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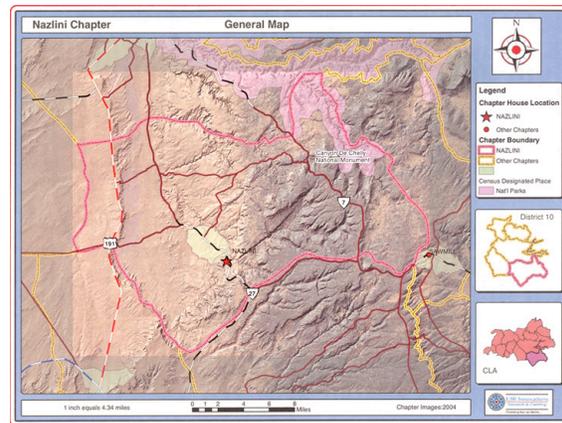
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## **TCDC to Certify the Nazlini Chapter CLUP Manual**

*Chapter to make formal presentation to outline the needs of their rural community.*

**Window Rock, Arizona** – The Nazlini Chapter will present their Community Land Use Plan (CLUP) manual to the Transportation and Community Development Committee during a certification ceremony on September 18 at their community chapter house in Nazlini, Arizona. The Division of Community Development (DCD) commends the efforts of the Chinle LGSC staff towards the Nazlini CLUP Certification.



**Map of Nazlini Chapter**  
(Courtesy of Chapter Images: 2004)

“This is a fundamental piece for a chapter striving towards chapter governance under the Local Governance Act (LGA),” said Arbin Mitchell, DCD Division Director. “It will allow a community to have an active role in influencing their elected official on what are the primary needs within their chapter service area,” According to the Navajo Land Development Office, approximately 216,521 acres make up the Nazlini Chapter, which is on the southeastern part of Chinle Agency, 20 miles north of Ganado, Arizona, along Navajo Route 27.

JoAnn Dedman, Nazlini CLUP Member, said the main objective for their CLUP manual certification is for the Nazlini community to concentrate on the primary issue of land withdrawal for community and economic development.

“We are in such a rural local that is hard to build in our area,” Dedman said. She said there is an interest in constructing a gas station and store in Nazlini; however, Dedman states the lack of certified CLUP manual has hindered the initial pre-planning phase of this project idea.

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Inside the Nazlini CLUP manual, it states that what the Nazlini community hopes to establish once the CLUP manual is certified is to develop its' designated commercial areas to host a variety of developments to stimulate their economy by constructing small business along a well traveled road.

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A convenience store has not existed in Nazlini since 2003. A vandalized structure is all that remains of the old store and Dedman is hoping to change the current adversities in the Nazlini community with thriving economic resources once TCDC certifies their CLUP manual.

Dedman said it was difficult for the Nazlini CLUP members to complete their manual and have it ready to present to TCDC because of the lack of a stable CLUP committee and inability to conduct a meeting with CLUP members and the Senior Planner for the Chinle Local Governance Support Center (LGSC).

Peggy Sue-Nez, Chinle LGSC Senior Programs and Project Specialist, said the chapter is ready for their CLUP Presentation with one rehearsal scheduled for Thursday night. “They have some prominent people on their committee,” Sue-Nez said. The Chinle LGSC office provides a CLUP presentation format for the chapters to follow. The format outlines the introduction in a PowerPoint Presentation complete with a community history background, community assessment and analyses. “They have a good idea on how to coordinate their presentation format to TCDC,” she said.

“What they will present covers everything in their community service area from culturally significant areas, traditionally sensitive areas and environmentally sensitive areas,” said Johnson Claw, Chinle LGSC Community Involvement Specialist. Dedman said Claw was very instrumental with this process and the CLUP committee members are thankful for all of his input.

“We are excited and can’t wait,” Dedman said. “The community is looking forward to Friday.” The Nazlini Chapter CLUP Certification is open to the public and the agenda will be posted on the DCD Website at [www.nndcd.org](http://www.nndcd.org).

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