

Working Together for Wildlife Tomorrow- Partnering with Local Communities



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



Poaching



Eagle Shot at NARI



Elk carcass dumped



Poached Elk

Climate Change



Drought impacts



Exotics/Invasive species



Changing weather patterns

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Success Depends on Local Partnerships



Stewardship
Responsibility
of Navajo
Wildlife

• CHAPTER PARTNERSHIPS

- Land restoration
- Erosion Control
- Reseeding range lands
- Grazing management
- Education Programs
- Enforcement
- Animal control
- Youth programs
- Employment
- Others...

Land Use Planning at the Local Level

- ☞ 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 in its wildlife.
- MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE POACHER IS STEALING FROM YOU!!

☞ 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

- ☞ Report all wildlife crimes
- ☞ Report illegal activity at the lakes and recreation areas
- ☞ Report illegal dumping and littering at Navajo Nation lakes and recreation areas
- ☞ **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

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