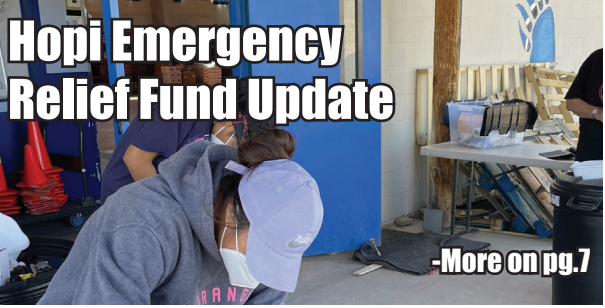


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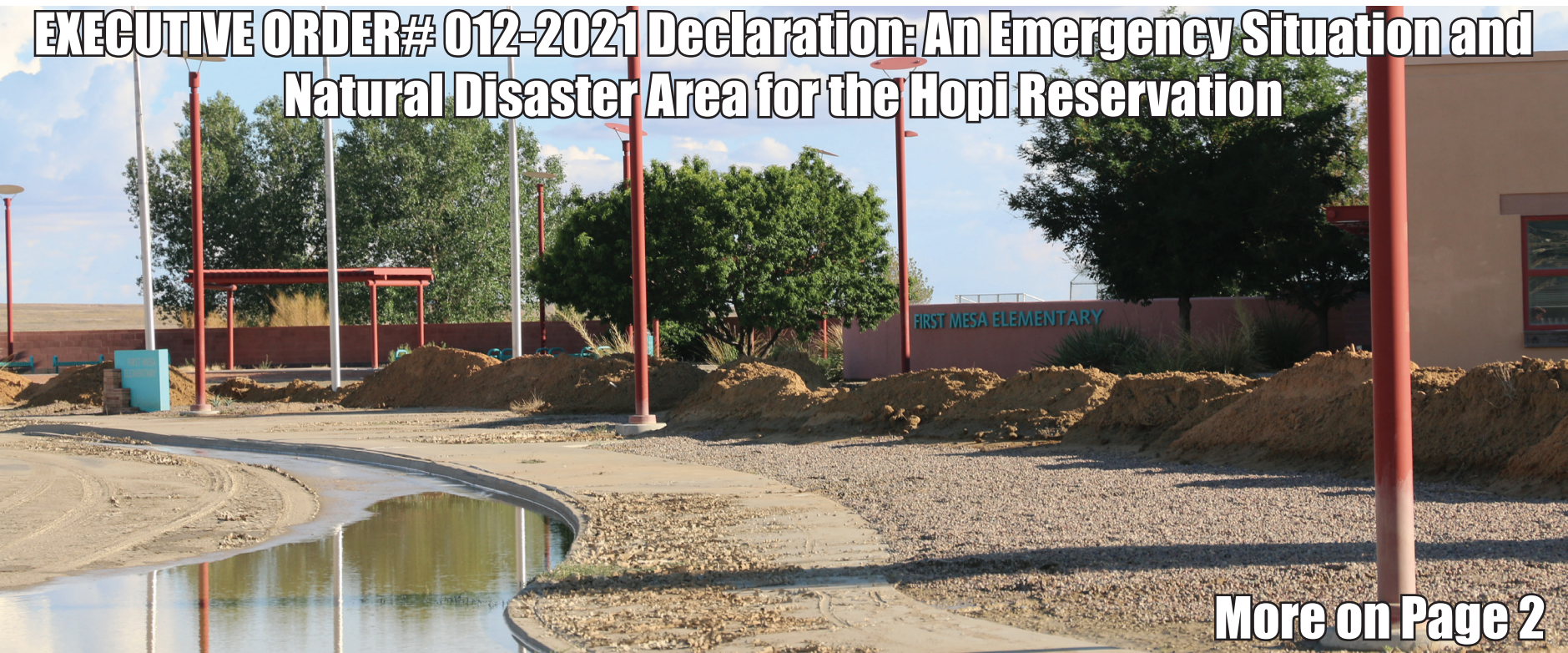
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Flood waters at First Mesa Elementary School, tractors pile sand to make a temporary barricade. Photo by Romalita Laban/HT

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EXECUTIVE ORDER# 012-2021 Declaration: An Emergency Situation and Natural Disaster Area for the Hopi Reservation

WHEREAS, recent severe rainstorms throughout the Hopi Reservation have produced flooding in various areas, causing damage to roads, homes, agricultural areas, and the natural environment; and

WHEREAS, the flooding has the potential to cause rock and mudslides, as well as inflict additional damage to sewer, telephone lines and public infrastructure which may adversely affect the safety, health and welfare of the Hopi and Tewa people; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service has extended the Flash flood watch for much of Northern Arizona due to the likelihood of severe rain and thunder storms through July 25th 2021; and

WHEREAS, local resources such as the Hopi De-

partment of Transportation may be maximized and/or exceeded during the local emergency response and additional resources may need to be requested from the Arizona Department of Transportation, Abandoned Mine Lands Program, Navajo County Highway Administration and the Federal Emergency Management Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Hopi Tribal Council and the Office of the Chairman are responsible for providing emergency response and support to the villages and public in general so that the public safety is ensured and the public health and welfare is not further compromised.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Hopi Tribe, hereby declares the Hopi

Reservation a Natural Disaster Area and is in a State of Emergency for 7 days from the date of signature.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Hopi Tribe directs all pertinent tribal departments and programs such as the Department of Public Safety and Emergency Services, Hopi Emergency Medical Services, Hopi Law Enforcement"

Services, and others to assist in responding to the identified needs; including, activating the Hopi Emergency Response Team as necessary, conducting condition assessments, executing plans of action, mobilizing human resources, identifying financial resources, and coordinating with other agencies for the delivery of services.

EXECUTED THIS 23rd DAY OF JULY 2021.

Photos from around the Hopi Mesas and Incident Command Center



First Mesa Elementary School flooded parking lot. Photo by Romalita Laban/HT



First Mesa Elementary School flooded parking lot. Photo by Romalita Laban/HT



Hopi Tribe DNR, LES, DOT and Incident Commander meet on July 29, 2021 to issue assignments for the day. Photo by Romalita Laban/HT



Hopi LES report out at Incident Commander meeting on July 29, 2021. Photo by Romalita Laban/HT

EXECUTIVE ORDER #011-2021 Range mitigation and livestock reduction in response to the State of Exceptional Drought on the Hopi Reservation

"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, as of June 2021, the State of Arizona listed 5 counties as disaster areas, including Navajo and Coconino counties, which were designated as being in a state of "Exceptional Drought"; and

WHEREAS, current data from the June 2021 US Drought Monitor indicates that the Hopi Reservation is experiencing below-average seasonal precipitation and above average temperatures that will undoubtedly impact the Southwestern United States over the next several months; and

WHEREAS, field staff for the Hopi Department of Natural Resources (DNR) have reported that water reserved for agriculture use on the Hopi Reservation, is being hauled off the Hopi Reservation from windmills and stock tanks in mass quantities due to the existing drought conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Range Water Resources located on the Hopi Reservation are for the exclusive use of Hopi Tribal members and Accommodation Agreement Signatories; and

WHEREAS, the Hopi Reservation has not received any significant rainfall for the past 5 years and in 2020 received less than 2 inches of precipitation with little to no growth of grasses and shrubs to make for an adequate survey report; and

WHEREAS, all earthen water structures within the Hopi Reservation have dried up leaving only windmills and springs which are currently operational at 97% and 58% capacity for the Hopi Partitioned Lands and District Six Range Units respectively; and

WHEREAS, the Hopi Reservation has been operating on a 30% reduction of all grazing allocations since 2018; and

WHEREAS, the field staff for the Hopi Department of Natural Resources have conducted an assessment of the availability of water and range resources; and have reported that "conditions warrant a need to strengthen existing drought mitigation and

WHEREAS, exceptional drought conditions highlight the immediate need to conserve, preserve and protect the natural resources for long-term sustainable use on the Hopi Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the Hopi Tribal Council, with the approval of Resolution H-097-2000, adopted a Drought Contingency Plan, which allows the Tribe to exercise its sovereignty to implement steps to mitigate the impact of prolonged drought on the Hopi Reservation.

WHEREAS, the Hopi Tribal Council adopted Resolution H-047-2018, Ordinance 43, in which Section 102 B. states, The Tribal Council has determined that it shall be a policy of the Hopi Tribe to protect, conserve, and prudently manage all its natural resources. Livestock grazing resources on the Hopi Reservation are hereby identified as a valuable natural resource in need of such protection, conservation, and management.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Hopi Tribe, based upon the recommendations and findings of the Office of Range Management (ORM), directs (pursuant to Ordinance 43, Section 106) the Office of Range Management and the Hopi Law Enforcement Services to implement and enforce the following directives to mitigate the "State of Exceptional Drought" on Hopi lands:

ALL LIVESTOCK OWNERS WITHIN THE HOPI RESERVATION ARE HEREBY DIRECTED TO REDUCE THEIR GRAZING ALLOCATIONS WITHIN THE NEXT NINETY (90) DAYS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Northern HPL Range Units 1: Range Units 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262 and 263 will remain at a 30% reduction of their permitted grazing allocation.

Range Unit 252, 253, 254 255 will reduce to 50% of their permitted grazing allocation.

2. West HPL and District 6 Range Units 2: Range Units 551, 552, 553, 554, Shonto and North Oraibi will reduce by 50% of their permitted grazing allocation.

Blue Point, East Dinnebito and West Dinnebito Range Units shall reduce by 100% of their permitted grazing allocation."

3. Central District 6, Moenkopi District and Other Range Units 3: HPL Hardrock, Talahogan, Upper Polacca (Sand Hills, Low Mountain Valley, 6-1P2, and Cienega Canyon), Five Houses, Polacca Wash, Shungopavi 4, Toreva and Burro Springs Range Units will reduce by 50% of their permitted grazing allocation.

The Moenkopi District and Range Unit 251 will reduce by a 100% of their permitted grazing allocation.

The Tovar Range Unit will remain at a 30% reduction of their permitted grazing allocation.

4. East and Southern HPL Range Units 5: Range Units 351, 451, 558, 559, 562, 563, 565, 567, 568, 569, 570, 572 and 573 will reduce by 50% of their permitted grazing allocation. Range Unit 571 will remain at a 30% reduction of their permitted grazing allocation.

5. The Bull Pastures: Badger Butte, and Range Units 557 and 566 shall remain at their current stocking rates due to their seasonal use (May 1st through September 1st and the minimal number (32 bulls in Badger Butte; 6 bulls in Range Unit 557 and 4 bulls in Range Unit 566).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hopi Law Enforcement Services (HLES), with the assistance of the Office of Range Management and the Office of Hopi Lands Administration (OHLA) shall after the 90-day time limit, enter the Range Units and conduct a physical livestock count and address trespass and feral livestock as indicated under Ordinance 43. HLES and the Manager of DNR shall have the authority to impound immediately the following: diseased livestock, sires out of breeding season, unbranded livestock, dangerous animals, and abused or neglected animals, pursuant to Ordinance 43, Section 108. B. 1. a., b., d., g. and h.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that HLES with the assistance of ORM shall also have the authority at any time to immediately impound livestock that are in areas closed to grazing, are in a field, as well as livestock which may have caused or are currently causing damage to private or public property, pursuant to Ordinance 43, Section 108. B. 1. E

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no additional permittees or transfers to another Range Unit will be allowed during this time, so as to ensure that each Range Unit is at a sustainable level for the duration of this order.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all Hopi Laws relevant to this Executive Order including,

Hopi Code, Section 3.8.6, Criminal Damage to Property and

Hopi Tribal Ordinance 43, Section 108 (C) (1.b) 13-15 Violations and Civil Penalties, will be enforced.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Hopi Tribal government officials and programs shall initiate consultation with federal, state, county, and tribal entities to identify resources, technical assistance, and other support to mitigate drought impacts on the Hopi Reservation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during the total removal or reduction of the permitted livestock within each Range Unit, the Hopi Tribal Government will develop and implement long-term mitigating and sustainable Range Management Plans and if possible, rehabilitation plans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all permitted Hopi Tribal members and Navajo Accommodation Agreement signatory livestock owners shall work cooperatively with the Office of Range Management and the Office of Hopi Land Administration to develop this long-term sustainability management plan to benefit their respective Range Unit.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until December 31, 2031. SO ORDERED this 20th day of July 2021

HOPI TRIBAL COUNCIL Third Quarter Session June 1, 2021 AGENDA MONTH OF AUGUST 2021 - PROPOSED

"UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Discussion of the I-40 Solar Project – Kendrick Lomayestewa, Hopi Renewable Energy Office/Fletcher Wilkinson, Hopi Utilities Corporation – TABLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

NEW BUSINESS

1. Action Item #034-2021 – To approve continuation of Johnson-O'Malley Contract as a "Mature Contract" for the Hopi Head Start Program for an indefinite period of time and to change the Fiscal Year from December 1 – November 30, to July 1 – June 30, to coincide with the Head Start Program's funding cycle – Author/Rayma Duyongwa, Early Childhood Education Program Manager

2. Action Item #35-2021 – To approve a 5-year continuation of funding for the Hopi Head Start Program and authorizes an Indirect Cost Rate of 4% to be implemented – Author/Rayma Duyongwa, Early Childhood Education Program Manager

3. Action Item #040-2021 – To accept funding and establish the Emergency Rental Assistance Program – Author/Jamie B. Navenma, Chairman, Hopi CARES Act Committee- **Time Certain – August 2, 2021 @ 2:00 p.m.

4. Action Item #041-2021 – To approve Development Permit Application from the Hopi Tribe Economic Development Corporation to construct a hotel known as Taawaki Inn on the Hopi Trust Lands

near the Twin Arrows Casino in Coconino County – Author/Fred Shupla, Community Planner, Office of Community Planning and Economic Development"

"5. Action Item #042-2021 – To approve Request by Questar Southern Trails Pipeline Company/Dominion Energy for a Lease Assignment to Navajo Tribal Utility Authority for remainder of term for Lease #608-040-02 – Author/Micah Loma'omvaya, Hopi Realty Officer, Office of Real Estate Services - **Time Certain – August 3, 2021 @ 9:00 a.m.

6. Action Item #043-2021 – To approve a one-year extension to contract between the Hopi Tribe and Waste Management Inc. for continued waste services – Author/Danford Wadsworth, Manager, Hopi Solid Waste Management Program

7. Action Item #044-2021 – To approve Unmanned Aircraft System Policy for the benefit of the Hopi Tribe – Author/Andrew Gashwazra, Director, Office of Community Planning and Economic Development

8. Action Item #045-2021 – To approve completed Enrollment applications for Hopi Membership – Author/Dione A. Naha, Enrollment Coordinator, Office of Enrollment

9. Letter dated June 28, 2021 Re: Taawaki Inn Project – Dale Siquah, Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages"

Hopi Law Enforcement Services Responds to Vehicle Washed Away in Flooding Water

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Submitted by: Hopi Law Enforcement Services

Kykotsmobi, AZ – On July 25, 2021 Hopi Law Enforcement Services responded to a call for service regarding a vehicle stuck in flooding water. HLES dispatch received the call from Navajo Police Department – Tuba City district at approximately 4:48 p.m. The vehicle was reported to be stuck on the bridge on Indian Route #6720 in Hopi Range Unit #554, with water rising rapidly. This location is in a remote area at the southwestern edge of the Hopi Reservation.

HLES responded along with Navajo Police Department, Hopi Fire Department, Navajo Fire Department, Coconino County Search and Rescue, Navajo Emergency Medical Services, and Bureau of Indian Affairs Criminal Investigations-Hopi Agency.

HLES Officers arrived on scene and observed the metal bridge at the Dinnebito Wash to be completely submerged in fast

moving flood water. An adult male and female were observed stranded on a small island in the middle of the fast moving water. The top cab of a truck was observed in the middle of the wash. Navajo Fire Department safely rescued the two; they were sent to Tuba City Health Care Center. Officers were informed that one additional person was in the truck. Coconino County Search and Rescue recovered an adult male from the vehicle who was pronounced deceased.

Hopi Law Enforcement Services stresses the danger of running flood water and reminds the public to never cross roads with running water and use good judgment around flood waters.

Virgil Pinto, Chief of Police, states, "HLES would like to thank all supporting and assisting agencies that responded. The primary Hopi reservation encompasses 1.9 million acres of land and at times as these, we rely on our partnering agencies to assist."

The Hopi Tribe issues Executive Order #012-2021 Declaration: An Emergency Situation and Natural Disaster Area for the Hopi Reservation

For Immediate Release

Submitted by: Paul Saufkie, Incident Commander

to have families return to their homes, and continue to assess the area.

Polacca, AZ. July 27, 2021 the Incident Commander, Paul Saufkie has assembled two Teams, Team 1 comprised of Heavy Equipment Operators from the Hopi Department of Transportation (HDOT), who are detailed to the Moencopi area. Team 2 Local, comprised of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) program employees, District 6, Windmill crew and a few HDOT employees who are in the third mesa area.

The First Mesa area is in a "waiting" period, as possible rain storms may arrive later in the week and into the weekend. Both Team 1 and Team 2 worked diligently to assist within the Polacca areas.

Team 1 will remain in Moencopi, the work will include repairing the roadways

Team 2 will work in the third mesa area, to assess the area and continue to provide the community members with sandbags.

The following roadways remain open: Hwy 264, BIA Rt. 2, BIA Rt. 4 and Highway 87.

Paul Saufkie, Incident Commander is pleased with the volunteer assistance provided from members of the communities to help fill sandbags, provide meals, etc. and stated, "I am grateful for the space provided to the incident command, and happy to see the assistance from the community members, this is what it takes when disasters happen, community coming together."

For questions the telephone number to the Incident Command is 928-401-0461.



July 28, 2021 UPDATE - The Hopi Tribe issues Executive Order #012-2021 Declaration: An Emergency Situation and Natural Disaster Area for the Hopi Reservation

For Immediate Release
Submitted by: Paul Saufkie, Incident Commander

Polacca, Ariz. July 28, 2021 and although the flooding has ceased, the incident command is addressing the mud in the areas of Polacca and Moencopi. Other Villages impacted with related incidences are Hotevilla, Bacavi and Orayvi. Both Team 1 and Team 2 continue to work making roads accessible for families to get to their homes, building berms, and assessing the windmills for community members to haul water.

Road Closures: As of today, Hopi Routes 60, 8 and Rt. 22 is closed to one

lane, Harvest Road (back road to Bacavi) is closed and the Masayesva road by Pavinyama's residence is closed. Incident Commander Saufkie encourages drivers to, "remain cautious and avoid the areas that have barricades, these roads are closed for the safety of all community members."

Sandbags: The Hopi Emergency Relief Fund is assisting with bagging sand for the villages. One work party is stationed near the Hopi Tribal Housing Authority. Any community member who needs sand bags, are encouraged to stop and pick up what you need.

For questions the telephone number to the Incident Command is 928-401-0461.

JULY 29, 2021 UPDATE - The Hopi Tribe issues Executive Order #012-2021 Declaration: An Emergency Situation and Natural Disaster Area for the Hopi Reservation

For Immediate Release
Submitted by: Paul Saufkie, Incident Commander

Polacca, Ariz. – July 29, 2021 and although the flooding has ceased, the incident command is advising residents to prepare for more rain as the latest weather advisories are calling for a 62-70% chance of rain. As of today's updates, rain will be coming from the Northeast, Low Mountain Area.

Sandbags and sand are available by the Hopi Housing Authority, outside the fenced area before the entrance to the Housing Authority and for local residents to use. You may also call the Incident Commander at 928-401-0461 to request for sandbags.

Team 1 will be working on aiding with road work with an end goal of returning areas to "pre-flood" condition, only.

The Red Cross has come to the aid of some families in the Polacca and Hotevilla areas. Assistance is based on the organization's criteria, some of which requires that the residence must be continuously occupied. If the residence is insured, assistance may be more readily available.

Update for Moenkopi, Ariz. Area - Sandbags and sand is available at Upper Moenkopi Village.

Road Closures: As of today Hopi Routes 60, 8, and Rt. 22 is closed to one lane. Harvest Road (back road to Bacavi) is closed and the Masayesva road by the Pavinyama's residence is closed. Incident Commander Saufkie encourages drivers to "remain cautious and avoid the areas that have barricades, these roads are closed for the safety of all community members."

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Pictures from Incident Command Center Cont.



Vanessa Tahoe, GIS Database personnel provides report at July 29, 2021 Incident Command meeting. Picture by: Romalita Laban/HT



Jamie Navenma, DPSES Director, Michael Lomayaltewa HDOT Director, Vanessa Tahoe, GIS Database personnel and Paul Saufkie, Incident Commander provide report at July 29, 2021 meeting. Picture by: Romalita Laban/HT

HEALTH

Tips to Improve Your Mental Health and Wellbeing

(StatePoint) “There’s no place like home.” There’s a reason why Dorothy preferred the warm feeling of rural Kansas over the hustle and bustle of Oz. Scientific studies show that busy urban life can actually take a toll on mental health.

Adjusting your surroundings can have a significant impact on your mental and physical well-being, which is why many city-dwellers are moving to areas like The Landings, a premier gated community near downtown Savannah, Ga. featuring resort-style amenities and a friendly, small-town feel. But whether you’re ready to move or not, you can improve your health with a few simple tips.

A Natural High

Spending time in nature has been found to help with mental health problems, including anxiety and depression. And more specifically, looking at water provides a significant calming effect. So, take time daily to get outdoors. Whether it’s venturing to a nearby park or water source or simply sitting in your own yard, find time to create some outdoor zen. At the Landings, residents are surrounded by a beautiful, natural island setting overlooking picture-perfect marshes, lagoons and waterways – a serene backdrop to ease one’s mind anytime.

Let There Be Light

Increased hours of sunlight can heighten the brain’s production of the mood-enhancing chemical serotonin, so be sure to fit natural light into your schedule as much as possible. Whether it’s a coffee on the patio or a simple walk at lunch, adding bits of natural light to your day can help. And during the winter months, consider light therapy with a light box or lamp to simulate daylight.

The Social Network

The pandemic showed us the importance of social connections – not on social media – but true human interactions. To keep up connections, start right at home with neighbors. Walking groups, game nights or social hours are great ways to ensure you’re adding social events to your calendar. The Landings helps facilitate friendships through a New Neighbors group. For the first two years after their move, residents participate in a variety of activities to make new friends, as well as learn about the rich history of the area and the community.

Find a Furry Friend

Connections don’t always need to be with humans. Pets, especially dogs and cats, can reduce stress, anxiety and depression. Plus, walking your pet is great for your cardiovascular health. The Landings offers 30 miles of beautiful walking, biking and jogging trails – and even has a fenced in dog park – combining all the key elements of nature, water, wildlife, sunshine and socialization.

Get Physical

Exercise makes us feel happier, improves our immune system and can even prevent heart disease – so find ways to move daily. Exercising with a friend or loved one can make it more fun, and increase your chances of sticking to it. You may consider trying new activities that can also introduce you to new social connections, such as golf, pickleball or tennis.

To learn more about The Landings or to schedule a Discovery Visit, visit www.thelandings.com.

With a few tips for adding the right elements to your surroundings, you’ll be on the right track to make a positive impact on your mental and physical well-being.

Hopi Telecommunications, Inc. Fiber Cut Update

For Immediate Release

Submitted by: Alicia Youvella, Customer Service Representative – Hopi Telecommunications, Inc.

Keams Canyon, Ariz. — As of July 30, 2021, Hopi Telecommunications, Inc. has fixed the fiber cut from July 19th in full. In conjunction with the fiber cut there was a copper cable cut that was resolved and all services across Hopi with telephone and internet (DSL) have been restored.

Customer Impact:

Service to customers has been restored in full, however at this time inclement weather may cause minimal issues with service.

Depending on how individual service is received from either fiber, copper cable or aerial services weather may be a factor in poor service due to recent rains, flooding, lightning or winds. Customers are advised to call the local Keams Canyon office at 928-738-4674 to report issues with service or outages for technicians to be routed to correct any current issues with services.

Continued Maintenance:

Hopi Telecommunications continues to monitor, maintain, and adjust to any underlying issue that may arise. Customers can be assured HTI takes providing service in full capacity as its top priority.

Hopi Customers Experience Intermittent Phone and Internet Outages throughout Week of July 18, 2021 and July 25, 2021



PHOTO CAPTION: Hopi Arsenic Mitigation Project Construction taking place near the local Honani C-store at Second Mesa, Ariz. was mentioned to be the source at which the HTI Fiber Optic lines were cut, resulting in phone and Internet outages on July 19 throughout July 20, 2021

Photo by Romalita Laban, Managing Editor

Romalita Laban, Managing Editor

Kykotsmobi, Ariz. – July 30, 2021 and just over a week in which Hopi customers, who depend on phone and internet services from the local telephone company Hopi Telecommunications, Inc. (HTI) may still be experiencing outages, which were a result of cut fiber optic lines last week and now may be experiencing outages because of inclement weather and floods, this week on Hopi.

Hopi Tutuveni has been making contact with HTI Administrators and Tribal Leadership since the outages took place last week, requesting a reply and/or information.

As of today, Tutuveni has received a press release from HTI explaining the outages as, “In conjunction with the fiber cut there was a copper cable cut” and noted weather may also impact services, as well.

Other sources provided information to Hopi Tutuveni that construction taking place in and around the Honani C-Store located at Second Mesa, Ariz. and being done in connection with the Hopi Arsenic Mitiga-

tion Project, overseen by the Hopi Utility Corporation, may have been where the cuts occurred.

In addition to local Hopi resident customers, businesses, schools sending notifications via social media, the Hopi Tribe’s departments and programs are also sending out emails and notification that they are without phone and internet services, as well. At press deadline, it was not reported back to Tutuveni which companies serviced the departments and programs which were sending out the notifications.

The outages have impacted many on the Hopi reservation. HTI provides services for many of those on Hopi; however, some customers also get services through various cell phone and satellite internet companies, as well.

In the press release from HTI, customers were advised to contact HTI directly and which may be the best method to determine which type of service is actually experiencing outages and why.



Hopi Emergency Relief Fund Update



HERF crew members in a Red Feather handwashing-station workshop

Kykotsmovi, AZ - In April of 2020, the Hopi Emergency Relief Fund (HERF) responded to the

COVID-19 pandemic to provide essential needs to the Hopi people. HERF has made the Peace

Academic Center Gymnasium the host site for all of their operations. When HERF first began relief efforts, they were in "response" mode to the current pandemic. Their goal was originally to provide food boxes to the Hopi people to help eliminate the need to go off reservation and encourage people to stay home. As well as distribute personal protective equipment (PPE) to the public. With the decline of cases, HERF has since shifted from "response" mode to "recovery" mode. The change in operations was made to help the Hopi people safely return to public interactions. HERF now has a menu of services open to the community.

The services offered include:

Pop-Up PPE Services - where businesses or communities can request the HERF crew to set up at their establishments or event locations to distribute PPE kits and

set up a hand washing station;

Community Safety Services - where individuals can request the HERF crew to offer safety-protocol training or logistical support for events;

Protecting the Workspace - where businesses, programs, or vendors can request PPE kits to help them provide a safe work environment;

The Air Purifier Grant Program - created to award small businesses, non-profits, and tribal programs air purifiers; and

COVID- Care Kits - created for those who must quarantine, kits include food boxes, cleaning supplies, and PPE kits.

To request any of these services, you can start by filling out a service request form that can be found online at hopi-foundation.org/hopi-emergency-relief or by contacting Derick Lomayokva at (928)-299-1992 to request a physical copy. By offering these services, HERF hopes to encourage people to stay safe and stop the spread of COVID-19. The Hopi Emergency Relief

Fund is a project of the Hopi Foundation.

Hopi Senom Transit Service and Safety Plan

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Hopi Senom Transit will resume transit services on Monday, August 2, 2021, with limited routes and services. This plan will be in effect until further notice.

Hopi Senom Transit Office

The Transit office will be closed to the public. Customer service is available by phone Monday through Friday from 8:00AM – 5:00PM at 928-734-3232.

Safety on the Bus

•No Mask, No Ride. Drivers will have masks available.

•Temperatures will be taken prior to entering the bus. A person with a temperature of 100 F or higher will not be allowed to board the bus.

•Essential Trips Only: Medical Appointments, Employment, Education, Groceries & Shopping.

•Social Distancing on the bus will be enforced until the bus is filled to 75% capacity.

•Children under age 16 will not be permitted on the bus.

•Hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes will be available on the bus.

•No Fares will be charged for the duration of the COVID-19 Emergency on Hopi.

Transit Route Changes – See Attached Route Schedules for Changes

•Four routes will run daily: Flagstaff, Winslow, Keams Canyon and Midday. The Tuba City Route is canceled until further notice.

•There will be two trips to Flagstaff dai-

ly with only one stop at the Greyhound bus depot.

•There will be one trip to Winslow daily. There will not be a stop at Dilkon until further notice.

•The Keams Canyon and Midday Routes will run as usual.

•All drivers will radio in when their bus has reached the 75% capacity passenger limit. No more passengers will be allowed on the bus once the bus reaches the 75% capacity limit.

•Buses will not enter Villages with closure orders. The bus stop for Mishongnovi/Sipaulovi will be at the Honani C-Store.

•We will buy back unused bus passes that were sold in 2020. Only the original purchaser will be refunded for the unused pass.

Refusal of Service

Hopi Senom Transit reserves the right to refuse service to anyone and will refuse service to any person who is intoxicated or under the influence of drugs or other substances, may be dangerous or disruptive or for any other reason that may create harm or make the trip unsafe or uncomfortable to other passengers, the driver or the vehicle. Any person who is refused service under the Refusal of Service policy will not be allowed to ride any Hopi Senom Transit bus for the duration of the COVID-19 Emergency at Hopi.

For More Information: Call Hopi Senom Transit at 928-734-3232, from 8:00am – 5:00pm, Monday through Friday

Hopi Tutuveni wants your AD's
Call or email us to get a quote TODAY!

928-734-3283 or
rlaban@hopi.nsn.us



Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday Only

Office hr. 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Office (928) 734 3232

WINSLOW ROUTE

SOUTH BOUND	AM	PM
Keams Canyon C-Store	5:55	2:30
Hopi PD	6:05	2:45
Polacca Circle M	6:10	2:50
Hopi Health Care Center	RP	3:10
Second Mesa Post Office	6:25	3:25
Lower Sipaulovi Housing	RP	RP
Seba Dalkai Junction Hwy 87	6:30	3:30
Cedar Springs Turn-off	6:35	3:35
Dilcon BASHA'S LOWER PARKING LOT	7:05	4:10
R-87 & N-13	7:15	4:15
Flea Bag Parking lot- DES Office	7:30	4:50
Winslow Indian Health Services	7:35	RD/RP
Safeway	8:05	5:00
Wal-Mart	8:10	5:05

NORTH BOUND

Safeway	8:35	3:35
Wal-Mart	8:40	3:40
Hopi Housing	8:45	3:45
Winslow Indian Health Services	8:50	3:50
Old Dairy Queen Parking Lot - DES Office	9:00	6:00
R-87 & N-13	9:35	6:35
Dilcon BASHA'S LOWER PARKING LOT	RD/RP	6:40
Cedar Springs Turn-Off	9:55	6:55
Seba Dalkai Junction Hwy 87	10:00	7:00
Lower Sipaulovi Housing	RD	RD
Second Mesa Post Office	10:20	7:20
Hopi Health Care Center	RD	RD
Polacca Circle M	10:30	7:30
Hopi PD	10:35	7:35
Keams Canyon C-Store	10:40	7:40
Hopi	Winslow	\$ 2.00
Dilcon	Winslow	\$ 2.00

Free transportation for Active Duty members with valid military I.D. Card for Veterans with Valid I.D. card (VA Health Card of Military Retirement Card). NO

Jul-21

KEAMS CANYON ROUTE

Keams Canyon C-Store
NPC/ Hopi High School
Polacca Circle M
First Mesa - Ponsi Hall
Polacca Post Office
Polacca @ Talashie's Jct. route 8
Hopi Health Care Center - ER
Lower Mishungnovi @ Shupla's Stop
Lower Sipaulovi Housing
Mishungnovi Community Center
Shungopavi Namingha's
Hopi Cultural Center
Cellular One
HOTEVILLA C-STORE
Kykotsmovi Post Office
HOPI TRIBAL HEADQUARTERS

6:20	3:20
CALL/IN	3:25
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7:00	4:00
7:05	4:05
7:10	4:10
7:15	4:10
7:25	4:15
CALL/IN	CALL/IN
7:32	4:32
7:45	4:45

[Back to Keams Canyon](#)

HOPI TRIBAL HEADQUARTERS
Kykotsmovi Post Office
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Polacca Circle M
Hopi High School / NPC
Keams Canyon C-Store

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9:35	6:35

KEAMS CANYON MID DAY LOCAL ROUTE				
Keams Canyon C-Store	8:10	AM	11:45	PM
NPC / Hopi High School	8:20		11:50	
Polacca Circle M	8:30		11:55	
First Mesa - Ponsi Hall	8:45		12:00	
Polacca Post Office	8:45		12:05	
Polacca @ Talashie's Junction	8:50		12:08	
Hopi Health Care Center - ER	8:55		12:10	
Lower Mishungnovi @ Shupla's St	9:00		12:13	
Lower Sipaulovi Housing	9:05		12:15	
Mishungnovi Community Center	9:10		12:25	
Shungopavi Namingha's	9:20		12:30	
Hopi Cultural Center	9:25		12:35	
Cellular One	9:35		12:45	
HOTEVILLA C-STORE	9:45		12:50	
Kykotsmovi Post Office	9:55		1:05	
HOPI TRIBAL HEADQUARTERS	10:00		1:10	

Keams Canyon Route FARES \$1.00				
HOPI TRIBAL HEADQUARTERS	10:10	AM	1:30	PM
Kykotsmovi Post Office	10:13		1:33	
Cellular One	10:15		1:35	
HOTEVILLA C-STORE	No pick up		1:45	
Hopi Cultural Center	10:25		2:05	
Shungopavi Namingha's	10:35		2:10	
Mishungnovi Community Center	10:40		2:20	
Lower Sipaulovi Housing	10:50		2:25	
Lower Mishungnovi @ Shulpa's St	10:53		2:30	
Hopi Health Care Center - ER	10:55		2:35	
Polacca @ Talashie's	11:00		2:40	
Polacca Post Office	11:05		2:45	
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Polacca Circle M	11:15		2:55	
Hopi High School / NPC	11:20		3:05	
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MOENKOPI - KYKOTSMOVI			
EAST BOUND		AM	PM
MOENKOPI LEGACY	6:25		3:25
BASHA'S PARKING LOT	6:30		3:30
TUBA MEDICAL CENTER	??		3:35
HONAHNI BUILDING	6:35		3:39
MAIN STREET & KACHINA WAY	6:38		3:40
COALMINE CHAPTER JCT.HWY 264	6:50		3:50
DINNEBITO JCT HWY 264	7:15		4:15
HOTEVILLA CO-OP STORE	7:25		4:25
OLD ORAIBI JCT.	7:28		4:28
CELLULAR-ONE HWY 264	7:33		4:33
KYKOTSMOVI POST OFFICE	7:35		4:35
HOPI TRIBAL COMPLEX	7:40		4:40
WEST BOUND			
HOPI TRIBAL COMPLEX	8:10		5:10
KYKOTSMOVI POST OFFICE	8:13		5:13
CELLULAR-ONE HWY 264	8:15		5:15
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HOTEVILLA CO-OP STORE	8:25		5:25
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BASHA'S	9:30		6:30
TUBA MEDICAL CENTER	9:35		6:35
MOENKOPI LEGACY	9:40		6:40
MOENKOPI - KYKOTSMOVI			FARES
MOENKOPI	KYKOTSMOVI		\$ 1.00
HOTEVILLA	KEAMS CANYON		\$ 1.00

FLAGSTAFF ROUTE			
SOUTHWEST BOUND		AM	PM
Hopi Tribal Complex	8:00		1:00
Sand Spring Junction	8:45		1:45
Tolani Lake Junction	8:48		1:48
Leupp Store	9:00		2:00
Star School Junction	9:20		2:20
Kachina Square	9:50		2:50
Greyhound Bus Station	10:00		3:00
NORTHEAST BOUND		AM	PM
Greyhound Bus Station	10:20		3:20
Star School Junction	10:50		3:50
Leupp Store	11:10		4:10
Tolani Lake Junction	11:20		4:20
Sand Spring Junction	11:25		4:25
Hopi Tribal Complex	12:05		5:05
Flagstaff Route			FARES
Kykotsmovi	Flagstaff		\$2.00
Flagstaff	Star School Junction		\$2.00
Flagstaff	Leupp Store		\$2.00



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Deadline: August 31st, 2021

RMSF Prevention Themes:

1. Ticks go through four life stages: egg, larva, nymph, and adult.
2. RMSF symptoms: fever, a headache, stomachache, fatigue, and rash.
3. RMSF can be treated, see your doctor right away.
4. Check people for ticks every day.
5. Remove attached ticks with tweezers.
6. Prevent ticks on dogs by using drops, collars, and medicine to kill ticks.
7. Check dogs for ticks.
8. Healthy pets lead to fewer ticks.
9. Keep dogs on your property.
10. Clean up yards to eliminate places for ticks to hide.
11. Treat your home with pesticides to kill ticks.
12. Protect yourself, your family, and your community by reducing ticks around your home.

Artwork must:

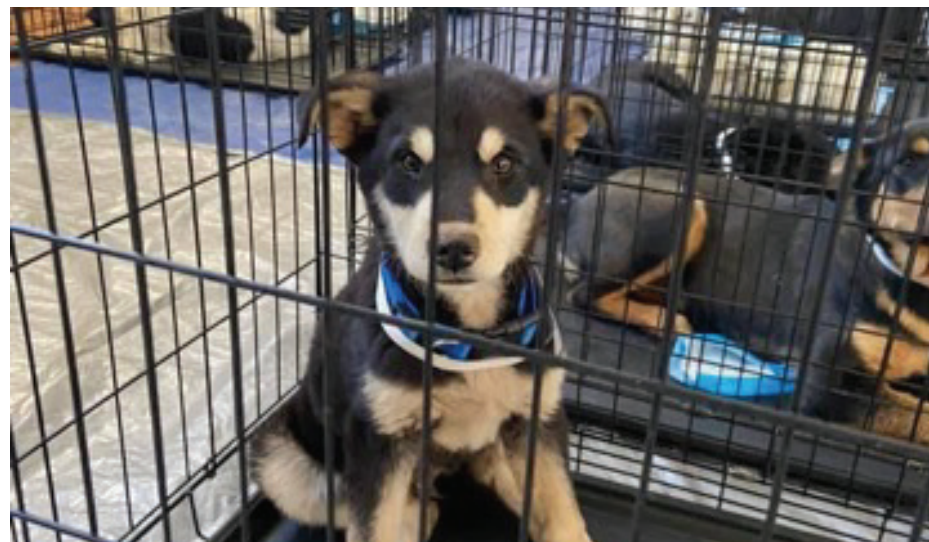
- Address RMSF prevention themes
- Be on 8x11" paper
- Use pencil, markers, colored pencil, or paints
- Include a heading of 6 words or less



Responsible Pet Ownership Can Save Lives



June 23, 2020 – Sipaulovi Village. ADHS veterinarian Heather Vanket, Hopi CHR, Hopi Veterinary Program and Erica Weis provide pet wellness services (Photo by original sender).



June 12-13, 2021 – Upper Moenkopi Village. Pets are checked in for Spay-Neuter Clinic. (Photo by original sender)

For Hopi Tutuveni

Kykotsmovi, Arizona – July 28, 2021

For most people, it makes sense that a healthy community is made up of healthy people. It may not be as obvious that healthy animals are important parts of a healthy community, too. Keeping pets healthy through vaccination, spay and neuter, and animal wellness has impacts on human and animal health.

The Hopi Tribe is dedicated to providing opportunities to support animal wellness. The Small Animal Control Ordinance #61, approved by Hopi Tribal Council in April 2016 provides funding for the Small Animal Control Program (SACP) to control dog and cat populations, promote responsible pet ownership, and reduce disease in people and small animals. As of 2019, the Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) has been responsible for the oversight and direction of SCAP. The first priorities are to fill two vacant positions for animal control officers and reduce the unwanted dog population. The Deputy animal control officer position is currently open, and applications can be submitted to the Hopi Tribe Human Resource Department.

Meanwhile, the DHHS Public Health Compliance Program (PHCP) has hosted two large scale events in June to support Hopi animal wellness: a spay-neuter clinic in Upper Moenkopi and a community-wide rabies vaccination clinic. During the spay-neuter event, 75 dogs and 22 cats were spayed or neutered, and each animal received vaccinations. This clinic was made possible through part-

nerships with Asavet Charities (Tucson, AZ), Coconino Humane Association (Flagstaff, AZ), Hopi Dog Rescue (Chicago, Ill.), Clinic HQ (Portland, Oregon) and Arizona Animal Welfare League (Phoenix, AZ). Nearly 590 additional dogs and cats were vaccinated against rabies and over 600 dogs were given tick collars across Hopi during the rabies vaccination campaign. A special thank you to Indian Health Service Office of Environmental Health, Arizona Department of Health Service, Hopi Tribe Community Health Representative, Wildlife Eco-system management, Veterinary program and Erica Weis, CDC Consultant, for their support during the rabies vaccination campaign.

Events such as these play an important role in protecting animal and human health. Vaccinating dogs against rabies, for instance, reduces the chance of animals getting rabies, and reduces the chances those animals have of exposing people to the deadly disease.

“We need the help of every community member to prevent problems related to the overgrown dog population while we work on staffing the SACP,” Madeline Sahneyah, the Hopi Public Health Compliance Officer says. “Being a responsible dog owner can literally save lives.”

So, what does it look like to be a responsible pet owner?

“It’s simple,” Sahneyah says, “it comes down to providing basic needs and care to make sure the dog and the people around it are safe and healthy.”

Taking care of a dog’s basic needs means:

- Provide your dog with food and clean water every day.
- Spay or and neuter your dogs.
- Get your dogs vaccinated to protect them from common diseases like distemper, parvovirus, and rabies.
- Take your dogs to get veterinary care if they are sick or hurt.
- Treat your dogs with medicines to prevent ticks, worms, and other parasites.
- Safely secure your dog on your property. (Make sure they can still access food, water, and shelter while they are secured.)
- Make sure dogs have shelter from sun, rain, or snow, as well as space to exercise.

Did you miss our June clinics? Not to worry, PHCP has more events scheduled to serve the people and animals of Hopi. A second spay-neuter clinic for Hopi pet owners is scheduled for August 28 & 29, 2021 at the Village of Tewa Community Center. To make an appointment for the spay-neuter clinic, call (928) 734-3403 for assistance or go online to bit.ly/3x7zubu.

For more information about the Small Animal Control Program and upcoming events, you may contact Madeline Sahneyah, at (928) 734-3403 or msahneyah@hopi.nsn.us.

To see the job description for animal control positions and apply, visit: <https://www.hopi-nsn.gov/tribal-services/human-resources/job-listings/>



Hopi Tribe Department of Health and Human Services Covid-19 Emergency Response July 29, 2021 Report

“KYKOTSMOVI, AZ – July 29, 2021

The State of Arizona has relaxed its ban on mask mandates in schools and been criticized by health experts. Arizona lawmakers approved legislation this year that bans public schools and universities from enforcing mask mandates and COVID-19 testing for unvaccinated students. Despite this, the CDC is now recommending that all students in K-12 schools wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status. (Children who are at least 12 years old are eligible for the Pfizer shot.)

Given new evidence regarding the B.1.617.2 (Delta) variant, CDC has updated the guidance for fully vaccinated people. CDC recommends universal indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status. Children should return to full-time in-person learning in the fall with layered prevention strategies in place.

The delta variant is spreading fast in the U.S., especially in states with high numbers of unvaccinated people. Last week Dr. Walensky said “the delta variant accounts for 83% of all cases recently sequenced in the U.S. and reiterated that the pandemic has become one of the unvaccinated, who account for the vast majority of cases, hospitalizations and deaths. However, the delta variant has made it possible that people who have breakthrough infections after being vaccinated can transmit the virus to others. Data shows vaccinated people can have as much viral load as unvaccinated people,” she said.

Tribal Leadership, in discussion with the local the Indian Health Service, the Phoenix Area Office and the Arizona Department of Health and Human Services Tribal Epidemiologist has confirmed that there have been no reported cases to date of the delta variant on Hopi. The good news is we are fortunate that none of the COVID-19 variants have been reported on the Hopi reservation and that the mitigation and recommended preventive measures mandated by Tribal Executive Order have remained unchanged and consistent since the beginning of the pandemic to mask, sanitize, and social distance.

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

As of July 29, 2021 the United States now has approximately 34.7 million confirmed positive cases over 609,853 deaths reported.

Over 923,204 confirmed positive cases now exist in Arizona. Of those, close to 17,181 are in Navajo County alone.

The Hopi Health Care Center has tested over 10150 patients to date. Over 1,430 of those tests at Hopi Health Care Center came back positive with 1044 from Hopi Tribal members. Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation reported 276 positives for Hopi Villages with a combined number of 1322*** positive Hopi Tribal members. “*Note: These data include newly added testing results from the Abbott ID NOW machine since April 20, 2020

** A total of 1320+ individuals who tested positive are members of the Hopi Tribe.

*** Data includes all state-wide data from other facilities such as Flagstaff, Winslow, Phoenix or other hospitals.

+ Includes Village member(s) retested positive.

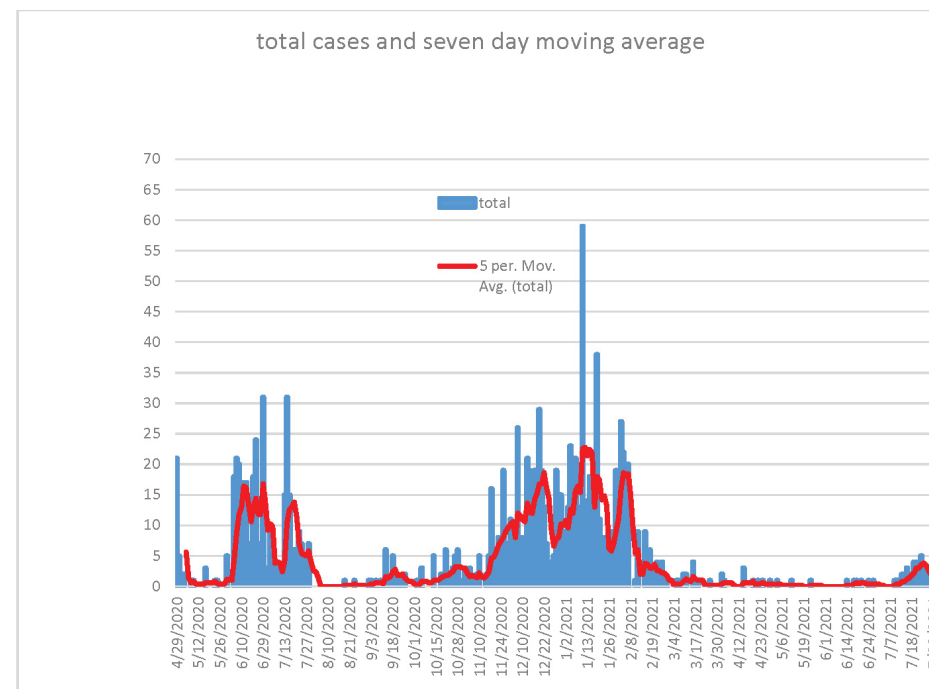
Prevention:

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 2-10 days after exposure to the virus. Anyone can have mild to severe symptoms. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache

- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

This list does not include all possible symptoms. CDC will continue to update this list as we learn more about COVID-19. Older adults and people who have severe underlying medical conditions like heart or lung disease or diabetes seem to be at higher risk for developing more serious complications from COVID-19 illness.”



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.

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Hopi Tribe Department of Health and Human Services Covid-19 Emergency Response July 29, 2021 Report, Cont.

Hopi COVID-19 Reported Cases by Hopi Health Care Center Cases* July, 28, 2021					
	Number Tested Today	Cumulative Number Positive	Cumulative Number Negative	Total Number in Process	Total Tested
	16	1430	8647	4	10150

Number of Cases per Village as of July 28, 2021	Reported by HHCC	Reported by Tuba City Regional Healthcare Corporation	Total
Kiqötsmovi	107	26	133
Orayvi	28		28
Polacca (Walpi-Sitsom'ovi-Tewa)	284	9	293+
Musangnuvi	96	2	98
Supawlavi	59	1	60+
Songöopavi	224	1	225+
Yuvelu-paki	12		12
Paaqavi	56		56
Hotvela	129	47	176
Keams Canyon	42	10	52
Flagstaff		1	1
Munqapi	1	179*	180*
Phoenix	1		2***
Winslow	4		5***
Prescott	1		1
TOTAL	1044	276	1322***

Village	Most recent case
1. Kykotsmovi	July 28th
2. Mishongnovi	July 28th
3. Polacca	July 25nd
4. Phoenix	July 23rd
5. Hotevilla	July 23 nd
6. Bacavi	July 22nd
7. Shungopavi	July 20th
8. Sipalwavi	July 19th
9. Winslow	July 15th
10. Orayvi	July 13th
11. Moenkopi	July 11th
12. Keams Canyon	April 14 th
13. Spider Mound	January 13 th

Color Code: Red- Less than one month since last case.
Blue- Between one and two months since the last case
Yellow- Between two and three months since last case
Green- Greater than three months since last case.

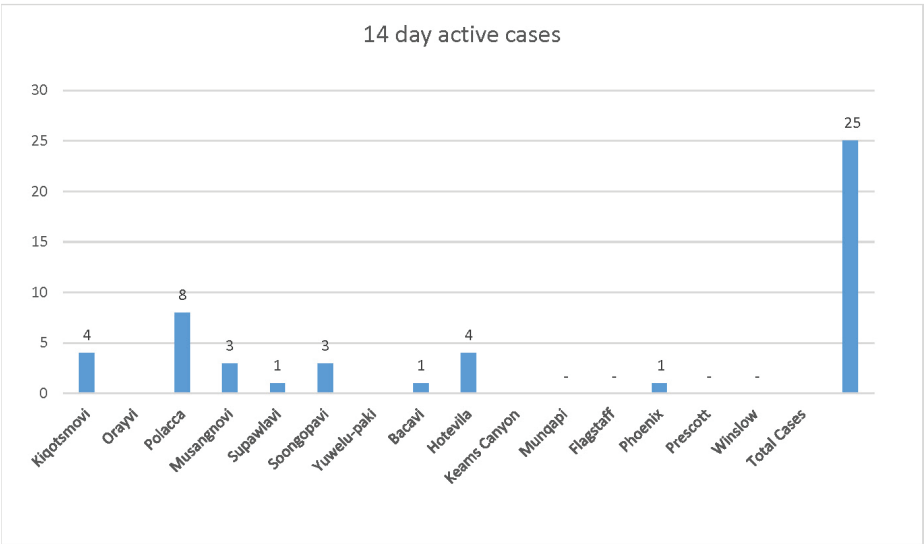
Village	Population Estimate	Number Vaccinated*	Percent of population vaccinated	Vaccine Ranking Highest=1
Bacavi	337	191	56.67%	6
Hotevilla	871	509	58.43%	5
Kykotsmovi	709	523	73.76%	2
Mushongovi	679	280	41.23%	9
Moenkopi	1,146	702	61.25%	4
Orayvi	103	98	95.14%	1
Shungopavi	1,013	630	62.19%	3
Sipalwavi	371	198	53.36%	8
Polacca	1,908	1,086	56.39%	7
Total*	7137**	4,217	59.08%	

This Table looks at both cases per capita for the Tribe and persons that have received at a least one dose of the vaccine since the beginning of the pandemic. The village populations were calculated from the enrolment data from the tribe and is simply a rough estimate.

*Excludes the vaccines from Keams Canyon, Spider Mound, and those calculated as Second Mesa. The three groups combine for another 408 Hopi Tribal members who have received at least the first dose of the vaccine.

Total reservation percent vaccinated ~65.15% Eligible population vaccinated ** ~72.23%

**Eligible population is 6437, population older than 12



This graph demonstrates the active cases and is stratified by village. Currently there are 25 active cases that 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 is useful in isolating where the virus is most active at the current moment.

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Rumble on the Mountain 7: “Welcome to Flagstaff”



Ryon Polequaptewa (Pic by original sender)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

"Flagstaff, AZ - In light of past and present conflicts between the City of Flagstaff and neighboring Indigenous communities, Cloud Mtn Arts presents Rumble on the Mountain 7, “Welcome to Flagstaff”. The show will feature speakers and performers from the Hopi Nation, including Hopi Chairman Tim Nuvangyaoma, former Hopi Chairman Vernon Masayesva, The Antelope Track Dance Group, World Champion Hoop Dancer Derrick Davis, recording artist Ryon Polequaptewa, and Ed Kabotie & Tha



Ed Kabotie (Pic by original sender)

‘Yoties. The purpose of the event is to address three areas of concern: Flagstaff’s position on Indigenous water rights regarding the Little Colorado River, the disparate number of Indigenous incarcerations compared to the percent of Indigenous residents in the city, and current and future development on the sacred San Francisco Peaks.

Rumble on the Mountain 7: “Welcome to Flagstaff” is an all-ages event at the Orpheum Theater, Saturday, August 7th, from 6pm-10pm. \$15 adults/\$10 students/\$8 ages 12 and under. Proof of vaccination will be required at entry. Tickets will be limited to 130 attendees, plus spe-



Derek Davis (Pic by original sender)

cial guests and performers. Masks will be available for those who want them. The show will also stream live on www.facebook.com/edkabotie and www.youtube.com/edkabotie. To purchase tickets, visit www.orpheumflagstaff.com

Event organizer Ed Kabotie explains, “Flagstaff is situated in the heart of a sacred landscape and is surrounded by multiple Native American Nations. My hope is that Rumble on the Mountain 7 will help us realize the potential of Flagstaff to be a beacon of conscious understanding to our region and country.”

IRS continues unemployment compensation adjustments, prepares another 1.5 million refunds

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
IR-2021-159, July 28, 2021

WASHINGTON – The Internal Revenue Service reported today that another 1.5 million taxpayers will receive refunds averaging more than \$1,600 as it continues to adjust unemployment compensation from previously filed income tax returns.

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, which became law in March, excluded up to \$10,200 in 2020 unemployment compensation from taxable income calculations. The exclusion applied to individuals and married couples whose modified adjusted gross income was less than \$150,000.

Refunds by direct deposit will begin July 28 and refunds by paper check will begin July 30. This is the fourth round of refunds related to the unemployment compensation exclusion provision.

Since May, the IRS has issued over 8.7 million unemployment compensation refunds totaling over \$10 billion. The IRS will continue reviewing and adjusting tax returns in this category this summer.

The IRS effort focused on minimizing burden on taxpayers so that most people won’t have to take any additional action to receive the refund. The IRS review means most taxpayers affected by this change will not have to file an amended return because IRS employees have re-

viewed and adjusted their tax returns for them. For taxpayers who overpaid, the IRS will either refund the overpayment or apply it to other outstanding taxes or other federal or state debts owed.

For this round, the IRS identified approximately 1.7 million taxpayers due an adjustment. Of that number, approximately 1.5 million taxpayers are expected to receive a refund. The refund average is \$1,686.

The IRS started with the simplest tax returns and is now reviewing more complex returns. The average refund amount is higher for this round because the IRS included an adjustment to the Advance Premium Tax Credit (APTC).

Most taxpayers need not take any action and there is no need to call the IRS. However, if, because of the excluded unemployment compensation, taxpayers are now eligible for deductions or credits not claimed on the original return, they should file a Form 1040-X, Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return.

Taxpayers should file an amended return if they:

- did not submit a Schedule 8812 with the original return to claim the Additional Child Tax Credit and are now eligible for the credit after the unemployment compensation exclusion;
- did not submit a Schedule EIC with the original return to claim the Earned Income Tax Credit (with qualifying dependents) and are now eligible for the credit after the

unemployment compensation exclusion;

- are now eligible for any other credits and/or deductions not mentioned below. Make sure to include any required forms or schedules.

Taxpayers do not need to file an amended return if they:

- already filed a tax return and did not claim the unemployment exclusion; the IRS will determine the correct taxable amount of unemployment compensation and tax;
- have an adjustment, because of the exclusion, that will result in an increase in any non-refundable or refundable credits reported on the original return;
- did not claim the following credits on their tax return but are now eligible when the unemployment exclusion is applied: Recovery Rebate Credit, Earned Income Credit with no qualifying dependents or the Advance Premium Tax Credit. The IRS will calculate the credit and include it in any overpayment;
- filed a married filing joint return, live in a community property state, and entered a smaller exclusion amount than entitled on Schedule 1, line 8.

Taxpayers will generally receive letters from the IRS within 30 days of the adjustment, informing them of what kind of adjustment was made (such as refund, payment of IRS debt payment or payment offset for other authorized debts) and the amount of the adjustment.

Tribe sues federal officer after K-9 latches onto man

Matthew Brown
Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. — A prosecutor for the Crow Tribe accused a federal law enforcement officer of aggravated assault and other offenses after the officer's police dog allegedly caused extensive injuries to a tribal member during a traffic stop.

A civil complaint from prosecutor David Sibley seeks to ban the Bureau of Indian Affairs officer from the Crow reservation in southeastern Montana over the July 20 incident in Lodge Grass.

Bureau officials said in a statement that a police dog had been used in Lodge Grass on that date during the apprehension of a suspect who was pulled over, stepped out of his vehicle and allegedly assaulted an officer.

The dog was commanded to release the suspect but that “did not initially occur,” the statement said. Charges against the suspect are pending.

Officer Steve Stallings was the handler for a dog that latched onto the leg of the tribal member following a traffic stop in Lodge Grass, according to the complaint. He could not be reached for comment.

Despite his attempts to restrain the animal, it continued to hold the suspect's leg in its jaws even after the man was on the ground and in handcuffs, causing extensive injuries that required the suspect to be hospitalized, the prosecutor said.

Sibley said he filed the complaint Wednesday in Crow Nation Tribal Court, but did not know when Stallings would be officially served with the suit. Because Stallings is not Native American, he cannot be charged with criminal offenses in tribal court.

He's accused of criminal endangerment and negligent endangerment in addition to

aggravated assault.

The prosecutor said he decided to pursue charges after reviewing cellphone video of the incident captured by the suspect's wife.

“Law enforcement has to be held to a similar standard or higher standards than the public,” Sibley said. “The bottom line is if you don't have the ability to control the dog, you don't have any business deploying it.”

The suspect had been stopped for allegedly running a stop sign and erratic driving, according to the complaint and Sibley.

A confrontation occurred and the officer who had pulled over the suspect used his Taser twice on him before Stallings arrived and deployed the dog, according to the complaint.

The suspect, who could not be reached for comment, faces charges of resisting, obstructing and assaulting an officer and is due to make an initial court appearance next month, Sibley said.

The bureau said the case was under investigation. Officials declined to say if Stallings was still working on the Crow reservation or if the officer allegedly assaulted by the suspect suffered injuries.

Lack of adequate law enforcement has long plagued the 2.3 million acre reservation along the Wyoming line. Tribal Chairman Frank White Clay said more officers are needed, but they must be adequately trained.

A statement released by the tribe said the incident was “a violent abuse of power.”

“The video clearly shows an officer who is not properly trained, who cannot control a K-9 and shouldn't be policing our people and tribal lands,” White Clay said.

The Wrap: Road to DC



Anpetu Waste, relatives.

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Okay, here's what you need to know today:

Red Road to DC completed

After a two-week journey, the totem pole carved at the Lummi Nation made it to the nation's capital.

The journey, Red Road to DC, was meant to bring awareness to Indigenous sacred sites at risk from the extractive industry. On the way to Washington, the House of Tears Carvers and its caravan of activists stopped at eight well-known sacred sites across the country.

The 25-foot totem pole carved by the House of Tears Carvers from the Lummi

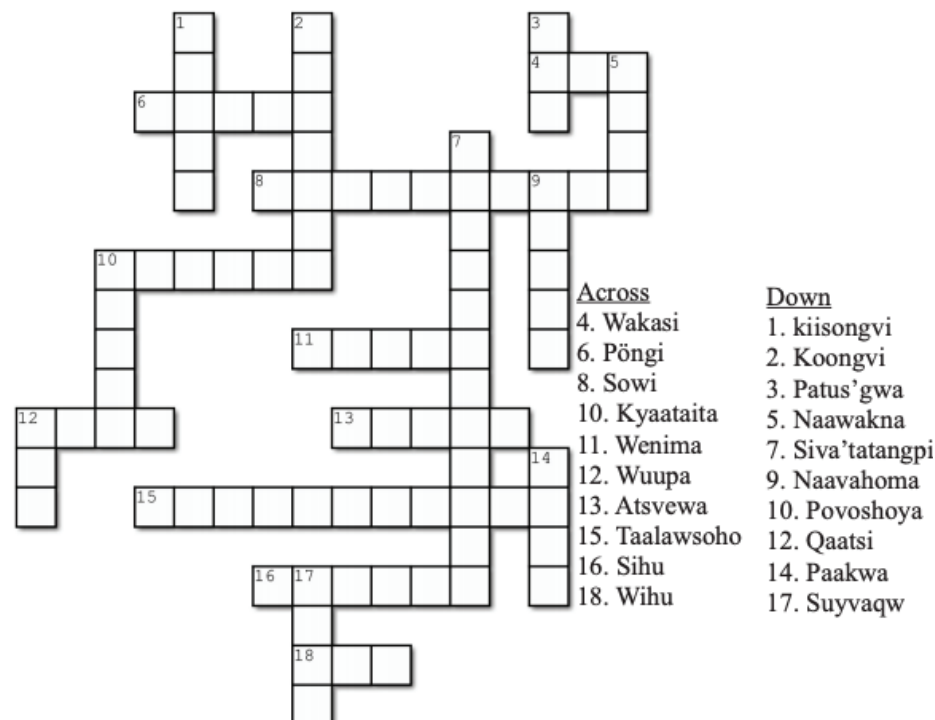
Nation on display in front of the Capitol on July 29, 2021. (Photo by Jourdan Bennett-Begaye, ICT)

Interior Secretary Deb Haaland, Laguna Pueblo, welcomed the arrival of the totem pole Thursday on the National Mall lawn.

“Our paths are crossing in this moment because we're coming together in a new era, an era of truth, of healing, of growth an era in which our Indigenous knowledge is valued and respected, in which Indigenous leadership has a seat at the table to make decisions about our communities, in which we have an opportunity to rise above the challenges our people face and build a brighter future for all of us,” Haaland said. “Every time I visit a protected sacred site, it gives me hope, knowing that all of us are working to honor and respect these important places.”

The nearly 5,000-pound totem pole will be on display in front of the National Museum of American Indians until July 31, according to event organizers, where the House of Tears Carvers' exhibition will be viewable until Sept. 9. A permanent home for the totem pole is still in the works.



**Across**

4. Wakasi
6. Pöngi
8. Sowi
10. Kyaataita
11. Wenima
12. Wuupa
13. Atsvewa
15. Taalawsoho
16. Sihuh
18. Wihu

Down

1. kiisongvi
2. Koongvi
3. Patu'sgwa
5. Naawakna
7. Siva'tatangpi
9. Naavahoma
10. Povoshoya
12. Qaatsi
14. Paakwa
17. Suyvaqw

Cross Word Puzzle

Find the English words for the Hopi words.

Answers in next issue

Answers for JULY 21 issue

Across

2. Man, 4. Respect, 8. Seed, 11. Moon, 13. Thin, 15. Old Man, 17. Pull, 18. Name, 19. Right

Down

1. Salt, 3. Me, 5. Say, 6. Them, 7. Old Woman, 10. Road, 12. Nail, 14. No, 16. Leaf, 17. Pig

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K W I S T O V A A Q T Z A T S A G N
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D I N A A N A Q Z Y K Y T P T I W A
Q A A N T I P U R O M T A E X O A Z
B X F H I I S A N W A A A N G Q W N

HOPi WORDS

Kwisto - Get

Yup'a - Go ahead

Nima - Go home

Nakwhana - Grant permission

Tutskwa - Ground

Naasami - Half-dollar

Hiñti - Happen (what)

Hāalayi - Happy

Kyaktayti'i - Hurry

Wuuni - Idea (thought)

Pashimu - Important

Sonkya - Improbable

Songyawnen - In effect

Tutuwna - Instruct

Tunatya - Intention

Itsivu - Intolerant

Tuwat - In turn

Qanaani - Jealous (feel)

Tumala - Job

Henanata - Jog

Suumi - Join

Hintaqa - Kind (what)

Tuwi'ya - Know

Ngasta - Lacking

Lavayi - Language

Qa iits - Late

Tayati - Laugh

Ya'makma - Leave (exit)

Awtuuqayta - Listen

Tunatyawta - Look after

Hiisa - Many

Paati - Melt

Qa'āntipu - Mistake

Qaavo - Next day

Aa'awna - Notify

Ephaqam - Now & then

Himu'yva - Obtain

Paypi - Oh Well!

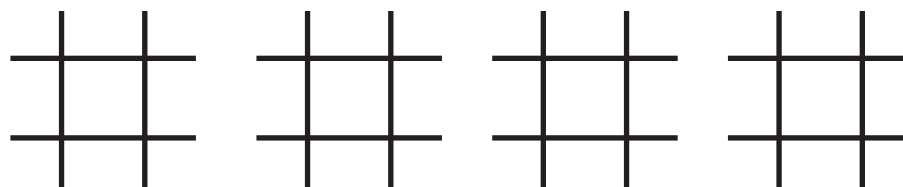
Namora - Option (choice)

Angqw - Out of origin

Tuqayvasta - Pay Attention

Qe'ti - Quit

Yōoyoki - Rain

TICK-TACK-TOE

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Hopis say we are prepared for anything, and that nothing could hurt us because we are so isolated, but that's not true. I believe we are the least prepared people on the world...well, I can't say it's all true, because we never had such an event before, so I can give you that one.

So recently the Hopi reservation had some outlandish flood waters come rip through the Hopi mesas and it was something I had never seen before. I thank the rain gods for sending these flood rains to the Hopi mesas and it really tested our faith to both rain gods and our shovels.

Did you know that natural disasters take man-made money to fight something that is so natural? I didn't know that either. But I guess money still takes the top to do something. Of course, money is not the only thing to make things happen, sometimes it just takes some good ol' elbow grease.

I was at one of the villages while the flood waters ripped through the village like Hulk rips up his t-shirt when his muscles get flexed going into his "Hulk mode." The people there quickly jumped into action to help one another, by making sure the Grand Canyon-like holes were filled on the roads and houses were "kind of" saved from the flood waters. I heard that in other villages and washes there were things like chairs, refrigerators, freezers, couches and even a cow was floating with the strong flood waters.

No one told these people to help with what needed to be done, no one paid for their services, it was just an automatic reaction and done for the satisfaction of just helping people. Hopis call this action Hita'ngwa or doing something helpful without being told or asked to do so.

Of course, there are a lot of good people on the Hopi reservation who help someone without asking for something in return, but sometimes it's not always like that. Sadly, many people want something in return to do something so simple, like empty the trash for the elderly or even take someone to the local store, so they can get something to eat. Mainstream society has taught us that we must get something in return for our deeds.

We have become so detached from the Hopi world that we now follow the mainstream society where it tells us that some people might harm us if we pick up a fellow person who is simply hitchhiking to the local store or we might succumb to social hate if we help the wrong person that other people don't like.

We have become so distrustful and disrespectful to each other that we forget that simply helping someone, like bringing in the wood for grandpa or taking someone to the local store so they can get something for their children, is something we as a community have a commitment to do and be like.

We forgot that we are a community, a village,

or a family. We want to keep to ourselves and we want to keep safe, and I get it, the world is something different nowadays. It can feel unsafe at times and it can have the effect of us feeling like we need to protect ourselves rather than protecting our community.

I know, I know, some people had horrible experiences with people and became distrustful of others, but if you really care for your community or really care for yourself and whoever you like or love, then you would be able to do anything for them.

My advice to you is that, it is hard to trust someone when you have fallen victim to distrust from someone you trusted. But we all do need to try to learn or relearn to trust one another again. When the storm hits again, we will be better prepared for what's to come.

I hope that makes sense...because I feel like I was rambling. If you can make sense of what I was talking about...here's to "more meow in your buck." But all in all, just be kind to someone in need because we all need someone to lean on from time to time. Sometimes we all just need to feel dependent on someone who we can trust. So when I drive my "cat-mobile" around the Hopi mesas just say hi and I might pick you up if you give me pizza money...just kidding I might just pick you up because I'm a cool cat like that.

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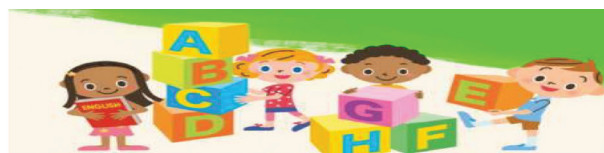
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Medicaid is a lifeline for Indian Country, plain and simple



Rosebud Sioux Tribe President Rodney M. Bordeaux

Associated Press

As president of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, I am a firsthand witness to the profound healthcare challenges that our people face, a crisis that confronts Indian Country nationwide.

Nationally, compared to white adults, American Indian adults are almost three times more likely to lack insurance. In South Dakota the disparity is even greater. At the same time, people in our communities are also much more likely to experience serious health challenges like obesity, a physical disability, or a substance use disorder, making access to healthcare that much more critical.

While the Indian Health Service plays a central role in the healthcare system for American Indians, millions of us are enrolled in Medicaid, which is celebrating its 56th anniversary this month. Medicaid provides health insurance for more than 80 million Americans nationwide, including more than a quarter of non-elderly American Indian adults and half of our children. From 2013 to 2018, the uninsured rate among American Indians fell from 28 percent to 20 percent, thanks to the increased access to health insurance created by the Affordable Care Act, including a major expansion of Medicaid.

Unfortunately, thousands of Native people in South Dakota and 11 other states

are being denied this access to lifesaving healthcare because of political games that have nothing to do with what is best for our health. In these 12 states, which have failed to expand Medicaid because of partisan opposition to the ACA, millions of Americans — 16,000 South Dakotans among them — are trapped in a “coverage gap,” where they can’t afford private coverage but they also don’t qualify for Medicaid.

In South Dakota, American Indian groups like the Great Plains Tribal Chairmen’s Association are helping lead the fight to pass a ballot measure to expand Medicaid in our state, which would provide coverage to an additional 42,500 South Dakotans, including thousands of American Indians. Unfortunately, the state legislature keeps trying to put additional obstacles in our way, including seeking to raise the vote percentage needed for a successful ballot measure from 50 percent to 60 percent. But we are determined to succeed in this fight, starting with gathering enough signatures to get Medicaid expansion on the ballot, because the health of our families and communities are at stake.

Medicaid is a lifeline for Indian Country, plain and simple.

Although we are entitled to care from IHS or tribal facilities whether we are insured or not, proposals to expand access to Medicaid would benefit our communi-

ties in several ways. First, having health insurance from another source makes it easier for our people to access care from other providers when IHS facilities are geographically distant or over capacity. Second, having more patients insured by Medicaid would help increase reimbursements to IHS clinics, which are chronically underfunded and rely on this funding to provide care to those they serve.

We saw the benefits of expanding access to Medicaid for American Indian communities when Montana approved its own expansion in 2016. Over the course of two years, more than 15,000 newly eligible tribal members enrolled in Medicaid. The tribal and IHS-run facilities on the Blackfeet Reservation in northern Montana received an additional \$13.6 million in federal reimbursements during that time, helping them provide care to thousands more people.

As we fight to finally win Medicaid expansion in South Dakota, Congress also has an important role to play in states that continue to refuse to expand coverage for families, seniors and veterans in their states. The Medicaid Save Lives Act, which was recently introduced in both the House and Senate, would help people in states that have failed to implement Medicaid expansion over the last decade access healthcare.

The Medicaid Saves Lives Act would

help South Dakotans by creating a federal program for individuals currently in the “coverage gap” that would offer health care coverage for Affordable Care Act’s essential health benefits, help with prescription drug costs, maternal and newborn care and other critical healthcare services. The bill also provides incentives to any holdout states that do decide to expand Medicaid, building on the incentives included in the American Rescue Plan passed earlier this year.

We will continue our efforts to ensure that our neighbors have access to the care they need, no matter who they are, what they look like, or how much money they have. And we expect Congress to do everything in its power to expand Medicaid in holdout states, including South Dakota.

That starts with passing The Medicaid Saves Lives Act. Indian Country can’t afford to wait.

President Rodney M. Bordeaux is currently serving in his fourth term leading the Rosebud Sioux Tribe. He holds concurrent leadership positions with the Great Plains Tribal Chairmen’s Association, the Great Plains Tribal Leaders Health Board, the National Congress of American Indians, and Dakotans for Health. Mr. Bordeaux received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Augustana College and a Master of Arts from Oglala Lakota College.

Interior secretary: Drought demands investment, conservation



As Becky Mitchell, back left, and of the Colorado Water Conservation Board, and U.S. Rep Diana DeGette, D-Colorado, look on, Interior Secretary Deb Haaland speaks during a news conference after Haaland's visit to talk about federal solutions to ease the effects of the drought at the offices of Denver Water Thursday, July 22, 2021, in Denver. Haaland will make stops in two cities on Colorado's Western Slope as part of her trip to assess the effects of the drought on the Centennial State. (AP Photo/David Zalubowski)

Patty Nieberg
Associated Press/Report For America

DENVER — Confronting the historic drought that has a firm grip on the American West requires a heavy federal infrastructure investment to protect existing water supplies but also will depend on efforts at all levels of government to reduce demand by promoting water efficiency and recycling, Interior Secretary Deb Haaland said Thursday.

Haaland told reporters in Denver that the Biden administration's proposed fiscal year 2022 budget includes a \$1.5 billion investment in the Bureau of Reclamation, which manages water and power in the Western states, and more than \$54 million for states, tribes and communities to upgrade infrastructure and water planning projects.

"Drought doesn't just impact one community. It affects all of us — from farmers and ranchers to city dwellers and Indian tribes. We all have a role to use water wisely," Haaland said at the start of a three-day visit to Colorado to address the U.S. response to increasingly scarce water and massive wildfires burning throughout the region.

The American West is gripped by the worst drought in modern history, including most of western Colorado. The northern part of the state is experiencing deadly flash flooding and mudslides after rain fell in areas scarred by massive wildfires last year. Fires are burning across the West, most severely in Oregon and California, while the drought stresses major waterways like the Colorado River and reservoirs that sustain millions of people.

The drought and recent heat waves in the region that

are tied to climate change have made wildfires harder to fight. Climate change has made the West much warmer and drier in the past 30 years and will continue to make weather more extreme and wildfires larger and more destructive.

Haaland spoke after meeting with Democratic Rep. Diana DeGette, Gov. Jared Polis and Jim Lochhead, CEO of Denver Water, Colorado's largest water agency, for a discussion on the drought and possible federal solutions.

Among other initiatives, she said the Bureau of Reclamation is working to identify and dispense "immediate, technical and financial assistance for impacted irrigators and Indian tribes."

Tanya Trujillo, the department's assistant secretary for water and science, cited a recent decision to release water from several Upper Colorado River basin reservoirs to supply Lake Mead and Lake Powell — the two manmade reservoirs that store Colorado River water.

The reservoirs are shrinking faster than expected, spreading panic throughout a region that relies on the river to sustain 40 million people. Federal officials expect to make the first-ever water shortage declaration in the Colorado River basin next month, prompting cuts in Arizona, Nevada and Mexico.

"We have seen hydrologic projections that are worse than anticipated," Trujillo said.

Haaland's three-day stay in Colorado includes her first trip Friday to the Bureau of Land Management's new headquarters in Grand Junction, established by the Trump administration in 2019. The agency's move from Washington, D.C., produced an outcry from critics who said it gutted the office. Haaland opposed the move as a member

of Congress.

The agency overseen by the Interior Department manages nearly 250 million acres of public lands, most of which are in the West. Polis and Colorado's congressional delegation have urged Haaland to keep the office in Grand Junction.

Haaland reiterated her support for Tracy Stone-Manning, President Joe Biden's pick to oversee the land agency, after a Senate panel deadlocked Thursday on Stone-Manning's nomination amid allegations she stonewalled a 1989 investigation into the sabotage of an Idaho timber sale.

"Tracy Stone-Manning has a wealth of experience and knowledge about all issues to do with our public lands. We have full faith that she will put her nose to the grindstone as soon as she's confirmed by the Senate," Haaland said.

The 10-10 tie in the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee set up a floor vote on the nomination. It would take every Senate Republican plus at least one Democratic lawmaker to block her confirmation in the evenly divided chamber.

Haaland is visiting as severe and intense dry periods sweeping areas of the West over the last several years have resulted in more intense and dangerous wildfires, parched croplands and a lack of vegetation for livestock and wildlife, according to government scientists.

They also found that the problem is accelerating — rainstorms are becoming increasingly unpredictable and more regions are seeing longer time intervals between storms since the turn of the century.

After COVID setbacks, tribal police chief looks forward

Beth Wallace
News21

WINDOW ROCK – Navajo Chief of Police Phillip Francisco sits ramrod straight at his desk, surrounded by manila folders brimming with paperwork and a Darth Vader figurine that wields a pen as a lightsaber.

The chief, an Army veteran hired in 2016 after serving in several law enforcement departments in New Mexico, took charge after nearly eight years of rotating acting chiefs. He came from Farmington, New Mexico, to serve and protect the largest Native American tribe in the U.S. Francisco, 45, whose father is Navajo, grew up near the reservation.

A year before Francisco was sworn in, Officer Alex Yazzie was shot and killed while answering a domestic violence call. Francisco – who had been working closely with the Navajo Police Department while serving at nearby agencies – felt called to step in.

“Seeing the struggles that the Navajo Nation Police Department went through, I thought, ‘Maybe they need a leader.’”

The increased demands of the COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated issues in the department, Francisco said: chronic understaffing, dispatch systems that trail technology by 50 years and archaic facilities that include 71-year-old administrative buildings and a converted post office.

The 200-member department polices a rural area larger than West Virginia, he said, with dirt roads and houses so remote they don’t have addresses and can be out of range of police radios. During the pandemic, officers often worked 16- to 24-hour shifts to fill in for sick or quarantined colleagues.

Francisco and his department commissioned a study, released this spring, by the Boston consulting group Strategy Matters that recommends the department needs 500 to 775 personnel to handle services, which range from domestic violence and public intoxication calls to reinforcing the reservation’s COVID-19 curfew and distributing personal protective equipment.

After leading the department through the height of the pandemic, Francisco now hopes the federal government’s most recent COVID-19 relief bill, the 2021 American Rescue Plan Act, will help pay for some of the department’s critical needs. He spoke about the Navajo Nation’s law enforcement history, the lessons that emerged from the pandemic and his hopes for the department’s future.

What brought you to the department in 2016?

I’ve always had a connection with my people on the reservation, working very closely with the agency in San Juan County and Farmington, near the border of the reservation. And this looked like it was something I needed to do. Then right before that, there was the death of Alex Yazzie in the line of duty. It was time to step up and offer my experience and try to make a better change for the Navajo Police Department.

How did COVID-19 change the department’s day-to-day functions?

We had to keep going every day. Other (government) departments, they got to close down and go home. But we were forced to keep working. That was our mandate. And that’s what we do. We have to provide public safety services. So we had to figure out ways to keep going forward.

Getting equipment and things was very difficult during that

time. We had to have creative ways of procuring PPE and those kinds of things. Besides that, the officers are tired. They were doing more things, such as curfew violations. We had creative ways to communicate with the public, which we kind of turned into public service announcement checkpoints. We were basically saying, “Hey, we have curfews. You need to wear your PPE,” educating and giving out PPE.

(COVID-19) made it more difficult for our police officers, because it’s very difficult to arrest somebody in that environment and have them safely incarcerated. So there were some more roadblocks for officers – we had to get clearances for people from COVID. There’s a real strict protocol to even arrest people. It hampered our abilities to actually arrest people because we had to make those decisions. Like, is it important to arrest this person or can we just send them home? Those kinds of things. And how do we bring people in that may be COVID positive and infect the entire population in the jail? So there are those considerations which make it very difficult to manage and enforce laws.

Because of COVID, now every arrestee has to go through a hospital. Before (the COVID-19 pandemic), if there are no signs of any kind of issue with somebody, we would just take them to jail. The jail would accept them. Now, pretty much every single arrestee we have to take to the hospital to get cleared, so that’s another hour or two hours.

Your department already was stretched thin, and Navajos were hard-struck by the pandemic. How did you manage to fill in for colleagues who were sick with COVID-19?

It caused significant issues with our department because, even dealing with people that were exposed, we had to get them off the street for weeks at a time until they were cleared by a doctor. Anybody else that was connected to them, we had to quarantine them. Sometimes we had seven to 14 (officers) off the street just because they were exposed.

Then we had to consider one of the biggest problems we had with our officers: the concerns for their own families. So they’re working every day. They’re exposed, and then a lot of them decide to quarantine away from their family during this whole time, like months and months and months. They’re living separately, or they’d be quarantined in one part of the house so they wouldn’t expose their family.

I think about the mental toll it took on them. I’ve heard some of the officers talk about it. It was difficult not knowing if you’re going to spread it to your family. And having that distance from your family, sometimes not having contact. I heard from some officers that their families were sliding food under the door for them. So that was a huge toll on officers.

The calls were coming in every day. And then we had to do checkpoints and all these other COVID-related things. At some point, we didn’t have enough people. So through the whole year, our demands were so high, we couldn’t afford to let people go on vacation. I had to cancel all that. With a minimal amount of staffing, the demands from the public, the demands from the health crisis and the pandemic, it just was impossible.

Were you expecting some CARES Act funds to be spent on the department, and were they?

I was. We put in a budget of \$36 million, hoping we can get equipment and different things to help us do our job and respond to things better. At first, that was very difficult because

we didn’t have CARES funds, and we were paying out of our own department. Then, when that kicked in, we were able to pay out of the CARES fund.

I requested a decontamination trailer, decontamination services, more PPE, extra uniforms because the officers are still going through uniforms, response vehicles. A helicopter even, because we were responding to all kinds of areas, and we had to get PPE to those areas and get the officers to areas quicker. (The Navajo reservation is) so large that I think that a helicopter would have been essential to drop off supplies, pick up supplies and drop off officers, respond to medical situations, and transport people out. We also have a lot of missing people that are injured. But in the end, all we got was some of our hazard pay paid for and a small amount of money for PPE.

Are you looking for funds from the American Rescue Plan Act?

I really hope that with the American Rescue Act funds, we can address these buildings. This building (the Navajo Division of Public Safety headquarters) is pretty old and should be condemned. So we’re actually trying to get out of it. It needs to be rebuilt. The district here and the Shiprock district, there’s a plan to build some substations, not just police substations, but a combined Department of Public Safety substation for fire, EMS and police department and all the other Department of Public Safety components in the area, so we can help respond to areas quicker.

But the biggest thing I’m hoping is to fund our dispatch centers, to build two consolidated dispatch centers instead of having seven, so we can pool our resources of dispatchers, be more effective and actually implement the (Enhanced 911) system. We also have some plans to upgrade our radios to new digital radios. More cellphone equipment and connectivity in our vehicles out in the field to go with our dispatch center.

I want to push to really fund our dispatch centers and our buildings and our infrastructure for the Police Department so we can have a good place to work and modern technology to do our job better. Because with the amount of staff we have, it’s going to take a long time to build up staff, even if there’s a huge influx of money. Hiring officers is a long, tedious process, and getting them quality trained and on the street is going to take years and years and years. So how do we work more effectively with the staff we do have? We have to leverage technology and do our job smarter with that technology.

What changes would Navajos see with a well-funded police department?

I think if we were funded, we’d be able to respond accordingly because we had officers to be able to go to these calls in a timely manner. If we had the communications equipment and the dispatch center is up and running, we could actually have a better accounting of those that would really significantly reduce the response time or the customer service to the community. I think they would see a huge change.

It’s been a very challenging year, with everything here. I think it’s really a renaissance for the police department to really show our leadership and our community that, hey, we’re here, and this is the reality of what’s going on – that we are doing so much with so little, but yet we’re motivated, and we’re willing to do it because it’s our duty.

*This story has been slightly edited for clarity.

Memo to Biden administration: Less talk, more action



Mildred Quaempts, who lost three female members of her family to unsolved murders or disappearances, stands on a hill near her home on the Umatilla Indian Reservation. (Photo by Kathy Aney, Underscore)

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The climate change crisis and missing and murdered Indigenous epidemic are inextricably linked, with added negative impact from extractive industries. On top of that, the federal government has much work to do to uphold its trust and treaty obligations to tribal nations to help bring an end to these crises, according to a memo from NDN Collective.

The memo, shared with key members of the Biden administration on Wednesday, outlines how these issues are intertwined, as well as offering solutions that would help address them.

Citing a report from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, the memo states between 2010-2019, 8 percent of all murdered girls and women in Minnesota were American Indian despite making up only 1 percent of the state's population.

Additionally, pipelines like Keystone XL and Enbridge Line 3 increase the likelihood that sex trafficking and abuse occur due to the addition of temporary, cash-rich workforces. In fact, the Line 3 environmental impact survey states Native and minority populations are often at higher risk "if they are low-income, homeless, have a lack of resources, addiction, and other factors often found in tribal communities."

The memo also states that the United States government has long supported policies and industry that "compromises the land, bodies, communities, resources, and very existence of Indigenous people."

"As a result, tribal communities continue to lack access to clean water, food, and the safety of their women and children," the memo reads. "Indigenous communities across the globe will no longer sacrifice our most basic human rights alongside the most revered components of our communities and our identities - our women and land."

Sunny Red Bear, Cheyenne River Sioux, is the direc-

tor of racial equity at NDN Collective, said the memo is two arms of the organization, climate justice and racial equity, coming together to help move beyond awareness of MMIW to concrete actions that will help address the inequities stemming from the crises.

Like any movement, MMIW has evolved over the years and the organization now uses the acronym, MMIWR+ or missing and murdered Indigenous women and relatives + (Two-Spirit and all other pronouns).

"It's not just our women and our girls that are going missing, it's all relatives that we have that are facing inadequacies and so we're just making that very clear that we have everybody in mind," Red Bear said of the movement's evolution.

Red Bear noted the complicated nature of these issues but stressed the correlation between extractive industries that not only harm the environment but also harm Native communities. She hopes memos, like the one today, along with past and future reports put pressure on the current administration to stop pipelines like Line 3.

"So within these reports we also identify root causes and the risk factors, and really describe how extractive industries created demand for our women and our girls that is essentially fueling MMIWR+," she said.

The memo offers eight solutions:

True free, prior and informed consent

Stricter protocol and penalties for industries whose workforce contributes to the MMIWR+ epidemic

Involvement of victims, families, and advocates in creating solutions, and holding officials accountable

Passage of the Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act and strengthening implementation of Savannah's Act and the Not Invisible Act

Non-discretionary funding

Invest in true data analysis of the MMIWR+ epidemic

Acknowledge and provide funding and resources to the urban Native organizations

Achieving true equity for Native people through partnerships between U.S. government and Indigenous lead-

ers

Tribal leaders have long advocated for true free, prior and informed consent and Judith Le Blanc, Caddo, said it is long past time for tribal nations to be at the decision making table for all projects and initiatives the federal government undertakes.

"Being in good relationship with the federal government is to ensure that tribal nations are at all decision making tables, that we are a part of the discussion of any kind of project that affects our, our land, our water, the air, and our health and well being and any kind of government projects," said Le Blanc, director of the Native Organizers Alliance. "In many ways, prior, informed consent is restoring consensual relationships, the relationships that we had in the beginning; nation to nation."

When asked what she thought the federal government and federal agencies have done well to address these issues, Red Bear joked that they have been really good at making promises but added that Indian Country is done with lip service.

She added Native communities are looking for follow through and the proposed solutions in the memo are a step toward making that happen.

"We are going to create this memo to really help you with immediate steps towards ending this. So I think that what we did was made very clear steps towards doing that, that is very easy to understand for every person within our communities, but also our federal government," Red Bear said. "I hope this opens doors and creates conversations to have our voices heard and to have a seat at the table."

As someone who has worked in the MMIWR+ movement for a little under 10 years, releasing this memo was something Red Bear was excited about.

"I'm just really excited for people to be able to read this memo and look through it and really start creating their own ideas of how they can not only just back the solutions but also create their own."



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