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**The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Navajo Nation Council Delegate Horse Ride Update**

Council delegates Leslie Dele, Larry Noble and Jerry Bodie made it their mission to preserve the background of traditional Navajo Horse Ride to the Navajo Council Chambers

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – Council delegate Leslie Dele (Tonalea) and his riders are approaching nearer as they leave the Piñon Chapter earlier today, and are heading for the Salina-Cottonwood community today.

The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Navajo Nation Council Summer Session Horse Ride continues as co-founder Larry Noble (Steamboat/Jeddito/Low Mountain) and his riders leave Chinle, and ends at the “Toh’Tsonii Ranch,” in the Canyon de Chelly-area. Tomorrow, on Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, Larry Noble and his riders will be heading to Fluted Rock.

The 21<sup>st</sup> Navajo Nation Council Summer Session is scheduled for July 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at the Navajo Nation Council Chamber in Window Rock, the Capitol of the Navajo Nation.

Honorable Speaker Lawrence T. Morgan (Iyanbito/Pinedale) said the council delegate horse ride is “to commemorate the strong leadership demonstrated by our past leaders. Acknowledgement is given to their strong conviction to always, ‘Believe in our Navajo Nation.’ It is our past leaders who have taught us to always to have ‘hope for our future.’”

Jerry Bodie, the council delegate from the North, will be leaving the Smith Lake Chapter in New Mexico, and heading for the Mariano Lake Chapter House. The riders will be spending the night at Pinedale, N.M.

On Saturday, July 14, Bodie (Sanostee) and his riders will be heading toward Mexican Spring Chapter House.

The wagon ride by the women council delegates is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. Saturday, June 14 from the Yah ta hey Junction. During past women council delegate wagon rides, the wagon ride was organized by Harriet K. Becenti (Manuelito/Rock Springs/Tseyatoh) and Alice W. Benally (Crownpoint/Nahodishgish). The wagon will travel to the Speedy Gas Station in Blackhat, N.M. From Blackhat, N.M., the wagon will be hauled down to the Navajo Nation Fair grounds to join other riders coming from the four sacred directions.

Willie Grayeyes, former council delegate from Navajo Mountain, Utah, and his riders will be leaving Steamboat Chapter, and heading for the Ganado Rodeo Grounds.

Grayeyes who is a consultant for the Ts’ahbiikin Chapter and his riders are scheduled to ride to Ganado to the Window Rock Fairgrounds on Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>.

All the council delegate riders will be meeting at the Window Rock Navajo Nation Fairgrounds around 4:30 p.m. on Sunday evening, July 15.

Larry Noble would like to thank everyone for all their support on the horse ride.