MEMORANDUM

March 20, 2020

TO:  All Tribal Departments/Programs/Villages

FROM:  Darren Talayumptewa, Program Manager
        Wildlife & Ecosystems Management Program

CONCURRED:  Clayton Honyumptewa, Director
             Department of Natural Resources

RE:  TEMPORARY WEMP OFFICE CLOSURE

In light of Hopi Tribe’s Executive Order #01-2020 regarding the COVID-19 virus pandemic and recent confirmed cases in Navajo and Coconino Counties. The Hopi Wildlife & Ecosystems Management Program (WEMP) has decided in the best interest, health and well-being of all staff and customers who visit the Honahni Building, to temporarily close the Hopi WEMP Office located in the Honahni Building. The closure will be effective Monday, March 23, 2020 at 8am to Friday, April 17, 2020 at 5pm, unless directed by the Hopi Tribal Administration and/or changes to the COVID-19 declarations.

The Hopi WEMP Office closure will mean no Hopi Tribal Commercial and NON-Commercial Wood Permits will be issued. To accommodate and to allow harvesting of dead and downed wood, the following mitigating measures will be implemented during this time;

- **Any** Tribal Wood permit that is about to expire during the March 23rd to April 5th time frame will be extended until Monday, April 20, 2020, to allow individuals to harvest wood.
- **Any** Tribal Wood permits that are expired, will be valid until Monday, April 20, 2020 to allow continued harvest of wood. Expired wood permits will be renewed on Monday, April 20, 2020.
- If you do not have a Hopi Commercial or NON-Commercial Wood Permit, you will be allowed to harvest wood without a permit by calling WEMP Staff at (928) 497-1012 or (928) 497-1014. You will provide your name, Hopi Census number, and address, location you want to harvest wood from and amount of truck loads you harvested. You will be required to obtain a valid Hopi Wood Permit on Monday, April 20, 2020.
- This mitigating measure will apply to the permitted AA Navajo families ONLY.
In an effort to reduce the amount of contact and potential transmission of the COVID-19 virus, and to meet the needs of the Hopi Tribal members, we request your utmost cooperation with these temporary mitigating measures. Should you have any questions please contact me at (928) 497-1010 or by email at DTalayumptewa@hopi.nsn.us. Thank you.

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