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Nahata Dziil Targets Land for Manufactured Housing Plant

Project Purpose

To develop and implement 24 Chapter Recovery Plans and one Navajo Thaw Regional Plan to address the impacts of the Bennett Freeze and Forced Relocation. The Community and Economic Development Plans will create a sustainable economic future while providing funding for priority housing, economic development, community development and infrastructure projects.

Note: the "Project Purpose" stated above has remained unchanged since 2019. With this report, Report #84, we have updated the purpose to reflect the intent to provide planning to 14 additional Chapters in the NPL.

CJN-29-22 directs the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission Office (NHLCO) to engage its consultant to develop a manufactured housing plan focused upon Nahata Dziil. In response, Nahata Dziil Commission Governance (NDCG) has recommended a 30-acre parcel of land 1.2 miles south of interstate 40 at Exit 325 (the Navajo, Arizona Exit).

Nahata Dziil has a special relationship with the Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation (ONHIR). ONHIR provides planning and administrative support for Nahata Dziil priorities.

On Monday, November 13, all five Nahata Dziil Commission Members met in Flagstaff with the staff from ONHIR to discuss the land withdrawal process for the development parcel. With this support, Building Communities will focus its analysis for manufactured housing plant development at the location known as Navajo Springs.

Building Communities is also examining shovel-ready sites at other locations specified in CJN-29-22 Section 10 Exhibit L-3: Chinle, Gallup, Shiprock, and Tuba City. All shovel-ready projects in these locations will be referenced in a forthcoming Request for Proposals (RFP) issued by NHLCO to determine interest by the development community in: 1) building one or more housing manufacturing plants, and 2) build manufactured housing.

Simultaneously, NHLCO is coordinating with the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration and the Navajo Nation Division of Community Development (DCD) Community Housing & Infrastructure Department (CHID).

The objective is to manufacture and distribute manufactured homes in concert with the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) *obligation* deadline of June 30, 2024 and *expenditure* deadline of December 31, 2026.