



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
August 5, 2014

President Shelly lifts fire restriction, issues flood warning

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz.—The Navajo Nation fire restriction has been lifted.

On Aug. 1, President Ben Shelly signed the executive order lifting the fire restriction. Sharon Pinto, director for BIA Navajo Region, also signed the order.

The fire restriction was issued on June 12.

“The Navajo Nation fire restriction was executed because of high fire danger. However, the monsoon weather has substantially reduced this risk,” President Shelly said. “Therefore, the fire restriction is hereby lifted.”

He noted that responsible fire use, especially in forest and woodland areas of the Navajo Nation must be observed.

Recent rains from the summer monsoon storms have created other potential dangers.

The seasonal monsoon weather creates flooding, especially in in lowland and floodplain areas. The public is discouraged from attempting passage through flooded roads, especially when moving flood runoff cover roadway areas.

The Navajo Nation Department of Emergency Management remains on standby for possible flood emergencies and has spent the past few months conducting sandbag training for chapters across the Nation.



Navajo Nation President Ben Shelly has lifted the fire restriction which has been in effect since June 12. Recent monsoon weather has greatly improved the dry conditions. However, new challenges from potential flooding are possible. (Photo by Rick Abasta)

