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NEWS ADVISORY

Navajo Nation leaders plan press conference
regarding San Francisco Peaks trial in Prescott

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. Navajo Nation President Joe Shirley, Jr., and Navajo Nation Council Speaker Lawrence T. Morgan will take questions from the media at a press conference scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 2, in Prescott.

President Shirley is scheduled to testify Wednesday morning during the federal trial to prevent the desecration of Dook'lo'osliid the San Francisco Peaks.

The President's and Speaker's offices will also provide free bus transportation from Window Rock to Prescott Wednesday morning for Navajos wishing to attend the trial. The bus will leave Veteran's Park in Window Rock at 6 a.m.

Depending on when the trial lunch recess begins, the press conference is scheduled to begin at approximately 12:15 p.m., at the Hassayampa Inn, 122 E. Gurley St. in Prescott.

Last week, President Shirley and Speaker Morgan issued a joint letter to urge Navajos to attend the trial.

³The Navajo Nation is facing a critical time in the history of our people,² the leaders stated. ³The integrity of our culture and our way of life is under attack. When the sanctity of one sacred mountain is compromised, the entire system is compromised. It is our job as stewards of the environment in which we live to protect these mountains for future generations to come.²

The letter notes that Navajo ancestors offered corn pollen and prayers so that Navajos today may have the courage and perseverance to carry on and to advocate for the protection of the sacred mountains.

³This (court) decision will have consequences beyond the protection of one mountain,² the letter concludes. ³We must unequivocally let our position against the desecration of Dook'lo'osliid be known.²

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