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### **Resources and Development Committee re-certifies Chinle Chapter's Community-Based Land Use Plan**

**CHINLE, Ariz.** – On Tuesday, the Resources and Development Committee approved Legislation No. 0072-17, recertifying Chinle Chapter's Community-Based Land Use Plan which has been reevaluated and readjusted to meet community needs. The chapter's first community land use plan was approved by the RDC in 2010.

"The chapter and CLUPC has worked hard to get the community plan in place. A chapter resolution is included in the legislation to show that the community supported the community plan, which outlines future projects and community land needs in the areas of residential, commercial, and industrial," stated RDC member and legislation sponsor Council Delegate Leonard H. Pete (Chinle), who represents the community of Chinle.

Pursuant to Navajo Nation Code Title 26 section 2004, chapter governments shall reevaluate and readjust their community land use plan every five years to meet the needs of their changing community.

Chinle CLUPC member Shawna A. Claw, presented the community plan, which consists of land use, transportation, housing, natural resources, preservation, community and economic development, agriculture, infrastructure, community facilities, inventory data, and community land use plan administration.

"Chinle Chapter is one of the largest chapters on the Nation with approximately 3,800 registered voters and 8,005 residents. Our vision of the community is to improve and preserve the quality of life for community members. The ongoing commitment will include the promotion and preservation of self-determination and sovereignty," added Claw.

RDC member Council Delegate Walter Phelps (Cameron, Coalmine Canyon, Leupp, Tolani Lake, Tside To ii) asked if plans for the Canyon De Chelly National Monument were included in the plan.

"We received a report from Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources and Canyon De Chelly Park Services this morning regarding the canyon's joint management plan and I don't see any maps or plans in the community land use plan regarding the park. Also, I don't see any plan that addresses the working relationship between the National Park Services and canyon residents. Can this be addressed in the community plan?" asked Delegate Phelps.

The community plan references that the chapter will address the canyon's land restoration and preservation concerns. It also states that the chapter will continue the plans to develop a Chinle vendor village to accommodate tourists, local vendors, and tour guide business.

"I want to thank my fellow colleagues for supporting Chinle Chapter's community land use plan. Now, the chapter will have a guide to move the community forward," stated Delegate Pete.

The Resources and Development Committee approved Legislation No. 0072-17 with a 3-0 vote and serves as the final authority for the bill.

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