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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Seeking Testimonies on the Preservation and Use of Sacred Sites

ST. MICHAELS, Ariz.—The Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission will hold public forums to give Navajo citizens an opportunity to submit written information along with oral testimony about sacred sites as they relate to location, use, need for preservation and issues associated with conflicts or community suppression on sacred sites.

Open forums start at 10 a.m. and end at various times according to chapter availability at the following locations:

- Tuesday, July 20 at Crownpoint Chapter House until 3:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 21 at Fort Defiance Chapter House until 4 p.m.
- Thursday, July 22 at Chinle Chapter House until 4 p.m.
- Friday, July 23 at Tó Nanees Dizi Local Government until 3 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 27 at Shiprock Chapter House until 4 p.m.

NNHRC will compile the data taken from the public hearings and issue an open report to maintain and strengthen the spiritual relationship to these lands and to uphold Diné responsibility to future generations.

NNHRC advocates for the recognition of Navajo human rights and addresses discriminatory actions against the citizens of the Navajo Nation.

For more information, call the NNHRC office at (928) 871-7436 or visit the NNHRC website at www.nnhrc.navajo.org.

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★★★★ Notice of Public Hearings ★★★★★

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- **Tuesday, July 20, 2010**
10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. **Crownpoint Chapter House**
Crownpoint, Navajo Nation (New Mexico)
 - **Wednesday, July 21, 2010**
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. **Fort Defiance Chapter House**
Fort Defiance, Navajo Nation (Arizona)
 - **Thursday, July 22, 2010**
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. **Chinle Chapter House**
Chinle, Navajo Nation (Arizona)
 - **Friday, July 23, 2010**
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **Tó Nanees Dizí Local Government**
Tuba City, Navajo Nation (Arizona)
 - **Tuesday, July 27, 2010**
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. **Shiprock Chapter House**
Shiprock, Navajo Nation (New Mexico)
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The Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission ("Commission") is seeking oral testimony from Navajo citizens on the preservation and use of sacred sites at the above locations.

Navajo citizens will be given an opportunity to submit written information with their oral testimony. Areas of discussion should include sacred sites as they relate to locations, their uses, the need for preservation and issues associated with conflicts or community suppression on sacred sites.

The Commission has the authority to hold public hearings pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 922 (C) and (D). The Commission will compile data taken from the public hearings and issue an open report to maintain and strengthen Diné spiritual relationship with lands to uphold Diné responsibilities to future generations.

For more information, contact the Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission Public Information Officer, Rachelle Todea, at (928) 871-7436 or visit the website at www.nnhrc.navajo.org.