations. The Shiprock Agency Roads Engineer provides management and oversight over staff in Shiprock, Eastern Navajo, Fort Defiance (New Mexico side) and Farmington (serving NIIP Roads) to service BIA roads in these areas. BIA Navajo Region's Acting Regional Roads Engineer provides management and oversight for Fort Defiance, Newlands, Chinle and Western Navajo Agencies, all while continuing to service roads, bridges, and transportation facilities that serves the Nation.

Third Quarter Road Maintenance Activities

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
Ft. Defiance	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Chinle	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓		✓			✓			✓
Western	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Shiprock	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓
Farmington	✓			✓		✓	✓			✓						✓
New Lands	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓						✓
Eastern	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓

For the Shiprock, Eastern Navajo, Farmington (NIIP Roads) and the New Mexico side of Fort Defiance Agency, the following road maintenance work was provided: Shiprock Agency- Culvert, Erosion, Fence, Signs on N36, N35, N562, N12, N57, N34, N5059, N30, N5010, N5, N19. Pothole, Vegetation, Cattleguard on N57, N35, N12, N5060, N5063, N13, N36, N5057, N5, N5000, N364. Blading and Sand Removal on N35, N5056, N5016, N5092, N5053, N5017, N5060, N191, N5002, N192, N5001. Bridge Deck: N35 and assisted with transporting oversized heavy equipment transport for ENA. For Eastern Navajo Agency; Culvert, Erosion, Fence, Signs on N9, N9 FDA, N55, N56, N11, N474, N461, N481, N7049, N49, N7044, N7140, N7046, N48. Pothole, Vegetation, Cattleguard for N9, N55, N56, N474, N104, N48, N7119, and the streets within the Crownpoint vicinity, N7140, N7044, N7062, N30. Blading and Sand Removal in Crownpoint and Guardrail Repairs on N9, N55, N55.

For the Chinle, Newlands, Western and Arizona side of the Fort Defiance Agency, the following road maintenance work was provided: pothole patching, cattle guard and guardrail cleaning, and fence repairs on N6, N7, N12, N15, N27, N112, N60, and N602. Culvert, Erosion, Fence for N59, N8066, N8034, N8062, N8034; Pothole, Vegetation, Cattleguard: N59, N64, N7, N12, N13, N41, N27, N7, N8027. Road Assessments and Blading on N25, N26, N59, N8062. For Western Agency, Culvert, Erosion, Fence, Signs for N15, N16, N21, N600. Pothole, Vegetation, Cattleguard for N20, N21, 024, N222, N59, N1017 and streets within the vicinity of Tuba City. Blading, Sand Removal for N59, N6465. Road striping and Bridge Deck for N15, N129.

Tribal Government Services

During the reporting period, the Navajo Region referred five Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB) requests to the Navajo Nation Office of Vital Records and Enrollment. These requests were submitted for purposes such as scholarships, program benefits, and verification of tribal membership, including requests originating from correctional institutions.

P.L. 93-638 Contractual Program, Tribal Enrollment (TE), Contract A16AV00151: AOTR continues to coordinate with the Nation and BIA Navajo Region on office space and the Revocable License Agreement. On May 28, 2026, the Nation submitted its FY 2026 Annual Tribal Enrollment Data for Contract No. A25AV00568.

P.L. 93-638 Contractual Program, Higher Education, Contract A17AV00096: On May 4, 2026, AOTR processed a \$9,041,936.00 Electronic Purchase Request for Tribal Enrollment. Funds are made available as a one-time distribution under H.R. 6938 / Public Law 119-74.

P.L. 93-638 Contractual Program, Tribal Courts, Contract A22AV00151: On May 13, 2026, AOTR worked with BIA Navajo Region's Human Services and the Nation to develop a preliminary guardianship process involving social services and tribal courts.

Freedom of Information Act: During the Third Quarter, BIA Navajo Region closed 17 FOIA requests.