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NEWS RELEASE:

Thoreau Community-Based Land Use Plan approved by Resources and Development Committee

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – Last week the Resources and Development Committee approved legislation (Tracking No. 0437-11) that certified the Thoreau Chapter Community-Based Land Use Plan, which concluded a process that took over a year for Thoreau Chapter's Community-Based Land Use Plan (CLUP) Committee to complete.

Council Delegate Edmund Yazzie (Churchrock, Iyanbito, Mariano Lake, Pinedale, Smith Lake, Thoreau) stated, "The CLUP certification gives more power to the community people, which will allow them to conduct business for their Chapters as it relates to land use."

The Resources and Development Committee had final authority to approve the legislation that certified Thoreau Chapter's Community-Based Land Use Plan.

The resolution stated that, "The Navajo Nation hereby certifies Thoreau Chapter's Community-Based Land Use Plan...The Chapter shall amend the Community-Based Land Use Plan every five years, and such amendment is subject to the certification of the Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council."

A resolution of the Thoreau Chapter, which was included as a supporting document, stated that the certification would "accommodate the short and long-term basic needs of the chapter relating to community, economic, and infrastructure development, and to preserve grazing and culturally significant area..."

Delegate Yazzie credited the hard work of the CLUP Committee members and commented that the certification would not have been possible without their hard work.

He also commended the CLUP Committee for acting in the best interest of their community and extended his gratitude to members of the Resources and Development Committee.

CLUP Committee is comprised of the following members: Michael Croan (Chair), William Arvizo (Vice Chair), Tyrone Jim (Secretary).

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