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Challenges-Trash, Trash, Trash....

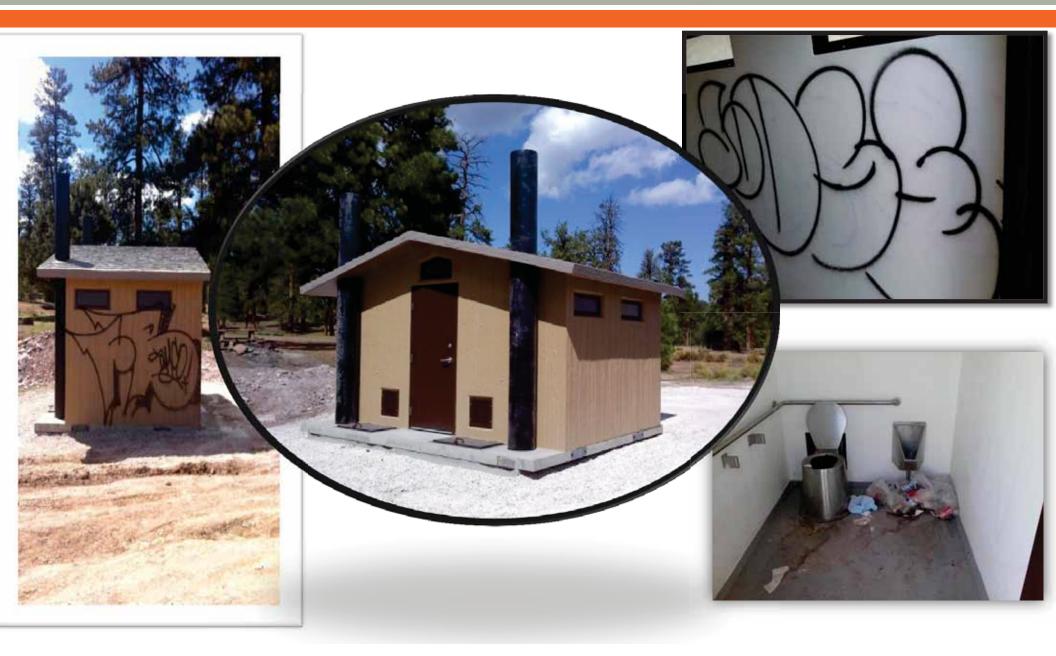


Poor Land Use Planning

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



Vandalism









Elk carcass dumped



Climate Change



Drought impacts



Changing weather patterns

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Success Depends on Local Partnerships



Land Use Planning at the Local Level

- So Work with the Department of Fish and Wildlife to identify sensitive areas for wildlife within 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
 - Also benefits livestock water, forage, etc.

Other Partnership Opportunities

- Partner with the Department of Fish and Wildlife in promoting responsible and ethical use of the natural resources.
- Keep the Department on track in carrying out its stewardship responsibility
- Partner with the Department in developing and implementing public outreach and education at the local level.
- 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

Other Partnership Opportunities

- ∞ Accept the fact that poaching is a CRIME!
 - The poacher is stealing from the Navajo Nation's investment it its wildlife.
 - MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE POACHER IS STEALING FROM YOU!!
- no Report wildlife crimes
 - Encourage your chapter members to report illegal activity as soon as possible – Don't wait!
 - Evidence goes bad as time goes by....

Operation Game Thief (928) 871-7066

- not all wildlife crimes
- Report illegal activity at the lakes and recreation areas
- Report illegal dumping and littering at Navajo Nation lakes and recreation areas
- **55 Operation Game Thief**
 - Remain anonymous
 - Cash reward if suspect(s) are cited for violation(s)
- Promote this contact line at your Chapters
 - There is a place to call to report wildlife violations

What can you do?

- Actively manage your livestock and reduce livestock numbers in areas where forage is not plentiful.
- 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 set out on a journey in early 2014 and again in 2015 with one single goal in mind for this Conference: to begin the process to bridge the gap between our Department and you, the Communities and Chapters!
- ∞ Now comes the work!
 - Partnerships
 - Technical Assistance
 - Land restoration
 - Pilot projects
 - More youth initiatives
 - Increased outreach and education at the community level



