

Challenges Facing Wildlife



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Trash, Trash, Trash....



We removed 44,340 lbs. in FY' 2014



Vandalism



Graffiti



What can you do to help us?

- Support the Navajo Nation's efforts to clean up the lake areas and accept responsibility, along with us, for waste management at recreation areas
 - Provide waste disposal alternatives at the Chapters
 - Report illegal dumping and littering at Navajo Nation lakes and recreation areas to

Operation Game Thief: 928-871-7066

Do no Release Aquarium fish into our lakes



Predators in Communities



Poaching



Eagle Shot at NAPI



Elk carcass dumped



Poached Elk

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What can we do to stop poaching on the Navajo Nation?

- ☞ Accept the fact that poaching is a CRIME!
 - The poacher is stealing from you!!
 - The poacher is stealing from the Navajo Nation's investment in its wildlife.
- ☞ Report wildlife crimes to the **Operation Game Thief line: 928-871-7066** and remain anonymous
 - Encourage your chapter members to report illegal activity as soon as possible – Don't wait!
 - Evidence goes bad as time goes by....

Predators and Livestock Damage



We do not have any wolves



Climate Change



Drought impacts



Exotics/Invasive species



Changing weather patterns

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We can repair earthen dams





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Poor Land Use Planning

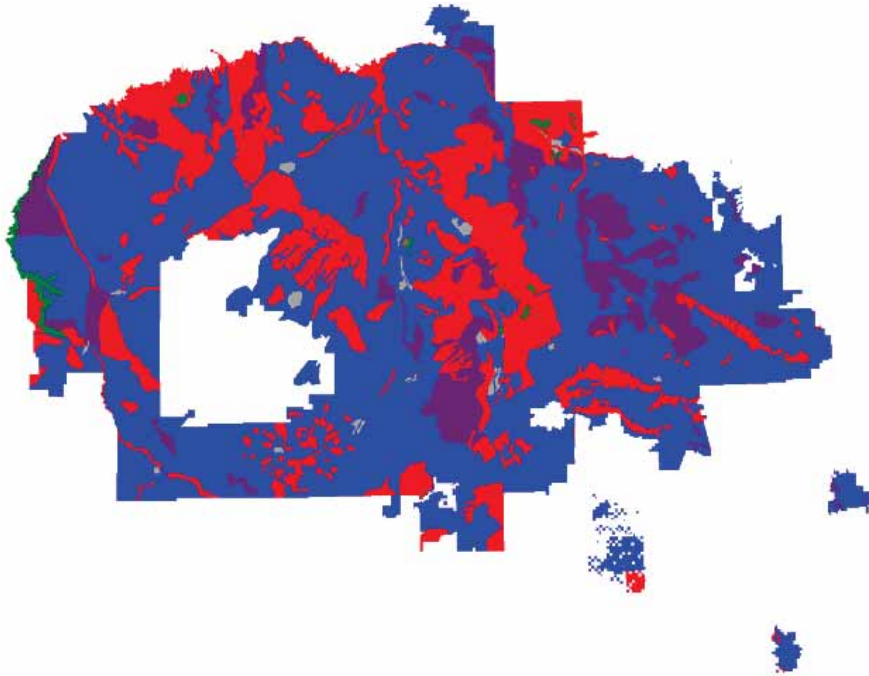
- ✎ Settlement in remote areas = loss of space for wildlife
 - Results in conflicts
 - Water, electricity – opens area for further human development
- ✎ Livestock conflicts with wildlife



What can you do to help address this problem?

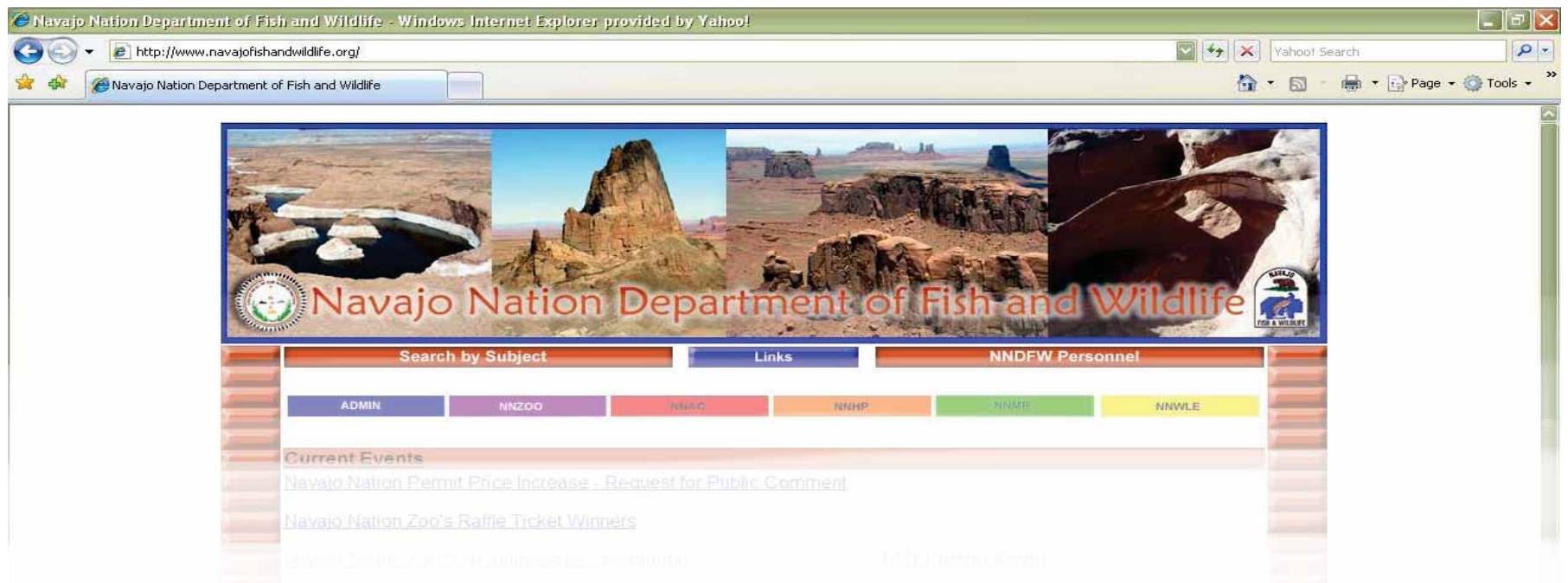
- ☞ Work with the Department of Fish and Wildlife to identify sensitive areas for wildlife in your Chapter.
- ☞ Partner with the Department when reviewing/revising your Chapter land use plans
 - Familiarize yourself with the Biological Resource Land Use Clearance Policy (RCP)
- ☞ We can help you to develop a CLUP that benefits not only the Chapter but also the wildlife resource.
- ☞ Partner with the Department on wildlife habitat enhancement projects
 - Can also benefit livestock – water, forage, etc.

The RCP



- ∞ Directs development to areas where impacts to wildlife are less significant
- ∞ Increases certainty in planning and implementation of projects
- ∞ Ensures perpetuation of wildlife resources
- ∞ Divides the entire Navajo Nation into six types of wildlife areas

The RCP is intended to assist the Navajo Nation government and chapters to ensure compliance with federal and Navajo Nation laws which protect fish and wildlife species, and their habitat, resulting in expedited land use approvals. It was done as a response to the LGA.



RCP consists of text and maps which is available to the public on our website

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What can we do to address this issue?

- ☞ Partner with the Department of Fish and Wildlife in promoting responsible and ethical use of the natural resources.
- ☞ Partner with the Department in developing and implementing public outreach and education at the local level.
- ☞ Call **Operation Game Thief, 928-871-7066**, to report illegal activity at the lakes and recreation areas
 - Remain anonymous
 - Cash reward if suspect(s) are cited for violation(s)

What can you do?

- ☞ Actively manage your livestock
- ☞ Partner with the Department and other natural resource Departments to develop range management plans
- ☞ Partner with the Department to develop habitat improvements on the land that will benefit both wildlife and livestock
 - Reseeding
 - Water development
 - Fencing

Conclusion

- ☞ The Department of Fish and Wildlife sponsored this Conference: to bridge the gap between the Department and you, the Communities and Chapters!
- ☞ Together we can:
 - Partnership
 - Technical Assistance
 - Land restoration
 - Pilot projects
 - More community youth initiatives
 - Increased outreach and education at the community level