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# Speaker Morgan, 21<sup>st</sup> Navajo Nation Council recognizes Havasupai Tribe's efforts in protecting Dook'o'slííd during 2010 Fall Session

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — During its 2010 Fall Session, Speaker Lawrence T. Morgan and the 21<sup>st</sup> Navajo Nation Council presented representatives from the Havasupai Tribe with gifts of appreciation because the Havasupai Tribe, other tribes and the Navajo Nation formed a united tribal front to oppose snowmaking on Dook'o'slííd.

Thomas Walker Jr. (Birdsprings/Leupp/Tolani Lake), who advocated for the Navajo Nation, presented gifts to Edmund Tilousi, Vice Chair of the Havasupai Tribe, Carletta Tilousi, councilwoman for the Havasupai Tribe and Hertha Woody, Sierra Club volunteer, of Shiprock, N.M.

Speaker Morgan and the 21<sup>st</sup> Navajo Nation Council are grateful for the relationship that has been built with the Havasupai Tribe. The Havasupai's involvement in helping form a united tribal front, along with the Navajo Nation, protects the sanctity of the San Francisco Peaks -- Dook'o'slííd, which ultimately made a significant difference in the Flagstaff City Council's decision to disapprove the substitute water sale agreement to make artificial snow at the Arizona Snowbowl.

Speaker Morgan (Iyanbito/Pinedale) presented the Havasupai Tribe delegation with a plaque.

"As you know, our Navajo Nation Council expresses great opposition to the efforts of those who seek to desecrate Dook'o'slííd," said Speaker Morgan. "We recognize the health and welfare of our communities is in part contingent on the well being of our sacred mountains. We are proud to work alongside the Havasupai and others who share common positions. Further, we hope the Navajo Nation, Havasupai Tribe, and others can carry on this collaborative effort into the future."

Eric Descheenie, legislative staff assistant in the Office of the Speaker, also assisted tremendously by assisting with the Navajo Nation's opposition of artificial snowmaking on Dook'o'slííd.

"I am proud of our Navajo Nation delegation to the protection of Dook'o'slííd in particular the work of Council Delegate Thomas Walker, Jr.," added Deescheenie. "His tact and diplomacy is both unique and critical to the on-going efforts to protect Dook'o'slííd, and that of our Navajo culture and language."



Left to right: Eric Descheenie, Legislative Staff Assistant; Thomas Walker, Council Delegate (Birdsprings/Leupp/Tolani Lake); Carletta Tilousi, Havasupai Tribe Councilwoman; Hertha Woody, Sierra Club Volunteer. Absent is Edmund Tilousi, Havasupai Tribe Vice Chair. (Photo by Laphillda Tso)