



# FY-15 Department Initiatives

WILDLIFE SUMMIT – 2015

TAMAYA RESORT AND SPA

# Programs

- ▶ Administration
- ▶ Animal Control Program
- ▶ Natural Heritage Program
- ▶ Research and Management
- ▶ Wildlife Law Enforcement
- ▶ Zoo Program



# Administration

## ▶ Natural Resource Trust Settlement

- ▶ Department made recommendation for use of these funds
  - ▶ DNR take initiative in determining use of funds
- ▶ Originally not perfectly effective for today's animal control officers
- ▶ Provides more power and modern laws for today animal control issues,
  - ▶ Especially with Animal Cruelty and other similar offenses



# Animal Control Program

## ▶ NNC Title 13 Amendments

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- ▶ Provides more power and modern laws for today animal control issues,
  - ▶ Especially with Animal Cruelty and other similar offenses



# Animal Control Program

## ▶ More Animal Control Officers

- ▶ Unmet Needs budget request for FY-16
- ▶ Requesting funds for 5 NEW Animal Control Officers (\$70,000 each)
- ▶ Requesting funds to RETAIN 5 Kennel Officers (\$50,000 each)
- ▶ Current ACOs in:
  - ▶ Shiprock
  - ▶ Crownpoint
  - ▶ Ft. Defiance
  - ▶ Many Farms
  - ▶ Tuba City

### Future Additions:

Pueblo Pentado  
Naschitti  
Dilkon  
Shonto  
New Lands



# Animal Control Program

## ▶ Animal Shelter Construction

- ▶ Unmet Needs budget request for FY-16
- ▶ \$150,000
- ▶ Crownpoint, New Mexico
- ▶ Chapter will provide 4-acre tract





# Natural Heritage Program

## ▶ Navajo Endangered Species List Update

### ▶ Animals:

- ▶ Uplisting 2 G4 to (Bluehead Suckers)
- ▶ Delist 2 G4s (Peregrine Falcon, Mottled Sculpin) and 1 G1
- ▶ Delist G1 from NESL

### ▶ Plants:

- ▶ Delisting 5 G4s from NESL
- ▶ Uplisting 1 G4 to G3, 1 G4 to G1



# Natural Heritage Program

## ▶ Endangered Species Policy

- ▶ Outlines necessary procedure to follow for endangered species clearance with projects
- ▶ Help to clarify Navajo Nation's position on endangered species management and protection





# Wildlife Law Enforcement

## ▶ NNC Title 17 and 23 Amendments

- ▶ Major updating to codes written in 1950s
- ▶ Originally not perfectly effective for today's wildlife law officers
- ▶ Title 17 criminal code allows for prosecution of Navajo-tribal members
- ▶ Title 23 civil code will allow for prosecution of non-tribal members



# Wildlife Law Enforcement

## ▶ More Wildlife Law Enforcement Officers

- ▶ Unmet Needs budget request for FY-16
- ▶ Requesting funds for 5 NEW WLE Officers (\$80,000 each)

### ▶ Current ACOs in:

- ▶ Shiprock
- ▶ Church Rock
- ▶ Ft. Defiance
- ▶ Chinle
- ▶ Tuba City

### Future Additions:

- Pueblo Pentado
- Naschitti
- Dilkon
- Shonto
- New Lands



# Wildlife Law Enforcement

## ▶ New WLE Vehicles

- ▶ Current vehicles are not functional in mountains & rough off-road
- ▶ New vehicles will function for the needs of the officers
- ▶ May be done in coordination with NN Police Department and involve cross-deputization of WLE officers





# Management and Research

## ▶ Hunting and Trapping Regulation Revision:

- ▶ Will happen after NNC 17 and 23 revisions
- ▶ Last revision for Hunting and Trapping Regs. was 2007
- ▶ Three Reasons:
  - ▶ Some regulations are outdated
  - ▶ Will include more standards adopted by State Hunting & Trapping Laws
  - ▶ Will allow us to include civil prosecutions and receive restitutions

# Management and Research

## ▶ Fishing Regulation Revision:

- ▶ Will happen after NNC 17 and 23 revisions
- ▶ Last revision for Fishing Regulations. was 1998
- ▶ Three Reasons:
  - ▶ Some regulations are outdated and updated to today's standards
  - ▶ Will allow us to include civil prosecutions and receive restitutions

# Management and Research

## ▶ Wheatfields Lake Recreation Area:

- ▶ Proposed 3 million upgrade to Wheatfields Lake area
- ▶ Conceptual Recreational Site Plan - 2008
- ▶ Includes: restrooms, picnic & camping areas, trash bins, fishing access, recreational facilities
- ▶ Today – have 3 restrooms, lake barriers, trash pickup
- ▶ FY-15 – floating fishing dock with handicap access
- ▶ FY-16 Unmet needs budget for Palisade Creek Campground (\$350K)





# Management and Research

## ▶ San Juan River Outdoor Recreation Regulations:

- ▶ New regulations for the Navajo Nation
- ▶ Will happen after NNC 17 and 23 revisions
- ▶ Help reduce impacts to wildlife, wildlife habitat, cultural resources
- ▶ Provide restrictions on the unregulated rafting and camping
- ▶ NN Parks & Recreation does not have enforcement

# Navajo Zoo Program

## ▶ Additional Personnel

- ▶ Unmet Needs budget request for FY-16
- ▶ New positions needed:
  - ▶ Office Assistant / Specialist
  - ▶ Educator
  - ▶ Botanical Specialist
  - ▶ Eagle Aviary Manager



# Navajo Zoo Program

## ► Project Funding

- Unmet Needs budget request for FY-16
  - New Visitor Restroom - \$150,000
  - New Front Entrance - \$30,000
  - Paved Zoo Trail - \$50,000
  - Paved Parking Lot and Entry Road - \$300,000
  - Enclosure Renovations - \$75,000

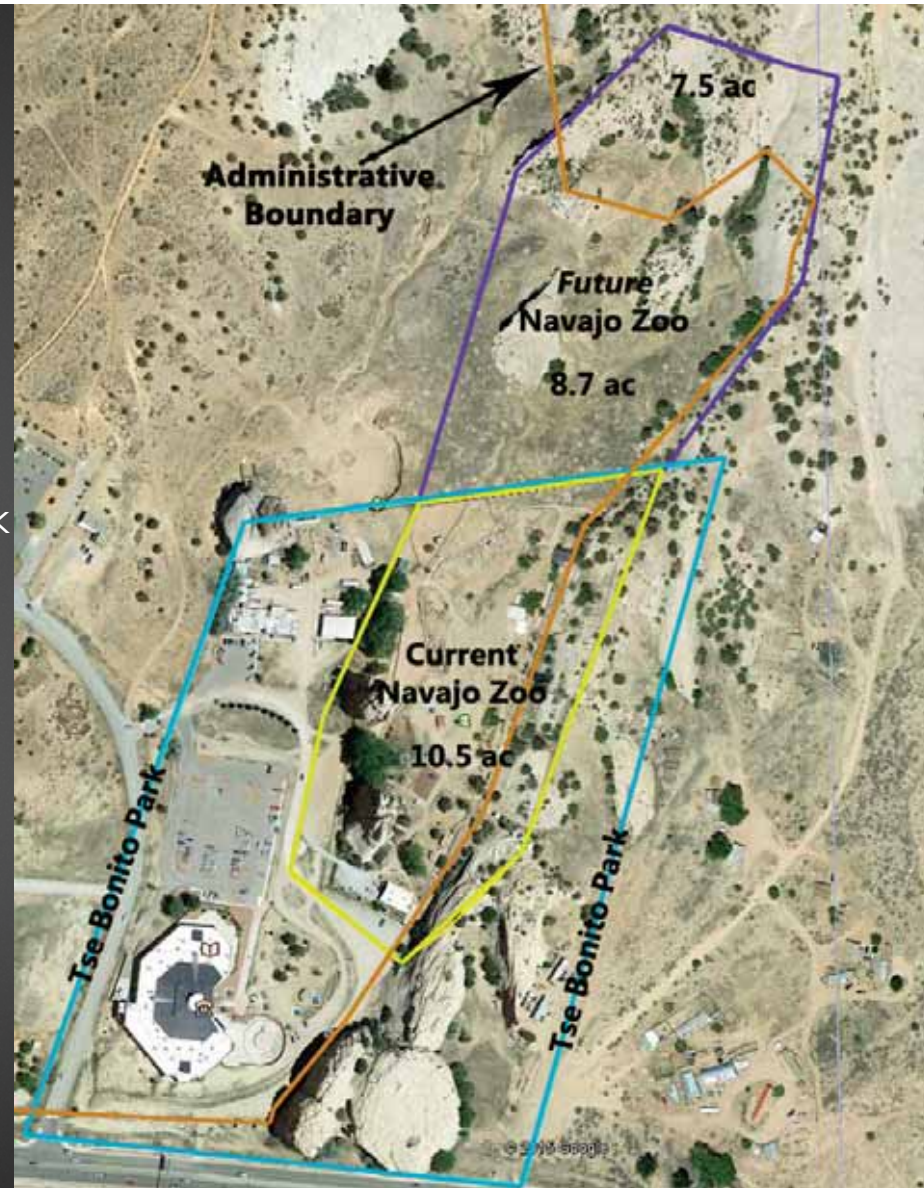




# Navajo Zoo Program

## ► Zoo Land & Expansion

- Two Resolutions to Committees and NN Council
- 1- secure land status within withdrawn Tse Bonito Park
- 2- secure additional 16.2 acres to north of Zoo
  - Allow Zoo to perform flood control to watershed
  - Allow Zoo to expand in the future



# Navajo Zoo Program

## ► Eagle Aviary Funding

- Zoo needs additional \$401K to complete Eagle Aviary and Education Center
- Legislation No. 0018-15
  - Saved eagles lives
  - Provides source of 'live' eagle feathers
  - Provides source of eagle education
  - Status of being an 'Aviary Tribe'

