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## **Navajo Nation to Host Energy Summit**

WINDOW ROCK, AZ. - A new Navajo Nation energy portfolio.

That's the goal of the Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources.

Tribal officials state that the Navajo Nation is at a pivotal point in time where it is faced with depleting natural resources and therefore, must find innovative ways to generate new revenue using renewable energy.

This is one topic that will be discussed at a first-ever Navajo Nation Energy Summit, which will be held on July 23-24, 2014 at the Twin Arrows Navajo Casino Resort.

The Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources is sponsoring the Navajo Nation Energy Summit to establish energy development as a priority for the Navajo Nation. Moreover, the summit will be held educate the Navajo people about the Navajo Nation Energy Policy, which was passed by the Navajo Nation Council in October 2013.

According to Administrative Service Officer Michelle Henry, this is the very first time a summit is being held.

“We want to help the Navajo people better understand the need for a energy policy that best fits the Navajo Nation and establish energy development as a priority,” Henry explained. “We want to educate the Navajo people about the revised energy policy and to showcase current and future energy projects on the Navajo Nation such as large scale power generation to small scale community level renewable projects.”

Currently, the primary source of natural resource revenue generation derives from coal.

Henry noted, “With the new goals of the federal government, the Navajo Nation needs to position themselves to have a balanced portfolio.”

Some of the topics of discussion will include the Energy Policy of 2013, the history of natural resources and energy development on the Navajo Nation, the future of renewable energy, the Navajo

land title data system, information about the general leasing process on the Navajo Nation, protecting, managing and developing Native American's outdoor and natural resources, the Department of Energy's comprehensive energy approach for a clean energy future, information about gasification technology, a project development and finance workshop, Bisti Ranch and Bisti renewable potentials, coal markets and its future, carbon capture and information about the global institute of sustainability. Organizers state some of the topics for discussion are subject to change.

Summit organizers are stressing that attendees pre-register, but can also register the day of the conference. For more information about the summit, contact Michelle Henry at [michellehenry@navajonsn.gov](mailto:michellehenry@navajonsn.gov) or (505) 371-5405. For information about registration contact Susan Day at [sday@frontiernet.net](mailto:sday@frontiernet.net) or at (928) 729-4003 or Char Roanhorse at [cjroanhorse@frontiernet.net](mailto:cjroanhorse@frontiernet.net) or at (928) 729-4004. For booth information contact Irma Roanhorse at [iroanhorse@frontiernet.net](mailto:iroanhorse@frontiernet.net) or at (505) 371-5406.