



THE NAVAJO NATION

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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT:

We are asking our local, Navajo Nation and state leaders and community members to assist us in raising awareness on the devastating effects of wild land fires. We need to pay serious attention to this issue as some of our communities have already experienced the effects where homes and property were consumed by fire and they are now trying to recover.

To reduce the risk of igniting a fire and sustaining injuries from fireworks, the Fireworks Code of the Navajo Nation restricts the possession and use of fireworks on the Navajo Nation. Currently, we need your help as community members to talk to your communities about preventing wild fires and tell them to not bring fireworks onto the Navajo Nation.

The Fire Departments of the Navajo Nation and our neighboring local, state, city and county fire departments for many years have advocated to our communities, through fire prevention classes and awareness announcements, that the use and possession of fireworks is prohibited on the Navajo Nation, but we continue to see the use of fireworks on our lands.

It is very noticeable that our vegetation is starved due to the lack of water and it is now presenting a major fuel source for fire. There is danger of igniting a fire from a small spark. We must realize that if we continue to ignore the restriction notices that it is illegal to use or possess fireworks, we endanger our neighbors' homes and our precious forest that is part of the Navajo Nation.

It is imperative that you support your local fire department to report any illegal use of fireworks in your housing areas or community at large.

Phone numbers of Fire Departments:

Tuba City: (928) 283-3007
Chinle: (928) 674-2105
Window Rock: (928) 871-6915
Ft. Defiance: (928) 729-4062
Leupp: (928) 686-3253
Indian Wells: (928) 543-3322
Ganado: (928) 755-3400
Gallup (505) 722-4195, 7253
Puerco Valley, Sanders (928) 688-24224
San Juan (505) 368-5719

Phone numbers of Police Department:

Tuba City: (928) 283-3111, 3112
Chinle: (928) 674-2111, 2112
Window Rock: (928) 871-6111, 6112
Crownpoint: (505) 786-2050, 2051
Dilkon: (928) 657-8075
Kayenta (928) 697-5600
Shiprock (505) 368-1350, 1351