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### **Resources and Development Committee commends Wide Ruins Chapter for implementing their corrective action plan**

**TSE BONITO, N.M.** – On Tuesday, the Resources and Development Committee received a report from the Navajo Nation Office of the Auditor General regarding the implementation of Wide Ruins Chapter’s correction action plan. The Wide Ruins Chapter demonstrated proper and accountable oversight of chapter assets and resources and the auditor general does not recommend any sanctions.

RDC chair Council Delegate Alton Joe Shepherd (Jeddito, Cornfields, Ganado, Kin Dah Lichíí, Steamboat) commended the chapter for fully implementing their corrective action plan.

“It is great to see that Wide Ruins Chapter made the commitment to fully correct all audit findings. This should show all the 110 chapters that it is possible to correct all audit findings,” stated Delegate Shepherd.

According to the auditor general’s Wide Ruins Chapter follow-up review report, the chapter’s audit was conducted in 2015 and the Budget and Finance Committee approved the chapter’s corrective action plan in November 2015, which listed 16 corrective measures to address six audit findings. The chapter has implemented each of the 16 corrective measures.

“All chapters should know that sanction could be avoided by resolving corrective action measures. A legislation to impose sanction won’t be necessary if the correction action plan is fully implemented,” stated BFC chair Council Delegate Seth Damon (Bááháálí, Chichiltah, Manuelito, Tsé Lichíí’, Rock Springs, Tsayatoh).

Council Delegate Raymond Smith, Jr. (Houck, Klagetoh, Nahata Dziil, Tsé Si áni, Wide Ruins), who represents the community of Wide Ruins, also commended and thanked the chapter staff and officials.

Wide Ruins Chapter would not be recommended for sanctions in accordance with Title 12 section 9 of the Navajo Nation Code, according to the auditor general report.

“I am thankful for the positive review of the chapter. The chapter has done a good job and worked hard to implement the corrective action plan. Now, the chapter can move forward and continue to help the Navajo citizens of the community,” stated Delegate Smith.

The Resources and Development Committee approved the report with a 5-0 vote.

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