First Mesa Annual Clean-Up Project Receives $20,000 Grant
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Valerie Nuvayestewa, First Mesa Annual Clean-Up Project Representative
For Hopi Tutuveni

First Mesa, Ariz. - January 7, 2021 First Mesa Annual Clean-up has been selected as a member of Youth Outside’s Liberated Paths inaugural grantee cohort. This grant making program prioritizes the leadership of communities of color in solving some of the most pressing environmental issues we have ever seen and as a grantee, First Mesa Annual Clean-up will be able to expand our programming to increase opportunities available to the community in First Mesa, Ariz. You can learn more by visiting Youth Outside’s website to read their Liberated Paths blog, such as the following:

“Cultural relevancy is a central underpinning of Youth Outside’s grantmaking and strategic programs. Youth Outside defines cultural relevancy as the ability to effectively reach and engage communities and their youth in a manner consistent with the cultural context and values of that community, while effectively addressing disparities of equity and inclusion within an organization’s entire structure.” - Liberated Paths

Community orchards, gardens, and fields are tied to the covenant our ancestors made with Maasaw (Guardian Spirit of the Hopi Fourth World at the time of emergence) in exchange to be given the right to live off the land today, promising to be humble farmers and helping to be caretakers of this earth. Yoo-yangw, our grandfather, acquired the land we farm by maintaining his commitment as Kat-sin-mongwi (Kachina chief) at Mongkiva (Chief kiva) in Walpi Village, located on First Mesa. He spiritually believed that the rains come in happiness to visit the fields of the Hopi people living in harmony with all living beings. He always urged our family to never forget the corn, for they are our children. In this same spirit we attempt to honor his legacy that he has left for our community to prosper and steward for generations to come.

Youth Outside’s work is focused on the intersection of communities of color, the environment, and supports efforts like the First Mesa Annual Clean-up to help organize and build a sustainable base for community projects like ours to continue to move forward in the next 5-10 years.

Initially this project focused within First Mesa Community and as we begin to build momentum, we hope to be able to provide technical support to other Hopi Villages that have the same trash and environmental problems. Our emphasis will be on community and individual responsibility utilizing Hopi cultural knowledge regarding stewardship for our environment. Our basic Hopi traditional values will be emphasized with individuals, families and clans in our educational sessions throughout the project period.

The First Mesa Annual Clean-Up project was launched in 2015 by the Nuvayestewa Family to clean up the entire First Mesa. Over the last several years over 20 tons of trash were removed by the overwhelming helping hands of 324 volunteers of diverse ages and backgrounds coming together from the First Mesa area as well as friends of the Hopi Nation, who contributed to the 5,376 of valuable time and hours towards this initiative. The community did not do this alone as there were key partnerships that supported and played vital roles such as the First Mesa Villages’ traditional and village leadership, Ancestral Lands Hopi, Hopi Telecommunications, Inc., CellularOne, The Hopi Tribe’s Department of Public Safety and Emergency Services, Recycling, Navajo County, CKP Insurance, LLC, Arizona Public Services, the Hopi Tribe’s Department of Natural Resources, KUYI 88.1 FM (Trash Talk), First Mesa Elementary School students, Hopi Tewa Community Movement, and local Hopi artists.

Our Vision: Through discipline and responsibility, we will preserve the sacredness of our Hopi and Tewa Villages.

Our Mission: To clean the entire First Mesa Villages from top to bottom.

For more information about First Mesa Annual Cleanup project, you may look us up on our Facebook Page, First Mesa Annual Clean-up, please like or share our page. #earthday #firstmesannualcleanup #hopitewamovement #welovemotherearth #earthdaychallenge
Hopi Law Enforcement Services
Public Service Announcement

Hopi Law Enforcement Services has returned all services and personnel to the HLES building and is providing full administrative services. We apologize for any inconveniences this may have caused. The facility will remain closed to the public due to the current pandemic, however, you may call to request for an appointment for property release or records requests.

The phone calls are still impacted by the reservation outage, however, calls from landline phones are coming in. The 911 line is not working with this outage.

- 928-734-7340
- 928-734-7341
- 928-401-7792 Cell phone number is accessible by cell phones
- 928-734-7344 Administration line - Non-Emergencies only

Please continue to follow the CDC guidelines, practice social distancing, wear a mask and wash your hands often.

Hopi Law Enforcement Services
PO BOX 123
KYKOTSMOVII, AZ 86039
(928)734-7340

Wildlife & Ecosystems Management Program
Department of Natural Resources
2021 Hart/Drye Ranch Wood Harvest

As we continue to provide essential services for our Hopi Tribal members, the Hopi Wildlife & Ecosystems Management Program (WEMP) will continue the opportunities to access the Hart/Drye Ranch, to harvest dead and down, and dead standing wood to heat their homes, during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The Hopi WEMP will implement the schedule below to allow our Hopi Tribal member’s access to the Hart/Drye Ranch. Hopi Tribal members may make multiple trips during the four day event Hopi Hart/Drye Ranch Wood Harvest. The schedule will remain in effect until all resources are harvested from the designated area or until the last scheduled date.

WEMP staff will be onsite to monitor and check-in vehicles and issue permits upon completion of wood harvest. WEMP staff will follow CDC guidelines and follow social distancing guidelines, and keep immediate interaction at a minimum. We will require individuals to wear a mask during the check-in and check-out process. If you are sick or have a high or above normal temperature, please stay home. A flyer of the Hart Ranch Ecosystems Management Program (WEMP) will continue the opportunities to access the Hopi Tutuveni. The HLES building is open for Hopi Tutuveni. The Hopi Tutuveni Office is located, along with the Vice Chairman’s temporary office, will be sent to consae@hopi.nsn.us. Normal office hours will resume once all approvals, sanitizing and the Risk Management building is open for Hopi Tutuveni. The opping Editor who is listed as an Essential Employee, is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. while on telework status.

2021 Hart/Drye Wood Harvest Schedule:

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Hopi Tutuveni Office Compromised by 2021 COVID-19 Contact Office and Risk Management Building Closed for Sanitation

Public Service Announcement by Romalita Laban, Managing Editor

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – As of Tuesday, January 19, 2021, the Hopi Tutuveni staff and Editorial Board requests the public’s attention to this announcement in response to the Hopi Tutuveni Managing Editor being compromised by contact with an individual who tested positive.

In addition to many other Hopi Tribal employees who have had to quarantine due to contact with others testing positive, Romalita Laban, Managing Editor will also have to quarantine until January 29, 2021 according to Royce Jenkins, Public Health Authority.

Although Laban has tested negative, current protocols and procedures require individuals in contact with someone testing positive to quarantine a minimum of fourteen days.

Laban will be teleworking until January 29, 2021, however, Carl Onsae, Assistant Editor will be taking care of the newspaper distribution to occur on January 20, 2021 and ensuring Hopi Tutuveni readers and the public receive the publication. The online publication will also be made available.

Hopi Tutuveni staff await reply from the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary about rotating Onsae in as an Essential Employee to cover other duties while Laban is in quarantine. At press deadline, no replies were received from either office.

The Hopi Tutuveni staff has been informed as of January 19, 2021, along with other Hopi Tribal employees that the Risk Management Building where Hopi Tutuveni Office is located, along with the Vice Chairman’s temporary office, will be closed until further notice.

According to the January 19, 2021 email notification which noted, “Due to possible exposure of the Risk Management building, the Office of the Vice Chairman will have no office coverage until further notice. Staff will be teleworking while the office goes through the sanitizing process.” No further information was provided about how long the sanitizing would take to be completed.

There is no doubt that the COVID 19 pandemic has severely impacted the Hopi Tutuveni with damages to equipment, loss of effective work time and energy and impacts to the availability to the public and now having staff out on quarantine.

Hopi Tutuveni staff appreciate the public’s understanding of the current circumstances. Hopi Tutuveni staff has made numerous requests for both staff to be listed as Essential Employees for circumstances such as this. We hope to hear soon that Carl Onsae will be allowed to return to the office once sanitizing is complete and while the Managing Editor is on telework status.

Until the Hopi Tutuveni office is fully ready for continued occupancy by all staff, patrons and the public can leave voice messages for Romalita Laban, Managing Editor at (928) 734-3281 and emails can be sent to rlaban@hopi.nsn.us. Voice messages can be left for Carl Onsae, Assistant Editor at (928) 734-3283 and emails can be sent to consae@hopi.nsn.us. Normal office hours will resume once all approvals, sanitizing and the Risk Management building is open for Hopi Tutuveni. The Managing Editor who is listed as an Essential Employee, is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. while on telework status.

Payments for ads can still be taken at the Treasurer’s Office by credit or debit card by calling (928) 734-3124. Check or money order payments can still be sent to consae@hopi.nsn.us. Normal office hours will resume once all approvals, sanitizing and the Risk Management building is open for Hopi Tutuveni. The Managing Editor who is listed as an Essential Employee, is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. while on telework status.

We ask for Hopi Tutuveni supporters’ and the public’s patience and prayers, as we transition through these challenging pandemic times. We are still here, we are Hopi and we are strong. Askwali/Kwa kwa for your continued patronage and support throughout 2021. Pasningwu
Hopi Executive Order No. 007.1-2020: Extension of Reservation-wide Lockdown for All Residents of the Hopi Reservation to limit and control the Spread of the COVID-19

WHEREAS, the Constitution and By-laws of the Hopi Tribe, ARTICLE VI-POWERS OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL, SECTION 1 (a) and (b) respectively, authorizes the Hopi Tribal Council "To represent and Speak for the Hopi Tribe in all matters for the welfare of the Tribe"; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020 the Hopi Tribe declared a State of Emergency and activated the Hopi Emergency Response Team (HERT) due to the presence of the COVID-19 Coronavirus in the surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, the presence of COVID-19 continues to exist on the Hopi Reservation, giving rise to an ongoing declared state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Hopi Reservation is experiencing a continued rise in the number of positive COVID-19 cases in every village and community, with a positive test rate of 27.8% and 143 active cases over the last 14 days; and

WHEREAS, the biggest contributor to this increase is the mobility of our own Hopi community members, who continue to move throughout the villages, travel and not adhere to the mitigation strategies for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, state, and local healthcare facilities throughout the state of Arizona are all exceeding 90% capacity; and

WHEREAS, these circumstances place the Hopi Healthcare delivery system in danger of being overwhelmed if decisive mitigation and intervention efforts within the Hopi community are not made; and

WHEREAS, such measures are intended to ensure an effective response to the COVID-19 pandemic by restricting the movement of individuals throughout the Hopi Reservation and limit contact between individuals to prevent the spread of the virus and alleviate the strain on the Hopi Tribe's medical response capabilities; and

WHEREAS, each of the thirteen (13) Hopi villages and Communities are autonomous, and a majority of this total have exercised their inherent aboriginal sovereignty on behalf of the health, safety and welfare of their members by closing their villages to all non-residents; and

WHEREAS, this unprecedented public health emergency requires full coordination and cooperation between the sovereign village administrations and the Hopi Tribal Government to avoid waste of resources and to minimize any increased risk of exposure to the COVID-19 Coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, in response to concerns raised by the public regarding non-compliance and enforcement of the previously issued Stay-at-home Executive Order as well as the implementation of a reservation wide curfew, an amendment to the Hopi Code was made and approved by the Hopi Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the amendment to Section 13.3.6 of the Hopi Code made non-compliance with certain provisions within issued Executive Orders and other Emergency declarations a civil offense under this code; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 7-701(2) of the HERP, the Hopi Tribal Chairman is authorized to provide the necessary direction to preserve the peace and order of the Hopi Tribe.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Hopi Tribe issues the following emergency directives:

1. In order to preserve the public health and safety of the residents of the Hopi Reservation and to support and reinforce the independent precautionary measures taken by the various Hopi villages to mitigate the risk of infection the previously issued RESERVATION-WIDE LOCKDOWN ORDER is hereby extended beyond January 11, 2021, and shall remain in effect through February 1, 2021 at 5:00 A.M.

2. All previously issued precautionary measures mandated by the Hopi Tribe remain in place, including, but not limited to, the following:
   a. The requirement that masks be worn at all times in public.
   b. A daily reservation-wide curfew between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m.

3. Essential personnel who are currently designated as such and are needed to maintain the continuity of operations for the essential services and infrastructure of the Hopi Tribe will continue to operate.

4. During the Reservation-wide Lockdown, all residents are restricted from gathering with individuals with whom they do not normally reside. This restriction applies to secular gatherings and holiday celebrations with extended family and relatives.

5. All cultural and religious activities are strongly encouraged to be conducted in accordance with guidance issued by the Department of Health and Human Services regarding Cultural Activities for the duration of this order.

6. For the Duration of this order, individuals may leave their homes or places of residence only under the following circumstances:
   a. Traveling to or from work (with proof of employment).
   b. Obtaining or seeking medical care.
   c. Essential Travel and Activities as defined below:
      i. Attending or Providing Care for an Elder or Resident needing assistance.
      ii. Picking up groceries for the household (by I person only).
      iii. Hauling water from the watering points for the household.
      iv. Gathering hay and feed for livestock and pets.
      v. Procuring wood, coal or propane for household heating purposes. (Wood harvesting activities will require a tribally issued wood permit and adherence to COVID-19 safety protocols and guidance issued by the Hopi Wildlife & Ecosystems Management Program).
   d. Businesses that provide, ship or deliver groceries, food, goods or services to residents or other businesses of the Hopi Reservation (with reduced hours of operation).
   e. Home-based care for seniors, adults, or children.
   f. Residential facilities and shelters for seniors, adults, and children.
   g. For purposes of this Order, all first responders, emergency management personnel, emergency dispatchers, court personnel, law enforcement personnel, and others working for or to support Essential Services are categorically exempt from this Order.

9. Further, nothing in this Order shall prohibit any individual from performing or accessing Essential Governmental Functions. Essential Governmental Functions means all services needed to ensure the continuing operation of the government agencies and provide for the health, safety and welfare of the public. All Essential Governmental Functions shall be performed in compliance with Social Distancing Requirements to the extent possible.

10. All provisions of this Order should be interpreted to effectuate this intent. Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this Order constitutes an immediate threat to public health and renders one subject to criminal penalties.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect through February 1, 2021 unless otherwise extended. Additional advisories and Orders will follow as warranted, SO ORDERED THIS 8th DAY OF JANUARY 2021.
Hopi Law Enforcement Services

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

With the current Executive Order No. 007-2020: Reservation-wide Lockdown for All Residents of the Hopi Reservation to limit and control the spread of the COVID-19 virus in place, Hopi Law Enforcement Services (HLES) is authorized and will conduct safety/educational checkpoints. We will be reminding people on Hopi that there is a lockdown in place and that travel/movement is to be limited to ensure continued safety and prevention of the spread of the COVID-19 virus among the villages.

HLES Officers will start the checkpoints and warnings will be given to all who are out after the 8:00 pm curfew set by the Executive Order. Patrols on the highways throughout the Hopi Tribal Jurisdiction through the duration of the Executive Order can result in individuals on the roads between 8:00 pm and 5:00 am without having an essential employee letter or without justified cause to be traveling during curfew hours will be cited.

Expect Officers to be highly visible on the highways and roadways, and conducting safety checkpoints and issuing citations. This notice is in effect until February 1, 2021.

HLES wishes everyone to be safe and to stay healthy and that means Stay at Home and prevent the high numbers of positive cases rising here on Hopi.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Lt. Marcus Yowytewa at (928) 734-7340.

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Hopi Tutuveni January 20, 2021

**PUBLIC NOTICE WEMP**

**Schedule of Hopi Non-Commercial Wood Permits**

As we continue to provide Hopi Tribal Wood Permits during the current pandemic and closure of Tribal Operations, the Hopi Wildlife & Ecosystems Management Program (WEMP) will continue to provide Non-Commercial (Personal) Wood Permits to Tribal members and residents of the Hopi Reservation, who includes: Navajo AA residents and Non-Native individuals who reside on the Hopi Reservation, as essential services. Due to changes in Hopi Tribal operational hours, as a result of the current pandemic, and inclement weather, the following change in operational hours to provide these services will remain in effect until further notice.

The schedule will MANDATE all individuals to wear a mask, follow social distancing guidelines and other pertinent safety requirements. If you are feeling sick or have an above normal or high temperature, PLEASE stay home.

WEMP staff will be stationed outside of the Honahni Building to provide Hopi Wood Permits. To ensure we expedite the process, please have your Hopi Tribal Enrollment number, the location you plan to harvest wood from, and your old/expired permit.

WEMP will only issue permits to those who will actually be harvesting the wood and we will not issue a permit to anyone to harvest wood, on your behalf. This ensures the permitted individual complies with all laws, ordinance and regulations.

Due to changes in inclement weather and any changes in the COVID-19 Pandemic cases, the schedule is subjected to cancellation and change in location at the Hopi Tribal Complex (PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR NEON GREEN SIGNS) at any time, in the best interests of public health and safety. Please call on the day of the schedule date or check the Hopi Tribe’s Website for any changes.

Any questions, please feel free call (928) 497-1014 or (928) 497-1010.

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Office of Revenue Commission

**Public Service Announcement**

**FY’ 2021 License Renewal Applications Being Accepted**

Submitted by: Kianna Soohafya, Office of Revenue Commission For Hopi Tutuveni

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – January 13, 2021 the Office of Revenue Commission, is now accepting applications for FY’ 2021 Hopi Revenue Commission License renewals.

The applications are available on the Hopi Tribe webpage at www.hopi-nsn.us and can be submitted via email to Kianna Soohafyah, Secretary II at: KSoohafyah@hopi.nsn.us or via USPS at: Office of Revenue Commission, The Hopi Tribe P.O. Box 123 Kykotsmovi, Ariz. 86039. Call (928) 734-3172 or email Ksoohafya@hopi.nsn.us to leave any questions.
**UNDERSTAND COVID-19 SYMPTOMS**

Watch for symptoms. People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported — ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

Or, at least two of these symptoms:

- Fever
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- New loss of taste or smell

Call the Hopi Health Care Center, if:

- You develop worsening symptoms
- You have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19
- You have other symptoms that are concerning

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT WWW.CDC.GOV OR CALL THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (928) 734-3401 OR (928) 734-3402**

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**Caring for Someone Sick at Home**

If you are living with or caring for someone with COVID-19 at home:

- Increase the space to try and keep the sick person as physically separate as possible
- Be outside to increase space between people — weather permitting
- Open windows and doors for ventilation — weather permitting
- Hang bedding or screens to provide a temporary wall
- Rearrange furniture to have at least 6 feet of space between sick individuals
- Sick family members should continue to be cared for by their household support structure
- Try to eliminate interactions between sick people and those that are at highest risk such as:
  - Older than 65 years of age
  - Persons with diabetes, kidney issues, or those with or getting treated for cancer

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**Protect yourself when caring for someone who is sick**

**Limit contact**

COVID-19 spreads between people who are in close contact (within about 6 ft) through respiratory droplets, created when someone talks, coughs or sneezes.

- Try to limit contact between infected people and the rest of the household
- If the sick person needs assistance, choose a single person to provide it and that person should be lower risk for severe illness (younger, no health issues)
- If possible, try to have the COVID-19 positive person have their own bedroom/bathroom separate from those uninfected
- Open the windows and doors to increase ventilation
- Don’t allow visitors
- Avoid having any unnecessary visitors, especially visits by people who are at higher risk for severe illness

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Would you like to put your legals into the Newspaper?

For a single price you can put your legals into the Hopi Tutuveni

Call 928-734-3283 to find out how

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**PLEASE BE SAFE AND BE WELL**
Want to Advertise with the Hopi Tutuveni?
YOUR BUSINESS NAME HERE
Are you confused on how to advertise in the local newspaper? The Hopi Tutuveni can help you. With our friendly staff to help you with your advertisement, advertising is now made Easy! Call or email today.

Protect yourself when caring for someone who is sick

Clean your hands often:
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Tell everyone in the home to do the same, especially after being near the person who is sick
- If soap and water is not available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol
- Cover all surfaces of your hands with sanitizer and rub them together until they feel dry
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands

Avoid sharing personal items:
- Do not share personal items between people in the household
- Do not share dishes, cups/glasses, silverware, towels, bedding, or electronics (like a cell phone) with the person who is sick
- Items should be washed, cleaned, or sanitized after use

When to wear a cloth face cover or gloves:

Sick person
- The person who is sick should wear a face covering when they are around other people at home and out (including before they enter a doctor’s office)
- The face covering helps prevent a person who is sick from spreading the virus to others
- Face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is not able to remove the covering without help

Caregiver
- Wear gloves when you touch or have contact with the sick person’s blood, stool, or body fluids, such as saliva, mucus, vomit, and urine
- Throw gloves into a lined trash can and wash hands right away after use
- The caregiver should ask the sick person to put on a face covering before entering the room
- The caregiver may also wear a face covering when caring for a person who is sick
- To prevent getting sick, make sure you practice everyday preventive actions: clean hands often; avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands; and frequently clean and disinfect surfaces

Eat in separate rooms or areas:
- Eating and other activities that require removal of the face covering should occur separately from the rest of the household
- Gloves should be worn when handling and washing dishes used by those that are sick with COVID-19
- The person who is sick should eat (or be fed) in their room, if possible
- Wash dishes and utensils using gloves and hot water
- Handle any dishes, cups/glasses, or silverware used by the person who is sick with gloves. Wash them with soap and hot water or in a dishwasher
- Clean hands after taking off gloves or handling used items

Track your own health:
- Track the health of everyone in the household
- Caregivers should not go out, and instead should have other villagers help in getting needed supplies like food, medical supplies, and other items
- If you or anyone in your household develops new symptoms, contact Hopi Health Care Center Hotline (928)737-5188
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

TUBA CITY, A.Z. (TCRHCC) – It was a day many health care workers had been waiting for, the opportunity to receive the COVID-19, coronavirus, vaccine that will protect them as they provide vital health care services to patients at Tuba City Regional Health Care Corp.

On Dec. 16, a day after receiving the much-anticipated vaccine, health care workers including doctors, nurses, environmental service workers, certified medical nurses, laboratory workers, emergency room staff, front line workers and many others stationed in COVID-19 units received their shots.

One of the first to be vaccinated was Dr. Jeff Daniel, Chief of the Emergency Room, and it was quite a birthday gift.

“I am grateful for the increase in personal safety that the [vaccine] is going to provide for me and all the people that I am exposed to including the patients that I care for,” said Dr. Daniel who cares for trauma and COVID-19 patients. “It fills me with a sense of hope that we are heading toward that light at the end of the tunnel.”

Since March, Dr. Daniel and emergency room department staff have cared for the most vulnerable who suffered from COVID-19. Each shift he went to work fully dressed in personal protective equipment or PPE which included protective eyewear, masks, gloves and a gown.

Although he received the vaccine, he will continue to be extra vigilant and wear his PPE but it does lift a heavy burden.

Dr. Daniel explained they have seen an increase in COVID-19 patients compared to the summer visits. The Navajo Nation including Tuba City are experiencing an alarming rise in positive cases and uncontrolled spread.

“We’ve seen stress on the ER in terms of more COVID patients and because of the surge in Arizona right now and the number of available hospital beds, we’re having difficulty getting patients to other facilities,” said Dr. Daniel. “Hopefully the vaccine will help relieve that stress on the ER which, in turn, will allow us to better care for all of our patients, both COVID and non-COVID alike.”

Dr. Daniel explained the vaccine is a tool to help the community.

“It’s a step in the right direction, not only protecting the front line workers which is very important but [protecting] the population in general,” he said. “This is the beginning of being able to prevent this disease and the complications that come with it.”

For Preston Masayumptewa, a registered nurse in the OB and delivery unit, was thankful for receiving the vaccine and became emotional.

“This vaccine will hopefully help us to getting back to normal life again,” she said as she began to tear up.

Kewenvoyouma hopes that the public will see health care workers getting vaccinated as a good example and lessen doubt in those highly opposed to the vaccine. She said she received the vaccine to protect herself as a front-line health care worker but to also show the community that they should not be afraid of it.

Tuba City Regional Health Care Corp. is not mandating their employees to receive the vaccine but they are strongly encouraging everyone to get it.

Health care workers serving in the front lines and providing direct patient care will continue to be vaccinated until the allocated supply of 475 doses runs out. An additional 800 doses are expected to be delivered in a week.

For more information about COVID-19 vaccines and the latest, visit https://www.tchealth.org/coronavirus/vaccine.html.
Request for Proposal
Web Site/Social Media/Branding Development

I. Statement of Purpose
Hopi Credit Association (HCA), a 501 (c) 4 non-profit organization on the Hopi Reservation in Keams Canyon, AZ, seeks proposals for contracted web site, social media, and organization branding development. All applicants must have relevant experience.

Hopi Credit Association’s mission is to “enhance the quality of life by providing lending, financial education, and training opportunities for our Hopi Senom to become informed consumers”.

We are a certified Native Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) loan fund that lends to the Hopi people of Northern Arizona. In addition to loans, we provide financial education.

II. Scope of Work
Web Site
• Create a flexible, informative, interactive web site that is easy to maintain and update
Social Media
• Create HCA social media presence.
Branding
• Create a brand logo and scheme for HCA.
• Provide logo for use in promotional items.
Training
• Provide training to HCA staff to maintain web site and social media platforms.
All content, coding, and graphics will become the sole property of HCA.

III. Specific Strategies
• Increase awareness of the HCA mission and services.
• Retain current clients and gain new ones
• Strengthen relationships with community partners, members, and donors
• Improve business efficiencies
• Present comprehensive information and resource in an easy-to-use format
• Increase site promotion activities
A Native Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI)
• Integrate brand messaging
• Deliver a consistent image
• Deliver a scalable, maintainable foundation

IV. Term of Contract

V. Cost Proposal
Proposals are requested to submit a project price, include each service and detailed fee schedule. If your proposal excludes certain fees or charges for services such as subscriptions, web hosting sites, etc., please provide a list of excluded fees with explanation of the nature of those fees.

Selected proposers will be paid monthly with an approved invoice. Any adjustments, additional expenditures, or other service outside the scope of this proposal must be pre-approved.

VI. Proposal Submission
Questions and completed proposals may be submitted to Alissa Charley by email at lisa@hopicredit.us or mail:
Hopi Credit Association
ATTN: Alissa Charley
PO Box 1259
Keams Canyon, AZ 86034

Proposals are due by 5:00 p.m. Arizona time on Friday, January 29, 2021. Selected proposal will be notified by February 5, 2021. Contact number: 928-738-2205
Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – January 13, 2021, Federal health authorities are suggesting that a highly transmissible coronavirus variant that was first identified in the United Kingdom is spreading rapidly in the United States and likely to become the dominant strain circulating domestically in March without measures to slow it. U.S. health officials have called for increasing measures like wearing masks and social distancing to curb the spread of the more contagious variant. Otherwise, it will intensify the squeeze on hospitals that are already struggling to treat surging cases. The B.1.1.7 variant had infected at least 76 people in the U.S. as of Jan. 13 and threatens to worsen the pandemic throughout the country in coming months as the numbers of daily cases and hospitalizations are already at record levels, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said in a report modeling the potential impact of the variant.

The new variant is believed to be 50% more transmissible than the currently dominant strain in the U.S., but agency experts said they believe that existing prevention strategies work. While the new variant doesn’t appear to cause more severe illness, it is more contagious than the currently dominating strain of the coronavirus, the CDC said. The U.S. has a short window of time to step up measures such as social distancing and wearing masks to prevent B.1.1.7 from spreading widely, the CDC said. Such precautions would also buy time for vaccination campaigns to start having an effect on transmission rates, the agency said.

Here is a quick overview of the COVID-19 statistics on a national, state, and local level:

As of this date – January 13, 2021
The United States now has approximately 23.19 million confirmed positive cases with 227,746 new cases and over 387,255 deaths reported.
Over 658,186 confirmed positive cases now exist in Arizona. Of those, close to 13,090 are in Navajo County alone.
The Hopi Health Care Center has tested over 7,847 patients to this date. Over 1,133 of those tests at Hopi Health Care Center came back positive with 802 from Hopi Tribal members. Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation reported 186 positives for Hopi Villages with a combined number of 988 positive Hopi Tribal members.
The information below provides a glimpse of the current numbers in those respective villages.
* The information by villages presented above is released by the Hopi Department of Health & Human Services, and the data shown reflects patients tested at the Hopi Health Care Center and at the Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation specifically on Hopi tribal members. The data from Lower and Upper Munqapi is consolidated until specific data can be re-verified. (+) number decreased due to individual being identified from another village. The community of residence for one Hopi Tribal member who tested positive at HHCC is in the Phoenix metropolitan area. The community of residence for four Hopi Tribal members who tested positive at HHCC is in Winslow. The data here does not include all state-wide data from other facilities such as Flagstaff, Winslow, Phoenix or other hospitals.

** A total of 988+ individuals who tested positive are members of the Hopi Tribe.
+ Includes Village member(s) retested positive

Prevention:
Watch for symptoms. People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms or combinations of symptoms may have COVID-19:
• Cough
• Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
• Or at least two of these symptoms:
  • Fever
  • Chills
  • Repeated shaking with chills
  • Muscle pain
  • Headache
  • Sore throat
  • Congestion or runny nose
  • Nausea or vomiting
  • Diarrhea
  • New loss of taste or smell
Children have similar symptoms to adults and generally have mild illness.
This list is not all inclusive. Please consult your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you.

Hopi COVID-19 Reported Cases by Hopi Health Care Center Cases*
January 13, 2021

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*Note: These data include newly added testing results from the Abbott ID NOW machine since April 20, 2020.

Number of Cases per Village as of January 13, 2021

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This graph demonstrates that cases per day stratified by village with a total case line and rolling seven-day line. This graph gives the total of positive cases for the day in a blue bar graph. The red line is the moving 7-day incidence average and demonstrates the general trend of Covid-19 of the community.

Cases on Hopi during the last 14 days

This graph demonstrates the active cases and is stratified by village. Currently there are 188 active cases are defined as persons that have had a positive test result or symptom onset in the last 14 days. In this graph, the Total cases bar is all villages combined and should be excluded from the remainder of the graph. This graph demonstrates that majority of the active cases reside inside of Hotvela, and Munqapi; however, due to all villages having cases there is widespread community transmission. This graph is useful in isolating where the virus is most active at the current moment.

For questions or more information, please call the Hopi Tribe Office of the Chairman at (928) 734-3102, or Office of the Vice Chairman at (928) 734-3113.
Simple Reminders from the CDC to Keep Safe

Please if you are sick, stay home, except to get medical care. Even if you are not sick please remember to:

• Keep at least six feet between you and other people and don’t go to--or host--parties or other group events.
• Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when you are around others or when you go out in public.
• Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol if you can’t use soap and water.
• Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands.

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Cross Word Puzzle

Find the English words for the Hopi words.

Answers for January 7
Across
3. Naantali
6. Lo'ogyim
7. Hlikyata
8. Tikive
10. Askwali
11. Nima
13. Tutuq’i
14. Hoota
15. Naqv‘u
16. Hakiy

Down
1. Awtavi
2. Hokya
3. Sunat
7. Oomyta
9. Soosoy
11. Tsovali
12. Tusku
14. Awia

Hints:
T A L A S T I M A Z I W U T A A P Q T A P I
A F O T O P S I K Y A F D W U Y Y A A U P A W
A N N T E P N G Y A M B G X L F L W W A K
W U G M A Y G N S U W G N A P Q A I A I O U
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K O O K Y A N G W N G Y A M A Y A O O Q S P

New Perspective - Education

Drawing comics is a great way to show your drawing skills and your side of Hopi Humor. If you have the skill and the humor to draw comics for the Hopi Tutuveni

Clans
Honangyam (Badger)
Honngyam (Bear)
Piqösngyam (Bear Strap)
Awatngyam (Bow)
Poovolngyam (Butterfly)
Piikyasngyam (Young Com)
Isngyam (Coyote)
Atoknyam (Crane)
Angwusngyam (Crow)
Kwaangyam (Eagle)
Kookopngyam (Fire)
Tepngyam (Greasewood)
Leengyam (Flute)
Hongyam (Juniper)
Katsinngyam (Kachina)
Masngyam (Maa-
saw)
Asngyam (Mustard)
Kyarngyam (Parrot)
Tapngyam (Rabbit)
Paaqapngyam (Reed)
Tuwangyam (Sand)
Tsungyam (Snake)
Nuvangyam (Snow)
KyeIngyam (Sparrow)
Kookyangwngyam
(Kooyangwngyam
(Spider) Taawangyam
(Taawangyam
(Sun)
Qalangyam (Sun
Forehead)
Pipngyam (Tobacco)
Paaisngyam (Water
Coyote)

Clan Words
Mowi (Female Inlaw)
Qöö’aya (Matriarch)
Places
Alavakyeeke (Albuq. NM)
Paatuwi (Big Mt. or
Black Mesa)
Suntuqa (Balakai
Mesa) Talastima
(Blue Canyon)
Morova (Burro
Spring)
Yot.se’hahawpi (Che-
evlon Buttes)
Qawinpi (Gray Mt.)
Masiipa (Shonto
Spring)
Ontgupq’qa (Grand
Canyon)

Hopi Lavayi - Clans and Places

Clan Words
Ngyam (Clan)
Wuya (Ancestor)

Coyote)
**JOB OPENINGS**

### KUYI - Hopi Radio Job Announcements

#### Marketing Coordinator

**Position Summary:** Responsible for fundraising & resource development to maintain KUYI operations. Raising non-Federal financial support through underwriting, merchandise sales, donations, contributions, memberships, volunteer recruitment, & general station support through outreach. Works closely with The Hopi Foundation staff to ensure financial reporting and management of station resources and financial contracts.

**Minimum Qualifications:** 2 years’ experience in sales, business management, marketing, and/or non-profit fundraising; 2 years of supervision and management experience; Associate’s or Bachelor’s degree in marketing, advertising, communication, business or financial management; OR any equivalent combination of education, training and experience which demonstrates the ability to perform position duties.

#### Operations Assistant

**Position Summary:** Responsible for monitoring, maintenance, upkeep, & cleanliness of KUYI broadcast equipment while ensuring compliance with FCC, CPB, Hopi Foundation, and KUYI rules & regulations. Responsible for adherence to broadcast schedule, ensuring audio content is scheduled and functioning properly. Provides technical assistance with regular computer maintenance and ensures webcast stream is functional. Coordinates engineering of live remote broadcasts and instructs Hopi High radio class in an educational institution. Supports daily business operations of the station, such as on-air DJ’ing, as needed. Perform other duties as assigned.

**Minimum Qualifications:** Associates or certification in an applied technical field; 2 years of radio broadcasting or related media experience; OR Any equivalent combination of education, training, skill, & experience which demonstrates ability to perform position duties.

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**Circle M, Keams Canyon Store.**  
**Consae, Yanez Store.**  
**Polacca Circle M, Keams Canyon Store.**  
**Paradise Inn, Hotevilla Store, Kykotsmovi Village Store, Tribal Government Complex, Hopi Cultural Center, Hopi Health Care Center, Polacca Complex, Hopi Cultural Center, Hopi Health Care Center, Polacca Circle M, Keams Canyon Store.**
JOB VACANCY

Job Title: Maintenance Technician
Department: Maintenance
Location: Walpi Housing

Reports to: General Manager/Maintenance Manager
How to apply: www.htedc.com; Fill out the online application or download the application and return to Walpi Housing

GENERAL PURPOSE
The Maintenance Technician is responsible for the general repairs and daily preventative maintenance of the entire property.

KEY TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES
• Establishes and maintains a professional, positive attitude with management, co-workers and general public
• Provides excellent customer service at all times
• Maintains a neat and clean professional appearance
• Identifies and reports all maintenance/repair issues to management
• Ensures all areas of the facilities and grounds are kept in a clean and organized manner
• Rotates and stocks all products in both stores and restaurant cleaning closet Completes all daily work orders
• Provides continual communication with the front office and/or supervisor
• Performs other duties as assigned by immediate supervisor and/or general manager
• Fulfills guest/customer issues in a timely manner

EDUCATION AND TRAINING
Possess a high school diploma or GED

KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE
• Minimum 6 months of maintenance experience
• Knowledge in carpentry, plumbing electrical preferred
• Ability to operate electrical power tools

CORE COMPETENCES
• Ability to work with minimal supervision
• Ability to communicate effectively with management and clients
• Ability to understand written and verbal work orders
• Ability to pass a background check and driver’s abstract
• Possess a valid Arizona driver’s license
• Demonstrate ability for time management

WORKING CONDITIONS
• Must be able to stand for long periods of time
• Must be able to bend and twist on a regular basis
• Must be able to lift between 30-50 lbs.
• Must be able to tolerate working in both hot and cold weather conditions

PAY RATE
• DOE
• Full time

Visiting our website at www.htedc.org for more detailed information regarding this vacancy announcement.
Listen, I know that we all wanted to end the year 2020 and forget it like a bad movie. But in reality, I don’t think Covid-19 got the memo that we wanted it to stay in the year 2020. We wanted to tell the virus so bad, that this is enough!

I know this because I have been stuck in my cat house for a while now, or maybe a long while now not with the virus. And while in my cat house I have just been hearing and seeing people complain all the time. I thought that living in 2019 was bad, the year 2020 was the worst, because it dragged everyone out of their comfort zone and challenged them on a battle of wills. With people out of their comfort zone, 2020 dragged everyone’s deeper personality out, their true feelings towards other people and ideas seemed so blatant but that could also be a reaction to fear and unknowing, too.

This new year, the year 2021 seems to be a part 2 of this bad movie in which we saw riots, we saw hate, and we saw death, all from the comfort of our own homes. Now, I’m not saying that these are good things but these are part of reality. But who can we blame? In the Hopi tradition we are taught about forgiveness towards others, why? Well, when we die, we are taught that we travel back home to where we came from, I know it sounds science-fiction-like. But we believe that this world is not our own and we are taught that we are just the caretakers for the real owner of this land. We are taught that we must care for it as if it were our own child to nurture it, to make sure nothing bad happens to it, and if we do all of those things right, it will repay us with food, water, and shelter. But recently it seems we forgot why we are really here on this world. It seems we forgot that this world is temporary but this world must be taken care of for future generations. In the midst of this thing they call a pandemic, it seems we lost sight of what it means to be Hopi. Now don’t get me wrong, I’m not here to tell you all the mistakes you made, I’m a cat and I am speaking of myself. Because in Hopi we also believe that when one of us goes astray, it involves all of us because that’s how we have survived…kind of like “all for one and one for all” which has served us well in the past, too.

This year of 2021, America gets a new President. Now I really don’t care for American politics, because it messes with my hair, but I hear that this person will have the power to control everything now. In the last four years we had a President that was the same as prior years, no changes, no will to change anything, and by that, I mean that all the Presidents in the history never really recognized anyone other than who he sees, in my cat opinion.

The Inauguration of the new President is an event, I really don’t care for. Seems like he will be just like the others before him with promises that he will not make happen, promises that he will forget, promises he will fail at. Now don’t get me wrong, I just see this being a “New, New” President or a person of power, why? Because American politics work for the white man, it was designed for the white man, it was never designed for anyone else except for the white man and changing it is not what the white man wants. But I could be wrong because now we have a Woman of Color who will be second in command and maybe she will change things for the good.

It’s kind of like the science experiment where you put a mouse in an easy maze and in the center of the maze is a block of cheese. The mouse follows the scent and finds the cheese. Every day the mouse knows to expect that cheese in the center so that how it trains him and it works for him. So pretty soon he doesn’t follow his nose anymore because he knows that this cheese will be waiting for him every day. Until one day the cheese is moved to a different location and the mouse is confused and becomes angry that his cheese has been moved. The mouse would rather die than use his nose to help him change his direction to find the new location of his cheese because he was so used to having the cheese in the same place every day, he doesn’t like change. And that’s what American politics are like in my opinion. If you change one thing that does not work in favor of the white man, he would rather kill or be killed because he doesn’t like change.

So, I’m thinking this new President won’t make a difference in American politics, he will follow the same direction as prior Presidents before him because the path to the cheese hasn’t changed, so why change it if it works for him, right?

I know, I know, this is just an opinion of what a cat thinks but if you look in the past of “good” Presidents and when I say good, I mean where little change or affect to the course of history occurred. But even then, past Presidents never really “changed” anything. It may look like it changed but the cheese in the center of the maze only got bigger for everyone to see, and by that the cheese hasn’t moved or changed we just think if it’s bigger and now it must be good.

Now don’t get me wrong, maybe this new President will finally change American politics, and maybe the cheese will be moved and it will be, because it will make it better for all of us. Who knows, maybe this new President will “Make a Difference” as the posters say, or he will make sure to include everyone like Rudolf the Red Nose Reindeer who wasn’t included in any reindeer games but still Santa made Rudolf the leader. Maybe this new President is like Santa and he will make us Natives into Leaders, with some of the most power in ages, but what do I know I’m a cat, and cats don’t like snow.
Tribes have another year to spend last year’s COVID-19 relief funds.

Last year’s Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act allocated $8 billion to tribes. However, because the money was not distributed until early summer (and some of it is still tied up in litigation), tribes were hard-pressed to get the funds committed by the Dec. 31 deadline.

A new deadline of Dec. 31, 2021, was set by the $2.3 trillion Consolidated Appropriations 2021 Act signed into law on Dec. 12.

It set aside $3.3 billion for COVID response programs providing services to tribes, including:
- $1 billion for broadband
- $1 billion to the Indian Health Service to distribute to federal, Tribal, and urban health programs for vaccine distribution, testing, tracing, and mitigation
- It also provided funding for other Indian Country priorities.
- $10 billion for childhood early development
- $15 billion to Community Development Financial Institutions
- $3.4 billion for the bureaus of Indian Affairs and Indian Education, a 5 percent increase over last year

And funding for programs ranging from housing, funeral benefits, and tribal colleges and universities, to substance abuse, diabetes, and mental health programs.

In a Dec. 22 statement, U.S. Sen. Tom Udall, vice chairman of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee, highlighted other programs he had championed for inclusion in the bill, such as support for Native languages and culture, and provisions to address the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls crisis.

The New Mexico Democrat, who decided not to seek reelection in 2020, said working alongside tribes "to advance Indian Country’s priorities has been one of the highest honors of my life, and I am proud to have secured so many priorities in my final days here in the Senate."

On the Senate floor in December, Republican U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska gave an example of the logistics the new funding would support. She had received a video from the head of the subregional clinic in St. Marys, a predominantly Yup’ik village of 567 people in western Alaska. It showed the physician’s assistant, community health aides and other clinic personnel getting vaccinated.

“It was 13 degrees out and the ‘mobile office’ where the vaccine was administered was inside a chartered Cessna 208 Caravan [a single-engine plane often described as 'rugged' or 'utilitarian'] sitting on the airport tarmac there in St. Marys,” Murkowski said. After staff watched for potential reactions to the vaccination and saw none, the plane took off for its next village destination.

Murkowski said that for small businesses struggling to keep their doors open, additional funding is included for the Paycheck Protection Program.

“The bill also temporarily provides $300 per week supplemental unemployment insurance as well as a $600 economic impact payments for many Americans who are struggling to make ends meet,” she said. “The bill includes funding to support health care providers, schools, renters facing eviction, the Postal Service, and the food insecure. … There is still work to be done, but the targeted relief measures included in this bill will deliver direct and timely results for those who have been hit hardest by the pandemic.”

Murkowski said the 2021 consolidated appropriations bill had come after five or six weeks of intensive work by a bipartisan, bicameral team, and was attached to an omnibus appropriations bill that had been a year in the making. The total package added up to $908 billion.
Land is one of the greatest resources for tribal nations across the country. Some 56 million acres are held in trust by the federal government for tribes. That's approximately 2 percent of the country. However, 90 million acres were taken by the United States between 1887 and 1934 tribes through the Allotment Act, termination and, sometimes, illegal actions.

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Minnesota saw land returned in December 2020. The Leech Lake Reservation Restoration Act was sponsored by Sen. Tina Smith and Rep. Betty McCollum, and signed by the president. The bill directs the Chippewa National Forest to transfer 11,760 acres of forest service lands to the Department of the Interior to be held in trust for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe as part of the reservation. The lands to be transferred back to the reservation were illegally transferred by the Interior to the Chippewa National Forest in the 1940s and 50s without consent of the band or individual allottees.

Leech Lake tribal representative Leroy Staples Fairbanks III has been working on this issue since 2016, and the struggle goes back much further. “We’ve also purchased close to 3,000 acres of land in our strategy of land reacquisition planning. That doesn’t seem like a lot, but it is to people who’ve seen the limited amount of land opportunities for tribal members, for housing, for business, for economic, for agriculture, for whatever use they are,” Fairbanks said in Indian Country Today’s newscast.

Across the country, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation in Oregon have developed a comprehensive land reclamation strategy as well. Koko Hufford, the tribe’s land manager, said they have focused on inheritance law and estate planning to seek the return of lands in control of individuals who are not tribal members. With the assistance of the Indian Land Tenure Foundation, they have participated in the Interior’s land buy-back program.

“We decided that because of our checkerboard situation, because of the allotment act that we needed to buy those, those parcels that we didn’t own, not only by non-Indians, but Indians from other reservations,” Hufford said on the newscast. The Umatilla budget is around $1 million annually for land reclamation.

President of the Indian Land Tenure Foundation Chris Stainbrook said tribes are getting land back in a number of ways, like land swap in Rapid City, South Dakota, and three acres of land in Upper Sandusky, Ohio, were given back to the Wyandotte Nation by the United Methodist Church.

“In 2008, we helped a county in Washington give park to a tribe. The tribe didn’t have the funds to really maintain the park, so we bought him a pickup truck and a lawnmower, and they’ve got the land back,” Stainbrook said on the newscast. “I think it’s important that examples like Umatilla and Leech Lake are out there, so people can see that it’s not howling at the moon it’s actually happening and you just have to put a plan together and move forward.”

Watch Indian Country Today’s newscast, “It’s not howling at the moon,” for the video interview with Fairbanks, Hufford and Stainbrook.
Traditionally a new president appoints thousands of people to federal jobs to shape policy and be the face of the new administration.

Joe Biden and Kamala Harris have also set the goal of creating an administration that “looks like America” and includes people of color, women, diverse ethnicity and faiths, LGBTQ and disability.

The National Congress of American Indians hosted a webinar Thursday with current and former American Indian appointees explaining how to get some of those jobs.

Clara Pratte, Navajo, is the Biden-Harris campaign’s former tribal engagement director. She said the incoming administration wants to make sure they have American Indians and Alaska Natives in positions of leadership at agencies that provide services to Indigenous people.

“We’ve been working really hard to make sure we get lots and lots of Native candidates into the pipeline for these tribal-specific positions because we don’t want them to be languishing too long without a voice.” It’s important to have as many people at the table right from the start “because the processes get set up and we want to have our voice there day one,” Pratte said.

She said the incoming administration is also working toward “great diversity” in traditionally non-tribal spaces.

“We don’t want to pigeonhole people that just because they are tribal, they need to serve specific tribal positions. They should be across the board. And that’s how we start to effectuate change and have really good representation,” Pratte said.

Positions range from entry level with opportunities for training and mentoring on up to reporting directly to the president. And the jobs are throughout the federal government, with positions at agencies ranging from the departments of justice, interior, and education, to transportation and labor. Positions to be filled by appointment, their location, and pay grade are outlined in the "Plum Book."

Kim Teehee, former Senior Policy Advisor for Native American Affairs, White House Domestic Policy Council, and current Cherokee delegate-designate to Congress, said for people interested in a political appointment, one of the first steps is to see if you’d be a good fit in the new administration.

She suggested people look at the Biden-Harris transition papers, “because any position that you’re seeking, you’re probably going to have to know those policies and the plans and the commitments and have a strategy worked out on how to execute those plans,” Teehee said.

Also, she suggested people give some thought to the nature of the job.

“Recognize that the federal government is a highly structured environment. It’s highly regulated. You’re working in a world of law and federal regulation, ethical restrictions, conflicts of interest. You’ve got to know this. It can be quite paralyzing if you don’t know how to maneuver in that environment. You’re subject to public scrutiny, the higher level of your appointment, the more you’re subject to scrutiny,” Teehee said.

Senior Associate Director Matthew Dannenberg, Bad River of Lake Superior Band of Chippewa, of the presidential personnel office said the paperwork and clearances to get these federal jobs also are no joke. The process involves disclosing finances, travel history, relationships abroad, police records, citizenship, and employment history.

“For me, I think the thing that took the most time was places where you’ve lived, because as an organizer and someone who’s been interested in experiencing lots of different communities, I’ve hopped around from year to year. So finding old landlords and people to verify housing information was, it was a lot of fun,” Dannenberg said.

Once selected, he said, applicants may be asked to quickly give their response to a job offer then start their new job as soon as possible.

Some of the positions are important, influential, and provide opportunities to shape policy at the highest levels. However, Alison Grigonis, Pokégnék Bodéwadmik, or Pokagon Band of Potawatomi, a former senior policy advisor to the assistant secretary of Indian affairs, and a senior director of cabinet affairs at the Obama White House, said some elements are far from glamorous.

Some posts involve long hours, being on call 24-7, and doing everything from research to clerical tasks. At the White House, “I think you kind of are a team of one or a one-man-band in a way. There really isn’t the [support] staff,” Grigonis said.
Apache Stronghold argues in the lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court in Arizona that the U.S. Forest Service cannot legally transfer land to international mining company Rio Tinto in exchange for several parcels the company owns around Arizona. The group claims the land around Oak Flat was reserved for Western Apaches in an 1852 treaty with the United States.

"It's all going to come to a head, I believe, falling back on things that should have been done," said Wendsler Nosie, a former San Carlos Apache chairman who leads the group.

The Tonto National Forest, east of Phoenix, plans to release Friday a final environmental review of the operations plan from Resolution Copper Mining, LLC., a subsidiary of Rio Tinto, and the land exchange. The release starts a 60-day clock for the land in eastern Arizona known as Oak Flat to be transferred to the mining company regardless of what the environmental review finds.

A spokesman for the forest did not immediately respond to messages late Tuesday afternoon seeking comment on the lawsuit. The Forest Service has denied allegations that it’s rushing to get the environmental review out before Donald Trump’s presidency ends.

Randy Serraglio with the Center for Biological Diversity said Tuesday that the release date appears aimed at strengthening the mining company’s hand before the next presidential administration is seated. Once it’s issued, he said opponents will have a harder time trying to reverse it.

Resolution Copper has said the mine could have a $61 billion economic impact over the project’s 60 years and create 1,500 jobs. The company said the block caving method it would use is safe and environmentally sound.

Apache Stronghold is asking a judge to find that the Forest Service failed to adequately give the group notice that it would publish the environmental review Friday, declare the land as Apache land and permanently prevent the land swap.

The lawsuit also alleges violations of constitutional and religious rights.

The land swap was made possible when the late Sen. John McCain — a major recipient of Rio Tinto campaign contributions — introduced a rider into a must-pass defense spending bill in December 2014.

Apache Stronghold and other Indigenous groups consider the Oak Flat land to be sacred and have long opposed the mining project. Indigenous groups have held ceremonies on the land for centuries and gather acorns there.

Water and mine waste also have been concerns.