



BODAWAY/GAP CHAPTER

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WESTERN NAVAJO AGENCY

RESOLUTION OF THE BODAWAY/GAP CHAPTER

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Resolution No: BA-012-009-19

REQUESTING THAT THE NAVAJO NATION PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT STOP ISSUING BACK COUNTRY PERMITS WITHIN THE BODAWAY/GAP CHAPTER GRAZING BOUNDARY LOCATED ON THE NAVAJO NATION.

WHEREAS:

1. The Bodaway/Gap Chapter of the Navajo Nation acts on this resolution pursuant to the authority conferred on the Chapter through Navajo Nation Code Title 26, Chapter 1, Section 1 (B). Purpose which states, "Through adoption of this act, the Navajo Nation Council delegates to the Chapters governmental authority with respects to local matters consistent with Navajo Law, including customs and traditions"; and
2. The Navajo Nation Parks and Recreation Department's Mission is to protect, preserve and manage tribal parks, monuments and recreational areas for the perpetual enjoyment and benefit of the Navajo Nation by: a) providing quality visitor services, b) enhancing visitor experiences, c) enforcing tribal laws, d) strengthening community partnership, e) providing quality interpretation, and f) enhancing staff development; and
3. The Navajo Nation Parks and Recreation Department's Mission is NOT being met within the Bodaway/Gap Chapter Grazing Boundary area due to: a) the lack of quality visitor services in the area, b) with no guidance of the area visitor's experiences are not enhanced, c) there is a lack of ranger presence in the area to ensure Tribal Laws are enforced, d) there is NO collaboration with the Bodaway/Gap Chapter, local businesses or grazing permit holders, e) without explanation of the area, quality interpretation is not provided , and f) the area has no staff to enhance staff development; and
4. Visitors DO NOT comply with Tribal Laws within the area and as a result: 1) vegetation and endangered plants have been destroyed by visitors burning, breaking or driving over them, 2) visitors camp in undesignated areas, 3) campfires are built that leave burn marks along the rim of the Grand Canyon, 4) with no restrooms provided, visitors are not disposing of their sanitary waste and toiletry properly, 5) visitors leave trash behind including beer bottles, and empty food and drink containers, 6) visitors leave graffiti on rock slabs, canyon walls, and along the rim of the Grand Canyon by etching names, dates, etc., and 7) proper permits are not being issued and are being copyrighted; and

5. The Bodaway/Gap Chapter, and its local residents and grazing permit holders, feel the Navajo Nation is not benefitting and the local area is being violated because the Navajo Nation Parks and Recreation Department is not doing their due diligent in following their mission and provide a lack of ranger presence to the area; and
6. The Bodaway/Gap Chapter and its local residents and grazing permit holders, deserve to have the Navajo Nation lands, natural setting, sacred sites, medicinal plants, endangered plants, and grazing vegetation within the Chapter's grazing boundary protected.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Bodaway/Gap Chapter hereby respectfully requests the Navajo Nation Parks and Recreation Department to stop issuing back country permits within the Bodaway/Gap Chapter Grazing Boundary.
2. The Bodaway/Gap Chapter supports and recognizes the request to stop issuing back country permits.

******* CERTIFICATION *******

The Bodaway/Gap Chapter hereby certifies that the forgoing resolution was presented and considered at a duly called Chapter meeting at Gap, (Navajo Nation), Arizona, at which a quorum was present and that same was approved by a vote of 18 in favor, 06 opposed and 08 abstained this 8th day of December 2018.

Motion: Manual Watchman Second: Gevern Begay

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Absent
Tuchoney Slim, 23rd Navajo Nation Council Delegate