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## **Navajo Land Department Hosting Land Summit to Promote Independence**

WINDOW ROCK, AZ. – Independence.

That's a goal for the Navajo Nation Land Department.

And with approval on May 16, 2014 from the U.S. Department of Interior to approval all surface leases on the Navajo Nation, it's achievable.

Accordingly, the Navajo Nation Land Department will host a Second Annual Land Summit on March 24-26<sup>th</sup> at Twin Arrows Navajo Casino Resort to address milestones within the Department, new policies and regulations that pertain to housing, business and community planning.

Navajo Nation Land Department Manager Mike Halona, stated, "The Navajo Nation is at a pivotal point in time where we are faced with many challenges to survive as a nation. This is also a historic time because we have an opportunity to demonstrate to the U.S. government that the Navajo Nation has the capacity and capability to administer our sacred land within the interest of Navajo people and their future in mind."

Halona said the Department is working diligently with Navajo Nation chapters to help them develop comprehensive community land use plans that will help provide economic development opportunities for their communities.

Moreover, Halona stated there are more Navajo people wanting to move back to the Navajo Nation to live and to work, which is why it is important to develop a comprehensive land use plan that will benefit not only the individual land use owner, but communities as a whole.

Individuals are encourage to register early. The Navajo Nation Land Summit is free. For more information, you can log onto the Navajo Land Department website at [www..dinehbikeyah.org](http://www.dinehbikeyah.org) or call them at (928) 871-6401.



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