

Navajo Thaw NPL Documentation

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Saturday, October 22, 2022

9 am – 2 pm (Arizona Time)

10 am – 3 pm MDT

Twin Arrows Conference Room (To be Confirmed)

1. Call to Order – Stan Robbins
2. Invocation
3. Self-introductions and Sign-up Sheet
4. Introduction of Building Communities and the Work of the Navajo Thaw – Brian Cole
5. Purpose/History/Goals of Dzil Yiziin Regional Council – Percy Deal and Other NPL Leaders
6. Goals of the “NPL Extension” to the Navajo Thaw – Brian Cole
7. Brainstorming of Dzil Yiziin Priorities/Projects/Expectations
8. Establishing a Communications Protocol on How we Proceed Together
9. Other Business
10. Next Meeting
11. Adjourn



Navajo Thaw/NPL/Dzil Yijiin Planning Session

November 16, 2022

9 am – 12 (noon) MST

Zoom Meeting

1. Call to Order – Stan Robbins
2. Invocation
3. Self-introductions
4. Brief Update on the Work of the Navajo Thaw – Brian Cole
5. Potential Assistance From NAU
6. Purpose/History/Goals of Dzil Yiziin Regional Council – Percy Deal and Other NPL Leaders (any updates since the October 22 meeting)
7. Brainstorming of NPL/Dzil Yijiin Priorities/Projects/Expectations
8. Other Business
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Navajo Thaw/NPL/Dzil Yijiin Planning Session

November 30, 2022

9 am – 12 (noon) MST

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Building Communities is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Navajo Thaw/NPL/Dzil Yijiin #3

Time: Nov 30, 2022 09:00 AM Arizona

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86102396567?pwd=Ym8xckFOcVdOV0RTZTV2c2NsMjJ2UT09>

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NPL/Dzil Yiziin/Navajo Thaw Planning Session

Saturday, October 22, 2022

9 am – 2 pm (Arizona Time)

Twin Arrows Conference Facility

MEETING NOTES

1. Call to Order

Stan Robbins with the Navajo Thaw Team called the meeting to order shortly after 9 am MST.

2. Invocation

The invocation was provided by Mae-Gilene Begay.

3. Self-introductions and Sign-up Sheet

See Attachment A for the meeting attendees.

4. Introduction of Building Communities and the Work of the Navajo Thaw

Brian Cole presented a PowerPoint that provided some background on the effort of the Navajo Thaw and some thoughts on how we can all work together to make progress. A copy of the PowerPoint is shown at Attachment B.

5. Purpose/History/Goals of Dzil Yiziin Regional Council

Percy Deal summarized the history and goals of the region.

6. Goals of the NPL Extension to the Navajo Thaw

Needed Information From all Chapters

- Chapter CLUPs (or CLUPs in-progress)
- Projects on each Chapter Community Infrastructure Plan (CIP) list
- Descriptive material on projects being advanced for “Delegate Region” ARPA funding (\$8.8 million per Delegate Region)
- Other relevant documentation



Percy Deal explains the geography, the challenges...and the opportunities by working together

- Outreach to BIA, IHS, and other federal information and programmatic sources

Documentation to be Further Researched by Building Communities

- General Accounting Office (GAO) Report
 - A response by Dził Yiziiin and Navajo Nation to GAO Report
- Impacts of NGS and Peabody Coal closure
- Section 13 (put this “back in” P.L. 93-531)
- Eligibility language for “coal impacted communities”
- Synthesize information from the 2021 Build Back Better Regional Challenge (BBBRC) proposal
- Second Generation beneficiaries position paper

Needs and Recommendations as Expressed by Chapter Leaders

- Conduct a study of impacts
 - Special study on the impacts to the people that relocated to Nahata Dził
- Analyze the national federal impacted schools legislation which provides payments to New Mexico localities
 - This could be amended to benefit Navajo (payment in lieu of taxes)



Technical Amendments

- Possibility of augmenting the Technical Amendments with NPL documentation and requests

Impacts to NPL

- Limit of 10 sheep per Grazing Area (two low; limits quality of life)

Report K. Black, Jr. Responding to Delegate James

- An upcoming Congressional Hearing is unlikely due to the current disagreements on some issues between Navajo and Hopi
- HR6141 (Technical Amendments) – Near-term approval of the Technical Amendments is unlikely due to opposition by Hopi
- Navajo Thaw – gaining respect and increased likelihood of future funding success
- Appointment of the ONHIR Commissioner – Hopi is opposed to such an appointment due to their general dissatisfaction with ONHIR
- Current litigation – portions of one of the two cases has been dismissed

Existing ONHIR Funding Balance

- It was noted that ONHIR has between \$15 million - \$19 million in its fund. There may be an opportunity to approach ONHIR for a portion of this funding for priority NPL needs

NPL Standalone

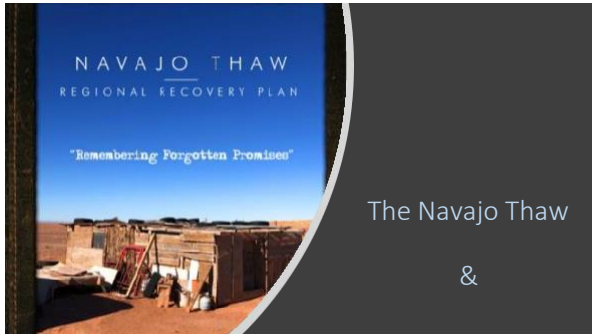
- Potential legislation that would just benefit the NPL
- Request for recovery funding (not just relocation)
- Would address the second generation needs
- Documentation was supposed to be polished and then submitted to Congress but this did not happen

Attachment A
Dzil Yiziin/Navajo Thaw Planning Session
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Twin Arrows Casino and Resort
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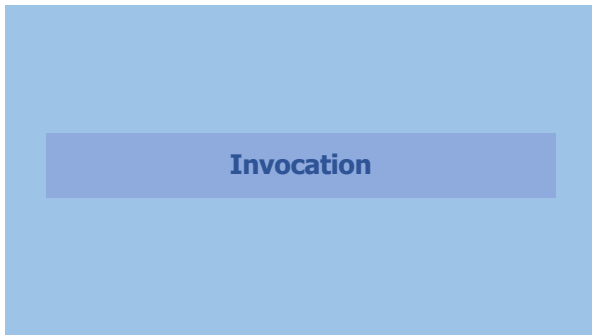
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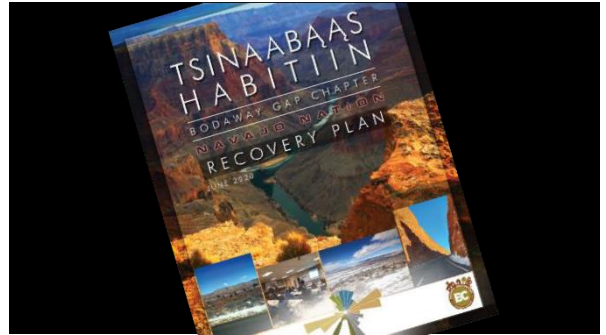


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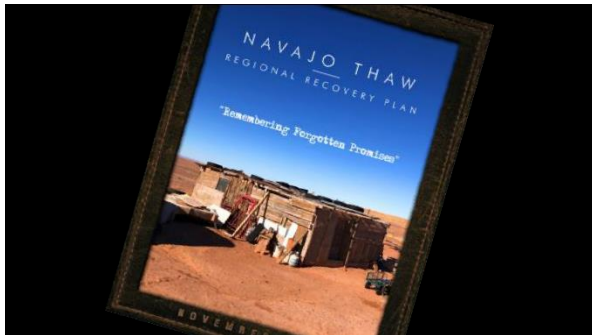
Project Purpose

To develop and implement ten Chapter Recovery Plans and one Navajo Thaw Regional Plan to address the impacts of the Bennett Freeze and Forced Relocation

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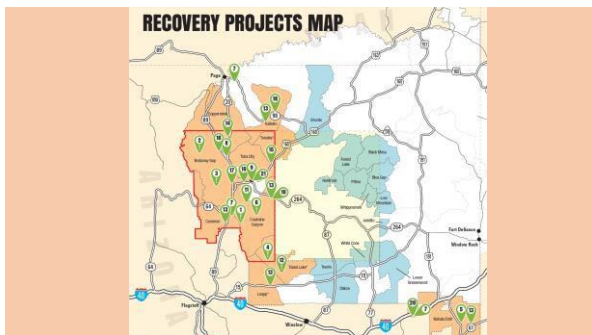
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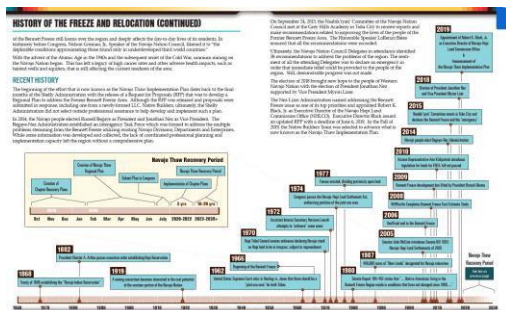
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Unfulfilled Federal Promises to Relocates

Potential Breach of Trust?

The Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation (ONHIR) is a critical part of ONIHR's function as envisioned by Congress in the Relocation Act. ONIHR has largely abandoned its infrastructure responsibilities. This is despite the clear legislative history.

Broken Infrastructure Promises

Not only has the Relocation program brought great harm to the relocated Navajo families, but promises of infrastructure have not been fulfilled. Notably, Congress in the original Relocation Act intended the preparation and submission of a relocation report and plan that would "ensure that housing and related community facilities and services, such as water, sewer, roads, schools, and health facilities, for such households shall be available at the relocation sites..." That notwithstanding this language, actual infrastructure development was far less than what was promised.

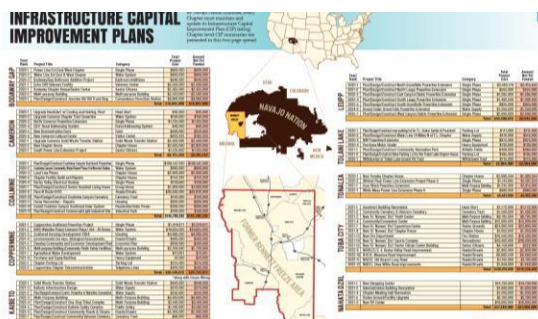
Federal Agency Coordination

ONIHR is authorized to call upon any department or agency of the United States to assist in carrying out the Relocation Plan. However, there has been minimal coordination and insufficient involvement by other agencies with the funding resources necessary to fulfill Congress' promises.

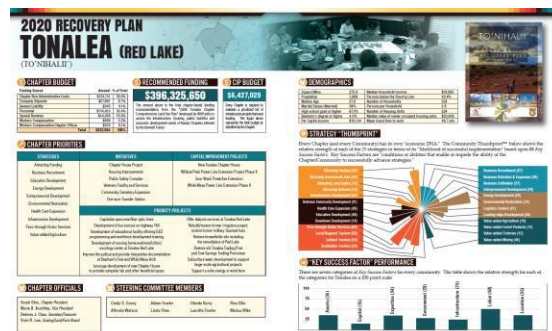
Multi-generational Impacts

Relocation has had an adverse ongoing impact on the children and grandchildren resulting from the dislocation off ancestral lands, separation from sacred landscapes, and housing and employment shortages at the relocation sites, among other stresses. These issues also need to be addressed by the federal government.

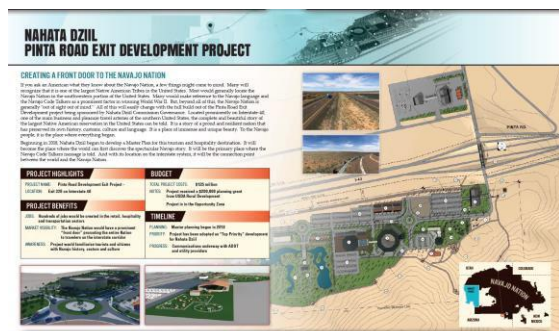
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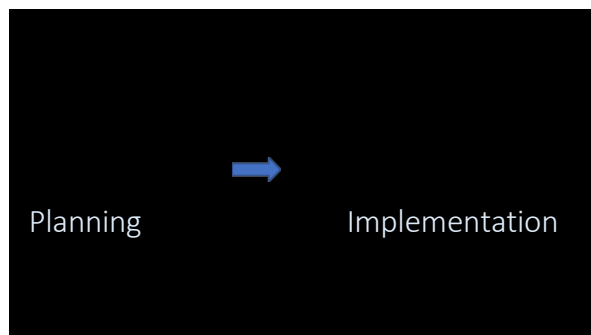
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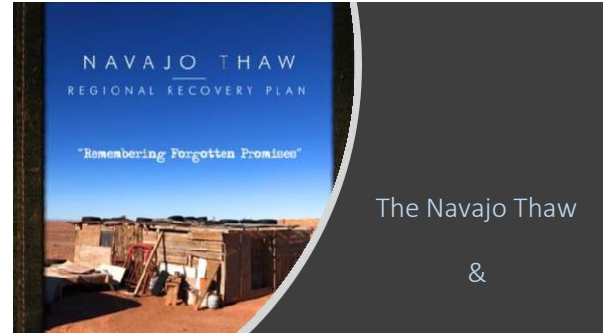
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FBFA/NPL ARPA-Funded Housing Project	
Topic	Approach
Coordinating Navajo Offices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Navajo Hopi Land Commission Office Navajo Nation Division of Community Development (Community Housing & Infrastructure Department (CHID))
Primary Navajo Contacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Robert E. Black, Jr., NHECO Patrick Dalgai, CHD
Total Amount of Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$15.55 million
Type of Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manufactured/modular housing
Manufactured Housing Vendor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modular Solutions, Albuquerque, NM
Estimated Cost per Manufactured Home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$300,000
Criteria for Housing Allocation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommendation from Chapter (by resolution) based upon need Final approval by NHECO
Requirements for Placement of Manufactured Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to water and power (hauling water and solar energy units do qualify)
Allocation of Homes per Chapter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not an "equal distribution" Rather, allocation based upon need (see criteria above)
Guiding Legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CIN 29-22; Exhibit L-4

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Discussion

- History and Priorities of Dził Yíjiiin Regional Council
- Existing and Past Plans
- Future Expectations
- Future Meetings

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Navajo Thaw/NPL Planning Session
November 16, 2022
MEETING NOTES
9 am – 12 pm MST

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Stan Robbins at 9:25 am MST.

2. Invocation

Mae-Gilene Begay provided the invocation.

3. Self-introductions

Attendees included Brian Cole, Building Communities; Paris Tom, Jeddito; Stan Robbins, Navajo Thaw Team; Robert Black, NHLCO; Roland Smallcanyon, Shonto Community Governance; Representative, Whitecone; Elizabeth Whitehorse-Benally, Shonto Community Governance; Raymond Maxx, Navajo Thaw Team; Bobby Robbins, Navajo Thaw Team; Elmer Clark, Teesto; Patsy Yazzie, NHLCO; Carmenlita Chief, NAU; Roman Bitsui, Former NHLCO Executive Director; Eunice Begay, Dilkon ASC; Mae-Gilene Begay, Forest Lake; Phillip Tom, Whippoorwill; Stanley Yazzie; Percy Deal, Dzil Yijiin; Larry Biltah, Black Mesa; Leland Dayzie, Tolani Lake; Germaine Simonson, Hard Rock; Clara Tsosie, Teesto; and Dorothy Yazzie, Black Mesa. In addition, there were two additional attendees that did not introduce themselves. In total, it was estimated that 10 of the 13 NPL Chapters had representation.

4. Brief Update on the Work of the Navajo Thaw

As Brian Cole had provided an overview of the Navajo Thaw at the two previous meetings, he provided a shorter presentation here. He directed everyone to www.navajothaw.com.

5. Potential Assistance from NAU

Carmenlita Chief stated that she is finalizing the prototype of a survey that will help to identify the housing and infrastructure needs of the region.

Chief then recommended that Building Communities provide more information to the Chapters on the type and timing of the information that would be beneficial to complete this planning work.

6. Purpose/History/Goals of Dzil Yijiin Regional Council

Stan Robbins asked Percy Deal to provide his thoughts on the status of the planning effort and how to move forward. Mr. Deal noted that six weeks is insufficient time to generate the type of plan needed by NPL. Mr. Deal believes that there is expertise within NPL that could work to put the plan together. Mr. Deal explained how he would like to advance a \$500,000 funding request to the NHLCO for this work. In his opinion, similar funding might be accessed to continue the work of the Navajo Thaw. Percy Deal stressed that if we do planning, we need to do it right.

Roman Bitsui noted that it might be advantageous for the local group to access a portion or all of the additional funding provided through NHLCO for the Navajo Thaw expansion work benefiting NPL.

Bitsui summarized his understanding of the composition of a planned Navajo Thaw Roundtable which would appoint 16 Navajo members to direct expenditures made by ONHIR. He also made reference to the funding amounts that might go to Navajo and Hopi.

Bitsui stated that Building Communities and the Navajo Thaw can develop a document and then provide that document to NPL so that it can be included in the work being developed by NPL. Brian Cole affirmed that the document could be utilized in this fashion once it is complete.

Bitsui requested that a copy of the congressional language be provided so they could review it. He provided some history on how their suggested language was not ultimately added to HB-6141. He stated that the language needed to be developed by Navajo and submitted to Congress.

Robert Black provided an update on the availability of funding through his office. There was some discussion about approaching the NHLC to support a funding request of this nature.

7. Brainstorming of NPL/Dzil Yijiin Priorities/Projects/Expectations

Delegate-elect Germaine Simonson noted that she is from Hard Rock and has previously provided testimony in public hearings related to the impacts of Forced Relocation. She stated that the Hard Rock Chapter does have information that could be valuable to this planning effort. The remainder of Delegate-elect Simonson's comments referenced the mental and behavioral health impacts of relocation to the people.

Larry Biltah from Black Mesa asked what they can do to help. He stated that they will do everything they can to provide information and to help.

Leland Dayzie of Tolani Lake noted that a small portion of the Tolani Lake Chapter is in NPL. He referred to this portion as the 501 and 502 strip. He estimated this might be 15 homes. Dayzie stated that they are getting good support from CHOICE Humanitarian, the distribution of ARPA funding, and the work of Brian Cole and Building Communities and the Navajo Thaw Team. He also recognized Bobby Robbins. Dayzie made mention of some concerns related to funding drawdowns.

Paris Tom from Jeddito stated that they have their Capital Improvement Plan projects, ARPA projects, and a Chapter Plan and this information could be shared as a part of this planning project.

8. Other Business

There was no other business discussed.

9. Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 30 at 9 am MST by Zoom. Stan Robbins indicated that there would be a pre-meeting including Percy Deal, Roman Bitsui, Mae-Gilene Begay, Brian Cole, and himself.

10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm MST.

Navajo Thaw/NPL Planning Session
November 30, 2022
MEETING NOTES
9 am – 12 pm MST

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Stan Robbins at 9:21 am MST.

2. Invocation

Stan Robbins asked Rodger Paul to provide the invocation.

3. Self-introductions

Rodger Paul, Jeddito; Sharon Begay, Pinon; Fern Benally, Forest Lake; Johnny Naize, Whippoorwill; Stan Robbins, Navajo Thaw; Brian Cole, Building Communities; Raymond Maxx, Navajo Thaw; Marietta Denny; Philip Tom, Whippoorwill; Leroy Willie, Jeddito; Jay Begay, Hardrock; Carletta Spencer, Jeddito; Paris Tom, Jeddito; and Robert Black, NHLCO.

4. Brief Update on the Work of the Navajo Thaw

Brian Cole presented a brief background on the Navajo Thaw and the work being done in NPL.

5. Potential Assistance from NAU

No report.

6. Brainstorming of NPL/Dzil Yijiin Priorities/Projects/Expectations

Robert K. Black, Jr. indicated that he had heard from Roman Bitsui and Percy Deal. Mr. Bitsui and Mr. Deal are recommending that the NPL effort “go it alone” from the Navajo Thaw effort. Mr. Black then indicated that this meeting would conclude the efforts by the consulting team to provide additional planning services to NPL.

Paris Tom voiced his support that the Navajo Thaw should proceed as such a great amount of planning was done. He indicated he would coordinate with Dzil Yijiin Regional Council.

Johnny Naize asked if the deadline to submit documentation was still relevant. Robert K. Black indicated that any information submitted to the Navajo Thaw consulting team would be forwarded along to Percy Deal and Roman Bitsui.

Johnny Naize then requested that a letter come from Robert Black explaining the circumstances.

Stan Robbins concluded the meeting by thanking everyone for their efforts and wished everyone great success and a good holiday season.

7. Other Business

There was no other business discussed.

8. Next meeting

There is no next meeting scheduled.

9. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 pm MST.

October 6, 2022
Dzil Yiziin Regional Council Meeting
Forest Lake Chapter

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