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President Nez and Vice President Lizer offer
support for Salt Creek Fire residents and first responders

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer visited Shiprock, N.M. on Sunday, to offer their support for local residents affected by the Salt Creek Fire that began on Sunday morning and burned approximately 422 acres according to the latest report provided by the BIA Navajo Region Wildfire and Aviation Management on Monday. The cause of the fire is under investigation and is 50-percent contained as of Monday morning.

The BIA Navajo Region Wildfire officials also reported that evacuations have been lifted, but they do ask the public to drive cautiously as fire officials continue to secure the perimeter in the area along Mesa Farm Road, five-miles northwest of Shiprock.
“We are very thankful that no lives were lost and no serious injuries occurred due to the Salt Creek Fire. While there were a few structures lost to the fire, no homes were burned. On behalf of the Navajo Nation, I thank all of the frontline warriors, from multiple agencies, who responded to the fire and prevented it from spreading further. Our administration will continue to support and coordinate with officials to assess the damage and provide resources,” said President Nez.

Navajo Nation Fire and Rescue, Navajo Interagency Hotshot Crew, Navajo Nation Department of Emergency Management, and Navajo Police Department were among the numerous agencies that responded to the fire that required residents to evacuate in the early morning hours on Sunday. Council Delegate Eugenia Charles Newton and Shiprock Chapter officials were also impacted by the fire and were on hand providing support for families and first responders.

“The teamwork that was displayed among the fire crews and other first responders certainly played a critical role in protecting homes and preventing any loss of life. We also thank all of the community leaders for being there for the residents and offering support. On a positive, it was great to see the resources provided by Navajo Nation sales tax revenues in action for the benefit of community members,” said Vice President Lizer, referring to new fire trucks and equipment that were purchased last summer using a portion of Navajo Nation sales tax revenue that was reallocated in recent years.

The Navajo Nation Office of the President and Vice President continues to work with the various agencies to monitor the Salt Creek Fire.

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