## RESOLUTION OF THE

NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

23RD NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Fourth Year, 2018

AN ACTION
RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES, AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; APPROVING COMPLIANCE WITH CAP-26-16 REGARDING FOREST LAKE CHAPTER RANGE UNIT BOUNDARIES AND AFFIRMING DIRECTIVE

## Section One. Authority

1. The Resources and Development Committee is designated by the Navajo Nation Council as the Central Grazing Committee. 3 N.N.C. § 831.
2. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. $\S 164(A)(9)$, a proposed resolution that requires final action by the Navajo Nation Council shall be assigned to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee before it is heard by the Navajo Nation Council.
3. Pursuant to Navajo Nation code Title 3 § 705, "The Commissioner of Indian Affairs has established and will retain the present land management districts within the Navajo Indian Reservation, based on the social and economic requirements of the Navajo Indians and the necessity of rehabilitating the grazing lands. District boundary changes may be made when deemed necessary and advisable by the District Grazing Committees, Central Grazing Committee and the Navajo Nation Council, with approval by the Superintendent, Area Director, and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs."

## Section Two. Findings

1. The Navajo Nation Council passed Resolution Number CAP-2616 entitled Adopting and Confirming the Range Unit Boundaries and Grazing Districts Established by the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the Navajo Partitioned Lands. Resolution CAP-26-16 was certified on April 28, 2016 and is attached as Exhibit A.
2. CAP-26-16 stated:

In the best interest of the Navajo Nation, the Navajo Nation Council hereby adopts and confirms the range unit boundaries established by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. For areas not included in range unit boundaries, the following range units of the Navajo Partitioned Lands shall be adopted:

Precinct 1, consisting of 19 range units in Tolani Lake, Low Mountain, Teesto, White Cone, and Jeddito, having approximately 177,037 acres.

Precinct 2, consisting of 17 range units in Forest Lake, Black Mesa, Hard Rock, Pinon, Blue Gap and Whippoorwill, having approximately 466,588.2 acres.

Precinct 3, consisting of 15 range units in Tonalea, Shonto, Chilchinbeto, Kayenta and Black Mesa, having approximately $262,758.2$ acres.
3. After the adopting the Precincts and range units, CAP-26-16 also states:

Allow Navajo Partitioned Land Chapters 120 days to make proposed alignments for range units through: 1) chapter resolutions, and 2) grazing committee resolutions. Division of Natural Resources is directed to stake proposed range unit boundaries in Precinct 2, provide chapters with large maps of individual proposed range units, and provide detailed information on number of cancelled permittee(s) from that range unit, living cancelled permittee(s) and non-living cancelled permittee(s) for possible heirs who live in that range unit to get agreement on alignment changes through resolutions or the proposed alignment will stand for which exterior fencing will begin.
4. The Navajo Nation Council amended CAP-26-16 approving an additional 60 days for the Navajo Partitioned Land Chapters to make proposed alignments for range units. See CO-53-16, passed on October 19, 2016 and certified on October 27, 2016.
5. The additional time approved in $\mathrm{CO}-53-16$ was based on the request from Forest Lake Chapter, through Resolution No. FLC-16-07-002 dated July 29, 2016, to request additional
days for Navajo Partitioned Land Chapters to make proposed alignments to the range units.
6. The Forest Lake Chapter Resolution, ELC-16-07-002, stated that the chapter made attempts to obtain information regarding the range units from the Resources and Development Committee and that the chapter is making every effort to meet with families in its chapter and adjacent chapters to adjust the proposed range units.
7. The Forest Lake Chapter held a number of meetings to discuss the range unit issue and memorialized comments from the community and the District Four Grazing Committee which resulted in a Resolution devising an alignment plan for certain range units, namely 309 and 311 , by consent of the community members and requesting an opportunity to present the proposed amended range unit plan. See Forest Lake Chapter Resolution, ELC-16-08-006 attached as Exhibit A.
8. It is in the best interest of the Navajo Nation to approve Eorest Lake Chapter's compliance with CAP-26-16 and to approve the recommended proposed alignments to the affected range units.

## Section Three. Approving Compliance with CAP-26-16 and Affirming Directive

The Navajo Nation approves the recommendations of the Forest Lake Chapter, in compliance with CAP-26-16, notwithstanding the time limitation, with regard to the proposed alignments for range units 309 and 311, directs the Division of Natural Resources to comply with CAP-26-16 with regard to staking proposed range unit boundaries, providing maps to the Chapter, and providing detailed information on permit holders.

## CERTIFICATION

I, hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 14 in favor and 02 opposed, on this $18^{\text {th }}$ day of April 2018.


Motion: Honorable Jonathan L. Hale Second: Honorable Lee Jack, Sr.

Speaker Bates not voting
 PRESIDENT


FOREST LAKE CHAPTER
Dwight Witherspoon, Council Delegate Helena Begay, President Fern Benally, Vice-President Brenda White, Secretary/Treasurer Irene Begay, Grazing Representative Ella M. Benally, Community Service Coordinator

JONATHAN NEZ VICE-PRESIDENT

Resolution of the Forest Lake Chapter
FLC-16-08-00 6
The Forest Lake Chapter strongly recommends District Grazing and the Resource Development Committee to study and reconcile the attached Navajo Partitioned Land (NPL) Range Unit alignments as proposed by the Forest Lake Chapter before approving Navajo Nation Council (NNC) Resolution. CAP 26-16.

## WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to the Local Governance Act, 26 N.N.C., Chapter 1, Sub-Chapter, Section 3 (a) The Forest lake Chapter is continued as a Certified Chapter of the Navajo Nation by the Navajo Nation Council Resolution number CAP-34-98; And
2. Pursuant to Chapter 1, Section 131 (1) (2), of the same Act, the Chapter has the responsibility and authority to promote, protect and preserve the interest and general welfare including the safety of it community, people, programs, property, etc.; And
3. The Forest Lake Chapter's entire boundary is located within the Navajo Partitioned Land; the Chapter includes Eleven (11) Range Units which includes 101, 302, 303, 305, 306, 308, 309, 310, 601, 602, and 603; And
4. Eight (8) of the Eleven (11) Range Units are part of the Forest Lake Chapter and these Range Units also affect the Hardrock, Pinon, Black Mesa, Kayenta, Shonto, and Chilchinbeto Chapters. Three (3) of the Range Units are within the Peabody Western Coal Company Lease Boundary; And
5. The Forest Lake community members met with a Resource and Development Committee on June 6, 2016. The time clock for a 120 -day deadline was already running and the deadline date was slated for August 26 , 2016; And
6. The Forest Lake community members joined together to pursue the NNC Resolution CAP 26-16 Amendment by having numerous meetings of constituents in the affected Range Units to propose realignments in a manner to preserve their livelihoods and protect their principles, beliefs, and customary use; And
7. The Forest Lake Chapter community members worked together and devised alignment plans which assured there were consent agreements between people living in the area and their neighbors; And
8. The Attached documents, exhibits and maps are documented as transparent agreements which will be presented before the NNC Resource and Development Committee to determine changing alignments from its original Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Range Unit Boundaries, And
9. The Forest Lake Chapter supports and recommends immediate approval and implementation of this Resolution and strongly believes that this resolution is in the best interest of the Navajo Nation, Forest Lake community, and NPL residents.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Forest Lake Chapter strongly recommends the District Grazing and Resource Development Committees to study and reconcile the attachments (Exhibits) Navajo Partitioned Land Range Unit alignment as proposed by the Forest Lake Chapter before approving the NNC Resolution CAP 26-16.
2. The Forest Lake Chapter further request the District Grazing and Resource and Development Committee to give opportunities to members of the Forest Lake Chapter land users to present their proposed amendments.

Mooimedyy Norman Penally
Second by $\qquad$ Marie Ionic

CERTIFICATION
We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was considered at a duly call meeting at the Forest Lake Chapter, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 41 in favor, $\qquad$ opposed, and $\qquad$ abstain d on this $22^{\text {da }}$ day of August 2016.



Dwight Witherspoon, Council Delegate



FOREST LAKE CHAPTER
MEETING REPORT FORM 'FY 2016’
CHAPTER MEETING
SIGN-IN SHEET

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# FOREST LAKE CHAPTER MEETING 

## AGENDA

August 22, 2016

1. Meeting call to order
II. Invocation
in. Announcements
a. $8 / 23 / 16$ Forest Lake Special Grazing meeting at 10 am
b. 8/30/16 Primary Election
c. $8 / 31 / 16$ Chapter Scholarship application deadline
d. 11/30/16 General Election
IV. Review and adoption of the Meeting Agenda
V. Review last Chapter Meeting minutes and Financial Report
VI. Unfinished Business
a.
VII. Resolutions:
a. FLC-16-08-001: Accepting and approving 2017 Budget in the amount of $\$ 249,279$
b. FLC-16-08-002: Approving the Annual Veterans Trust Fund Budget for the Fiscal Year 2017.
c. FLC-16-08-003: Poll Officials for upcoming election
d. FLC-16-08-004: Proposing Changes to the Alignment of Range Units within Navajo Partitioned Lands as Approved by Resolution CAP 26-16; strongly Recommending that Range Units 110, 601, 602, 603, and
310 be Exempted from the New Laws and Regulations for Use of Navajo Partitioned Lands.
e. FLC-16-08-005: Requesting the Resource and Development Committee (RDC), Navajo Land

Administration, and the Navajo Nation Council (NNC) designate Toh Nizhonnie a Sacred Site.
f. FLC-16-08-006: The Forest Lake Chapter strongly recommends the Resource Development (RDC) study
and approve the attached Navajo Partitioned Land (NPL) Range Unit alignment proposal by Forest Lake
Chapter constituents in regards to Navajo Nation Council (NNC) Resolution CAP 26-16 Amendment to
achieve an effectual outcome
g. FLC-16-08-007
h. FLC-16-08-008:
VIII. New Business
a. Fund Approval for $\qquad$
$\qquad$ weatherization applicant
b. Fund Approval in amount of $\$ 50$ to buy luncheon for $8 / 22 / 16$ Chapter meeting
c. Fund Approval in amount of $\$ 50$ to buy luncheon for the Special Grazing meeting on 8/23/16
d. Fund Approval for
IX. Visitor Reports: Other programs/Tribal organization:
a. Billy Yazzie - Candidate for County Supervisor
b. Victoria Yazzie - Kayenta Unified School District Cultural Center
c. Cheryl Whitney - Navajo County Elections
X. Reports of Officiais
a. ${ }^{1}$ Council Delegate/LDA
b. Grazing Representative
c. Community Service Coordinator
d. Senior Center
e. LCRWCA
f. Chapter Officials
g. CLUPC Board Member
h. Forest Lake Veteran's Association
i. Headstart Program
i, Health Board
k. CHR
XI. Others:
XII. Next Planning Meeting: September 1, 2016,at:9 am, and October 3, 2016 at 9 am
XIII. : Next Chapter Meeting: September 15, 2016, at t pm, and October 20, 2016 at 1 pm
XIV. Benediction/Adjournment

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## FOREST LAKE CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES <br> August 22, 2016

I. Meeting was called to order at 10:37 a.m. by the Chapter President, Helena Begay and a quorum was present.
II. Invocation was given by Stanley Mike
III. Announcements
a. 8/23/16 Forest Lake Chapter Special Grazing meeting
b. $8 / 30 / 16$ Primary Election
c. $8 / 31 / 16$ Chapter Scholarship application deadline
d. 11/08/16 General Election
IV. Review and adoption of the Meeting Agenda

Motion: Dan Y Begay
Second: Lorenzo Bedonie
Vote: 39 in favor, 00 opposed, 12 abstained
V. Review last Chapter Meeting minutes, and reading of July's financial statements (Funding Balance written on white board)

Motion: Eddie White
Second: Alice Yazzie
Vote: 42 in favor, 00 opposed, 10 abstained
VI. Unfinished Business
a. None
VII. Resolutions:

1a. FLC-16-08-001: Accepting and Approving Forest Lake Chapter 2017 Budget in the amount of $\$ 249,279.00$.

Motion: Norman Benally
Second: Lorenzo Bedonie
Vote: 43 in favor, 00 opposed, 10 abstained
Lorenzo Bedonie requested to accept the 2017 budget and will wait on CSC to report on what is budgeted.
b. FLC-16-08-002: Approving the Annual Veterans Trust Fund Budget for the Fiscal Year 2017 in the amount of $\$ 28,463.71$. Presented by Dan Y. Begay

Motion: Marie Honie
Second: Melvin Bitsuie
Vote: 41 in favor, 00 opposed, 03 abstained
c. FLC-16-08-003: Poll Officials for upcoming election. Presented by Helena Begay

Motion: Roger Silver
Second: Lena Whitewater
Vote: 43 in favor, 00 opposed, 09 abstained
d. FLC-16-08-004: Proposing Changes to the Alignment of Range Units within Navajo Partitioned Lands as Approved by Resolution CAP 26-16; strongly Recommending that Range Unit 110, 601, 602, 603, and 310 be Exempted from the New Laws and Regulations
for Use of Navajo Partitioned Lands; Strongly Recommending that Residents and Permittees of the Forest Lake Chapter be allowed to locally discuss and agree to the Use of Lands Within these Range Units. Presented by Helena Begay

Motion: Norman Benally
Second: Eddie White
Vote: 47 in favor, 00 opposed, 09 abstained
e. FLC-16-08-005: Requesting the Resource and Development Committee (RDC), Navajo

Land Administration, and the Navajo Nation Council (NNC) designate Toh Ne Zhonie a Sacred Site.

## Motion: Alice Yazzie

Second: Anita Yazzie
Gloria Johns said further discussion needs to be scheduled and motioned to table. Lena Whitewater said she supports Gloria Johns and second motion. Eddie Etsitty strongly supports resolution. Priscilla Bahe said in favor to table. Vice President Fern Benally elaborate on the resolution.
Vote: 20 in favor to table resolution, 00 opposed, 51 abstained
f. FLC-16-08-006: The Forest Lake Chapter strongly recommends the Resource

Development (RDC) study and approve the attached Navajo Partitioned Land (NPL) Range
Unit proposal by Forest Lake Chapter constituents in regards to Navajo Nation Council
(NNC) Resolution CAP 26-16 Amendment to achieve an effectual outcome. Presented by Fern Benally. Betty Williams stated she would like input and further meeting and to be informed. President Helena further elaborated and provided historical information. Lorenzo Bedonie stated would like to make amendments to the resolution. Percy Deal provided historical information.
Motion: Norman Benally
Second: Marie Honie
Vote: 41 in favor, 00 opposed, 15 abstained
With Amendment made by Lorenzo Bedonie: The Forest Lake Chapter strongly recommends District Grazing and the Resource Development Committee to study and reconcile the attached Navajo Partitioned Land (NPL) Range Unit alignments as proposed by the Forest Lake Chapter before approving Navajo Nation Council (NNC) Resolution. CAP 26-16.

Documents to be attached: 1 and 2 are to be included in the resolution FLC-16-08-006. Vice President Fern said she will accept documents/attachments to Friday, she will take to Window Rock on that day.

1. Lorene Greyeyes provided her documents. An Action and Official Position of the Forest Lake Chapter relating to Resources and Development NaaBik'iyati' Committee and the Navajo Nation Council: Adopting and Confirming the Range Unit Boundaries and Grazing District established by The Bureau of Indian Affairs for the Navajo Partitioned Lands
2. Gloria Johns provided her documents. Approving Range Unit Boundary for Range Unit 309, and 310 with some changes within Range Unit 309 and 310 and Requesting The District Grazing Committee and The Resources and Development Committee for their support and approval.
VIII. New Business
a. Approving funds to support ___ weatherization applicant

Motion: Norman Benally
Second: Edith Mike
Vote: 44 in favor, 00 opposed, 17 abstained
b. Fund Approval in amount of $\$ 50$ to buy luncheon for $8 / 22 / 16$ Chapter meeting

Motion: Roger Silver
Second: Lorenzo Bedonie Vote: 37 in favor, 00 opposed, 13 abstained
c. Fund Approval in amount of $\$ 50$ to buy luncheon for Special Grazing meeting on 8/23/16 Motion: Lorenzo Bedonie Second: Norman Benally Vote: 41 in favor, 00 opposed, 08 abstained
IX. Visitor Reports: other programs/Tribal organization
a. Bill Yazzie - Candidate for Navajo County Supervisor
b. Victoria Yazzie - Kayenta Unified School District Cultural Center - rescheduled to next month's meeting
c. Cheryl Whitney - Navajo County Elections
d. Brad Carlyon Candidate for county attomey and Kelly "KC" Clark Candidate for Sheriff
e. Robert Black Jr. - Navajo County Board of Supervisors District 1
X. Reports of Officials
a. Council Delegate/LDA - Nicole Horseherder introduced herself as LDA; Read from Council Delegate's monthly; Dzil Yijiin Regional Council meeting resolution for Navajo Nation Police District for Dzil Yijiin region (Pinon); Requesting full funding for chapter allocation for FY2017; Resolution to fully fund the Navajo Nation Area Agency on Aging Sr. Center Program. Hearing for Navajo Hopi Land Commission; 8/23/16 at Hardrock and 8/26/16 at Twin Arrows. Legislation 93-16-Range Unit. An extension of 120 days was approved with 30 days, total of 150 days extension. Legislation 242-16 Grazing Officials stipend is going through the process. Community members made comments (inaudible). Lorenzo Bedonie asked if all chapters received a decreased amount of funding, or is it just by Agency? Asked what the status of regionalization?
b. Grazing Representative Irene said is covering the Hardrock area and has her branding schedule up and posted.
c. Community Service Coordinator-no report
d. Senior Center - no report
e. LCRWCA-Jenene Yazzie Senior Planner. All day work session on 9/6/16 with CLUPC/staff to discuss LCRWCA project. Marie Gladue - Rep from Hardrock. Conservation; community teaching; workshops in the community. Next steering committee meeting is $8 / 27 / 16$ at Hardrock Chapter. Jessica Keetso-Community Involvement Specialist for LCRWCA, worked in this region and will be leaving program. Her last day is this upcoming Wednesday.
f. Chapter Officials - no report
g. CLUPC Board - no report. Meeting on 9/6/16; will include LCRWCA worksession.
h. Head Start Program - no report
i. Forest Lake Veteran's Association - no report; the first Sunday of every month
j. Health Board - no report
k. CHR - no report
XI. Others
a.
XII. Next Planning Meeting: September 1, 2016 at 9 a.m., and October 3, 2016 at 9 a.m.
XIII. Next Chapter Meeting: September 15, 2016 at 1 p.m., and October 20, 2016 at 1 p.m.
IX. Benedjction/Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 3:13 p.m. Loss quorum.

Prepared by:
Brenda White, Secretary/Treasurer

## RESOLUTION OF THE DISTRICT 4 GRAZING COMMITTEE

## APPROVING THE RANGE UNIT BOUNDARY LINE TOP HALF OF 309 AND 311 LINE WHERE IT MEETS 310 TO BE MOVED WESTWARD AND REQUESTING THE RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT FOR THEIR SUPPORT

## AND APPROVAL

## WHEREAS:

1. The District Grazing Committee of the Navajo Nation were established by the Navajo Tribal Resolution CJ-6-53 and Navajo Tribal Advisory Committee Resolution ACA-1-55 and CAN-83-57; and
2. The District Grazing Committees are administered bodies within the Navajo Nation Government with primary responsibilities of managing range land, livestock management, enforcing Navajo Grazing Regulations, and other related land use issues on the Navajo Nation ; and
3. Pursuant to 3 NN SS852 (C), the Resource Committee will serve as principal coordinators between the District Grazing Committee and the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and
4. In October 1973 the Federal District Court cancelled all grazing permits in Executive Order Reservation Exclusive of Hopi Grazing District 6 and in 1974 Congress enacted PL-95-531 authorizing ( 25 CFR, 161) the Bureau of Indian Affairs in coordination and consultation with the Navajo Nation will re-issue grazing permits in Navajo Partitioned Lands; an d
5. Under section 161.202 (a) the BIA with the concurrence with the Navajo Nation will establish the range unites on NPL for which range management plans can be developed to improve forage, resources, watersheds, residential concentration and historical land use will be considered in determination of range unit boundaries and (b) BIA may modify range unit boundaries with concurrence of the Navajo Nation; an d
6. The BIA established proposed boundaries in all of NPL and in Oak Ridge Community, Forest Lake Community, and $T^{\prime}$ iit'l' community have agreed on an alternate boundary line; and
7. The current boundary line is a few yards from the homesites of the Oak Ridge Community, does not allow the Oak Ridge Community ( 7400 feet elevation) access to lower elevation areas ( 7200 feet elevation) which they rely on in winter months, and does not allow access to their ancestral home sites located north, northeast, and east side in Range Unit 311; and
8. Resource and Development Committee, Navajo Nation Council Legislation 26-16, as amended gives 120 days from the date the legislation was approved to allow local residents an opportunity to make adjustments of range unit boundaries to fit their living more closely; and
9. The community held several chapter meetings out in the field and at the chapter house to discuss the proposed changes and large majority agrees with the change and it appears to represent in the best interest of range unit 309; an d
10. The Oak Ridge community are fenced into high elevation ( 7400 feet) land by $309 / 310$ of snow accumulation in unbearable; and
11. The Oak Ridge community which consist of five major families are claim some ancestral homesites, corrals, and farmlands, which they would not have access anymore due to the 309/310 boundary lines.

The District 4 Grazing Committee, with the support of the Forest Lake Chapter hereby approves the top half of Range Unit 309 and 310 line to be moved southwest as four communities (see three attachments, Exhibits $A, B$ \& $C$ ) and also see (map exhibit $D$ and description of land boundary lines exhibit E) are in agreement of the boundary extension towards Range Unit 309 and that will accommodate the Oak Ridge Community. And furthermore request the Resource Development Committee to approve the adjustment.

## CERTIFICATION

The Foregoing resolution was considered and approved by the District 4 Grazing Committee at a duly called meeting with a quorum present, with a vote of 3 in favor, 00 opposed, 1 abstained on the $\mathbf{2 3}^{\text {rd }}$, day of August 2016 at the Forest Lake Chapter, Navajo Nation Arizona.

Motion by: David Shonie

Second by: Francis Honie


# SPECIAL DISTRICT 4 GRAZING COMMITTEE MEETING 

## ( FOREST LAKE CHAPTER - AUGUST 23,2016)

1. MEETING WAS CALL TO ORDER AT 10: 44 am BY DÄVİ. S̄HONIE
2. INVOCATION PROVIDE BY MAXINE KESCOLIE

## 3. ROLL CALL WAS DONE BY JUAN BEGAYE FOUR GRAZING MEMBERS PRESENT BENJAMIN MANYCOW ADSENT

MR. D.SHONIE STATED THAT HE DOESN'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT THIS RANGE UNIT MODIFICATION SO I'M GOING TO LET IRENE TAKE OVER OR EXPLAIN TO US WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT

IRENE BEGAY - THIS MODIFICATION ALOT OF MEETINGS WERE HELD FOR IT RANGE UNIT 310 WAS THE ONLY ONE ON THE AGENDA BUT AS OF THIS MORNING EVEN BEFORE THE MEETING STARTED PEOPLE WERE STILL WRITING ON THE MAP TRYING TO PUT LINES HERE AND THERE .AS GRAZING MEMBERS WE REQUEST THAT WE ARE PROVIDED WITH YESTERDAY CHAPTER MEETING RESOLUTION AND TO BE PROVIDED TO EACH MEMBER OF THE GRAZING MEMBERS AND WE WOULD LIKE TO BE EXPLAINED IN DETAILS ABOUT WHERE THESE RANGE UNIT REALIGNMENT GOING TO TAKE PLACE BECAUSE ALOT OF THESE MEETINGS WERE DONE WITHOUT MY KNOWLEDGE OR INVOLVMENT.

GLORIA JOHN -- WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THIS FOR AWHILE NOW, WE HAVE JUSTIFICATIONS FOR REALIGNMENTS . RANGE UNIT MODIFICATION AND HAVE SIGNATURES FROM THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THE AREA, ONE RESOLUTION WAS GIVEN OUT TO COVER ALL RANGE UNITS

PRESCILLA BAHE - SOME OF US DON'T ATTEND CHAPTER MEETINGS BUT WITH THIS ISSUE I GOT MYSELF INVOLVED .ONE PROPOSAL ONE RESOLUTION SHOULD COVER ALL RANGE UNITS, WHY SHOULD B.I.A. DO THINGS FOR US, WE CAN DO THIS FOR OURSELVES.

DAVID SHONIE - 309 RESIDENTS ANY INPUT? IT SEEMS LIKE ALL OF YOU NOT WORKING TOGETHER ON THIS ISSUE. RANGE UNIT BOUNDERIES HAVE COSTED MILLION OF DOLLARS THE LABOR, FENCES AND ARCH CLEARANCES, IF YOU WANT TO REAMEND A RANGE UNIT ARE YOU ALL WILLING TO PAY FOR IT, ARE YOU ALL WILLING TO COME TOGETHER AND SELL SOME OF YOUR COWS TO SPLIT THE COST AS YOU ALL KNOW WE THE GRAZING OFFICIALS HAVE NOT BEEN INVITED TO ANY OF YOUR MEETINGS WE DIDN'T KNOW WHATS GOING ON, WE NEED COMMUNICATION IN ORDER FOR THIS TO WORK. WE COULD OF HAD OUR PERMITS BACK ALREADY IF B.I.A. TOOK THE REINS FROM THE BEGINNING. IF THE COUNCIL DELEGATES HAD NOT STEP IN BACK THAN "WHO MADE THIS LEGISLATION 93-16 "?

GLORIA JOHN ALTON JOE SHEPPERD
FRANCIS HONIE - WE DIDN'T GET AN INVITATION LETTER TO ATTEND THESE MEETINGS, WE NEED DOCUMENTATIONS FROM ALL THESE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THESE RANGE UNITS ARE THEY ALL IN AGREEMENT.THE PEOPLE WHO DIDN'T ATTEND YOUR MEETINGS DID YOU MADE HOUSE VISITS?

GLORIA JOHN - 309 I'M GOING TO TALK ABOUT THIS,WE HAD SO MANY MEETINGS STARTING FROM PINON WE HAD A MEETING WITH R..D.C. THERE THAN ANOTHER ONE IN TSE BONITO ,N.M. WE HOSTED SMALL MEETINGS FOR THESE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THESE RANGE UNITS I GOT ALL THE DOCUMENTATIONS ALL THE SIGNATURES FROM THE PEOPLE WHO ATTENDED THESE MEETINGS,I EVEN VISIT YOU ALL AT YOUR MEETING IN BLUE GAP IT SHOULD BE IN YOUR MEETING MINS. WE WANT 309 THE WAY IT IS BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO HELP EACH OTHER BASED ON CUSTOMARY USE

DANIEL BEGAY - ALOT OF YOU DON'T KNOW ME BUT YOU ALL KNOW MY MOTHER SUSIE BEGAY I LIVE IN THE UPPER PORTION OF THE 309 RANGE UNIT Where we want the range to be modified. We have visit the relatives WHO LIVES IN THAT AREA I GOT THEIR SIGNATURES THE PLACE IS CALL OAK RIDGE
A. BAILY - THIS MODIFICATION IN MY AREA IS NOT REALLY OFFICIAL , WE ARE NOT ALL IN AGREEMENT NOT ALL OF THE RESIDENT WERE CONTACTED

JUAN BEGAYE - JUST FOR YOUR INFORMATION NOT ALL OF YOU WILL GET A GRAZING PERMIT SO WHY ARE YOU ALL MODIFYING RANGE UNITS ? HOW MANY OF YOU IN HERE HAVE A PERMIT THAT HAS YOUR OWN NAME ON IT? THOSE THAT MEET ALL OF THE N.N. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT ARE THE ONE THAT REALLY HAVE A SAY IN THIS ,WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF YOU DIDN'T GET YOUR PERMIT BACK AND YOU MODIFIED YOUR RANGE UNIT ? MR.
WEATHERSPOON SHOULD OF HAVE BEEN HERE TO FOLLOW THUR WITH HIS REAMENDMENTS TO THIS LEGISLATION 93-16 IT ALSO SAYS A PERMIT HAS TO STAY WITHIN THE RANGE UNIT WHERE IT WAS ISSUED CAN NOT BE TAKEN INTO ANOTHER RANGE UNIT OR CHAPTER

12;00pm
MARY BITSUIE - THE YOUNG ONES TALKS HIGHLY AS OF TODAY AT TIMES WE THE ELDERLYS DON'T UNDERSTAND THEM BUT AS AN ELDERLY OF THIS COMMUNITY I KNOW THE HISTORY OF CUSTOMARY USE AREA I KNOW WHO LIVED WHERE AND WHEN.. TONIZHONI WAS THE ONLY REASON WHY PEOPLE MOVED INTO THE AREA ALOT OF FAMILIES UTILIZED THIS NATURAL SPRING FOR THEMSELF AND THEIR LIVESTOCK .THESE NATURAL BOUNDERIES WE have in place we don't have a problem with that

DAVID SHONIE - FRIDAY IS THE DEAD LINE THATS WHEN THE 120 DAYS EXPIRES ALL OF THIS MODIFICATION COMES WITH ALOT OF PAPER WORK, PEOPLE ARE REQUESTING SMALL RANGE UNITS FOR THEM SELFS IT'S NOT A LAND GRAB

JERRY BEGAYI MAXINE KESCOLIE - IT'S BEEN ALONG TIME LEAVE IT THE WAY IT IS

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> IRENE BEGAY-I WAS TOLD TO STEP ASIDE FROM MY RELATIVES AND LET THESE PEOPLE WHO WANT MODIFICATIONS TO HANDLE IT SO THATS WHAT I DID.I ALREADY BEEN LABLED AS A RELOCATEE FROM MY COMMUNITY MEMBERS IF WE HAD OUR CHAPTER OFFICIALS OR OUR COUNCIL DELEGATE FOR SUPPORT THIS WOULD OF HAD BEEN REALLY EASY TO HANDLE BUT THEY ARE NOT HERE. AS GRAZING MEMBERS ALL WE DEAL WITH IS LAND ISSUES JUST LIKE THIS MODIFICATIONS IT'S ALL ABOUT GREED PEOPLE WANT LAND THATS WHERE ALL THESE DISPUTE ARISE FROM WHAT WE ARE DOING TODAY IT HAS SPLIT FAMILIES APART .AS GRAZING MEMBERS WE'RE TRYING TO WORK TOWARDS REISSUANCE OF GRAZING PERMITS BUT THINGS ARE THROW IN OUR PATH AND IT'S JUST DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE, IT'S BEEN OVER 40 YRS NOW WE SEE THINGS AHEAD WHATS TO COME EVEN AS OF TODAY WE HAVE PEOPLE FAMILIES FIGHTING OVER THESE DECEASED PERMITS SO WHEN THE TIME COMES ON THE HIEIRSHIP OF THESE PERMITS FAMILIES WILL NOT BE NO LONGER FAMILIES THET'RE NOT EVEN GOING TO BE LOOKING AT EACH OTHERS SO DOWN THE ROAD WE'RE GOING TO BE DEALING WITH ALOT MORE LAND AND PERMIT DISPUTES, A PERMIT IS NOT ABOUT HOW MANY LIVESTOCK YOU CAN OVERGRAZE OR HOW LARGE OF A LAND YOU CAN GRAZE ON, IT 'S ALL ABOUT TAKING CARE OF THE LAND BUT OUR PEOPLE DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT .EVERY THING AS OF TODAY IT ALL COMES BACK TO GREED THATS WHAT MOTIVATE PEOPLE JUST LIKE THIS MODIFICATION.

> DAVID SHONIE WHAT DO YOU ALL WANT TO DO I NEED A MOTION AND A SECOND ON THIS RANGE MODIFICATION, I BELIEVE WE HAVE EVERY THING THAT WE NEED TO HEAR AND WE HAVE THE RESOLUTIONS, SIGNATURES, THE MAP

> JUAN BEGAYE - I WANT TO MOTION THAT ONLY THE UPPER 309 RANGE UNIT WILL BE MODIFIED AND IT WILL BECOME PART OF 310 RANGE UNIT "THE OAK RIDGE AREA" SINCE WE HAVE THE CONCENT OF THE PEOPLE IN THAT AREA AND HAVE ALL THE DOCUMENTATIONS FOR IT.

## FRANCIS HONIE I'LL SECOND THE MOTION

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FRANCIS HONIE MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 1:10 PM
IRENE BEGAY SECOND THE MOTION
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Grazing Permittee Meeting August 23, 2016



June 27, 2016

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RE: LEGISLATION NO: 0093-16, SPONSOR: Alton Joe Shepherd TITLE: An Action Relating To Resources And Development NAABIK'IYATI' Committee And The Navajo Nation Council; Adopting And Confirming The Range Unit Boundaries And Grazing Districts Established By The Bureau Of Indian Affairs For The Navajo Partitioned Lands.

Dear Forest Lake Chapter President, Ms. Helena Begay; Council Delegate Mr. Dwight Witherspoon; Grazing Representative Ms. Irene Begay; Chapter Members:

## RE: REQUESTING FOR SUPPORT AND RESOLUTION

An amendment of 120 days extension was granted at the request of Mr. Dwight Witherspoon to Legislation 0093-16 for the Range Units to come to an agreement of the re-alignment of the boundary BIA established for RU 302 and 309.

The boundary line put in place by BłA is almost half way into Range Unit 302 and this was done without proper consultation with the residents of RU 302 and failed to follow the existing federal laws and regulations. It seems like the only things taken into consideration when setting up the boundaries were the vegetation, forage, wild life and water sheds. NOT taken into consideration was customary use area, historical and sacred sites. There are other hills and mountains where the boundary line could have been put for water sheds if water sheds were a priority. From RU 302 side, our major concern is that a good portion of land (approximately 2 to 1.5 miles by 6-7 miles long) located north of Forest Lake Chapter in the vicinity of Toh Ne Zhonnie Springs is being added to RU 309. For south side of RU 302, we would like the realignment placed along east Dinnebito Wash. In this area my great grandmother and grandparents used this area primarily for grazing livestock. So at this time we would like to preserve the area for grazing of livestock only. In the Toh Ne Zhonnie Springs area there are old hogans and sheep corrals still standing that were used by our grandparents. . Some hogans were used for sacred ceremonies. On southwest side, we are asking for the pocket of Della's homestead and our ancestral
cornfield. Tradition and culture encompass, consideration for customary use area, historical and sacred sites. The residents of the proposed RU 302 are respectfully asking to realign 302 to include range used by our grandparents. We like to realign RU 302: east, south, and southwest sides. The residents on the northwest, north, and northeast border the Hopi Partition Land, therefore, no realignment is required on this side. Most importantly, RU 302 is respectfully asking BIA to leave behind all the rules of bureaucracy and all the fancy talking and meet us half way to resolve the issues of re-alignment of RU 302 and develop good relationship between the Range Units 303, 309, 308 and 310.

Because of the apparent existence of the boundaries and BIA's lack of concern for the best interest of Range Unit residents, we must inform our Navajo Leaders so that they would have a good working knowledge of our issues and concerns.

Range Unit 302 has been solely responsible for the preparation of this letter expressing our concerns and thus far without the use of any legal help.

The items listed beiow and the above statements are why NEW boundaries should not be put in place but rather re-align the boundary.

1. The following are the premittees and re-issuing of permits to the heirs should be a priority if the original permittees are deceased:
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b. Asdzaa'h Nanithode
c. Roy Huskie
d. Todachinie Nez
e. Mose Interpreter
f. Sarah Bedonie
g. Maxine Kescoli
h. Kee Russell
2. Too much surface land from RU 302 is being added to RU 309 and RU 309 is also gaining land from RU 308. How did this happen and why?
3. On the last inventory, the new BIA boundary is creating less vegetation and forage because a large area is being added to RU 309 from RU 302. Not only that but we are told that two new families with permits are being added to RU 302. We feel that there is not enough grazing area if new permittees are added onto RU 302 and IF the new BIA boundary is left as it is .
4. RU 302 would also like to request that the cancelled permits of Hatalie Tso and Asdzaa'h Nanithode and Todachinie Nez be re-issued to their heirs in RU 302.

For these reasons, we, from RU 302, are respectfully requesting Support and Resolution from the Forest Lake Chapter Officials and Grazing Representative and chapter members.

Thank you in advance for considering our request.
Sincerely,


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# Range Unit 302 and 309 Meeting <br> Forest Lake Chapter House 

September 25, 2015-9:00 am

1. Meeting call to order
II. Invocation
III. Review and adoption of agenda
IV. No minutes
V. Briefiy identify area 302. Original boundary line our grandparents and parents used.
VI. Spoke's person from 309. Report
VII. Outlook - How are we going to resolve our differences?
VIII. Concerns, Issues and Recommendations
IX. Reports from officials
a. Irene Begay - District Grazing Member
b.
X. Adjournment

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# Forest Lake Chapter Range Units Meeting 

## August 19, 2016 @ 10:00AM

## AGENDA

I. Welcome/Invocation/Introduction
II. Purpose of Meeting
A. Protocol for Forest Lake Chapter Meeting (8-22-16)
B. Update Status

1. Range Unit 302
2. Range Unit 303
3. Range Unit 308
4. Range Unit 309
5. Range Unit 310
C. Department of Agriculture
III. Other
IV. Next Steps/Next Meeting
V. Adjournment

# Forest Lake Chapter Range Unit Meeting 

## August 19, 2016 @ 10:30AM

## "NOTES"

Gloria Johns started the meeting around 10:30AM. She reviewed the agenda that she wrote on the board.

Gloria went over the history of the Range Units listed on the agenda. Several Range Unit meetings have been held going back to maybe February or March 2016. At first it was just Range Unit 302 meeting when it was discovered that the BIA had drawn boundary line putting most of the customary use area from RU 302 into Range Unit 309. Started having Range Unit meeting with 302, 303 and 309 and later 308 and 310 joined in to ask Resource Development Committee (RDC) for an extension of 120 days to work out re-alignment of the boundary lines put in place by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

We had Walter Phelps and Dwight Witherspoon attend our range unit meetings at one time or another.
What is the purpose of requesting to have a boundary re-alignment that BIA implemented? We will need to submit our paperwork to the chapter officials along with a map on Monday at the Forest Lake Chapter meeting. We also need to let the residents of each range units know what is going on and make sure they are in agreement with the re-alignment that are being requested. We have requested the chapter officials to have their meeting on the $22^{\text {nd }}$ instead of $18^{\text {th }}$. The chapter officials will do one resolution for all range units. If the chapter resolution is approved, it will then go to Grazing Officials. The Grazing officials will meet at a special meeting on the $23^{\text {rd regarding }}$ the resolution from the previous day. We request for your presence again at this special meeting. After the Grazing Officials meeting, and if they approve the resolution, then it will go to RDC.

We lost a whole month of the granted 120 day extension because we were not notified when the first day began which was April 21st. We are requesting for another 30 day extension in place of the month we lost at the start. We don't know if the 30 day extension will be granted or not. Therefore, have all your papers ready for chapter officials on Monday, the $22^{\text {nd }}$.

We had several RU meetings for several months now. By now you have probably realized that we all need to take care of the land we use. And how are we going to take care of the land for future generations. We are not saying the land belongs to me. We are just saying we need to take care of the land. Over grazing is the main issue here. Along with erosion control. Water dikes. Coming to these meetings has also reintroduced some lost relatives.

302 and 303 have elected officers comprised of president, vice-president and secretary.

Before we go into up-dates on RU status let me brief on the Dept. of Agriculture. Dept. of Ag said they were going to help us. They passed out papers and that was it. We were supposed to be working with them on the grazing permits that were cancelled. Number of cancel permits, provide maps. But none has happened.

Kescoli: She was told Hands Off on Peabody Lease Area and Hopi Partitioned Land.
Man: BIA might turn around and tell us to pay for the land that we are using. Gloria said it was already in the document that one day there will be a fee.

Woman: I don't think the boundary line the BIA established can be changed. Believe it is meant to stay as is.

Range Unit Up-Date Reports:
Eddie Etsitty on RU 302: Briefly went to tell about attending Land Board meeting at Fire Rock Casino August 8-9, 2016 where Leo Watchman stated that NN Land Administration is trying to do away with consent from neighbors when individuals requesting for home-site lease. Mr. Watchman disagrees with doing away with consents when requesting for home-site lease. Individuals still need to get consent from people living in the area already.

My relatives, brothers, sisters, aunties have talked and are talking about putting the boundary line back to customary use area. Because a big chunk of the land our grandparents and parents use to use in now in RU 309. And we understand that RU 309 will also be gaining some land from RU 308. We would like to negotiate with 309 regarding the re-alignment.

Range Unit 303: We agree with the way things are.
Priscilla Bahe: We use that area you are talking about and we also do traditional ceremony. 1 resigned three years ago so I can take care of my place. So we would like to keep that area you are talking about.

Gloria: I don't think that the boundary line the BIA established means that we will be fenced in with no way out. I believe that we can still go across the fence for our use. We can come to an agreement with our neighbors about using land across the fence. But I think this is something that is not going to happen with the next few days, months. It will be sometime before the fencing happens. Regarding RU 308. We were raised in the area. Ashii clan. It will probably cost a lot of money to do all the fencing. The meetings has brought relatives together and where we are coming from. Clan history. Shedazhie and shima said they are requesting for a corner area of 308. So leave as is. 308 leave as is.

RU 309 we will leave as is. We will work with sheyazhe, Eddie on his request to re-align boundary.
jerry Begay: We use to move into RU 308 in the winter. Tse el ka roadway. Our grandmother use to live there. And our cattle moves down into RU 308 in the winter. When it snows deep, cattle moves down there on their own and come back up in the spring.

Older James sister: Jerry Begay does not live or has not live in the area for some time. When I was a little girl my family and I use to live up the Pretty Water area. There were no chapter officials at that time. People just lived close together and they use to help one another. Gloria and her brother Marshall are intimidating residents of RU 308. They are telling us to move back where we came from. You (Gloria) are talking about a land that you are not from.

Gloria: I don't appreciate what you just said. I am not doing this for myself only. I am doing it for all my people. So what you are saying is not true.

Sarah James: The lady that just spoke is my older sister and we live in the area SW, 306 and 308, we still have a claim to that area of where the Silver live. And Gloria is pushing the Silver family onto us. And we would like for that to stop.

Gina Johnson: I would like to say something on my behalf regarding what everybody is saying about my family and RU 308. Why are we saying this to one another as Ahshii clan? Have you no respect for me as a born for Ahshii clan? We need to stop pointing fingers at one another and start working together. And quit blaming my sister Gloria and my brother Marshall for everything that is going on. Have you no , respect for my mother who is probably the oldest living mother in the Forest Lake area. She is 90 YO. Show some compassion for her. That is all I have to say.

Johanson: We come to you from Oak Tree Hill area, RU 310, Todeschini clan and our mother is in a nursing home and we are the children and grandchildren that are concern about the boundary the BIA establish. We have been having these $R U$ meetings and at those meetings we were all saying that the $b$ boundary the BIA establish is not agreeable to some of the residents of these range units. Some of those boundaries are going across our already existing homes. Separating home-sites. We also agreed that the BIA does not know how we exist, our life style, up in these rural areas. And now Gloria is saying we are going to leave the boundaries as the BIA has established. What happened to saying that we do not want what the BIA has done with the boundaries without any consideration about how we live and are surviving? Did we all wasted our time and efforts for nothing in working on our paperwork to establish boundaries those we can live with? What happen to all the saying that we do not have to live with the boundaries the BIA is putting in? And I do not agree what Gloria said earlier about sharing grazing area over the fence. Once we are fenced in, we will only be allowed a certain amount of livestock to graze in the fenced area. I am sure I will not say, sure come over and I will open my gate and bring your sheep or cows over to my fenced area and let your livestock graze in my area. I do not believe any of you will say that to me or anyone that is living on the other side of the fence either. You are just telling us that we can share fenced area to fool us and lay to us because no one is going to do that. That is reality. And when we met we said to one another that we need to submit a proposal and or a resolution for our re-alignment request. Me and my younger brother have been meeting with the residents of the $R U$ to come to an agreement on the re-alignment. We met with the Koscoli and they agreed to our request. Don't understand why the BIA boundaries are all crooked. Boundaries are set like you are just playing around. They must have a lot of money to waste running fencing all crooked. Why not fence in a straight line. Makes a lot sense to fence in straight line to save money and man-power. We visit the residents and we approach their homes in a friendship way. We don't want to create a
hostile environment with the RU residents. Us older people should have respect for one another instead of getting into a heated argument. We don't want our children in the same situation because our children and grandchildren are not as patient as we are. They are short tempered. And again I would like to say again that I really don't believe us sharing grazing area as Gloria is saying. No one is going to do it, don't care what anybody says.

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# Range Unit 302 Meeting <br> F. Todicheenie's Residence 

April 11, 2015
AGENDA
I. Meeting call to order
II. First Meeting/No Agenda/No Minutes
III. Discussion:
A. Boundary Line set-up by BIA for RU 302
B. Large RU 302 customary use area now in RU 309
C. Request for re-alignment of boundary taken into RU 309
D. What do RU 302 residents think of BIA boundary line?
IV. Where can we obtain maps of RU 302/309?
V. Elect Officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary) for RU 302
VI. Concerns, Issues, Recommendations
VII. Adjournment

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To: Resource and Development Committee
From: Priscilla Bahe, a resident of currently proposed range unit 309

Date: August 23, 2016

RE: Proposed realignment of Range unit 302 and 309
On behalf of my Haas'kanhadzohi clan people. My great grandmother, Asdzaalh Nanithode and my great grandfather lived in common with the Asdzaalh Asiih and her clan people in the Toh Ne Zhonnie Springs area for along time, not just for water but ceremonies as well. In recent years we utilized the area mostly for traditional offerings. However, my late grandparents Todachine Nez and Grace Todachine, and their family have used the Many Greasewood Valley aka Coal Valley Wash in common with our neighboring Asiih people for grazing cattle for years. The practice is still in existence.

We have asked our neighboring relatives for the re-alignment thru the Coal Valley Wash. A recognized permit holder, Mary Bitsuie, acknowledge our common grazing area a long standing agreement between my late grandparents, her late parents and other elders who have passed. At one of our range meetings she announced she is standing firm on this boundary. I understood this to be our agreed boundary. The spokes person for Range 309, decided to pull the agreement because we will not settle for the next valley, Sweathouse Valley. This didn't seem right. Mrs. Gloria Johns and family have in recently years obtain homesite leases in this protected area. Why? It appears she is the one who is moving the boundary further south.

The spokesperson for Range 309 has not been working with us faithful. As we were all under the impression we were going to realign the boundaries, in the end, she elected with draw her plans and go with the original BIA plans. Further more, she attempted to be crafty in submitted her request. At the chapter meeting on August 22, 2016, after our request for alignment was passed, she decided with draw her proposal and submit separately as soon as we left the chapter house. She receive opposition for her plan as it had been approved as a group. We return and to hear her stand, then decides to withdraw her request. She indicated she would present it the Special Grazing Meeting the next day. At the Special Grazing Meeting I learn that she went with original plan. I believe her plan is not completed in good faith as she has bluffed and proved to a crafty person during recent meetings.

The memorandum is being written because we still live in the proposed Range 309. Our customary grazing area was divided in 3 range units 302, 303 and 309. It would have been ideal to realign so we work with other extended family members who live in Range 302 faithfully. In the early 1980s we learn of BIA alignment plans. We tried to work with them, however in the presence of former Navajo Partition Land Director, James Dee, BIA officials informed my grandparents and mother that we are actually blessed with our customary land use being divided. They indicated in in years to come each of grandchildren orifildren could tive in each unit and get grazing permits. I pray this will happen.

Your time and patience in reading and reviewing the documents submitted is very appreciated. Your decision will be respected. Again review the Range unit 309 plan with care as it maybe deceitful.

## To: Resource and Development Committee

Date: August 23, 2016
We have made arrangements as land users for withdrawing the northern edge of Range Unit 303. We would like to have it added to Range Unit 302.

Della Begay has a home site lease with her house, cornfield, ceremonial Hogan and other Hogan, sweat lodge and corrals in this area of Range Unit 303.

Thank you,

Range Unit 302


Priscella Bah

Range Unit 303


John J. Begay

# LORENE GREYEYES, FOREST LAKE CHAPTER COMMUNITY MEMBER 

P. O. Box 1371, Kaventa, Arizona 86033 Cell: 9286758705

A UGUST 10, 2016


#### Abstract

IITLE: An Action and Official Position Of The Forest Lake Chapter Relating to Resources and Development NAABIK'IYATI' Committee and The Navaio Nation Council: Adopting and Confirming The Range Unit Boundaries and Grazing Districts Established By The Bureau Of Indian Affairs For The Navaio Partitioned Lands.


## Whereas:

1. Pursuant to the Navajo Tribal Council Resolution: $\mathbf{C - 2 0 - 3 5}$, the Forest Lake Chapter of the Navajo Nation was established possessing full authority to act in the best interest and welfare of its constituents; and
2. The Navajo Nation, through its Purposed Range Unit Management Plan and Master Plan, which included goals for: improvement of quality of life, production, landscape as to the 1998 goals regarding land and livestock use pursuant to established Navajo Partition Land(NPL) regulations for use; and
3. The Navajo Nation published for comment on March 23, 2016 proposed legislation titled: "An Action Relating to Resources and Development NAABIK'IYATI' Committee and The Navajo Nation Council: Adopting and Confirming The Range Unit Boundarles and Grazing Districts Established By The Bureau Of Indian Affairs For The Navajo Partitioned Lands (Legislation No. 0093-16)," wherein it creates a comprehensive plan to address NPL lands including those lands located within the Forest Lake Chapter; and
4. A proposed amendment was submitted to Legislation No. 0093-16, include the following language: "Allow Navaio Partitioned Land Chapters 120 days to make proposed alignments for range units through: 1) chapter resolutions and 2) grazing committees' resolutions. Division of Natural Resources is directed to stake a proposed range unit boundaries in precinct 2, provide chapters with large maps of individual proposed range units, and provide detailed information on number of cancelled permittee(s) from that range unit, living cancelled permittee(s) and non-living cancelled permittee(s) or possible heirs who live in that range unit to get agreement on alignment changes through resolutions or the proposed alignment will stand for which exterior fencing will begin;" and
5. Lorenzo Yazzie (C\#2698) and Lorene Greyeyes (C\#123320) and family members are lifetime residents of the forest Lake community, with established dwelling, grazing and planting fields and the overall use of the family's customary use area for five generations; approximately since 1700; and
6. Lorene Greyeyes and her family have always resided in the 303 Purposed Range Unit with her father, Lorenzo Yazzie (C\#2698; Permit No. 4-5434 with 11 siblings, their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Their customary use area is approximately (5) Five miles wide and (8)eight miles long, which include (2)) two grazing permit and were issued according to estimated land base in January 2,1941, Part 22, 25-CFR which have always been under the jurisdiction of the Forest Lake Chapter; and
7. Lorene Greyeyes and her family object to the proposed amendments to Legislation No.0093-16 to the extent it reduces the family's customary use area established on January 02, 1941, because the established and recognized areas and the new amendment will subject the family's established customary use area to division and reduction from encroaching individuals who are already situated in 306 Purposed Range Unit , namely Rita Benally and Mary Lou Slim; and
8. Lorene Greyeyes and her family further object to the proposed amendments to Legislation No. 0093-16 to the extent it will allow non community and unofficial community member to improperly influence the determination for boundaries and demarcation of already established customary use areas, including to redistrict the Forest Lake Chapter boundaries by a wide margin, namely Percy Deal a member of the Hard Rock Chapter.

## THEREFORE be it RESOLVED that:

1. The Forest Lake Chapter is in agreement with Resource and Development Committee and the proposed Legislation No. 0093-16, and further acknowledge that it is the best plan for range unit improvement and regulation for NPL located within Forest Lake Chapter; and
2. I, Lorene Greyeyes respectfully request that The Forest Lake Chapter hereby approves and acknowledges that Lorene Greyeyes and her family as described herein, may continue and exercise all right conferred for grazing, planting and homes as already established within (5) five by (8) eight mile customary use area within the 303 Purposed Range Unit; and
3. The Forest Lake Chapter hereby requests the Navajo Land Administration Office of the Navajo to exercise all authority delegated to it, to implement a grazing and management plan for 303 Purposed Range Unit, so as be consistent with this resolution without division and new districts of boundaries of the unit.

Respectfully,

# Executive Director Office of Legislative Services 

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August 10, 2016

## Subject: TITIE: An Action to Resources and Development. Range Unit Rourdaries/NPL of The Forest Lake Chapter

I respectfully suggest that all departments affiliated with land use reconsider letting the Community to do the Range Unit realignment activity. We need The Resource Committees, Grazing Representatives, Navajo Partition Lands department, NAABIK'IYATI' COMMITTEE and The NAVAIO NATION COUNCIL to protect us, certain individuals that have been deprived of our rights, and established customary use area by aggressive or greedy individuals. We have not been notified formally regarding the realignment meetings at the Chapter level. Some of us did not participate in any decision making or approved of realignment in the $\mathbf{1 2 0}$ days extension at the Forest Lake Chapter. We only approve of what is established by the BIA for NPL because it is very fair and assessed.

I really do not think it is a wise choice to allow non official residents of any community to be designated to make decisions on The Purposed Range Unit Boundaries. It makes the committees" authority vague where Officials making their own interpretation of delegation in any way that suits their personal agendas.
it is unfortunate that some of us with few in clan system, non dominate society and without power over our original The Legitimate 1941 Customary Use Area that was established according to 1941 Estimates, Surveys and Decisions on issuance of Grazing Permits that was provided to whom ,how many acreage with how many livestocks were allowed to certain acreage to be divided by another family that have established customary use area 306 Purposed Range Unit under Precinct 2 Forest Lake Chapter..

There is no legitimate reason for Rita Benally, Mary Lou Slim and Percy Deal to claim portions of our Customary Use area when they have sufficient Customary Use Area of their own in 306 The Purposed Range Unit. Attached reports of incidents they have demonstrated upon us with no current solution. We have exhausted all remedies to solve the dispute because Rita Benally and Mary Lou Slim do not abide by regulations. The worst part is they involve families and their children like an organized gang.

Respectfully,



Hopi

Resource and Development Committee
Window Rock, Arizona
District \# 4 Grazing Committee
Navajo Partitioned Land
Chinle Agency
Dear Honorable Leaders
Please amend the proposed Range Unit fencing in 305 and 303. As the NPL Range Unit 303 fence is proposed now, it will divide my immediate family homes. I live in the most northern portion of Range Unit 305 where it joins Range Unit 303. I am requesting for a minor change in the proposed fencing location.

I am requesting adjustment of Range Unit 303 fencing by moving it south of my home site to near but pass the N8029 cattle guard anchoring the Navajo and Hopi Partitioned Land fence. I also made this same request to the Hardrock Chapter and they approved it by a Resolution \# 16/08-01, attached.

My reasons for requesting adjustments to the proposed fence lines are as followings;

1. It will place all of my immediate family homes under one Range Unit, Range Unit 303.
2. Approximately $80 \%$ of my Customary Land Use Area is going to be located in Range Unit 303.
3. My family, relatives and neighbors, we all respect each other customary land use areas, share in our difficulties, sorrows, well-being, well-meaning and heritage. We want to stay together not divided.
4. My immediate family members and relatives well all be located in range unit 303.

The proposed fence line adjustment will promote the design of the Range Unit.
I request your favorable consideration and actions.

Respectfully Submitted,


Melvin K. Bedonie
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Approving Mange Unit Boundary for Range Units 304 and 305 with Minor Line Adjustment within Range Unit 305 and Requesting the District Grazing Committee and the Resources and Development Committee for their Support and Approyal

## Whereas:

1. The Navajo Nation Council by Resolution CS-34-98 enacted the Navajo Nation Local governance Act and codified it under Titie 26 of the Navajo Nation Code; and
2. Pursuant to Title 26 NNC, Section B- $1 \& 2$, the purpose of the local Governance Act is to recognize at the local level and to delegate to chapter govemment with respect to local matters consistent with Navajo Nation laws including custom and tradition and to make decisions over local matters; and
3. In October 1973 the Federal District Court cancellad all grazing permits in 1882 Executive Order Reservation exclusive of Hopi Grazing District 6 and in 1974 Congress enatted PL 93-531 authorizing (25 CFR, Parts 151) the Bureau of Indian Affairs in coordination and in consultation with the Navajo Nation re-issue grazing permits in Navajo Partition land; and
4. Under Section 161.202 (a) the BIA with the concurrence of the Navajo Nation will establish range units on NPL for which range management plans can be develop to improve forage resources, watersheds, residentiai concentration and historical land use will be considered in determination of range unit boundaries and (b) BiA may modify range unit boundaries with the concurrence of the Navajo Nation; and
5. The BIA established a proposed boundaries in all of NPL and in Hardrock Chapter there are two range units ( 304 and 305 ), there is no opportunity in 304 to adjust any of the boundaries due to the Hopi partion line and in range unit 305 in the most northerm portion of the unit where it ioins range unit 303 the propose BIA line divides one famity into two units, takes approximateiy $30 \%$ of the family's grazing lanci and it separates them from their cormiedt; 解d
s. The proposed changes invoiving range units 305 and 303 have an agreement from the Tucai hnmediate resident, however it does need approval from Forest Lake chapter, and
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6. The community neld seyeral meetings out in the field and at the chapter house to discuss the proposed change and majonty agrees whth the dusiment and he spoais to remresant the best interost of range unit 305

Now Therefore be it fesoived That

The Hardrock Chapter hereby anproves Range Unit 304 as is and also approves Range Unt 305, subject to approval by Foresi Lake chapier as acjusted by the residemis making mitur Ediustmant in the far northern portion of range unit 305 where it adioins Range Init 303 and further pursuant to 25 CFR. Parts 161.202 (b) request the District Grazing Committee and the Resuurces and Develupment Committee, Navajo Nation Council to anprove the adjustment.

## CERTIFICATION

We hereby ceraify the foregoing resolution was duly considared at a duly called meeting at the Hardrock Chanter at which a guorum was present and the same was passed by a vote of 17 in fovor and _ opposed and _______ abstaining on this $12^{\text {th }}$ day of


Timathy fohison. President



Dwight Witherspoon. Council Disleqate

The Navajo Department of Agriculture and the Bureau of Indian Affair has proposed constructing livestock range unit fence through Melvin K. Bedonie family homes. The proposed fencing will divide the family homes.

The local immediate resident agreed that it is mutually beneficial to adjust the location of the proposed fencing.

## Latguage to be insert in the District Grazing Commithee and Resource and Development Comnittee Resolutions;

" a minor adjustment in the far northern portion of Range Unit 305 where it adjoins Range Unit 303 by moving the proposed range unit fencing south of Melvin K. Bedonie family residents to near but pass the NPL/HPL N8029 cattle guard".

This amendment will allow Melvin K. Bedonie to live close with his immediate family.

Ella James
P.O. Box 1035

Pinon, AZ 86510
(928) 677-3338

August 22, 2016
To Forest Lake Chapter, District 4 Grazing Official and Navajo Nation Resource and Development Committee

I, Elia James wish to submit for the record my approval of the current BIA alignment of Range Unit 306 and Range Unit 308.

I am speaking on behalf of myself, my neighbors, and on behalf of elderlies that have lived here for their whole life and are homebound and unable to speak on their own behalf. They share my feelings for the healing of the land and water for our land, livestock and wildlife.

While, we realize the highway that marks the boundaries of our grazing units is here to stay, we do not want any changes made in the current alignment of the range unit fencing. We believe keeping existing boundaries will allow us to continue to live peacefully on our land, ensure the protection of our watershed and provide a good environment and eco system to sustain our livestock and wildlife that will have access to good forage and water.

We, who are utilizing these Range Units are good stewards who will conserve our natural resources, grazing areas and landscaping-trees, plants, rocks, natural springs to ensure Nature will take its course and thrive. In this way, we believe we will ensure the protection of our land and water shed for our well-being and for the benefit of our grandchildren that are here and for those that will be borne.

Please understand us as traditional Dine' people of Forest Lake region who understand the sacredness of our land and water. We reach out to our Leaders to assist us in the protection of Range Unit 306 and Range Unit 308. Hear us, trust us. We believe in you to do the right thing on our behalf.

I make this plea on behalf of myself, my neighbors and the elderlies living in Range Unit 306 and Range Unit 308. Our land is fragile and we must speak on its behalf. I feel it in my heart. I hope you will feel it in your heart to make the right decision and not abide by the voice of those that are motivated by greed.

Respectfully submitted
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Ella James

## Resolution of the Forest Lake Chapter

Resolution\#FLC-16-08-006

## Approving Range Unit Boundary Line Top Half of 309 and 311 Line Where It meets 310 to be moved Westwand And Requesting the District Graving Committee and the Resource Development and Development Committee for their Support and Approval

## Whereas:

1. The Navajo Nation Council by Resolution CS-34-98 enacted the Navajo Nation Local governance Act and codified it under Title 26 of the Navajo Nation Code; and
2. Pursuant to Title 26 NNC, Section B-1 \& 2, the purpose of the local Govemance Act is to recognize at the local level and to delegate to chapter government with respect to local matters consistent with the Navajo Nation laws including custom and tradition and to make decisions over matters; and
3. In October 1973 the Federal District Court cancelled all grazing permis in 1882 Executive Order Reservation exclusive of Hopi Grazing District 6 and in 1974 Congress enacted PL-93-531 authorizing ( 25 CFR, Part 161) the Bureau of Indian Affairs in coordination and in consultation with the Navajo Nation re-issue grazing permits in Navajo Partitioned land; and
4. Under Section 161.202 (a) the BIA with the concurrence of the Navajo Nation will establish range units on NPL for which range management plans can be developed to improve forage resources, watersheds, residential concentration and historical land use will be considered in determination of range unit boundaries and (b) BIA may modify range unit boundaries with concurrence of the Navajo Nation; and
5. The BIA established proposed boundaries in all of NPL and in Oak Ridge Community, To Lani Community, Forest Lake Community, and Ta'iit'i' Community have agreed on an alternate boundary line; and
6. The current boundary line is a few yards away from the homesites of the Oak Ridge Commmity, does not allow the Oak Ridge Community ( 7400 feet elevation) access to bower elevation areas( 7200 feet elevation) which they rely on in the winter months, and does not allow access to their ancestral home sites located north, northeast, and east side in the Range Unit 311; and
7. Resource and Development Committee, Navajo Nation Council Legislation 26-16, as Amended gives 120 days from the date the legislation was approved to allow local residents an opportunity to make adjustment of range unit boundaries to fit their living more closely; and
8. The commmity held several chapter meetings out in the field and at the chapter house to discuss the proposed changes and large majority agrees with the change and it appears to represent the best interest of range unit 309; and
9. The Oak Ridge Community are fenced into high elevation( 7400 feet) land by 309/310 boundary line, which is not suitable for their animals in the long winter months and the depth of snow accumulation is unbearable; and
10. The Oak Ridge Community which consist of five major families are claim some ancestral homesites, corrals, and farmlands, which they would not have access anymore due to the 309/311 boundary lines.

## Now Therefore Be it Resolved That

The Forest Lake Chapter hereby approves the top half of Range Unit 309 and 310 line to be moved southwest as four commmities see (three attachments, Exhibit A, B \& C) and also see (Map Exhibit D and description of land boundary lines Exhibit E) are in agreement of the boundary extension towards Range Unit 309 and that will accommodate the Oak Ridge Commurity(elevation 7400 feet) to have access to lower elevation of 7200 feet for their livestock during harsh long winter months, access to their ancestral home sites and access to lower elevation of 7200 feet for their livestock during harsh long winter months, and further pursuant to 25 CFR, Parts 161.202 (b) request the District Grazing Committee and the Resources and Development Committee, Navajo Nation Council to approve the adjustment.

Helena W. Begay, President

Ferm Benally, Vice President

Brenda White, Secretary Treasure

Irene Begay, Grazing Representative

Dwight Witherspoon, Council Delegate

Exhibit A
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## EXHIBIT E

# Boundary Line Agreement Between Four Communities 

# Description of Land Boundary Line Agreement <br> Between Oak Ridge Community and Tolani Community Realignment of the Range Unit 309 and 311 

I. From Hooghan Dich'izhii straight between the Oak Ridge burial site and Tolani burial site with coordinates of ( $36.383320,-110.168624$ ) shown as Pt. 2.
II. Immediately after the burial sites the line will turn right before Tse Ninajihi which is up on the hill to meet the proposed fencing at approximate coordinates of ( $36.378187,-110.160510$ ) as Pt. 6.
III. The coordinates noted above(II) will connect to the boundary Range Unit 309/311 southeast of Tse ninajihi.

## Land Boundary Line Agreement Between Oak Ridge Community and Tsiy'' Be'ek'id Community Realignment of the Range Unit 309 and 311

I. From Hooghan Dich'izhii angle slightly to the left straight to Jinoodaa'i Nidzigai at the road block. Two coordinates at Hooghan Dich'izhi to establish a semi parameter around the south end so as to enclose it. The first is at the south of Hooghan Dich'izhi with coordinates as (36.367494, -110.201390), Pt. 3. The second point is west of Hooghan Dich'izhi at the top of the hill with coordinates at ( $36.368320,-110.202499$ ), Pt. 4.
II. From Jinoodaa'i deinidzigai road block it will slightly angle left straight to meet the $310 / 309$ boundary line. The Jinoodaa'i roadblock is the next coordinates as ( $36.397289,-110.196495$ ), Pt.7.

## Land Boundary Line Agreement Between Oak Ridge Community and Taa'it'i' Community Realignment of the Range Unit 309 and 311

I. From Jinoodaa'i deinidzigai roadblock slightly to the left straight to the old Hodiilidi to current 310/309 boundary line. The coordinates for this point is also next to a road block at Hodiilidi as (36.41114, -110.201113), Pt. 5.



# resolution of the forest lake chapter 

## RESOLUTION \#


#### Abstract

Approving Range Unit Boundary for Range Units 309, and 310 With Some Changes Within Range Units 309 and 310 And Requesting The District Grazing Committee And The Resources And Development Committee For Their Support and Approval.


## WHEREAS:

1. The Navajo Nation Council by Resolution CS-34-98 enacted the Navajo Nation Local governance Act and codified it under Title 26 of the Navajo Nation Code; and
2. Pursuant to Title 26 NNC, Section B 1 \& 2, the purpose of the Local Governance Act is to recognize at the local level and to delegate to chapter government with respect to local matters consistent with Navajo Nation laws including custom and tradition and to make decisions over local matter; and
3. In October 1973, the Federal District Court cancelled all grazing permits in the 1982 Executive Order Reservation exclusive of Hopi Grazing District 6 and in the 1974, Congress enacted PL 93-531 authorizing ( 25 CFR, Part 161) the Bureau of Indian Affairs in coordination and in consultation with the Navajo Nation re-issue grazing permits in Navajo Partition land (NPL); and
4. Under Section 161.202 (a) the BIA with the concurrence of the Navajo Nation will establish range units on NPL for which range management plans can be developed to improve forage resources watersheds residential concentration and historical land use will be considered in determination of range unit boundaries and (b) BIA, may modify range unit boundaries with the concurrence of the Navajo Nation; and
5. Resources and Development Committee Navajo Nation Council Legislation 26-16, as Amended gives 120 days from the date the legisiation been approved to local resident an opportunity to make adjustment of range unit boundaries to fit their grazing and range management plans; and
6. The community held several meetings to discuss and plan the proposed changes as indicated in our justification statement regarding ancestral land use Exhibit (A); and
7. The change is to keep Range Unit 309 as is, except to extend Range Unit 310 south into Range Unit 309 per Map Exhibit (B); and
8. The residential signatures represents approval to have Range Unit 309 remain as is, except for the northern portion of Range Unit 309, to modify and extend the boundary line Range Unit 310 south into Range Unit 309 per Exhibit (C).

## NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Approving Range Unit Boundary for Range Units 309, and 310 With Some Changes Within Range Unit 309 and 310 And Requesting the District Grazing Committee and the Resources and Development Committee for their Support and Approval.

## CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was presented and considered by the Forest Lake Chapter at a duly called meeting at Forest Lake, Navajo Nation, (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of $\qquad$ in favor, $\qquad$ opposed and $\qquad$ abstained, $22^{\text {nd }}$ this day of August, 2016.
$\qquad$
Motioned By:

Helena Begay, Chapter President

Brenda White, Chapter Secretary

Seconded by: $\qquad$

Fern Benally, Chapter Vice-President

Irene Begaye, District Grazing Official

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# Forest Lake Chapter Officials, 

District Grazing Officials and
Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council

## RE: Justification to modify Range Unit 309/310

We are requesting your approval to modify and realign Range Unit 309/310. The Range Unit 309 will remain as is, however we are in full support of Oak Ridge community's request to extend Range Unit 310 south into Range Unit 309, Oak Ridge (Tse Ch'il Bil Dah Yisk'idi) per Exhibit "B". This will provide access to their ancestral land use.

We are pleased to have been given the opportunity to provide extended time to meet with our community members to discuss ways to carry on our traditional way of life. More importantly to care for the lanc.

Our great-grandparents come upon the Dzil yijiin region returning and/or escaping the "Long Walk" (Hweedi) Fort Sumner, NM. They established a strong land use base on their traditiona! beliefs and knowledge and we strongly value these historical information and clan lineage of the Saanii Ashiihi.

In the 1930's, the Range Riders came upon the land of Dzil Yijiin area to create and astablish customary use area by natural boundaries and landmarks for our great grandfather Hastiin Klyaa'aanii Diil who was married to our great-grandmother Asdzaan Ahiihi. Majority of the customary use area is in Range Unit 309. Though families are divided among Range Units 303, 308 and surrounding Range Units, however we will continue to utilize and care the land. Our great-grand parents, grandparents, parents utilized the customary use area to care for their animals and the land. They cared for the land by rotating grazing areas based on the seasons, winter and summer camps, built earthen dams for water catchments, established several area for corn fields. Therefore, they knew and practiced the traditional land management system including respecting the wildlife, plants, vegetation, seasons, herbal medicine, spiritual connection with traditional prayers and ceremonies.

Therefore, as the generation of the Ashiihi Clans of today and for our future generation, we continue to live on the land of our ancestors. We fully support keeping Range Unit 309 as is, and to extend Range Unit 310 south into Range Unit 309, per Exhibit Signatures (C). In addition,
continue planning for land management as specified in the 25 CFR Part 161 and the Navajo Nation guidelines. In coordination with resources available from BIA and the Tribal entities.

We appreciate your support and approval on our request. Again, thank you as you provided extended timeline to complete our discussion on the boundary line modifications.

We look forward to hearing your favorable approval.
Thank you.
Members and residents of Range Unit 309.

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Exhibit E-MAP

Range Unit 309
We are in full support of the Range Unit 309 as is, except for the Northern portion of RU 309 to become RU 310 per Exhibit
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## Range Unit 309

We are in full support of the Range Unit 309 as is, except for the Northern portion of RU 309 to become RU 310 per Exhibit.


August 21, 2016

## Re: Range Unit 309

Forest Lake Chapter Officials, District Grazing Officials, Council Delegate Dwight Witherspoon and the Navajo Nation Resources and Development Committee:

Hello my name is Wahleah Johns and I have a homesite lease in Range Unit 309 by Tonizhoni. I am in full support of keeping Range Unit 309 as is, and in addition extending Range Unit 310 south into Range Unit 309, Oak Ridge.

Sincerely,
Wahleah Johns wahleah@gmail.com

Re: Range Unit 309

Forest Lake Chapter Officials
Navajo Nation Resources and Development Committee:
My name is Elsa Johnson and I'm from the original Ashihii (Salt) clan from within the Forest Lake Chapter. Our grandmother Ethel Silverhatband and her ancestors wintered around Ute Pass area and spent the warmer months with their sheep herds within the valley where the chapterhouse and the housing all the way into Tonizhoni area. Currently, family and relatives who are Ashihii still live in this area. For this reason it is only right and makes most sense to keep Tonizhoni area in Range Unit 309. And, extend Range Unit 310 south into RU 309, Oakridge (Tse Ch'il Bi Dah Yisk'idi).

Thank you.
Sincerely,

Elsa Johnson

August 22, 2016

To Whom It May Concern,
This is to express my full support to keep the allocation of land withdrawn with Region 309 remain as is so that those of us who reside on both side of the washes remain in one range unit and not breaking up families with its grazing units. Moreover, I do maintain a valid homesite lease within this area.

Thank you so much for working with us in submitting our request for your consideration and support.

Respegafully,


Forest Lake community member

August 25, 2016

Resource and Development Committee
P.O. Box 3390

Window Rock, Arizona 86515
Dear Resource and Development Committee,
My letter to the committee is concerning the proposed alignment arrangement between 310 (Bailey/Young) and 309 (Biltah), which had took place on Saturday, August 20, 2016.

My name is Alva B. Bailey and I am from Black Mesa Range Unit 310. On Saturday, August 20th, a gathering took place where an alignment arrangement was discussed and agreed upon to make changes to the alignment.

I am writing to request that the Resource and Development Commitee revoke and void this particular proposed alignment arrangement which will be submitted before you by the Biltahs' for the following reasons:

- Not majority and/or all siblings of Range Unit 310 were aware of the said gathering.
- Not majority and/or all siblings of Range Unit 310 were present at said gathering to have set forth an agreement on the arrangement.
- Those present from Range Unit 310 felt the arrangement had to be made at that particular moment and a rushed irrational agreement was made.

After I spoke with other siblings after said date above and on forth, we of Range Unit 310 have decided and agreed to have no changes done to the original alignment set forth.

Thank you for your time. If you need additional information or have any questions regarding my letter, please contact me at (928) 697-3455.

Sincerely,


Alva B. Bailey
POO. 1507
Kayenta, AZ 86033

Range Unit 310 -Siblings:


DeWayne Young


Edsel Young


## NAVAJO NATION

Spring Session
Amd\# to Amd\# Legislation 0279-17 PASSED
MOT Hale
Approving Compliance with
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CAP-26-16 Regarding Forest Lake
Chapter Range Unit Boundaries...
Yea: $14 \quad$ Nay:2 $2 \quad$ Excused :0 Voting : 8

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[^0]:    NICOLE HORSEHERDER - YESTERDAY I SAID THAT ANOTHER 30 DAYS EXTENTION WAS APPROVED I WAS WRONG, I SENT IN A LETTER FOR THE REQUEST WHICH HASN'T BEEN APPROVED YET, THESE RANGE UNIT MANAGEMENT PLANS DOESN'T REALLY ADDRESS EROSION CONTROL IT ONLY DEALS WITH PERMITTEES IT SEENS LIKE ALL YOU HAVE IS YOUR HOMESITE

[^1]:    Dwight Witherspoon, Council Delegate

