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Hopi Tribe Supports Deb Haaland in Her New Position

Honorable Debra Haaland is confirmed as Secretary of the Interior

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Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – March 15, 2021 — Today marks a historic occasion with the confirmation of Representative Debra Anne Haaland as Secretary of the Interior, and a huge milestone for Indian Country as Haaland will be the first Native American to hold a cabinet position in United States history. The U.S. Senate voted 51-40 in favor of the Democrat's nomination.

“On behalf of the Hopi Tribe, I extend our congratulations to the Honorable Deb Haaland, first on her nomination by President Joe Biden as Interior Secretary, and second, on her final confirmation by the United States Senate through the work of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources,” said Hopi Tribal Chairman Timothy Nuvangyaoma. “This selection is a victory for Tribal Communities and Native Peoples across America who have been advocating for Haaland’s elevation to this very important position.”

In a show of bipartisanship, Honorable Deb Haaland was first introduced at the initial hearings on February 23 and 24, 2021, by Rep. Don Young (R-AK) her colleague from the House of Representatives Natural Resources Committee. On the Senate side, the chambers for the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources was filled with returning and first-time members. In light of the ongoing pandemic, the hearings allowed for social distancing and COVID-19 prevention measures, with a number of Senators connecting through a virtual platform.

In his opening statement, Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV), Chairman of the Committee, introduced four new members including Senators Mark Kelly of Arizona, John Hickenlooper of Colorado, James Lankford of Oklahoma, and Roger Marshall of Kansas. Manchin pointed out that nearly 130 years ago the Supreme Court described the role of the Secretary of the Interior as “the guardian of the people of the United States over the public lands,” adding that the Secretary position is responsible for managing more than 480 million surface acres, approximately one fifth the land area of the U.S., over 700 million acres of sub-surface minerals, and over 2.5 billion acres of the outer continental shelf. Included in these lands are more than 400 national parks, 100 national monuments, and 500 national wildlife refuge locations.

Many of the Senators on the committee, including Ranking Member Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY), challenged Haaland to answer some current questions and concerns from their constituents, and she responded strongly by suggesting that she will turn to them for partnerships and advice to help address their respective issues moving forward. Among the matters brought forth were concerns regarding water rights, oil drilling, conservation impacts on communities, farming, hunting and fishing issues in various states, and the overall issues regarding policy that affect the lives of rural and urban populations.

During the session, Senator Mazie Hirono from Hawaii, asked Haaland what motivates her to want to be Secretary of the Interior, to which she responded, “this is all of our country, this is our mother. It’s difficult to not feel obligated to protect this land, and I feel that every Indigenous person in this country understands that, which is why we have such a high rate of our people who serve in the military.”

During the hearings, Committee Republicans continued to raise issues with previous positions that Haaland had taken during her time as a Congresswoman. The questions from Republican Senators Barrasso (WY), Hoeven (ND), Cassidy (LA), and Risch (ID) focused heavily on Representative Haaland’s previous positions on oil and gas development, including the Keystone XL and Dakota Access pipelines. Additionally, Senator Murkowski (R-AK) questioned Haaland on numerous Alaska Native issues, including the role of the Alaska Native Corporations, the King Cove road, and Alaska Native Veterans allotment. Haaland expressed a willingness to learn more about these issues, and stated that her decisions as Interior Secretary would be guided by the law and science.

On March 4, 2021, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee formally approved the nomination of Representative Haaland to be the Secretary of the Interior by a vote of 11 to 9. Republican Senator Lisa Murkowski (AK) joined all Democrats voting in favor of her nomination – subsequently moving her nomination on to the Senate for a full vote.

Now that Haaland has been seated, she will have to confront some major issues head on, including working to reverse some of the detrimental decisions made by the Trump administration to reopen parcels of public land to

uranium mining, and stripping protections around sacred sites. The area surrounding the Grand Canyon is especially coveted by energy corporations who want to mine uranium deposits there. Environmentalists and tribes, including the Hopi and the Havasupai Tribe have strongly opposed any new mines in the area. Haaland will also need to address the push by tribes and environmentalists to restore Bears Ears National Monument, which the Trump administration reduced in size by 85% in 2017.

The Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition (BEITC) has led the effort to protect this important cultural landscape. “The Bears Ears region known in Hopi as Honmuru is immensely important to the Hopi Tribe,” said Hopi Tribe Vice Chairman Clark W. Tenakhongva, who serves as a Co-Chair of the coalition. “It is a part of our history and who we are as a people. We have worked since time immemorial to uphold our sacred covenant to protect the land by serving as stewards of the Earth, and continue to do so today by opposing any efforts to abolish and reduce the Bears Ears National Monument. We look forward to working with Deb Haaland on these important issues.”

The confirmation ceremony in the Senate and the overall selection process was another first for Haaland, an enrolled member of Laguna Pueblo. In 2018, she and Sharice Davids of Kansas, a member of the Ho-Chunk Nation of Wisconsin, became the first two female tribal members from the continental U.S. to be elected to Congress. When she was elected, Haaland quickly assumed a leadership role in the House, where she took on the role of vice-chair of the House Natural Resources Committee, which oversees Native American issues, and led a subcommittee on national parks, forests and public lands.

“Haaland adds an amazing amount of wisdom, perspective, experience and proficiency that will greatly benefit the Biden Administration’s Cabinet,” said Chairman Nuvangyaoma. “The last time I felt this much pride, excitement and hope was the moment when one of our own Hopi members, Diane Humetewa, was confirmed for her position on the U.S. District Court. This is an incredible time in our history.”

For questions or more information, please call the Hopi Tribe Office of the Chairman at (928) 734-3102 or Office of the Vice Chairman at (928) 734-3113.



March is Women Veterans Month

Honor the sacrifice-Celebrate and Recognize Hopi Women Veterans and those in the Military Service



Sharon Fredericks, Counselor – Hopi Vet Center for Hopi Tutuveni

Hotevilla, Ariz. – March 5, 2021, to see the Women Veterans point of view is to shift your mind to a different place. The stories I've heard over the years amaze me. Each veteran, different branches of service, all different perspectives of their experiences; this is hard to describe to fit one understanding but it is one of a unique experience for sure.

There is a project called the Women Veterans Historical Project online. I began reading some of the diaries that women wrote beginning with a woman in the Navy in 1918. She was put on a ship and shared what living on a ship was like, being seasick, seeing someone jump ship, watching burials at sea and working long hours till the work was done.

Another women's Army experience in 1943, shared having to be ready to depart at mid-night, having inspection and drill. Love interests found and lost and improvising sleeping quarters,

finding ways to eat comfortably while traveling and experiencing going through the gas chamber training.

Then there was the experience of a black soldier traveling in Czechoslovakia, 1958 where people were allowed to stop work just to look at her. She toured a brewery along the way and saw that the people worked underground making the beer. And tells of where women worked along-side of the men lifting large barrels in the cold, damp place standing up to 12 hours in water all over the floor.

Reading these I could tell that not much is different from what happens during active duty now. We still go through drill, still have inspections at all hours of the night in basic training. We've met other women from all walks of life and have had to at times adapt to any situation. Such as, having to find somewhat private places to sleep when on a mission, or meeting and having to leave our good friends because it's time to leave a duty station. And working long hours with little rest, expectations no different from what is required of the men. Also being

selected over men for work because we've proven we can do the job, not because we are female, but because we can do the job right.

At the same time, we also experienced seeing beautiful places in different parts of the world, living in foreign countries so different from our own desert. We've met people whom we will never forget for friendships through thick and thin. Trying to balance work life and that of family. Training, training and more training was certain. That part certainly will never change.

At the times a war is declared, having to face the reality of going to war. There, things can change very quickly. An experience like no other, because we know some never returned home. Each veteran who did survive has their story, but they all fulfilled their responsibilities, completing missions and doing their part keeping the Nation safe and returning home with an Honorable discharge.

I salute our women veterans wherever they may be. Continue to stand strong in yourselves and enjoy life, you earned it.

March is National Women's History Month

Celebrating Famous Hopi women



Dr. LuAnn Leonard



Marlene Sekaquaptewa



Barbara Poley



Patricia Sekaquaptewa



Hopi Women Shungopavi Security Guards carrying out duties through March 2021 snowy weather

Obtaining Hopi Non-Commercial and Commercial Wood Permits

WEMP for Hopi Tutuveni

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – March 5, 2021, due to the continuation of Hopi Tribal Executive Order #007.3-2020: Reservation-wide Lockdown for All Residents of the Hopi Reservation to limit and control the spread of the COVID-19, which will be in effect until March 31, 2021 at 5 a.m. The Hopi Wildlife & Ecosystems Management Program (WEMP) will not hold in person issuance of wood permits for the month of March.

Hopi WEMP will continue to provide services to those individuals who have a current permit, an expired permit and are in need of a new permit. Call in to request a renewal of your permit or request for a new permit. The temporary issuance and renewal of an expired permit is as follows;

If you have a current expired Non-Commercial Wood (Personal Use) permit, regardless of the expiration date, Hopi WEMP will use the current expired permit and renew the permit for an additional 60 days from the date you call to renew the permit. We will require you to provide the Hopi Wood Permit Number and expiration date of the permit, the locations of the designated area and will only renew the permit to the current permitted individual.

If you require a new permit, the Hopi WEMP will issue you the permit by sending a picture of the issued permit to your cellphone to allow the permitted individual to use this as a temporary permit to immediately harvest wood and will mail you the new wood permit to you as soon as possible.

If you previously had an expired permit which was recently renewed during the closure/lockdown, you will need to be issued a new permit. Please call WEMP numbers provided to request a new permit. Provide your expired permit information, permit number, expiration date, and the number of loads harvested, location, name, census number and address. A new permit will be mailed to you as soon as possible and a picture of the issued permit will be sent to your cellphone to allow use as a temporary permit, to immediately harvest wood.

This simple process will also apply to the COMMERCIAL Wood (For Sale) Permits and we will require you have an updated Hopi Peddlers Permit. Individuals selling wood will be required to follow Hopi and CDC COVID-19 Safety protocols.

The use of a Non-Commercial Wood Permit (Personal Use) for selling wood is PROHIBITED and IN VIOLATION of HTO #47 (Woodlands). Please DO NOT USE your Non-Commercial Wood Permit to sell wood. This misuse provides Hopi WEMP with inaccurate data and leads to mismanagement of our resources, which will affect the future of Hopi Natural Resources.

To renew your Non-Commercial or Commercial Wood Permit, please call (928) 497-1014, Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Holiday operational hours will be observed and no services will be available. This will remain in effect until March 31, 2021.

2020-2021 Hart/Drye Ranch Wood Harvest

Wildlife & Ecosystems Management Program - Department of Natural Resources

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – March 2, 2021, as we continue to provide essential services for our Hopi Tribal members, the Hopi Wildlife & Ecosystems Management Program (WEMP) will continue with opportunities to access the Hart/Drye Ranch, to harvest dead and down, and dead standing wood to heat their homes, during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The Hopi WEMP will implement the schedule below to allow our Hopi Tribal members' access to the Hart/Drye Ranch. Hopi Tribal members may make multiple trips during the four day event Hopi Hart/Drye Ranch Wood Harvest. The schedule will remain in effect until all resources are harvested from the designated area or until the last scheduled date.

WEMP staff will be onsite to monitor and check-in vehicles and issue permits

upon completion of wood harvest. WEMP staff will follow CDC guidelines and follow social distancing guidelines, and keep immediate interaction at a minimum. Please read the following protocols to ensure we have safe compliance during the event.

The designated Hart Ranch Wood Harvest area will be a new location and is accessible from I-40. If you are coming from Flagstaff, Ariz. please exit I-40 at Exit #219 and make a left and go over the bridge and proceed to the roundabout and enter the green gate, a sign will indicate the entrance. If you are coming from Winslow, Ariz. please exit I-40 at Exit #219 and make a right and proceed to the roundabout and enter the green gate, a sign will indicate the entrance. Check-In with staff and proceed to designated harvest site location.

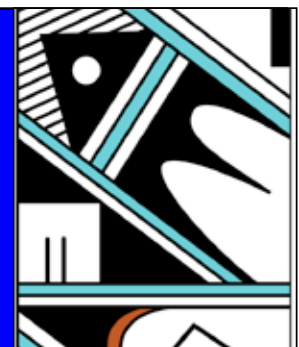
Any questions, please feel free to call WEMP staff at (928) 497-1014 or (928) 497-1012.

2021 Hart/Drve Wood Harvest Schedule:

Dates	Hours of Operation
March 26 th to 29 th	8 am to 5 pm (Last vehicle check-in at 2 pm)
April 2 nd to April 5 th	8 am to 5 pm (Last vehicle check-in at 2 pm)
April 9 th to April 12 th	8 am to 5 pm (Last vehicle check-in at 2 pm)
April 16 th to April 19 th	8 am to 5 pm (Last vehicle check-in at 2 pm)
April 23 rd to April 26 th	8 am to 5 pm (Last vehicle check-in at 2 pm)



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HART/DRYE Ranch wood harvest COVID-19 safety protocols

Although this is an outside activity, we want to ensure we provide a safe environment and follow COVID-19 requirements and to reduce the spread of the virus. The Hopi Wildlife & Ecosystems Management Program (WEMP) requests you adhere to the following guidelines to ensure we can continue this event;

- If you are feeling sick or have a high or above normal temperature, please stay home

- All Tribal Members who wish to participate in the Hart Ranch Wood Harvesting event must have received both COVID-19 Vaccination shots. We are operating on the "Honor Code" and not requiring proof. So please be HONEST and RESPECT the health and safety of Tribal employees and other Tribal members.

- Please remain in your vehicle. Each vehicle will check-in with WEMP staff, with minimal contact. Please have your Hopi Tribal Census Card or Census Number and Driver's License ready to provide to the staff.

- We will require individuals to wear a double mask during the check-in and check-out process and require all individuals are from the same household and keep to their group while harvesting wood.

- Once checked-in, you will proceed to harvest your wood and upon completion of loading your wood, please check-out and you will be issued a Hopi Wood Hauling Permit. The permit will be your validation to haul the wood to your destination.

- All individuals will be required to wear a face mask, covering your nose and

mouth when you are within 6 feet of other individuals. Although this is an outside activity, we require each individual to wear your masks, especially when you are near other individuals outside of your group.

- Please stay away from other groups and practice the 6 foot social distancing. We request you stay with your group to minimize contact with other groups.

- Please use hand sanitizer or wash your hands with soap and water, if possible.

- WEMP Staff will be monitoring the areas to ensure we have compliance, please cooperate with staff and follow their requests.

- Please be sure to bring your chainsaws, fuel, extra chains/bars, chain sharpener, axes, wood maul/splitter, pry bar, sledgehammer, wedges and other wood harvesting tools, with plenty of water and snacks.

- PLEASE PACK OUT YOUR TRASH. We ask that you police up your area and take your trash.

- Upon leaving for home or your destination, PLEASE make sure to strap down or secure your load. We do not want you to cause any damage or cause an accident on the highways.

- We understand the need to stop for gas and other necessities, however we ask you minimize your time in local border towns, mask up and hand sanitize and/or wash your hands with soap and water and take other preventative safety measures.

We thank you for your cooperation and please feel free to take advantage of this opportunity. If you have any questions, please contact our office at (928) 497-1010/1014/1011.

Rising to the Occasion, Helping Hopi Students through the Pandemic

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Alexandra Hoyungwa, Marketing
and
Special Events Manager

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. - March 10, 2021, Assisting Hopi students has never been more important than now. The Hopi Education Endowment Fund (HEEF), along with other Hopi non-profits will be participating in this year's Annual Arizona Gives Day (AZGD), set for April 6, 2021. AZGD is a 24-hour statewide online fundraising event supporting non-profits across the state of Arizona. The HEEF mission is to grow and protect financial resources to provide every Hopi the opportunity to pursue their educational dreams.

HEEF funds are utilized mainly for Hopi college scholarships/grants and local community education programs. However, 2020 would prove to bring new challenges and needs.

A year ago, Hopi was just learning about the COVID-19 virus and began preparing for the impacts of the pandemic. There was little knowledge of the effects that it would have. Soon after, most universities/colleges closed their campuses forcing many students to move back to the reservation and readjust to completing their classes online. The impact on stu-

dent's ability to continue their education was detrimental and mainly tied to online classes.

In response, many Hopi non-profits, including the HEEF, stepped up to increase services for those affected by the pandemic. The HEEF focused on the area of higher education and surveyed Hopi college students to gauge their needs. Responses collected through the survey indicated students needed better access to technology, computer equipment and supplies to complete their courses. In response, the HEEF created the Hopi Higher Education Emergency Fund (HHEEF) to raise money to help bridge the technological gap. The campaign was successful, raising over \$50,000, which was used to help a total of 85 students pay for laptops, printers, scanners, etc. Many students have expressed their gratitude for helping them complete their courses during one of the most challenging semesters they have encountered. This is one example of flexibility and compatibility of local non-profits.

Join the HEEF on Arizona Gives Day, April 6th, 2021 and show your support by giving a monetary donation online. Donating is easy. To learn more about the HEEF and Arizona Gives Day visit the Arizona Gives Day website: www.az-gives.org.



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One Year Ago Today - Hopi Tutuveni Reported about Hopi Tribal Council's Emergency Meeting on COVID-19

Romalita Laban, Managing Editor

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – Wednesday, March 17, 2021 One year ago today Hopi Tribal Council requested an update report from Hopi Chairman and Vice Chairman's Offices regarding measures being taken to address Covid-19 on the Hopi reservation.

Hopi Tutuveni staff was called and requested by the Hopi Secretary's Office to be present at the meeting. No other requests or notifications were provided to Hopi Tutuveni about the meeting's occurrence.

Fast forward one year later to today March 17, 2021, although Hopi Tutuveni has been repeatedly requesting the ZOOM meeting call-in numbers to fully listen in and report out about the Hopi Tribal Council's open public session, the Secretary's Office continues to hold Hopi Tutuveni at bay by not providing access to the call-in number. All the meanwhile Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary's Office staff has been conducting the call from what used to be the Revenue Commissioner's Office while the Legislative Building, which holds the Hopi Tribal Council Chambers, is still under construction for COVID-19 pandemic mitigation repairs and upgrades.

A year ago today, Council Chambers was filled with an audience of Tribal employees, Directors and local Hopi School Community School Advisors filling all seats, except for approximately three vacant seats. With social distancing still a requirement at all Hopi Tribal government buildings, via the latest and current standing Executive Order extended through March 31, 2021, that is the assumed reason no one else except the three top Legislative Office staff is allowed in the room, while Council sessions are occurring.

A year ago today Hopi Vice Chairman, Clark Tenakhongva, explained to Council members and the audience that the Hopi Health Care Center front doors were only open for the public to enter and that his office continued to advise people through the local radio public service announcements and that Hopi Tutuveni would be utilized. Caution was also expressed with regard to social media posts and information being shared there. Because of that caution, Tenakhongva explained that Tribal Leadership was taking the lead of Indian Health Services with regard to legitimate information about Covid-19 protocols and procedures. Tenakhongva also mentioned a meeting with local Hopi schools was scheduled later that day, ensuring communication was up to date and not misleading for the public and stakeholders.

Recalling back to that day last year and how very quiet and attentive the audience seemed, was reminiscent of another emergency meeting held at the Council Chambers when the 9/11 Attacks on the United States occurred. Except at the March 2020 meeting the audience was hear-

ing an update about an almost unknown virus, an enemy of sort which was creating a lot of fear and anxiety.

The audience, a year ago today was quiet and attentive while the Vice Chairman continued explaining that local Hopi Village Community Service Administrators would be depended on to determine if restrictions and closures of Hopi villages would take place. This led to discussion surrounding precautions taken by Hopi Tribal employees, who traveled to New York just over one year ago today and who upon returning were required to self-quarantine for fourteen days.

Mentions of an Incident Command Station and all that entailed, including setting aside funding, appointing personnel and point of contacts was made by Tenakhongva before he asked Tribal Council for input that Tuesday, March 17, 2020.

Tribal Council members expressed varying perspectives with one being a very memorable expression by Dale Siquah, First Mesa Consolidated Villages Representative, about not being pleased with the measures being taken at that point in time in March 2020. Siquah further described the measures as "inadequate." Those in the audience on that day may recall how he went on to further describe that schools were "doing their own thing" because "this body (meaning the Hopi Tribal Council) has to have a method/guidelines, whether villages agree or not." He went on to state, "Leadership has to step forward...to say the virus is not here (as he referenced some sentiments of those present)...we have to treat it like it's here, NOW." Siquah went on to state, "We need to take control...we need to take our assets...let's step up, let's attend briefings every day, and let's give our input." It was clear that Siquah wanted action to be taken that day, one year ago today.

When Wilfred Gaseoma, Hopi Tribal Treasurer was asked about funding he responded, "Financially, should have no problem, we have funds in Wells Fargo that is accessible, with a couple of accounts we can access with the least amount being \$67,000 and highest amount being \$27 million. Three accounts can be accessed." Back then it was unknown if the Federal government would be helping tribes or States, for that matter, with financial resources and other mitigations efforts, as the pandemic was declared just six days before by the World Health Organization on March 11, 2020. The Treasurer along with the Chairman and Vice Chairman were to work on an Action Item addressing a Declaration of Emergency to be presented in a couple days on Thursday, March 19, 2020.

Since that day, one year ago, the Hopi Emergency Response Team was established via the Declaration of Emergency, the Federal government after much delay provided funding to tribes, with the Hopi Tribe acquiring over \$95 million and subsequently created the CARES

Act Committee, which has yet to fully report to Hopi Tribal Council about its activities and spending.

In this past year, the Hopi Tribe has gone through well over ten (10) various Executive Orders, at least three (3) Tribal government shutdowns, with all being included in the 2020 Hopi Tutuveni publications and the most recent Extension of Hopi Executive Order No. 007.2-2020: Reservation-wide Lockdown for All Residents of the Hopi Reservation to limit and control the Spread of the COVID-19 in the March 3, 2021 publication. The switch and transition of layout has made keeping track of which one is an Executive Order versus a Shutdown notification is enough to make one wish to hire an individual to be an Executive Order historian and clerk.

In all honesty, the past year has included so many changes, required quarantines, office shutdowns, temperature checks, pulling of carpets, desks and equipment (the Hopi Tutuveni main office still sits in disarray to this day March 17, 2021) vaccinations and the many deaths and hospitalizations of dear friends, family and community members. It is unfathomable and it is still unbelievable how we have been able to adapt, survive and still put out a publication two times monthly during this world-wide pandemic.

And since March 17, 2020 we at Hopi Tutuveni have been joined in the Hopi communities of First Mesa with another news source called The Village Cryer coming out of the First Mesa Consolidated Villages offices. The Village Cryer had its beginnings as the April 6, 2020 NEWSLETTER put out by First Mesa Consolidated Villages which has now elevated to a newspaper being distributed at the local Circle M market in Lower Polacca. We wish the source much success as we have found the FMCV Tribal Council Representatives articles very informative and aids in understanding what has been occurring at the Tribal Council level. Until we acquire call-in numbers for the Tribal Council session from the Hopi Tribe Secretary's Office, we may be acquiring approval for sharing of the representative's articles in the Hopi Tutuveni.

One year ago today, who would have thought we would be relieved as a nation to have vaccines available to combat this sickening COVID-19 virus. Or that we would be calling our national leader by the name President Joe Biden. And one year into this pandemic on Monday, March 15, 2021 we have the very first Native American woman Deb Haaland, from the Laguna Pueblo, serving as Secretary of the U.S. Department of Interior.

To be writing about surviving this past pandemic year with all the ups and downs, sideways communication, non-communication and correction after correction has been challenging but we did it. We are Hopi. We are Strong. And we are still here. Askwali.

Republican embraces a larger Bears Ears, seeks consensus



Curtis speaking with Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition co-Chair Clark Tenakhongva during a hike in Bears Ears National Monument in 2019. Curtis/Facebook

Asked to reflect on his first attempt three years ago to codify boundaries for the Bears Ears National Monument, Utah Rep. John Curtis answered with an emphatic laugh.

“I learned I had no credibility,” the Republican lawmaker said in a recent interview with E&E News. “The natural reaction for me, and a lot of members of Congress, is ‘I’m going to fix this. I’ve got an answer.’”

On the same day in late 2017 that President Trump slashed the 1.35 million-acre national monument to a mere 15% of its original footprint, Curtis — just three weeks into his first term — proposed legislation to enshrine those boundaries.

The proposal drew swift condemnation from Native American leaders — who characterized the bill as “salt on a wound” created by Trump — and Curtis concedes he missed the mark, despite what he called a “good faith attempt” (E&E News PM, Jan. 9, 2018).

“That was my first lesson learned: If I want people to listen to my ideas, I have to prove to them that I’m going to take the time to develop the relationships and understand what they want,” Curtis said.

Now, as the Interior Department carries out a 60-day review order by President Biden to determine whether to reverse Trump’s actions and restore Bears Ears and two other monuments to their previous states, Curtis is preparing new legislation and hoping that his efforts to build relationships can produce a consensus agreement.

This bill will look very different, embracing a monument size more like what tribes want to see, although they might object to some specifics.

“That’s the most important difference between the first time and this: I’m listening and trying to put their ideas on paper,” Curtis said.

Although Biden is widely expected to use the Antiquities Act of 1906 to restore the Utah monument to its previous size, Curtis and other Utah elected officials, as well as some tribal leaders, have argued that a more permanent fix is necessary to lock the site’s boundaries in

place (E&E News PM, Feb. 19).

“It’s hard to find anybody that thinks it’s a good idea to keep pingponging back and forth between Republicans and Democratic presidents in boundaries,” Curtis said. “That’s one of the strongest motivations ... for finding legislation.”

The Antiquities Act allows a president to set aside public lands as national monuments to protect areas of cultural, scientific or historical interest.

But under the Trump administration, the White House used the law to slash the size of two national monuments — Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante — long unpopular with Republican officials in Utah.

The legality of Trump’s actions remains the focus of separate lawsuits pending in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. The judge yesterday agreed to pause the cases for 90 days to give the Biden administration time to act (E&E News PM, March 8).

While his legislation remains a work in progress, Curtis says the proposal is likely to encompass as many as 1.9 million acres, although it could contain multiple land use designations — a provision that could be a major sticking point in his quest for compromise.

But the scope of the monument is a serious reversal from his 2017 bill to create two small national monuments from within Bears Ears: a 142,000-acre Shash Jáa National Monument and an 86,000-acre Indian Creek National Monument.

Curtis said allowing for a variety of uses on land within monuments made sense, while ensuring that places of religious and cultural significance are preserved.

“In an area that is so geographically large — you can imagine in 1.3 [million] or 1.9 [million acres] — that you would have areas that we can graze, we can camp, we can ride bicycles, and then you would have other areas. Some of the ones that we visited with the vice chairman [of the Hopi Tribe] are just simply too sacred and need to be absolutely protected,” Curtis said. “That’s what I

would envision with the legislation.”

The Republican lawmaker pointed to his work to protect about 660,000 acres of wilderness in Emery County, Utah, which became part of a major public lands package enacted in early 2019, as an example of how his new bill might work (E&E Daily, Feb. 13, 2019).

“One of the things that made Emery County successful was not looking at everything as black or white,” Curtis explained. “The president just has a big tool, it’s like a big hammer that doesn’t let him finesse. But Congress can come in and make designations. ... This is not something you can draw one boundary around. It’s far more nuanced than that.”

But as the Biden administration presses forward with its 60-day review, set to end March 21, it remains to be seen if a new presidential proclamation for the monument will suppress enthusiasm for legislation.

“This has been a high priority for our office, and it’s been a high priority to do it right. And by right, I mean listening to all the stakeholders, really probing to see if that consensus exists, which I’m convinced it does exist,” Curtis said. “And I’m just hoping the Biden administration will give us time to let that play out.”

Over the past three years, Curtis and his staffers made multiple excursions to the current and former monument lands, which sit entirely inside his congressional district.

The 3rd District stretches from the Mount Olympus Wilderness just outside Salt Lake City to San Juan County in the state’s southeastern corner, where the monument is located.

“One of the things I think you first discover, if you go there, is it’s not like Zion National Park,” Curtis said. “I feel like I have been [to Bears Ears National Monument] many, many times but would not dare say I have fully explored the area. It’s so vast.”

The lawmaker said he has focused on outreach to the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition — a group representing the Hopi, Navajo, Ute, Ute

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Hopi Tribe Department of Health and Human Services Covid-19 Emergency Response March 11, 2021 Report

KYKOTSMOVI, AZ – March 11, 2021 — The World Health Organization (WHO) declared the coronavirus a pandemic a year ago. Throughout Arizona, healthcare workers are paying tribute to the hard work and heart-break of the past twelve months as the coronavirus pandemic officially hits the one-year mark. Meanwhile, the state's documented totals were updated to 830,465 coronavirus infections and 16,464 fatalities, according to the Arizona Department of Health Services (AZDHS). Key state metrics used to gauge the extent of the pandemic continue to improve and are the lowest they've been in months, and more than 20% of Arizona's population has received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine. Arizona has received a total of 2,638,855 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine as of Mar. 9. Here locally on Hopi, a good portion of the residents throughout the villages are already vaccinated with figures closer to about 40% of the population.

Arizona's weekly percent positivity for COVID-19 diagnostic testing, an indicator of how much the virus is spreading in the community, reached a five-month low last week but has ticked up this week. Of the 21,006 people tested so far this week, 6% received a positive result. The rate for 77,739 people last week was 5%, the lowest since early October. Health officials said the day with the highest number of deaths was Jan. 18, when 171 people died. The day with the second-highest number of deaths was Jan. 13, when 165 people died. The state does not record how many people have recovered, but Johns Hopkins University has broad estimates on the number of people who have recovered. COVID-19 is still very much active in our communities. Not enough people are vaccinated for herd immunity and overall protection against COVID-19. Health experts continued to stress that peo-

ple should continue social distancing, wearing masks in public, and stay home when possible.

Here is a quick overview of the COVID-19 statistics on a national, state, and local level:

As of this date – March 11, 2021

The United States now has approximately 29.11 million confirmed positive cases with 60,678 new cases and over 529,301 deaths reported.

Over 831,832 confirmed positive cases now exist in Arizona. Of those, close to 15,678 are in Navajo County alone.

The Hopi Health Care Center has tested over 8,784 patients to this date. Over 1,373 of those tests at Hopi Health Care Center came back positive with 995 from Hopi Tribal members. Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation reported 262 positives for Hopi Villages with a combined number of 1257 positive Hopi Tribal members.

The information below provides a glimpse of the current numbers in those respective villages.

The information by villages presented above is released by the Hopi Department of Health & Human Services, and the data shown reflects patients tested at the Hopi Health Care Center and at the Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation specifically on Hopi tribal members. The data from Lower and Upper Mungapi is consolidated until specific data can be re-verified. (+) number decreased due to individual being identified from another village. The community of residence for one Hopi Tribal member who tested positive at HHCC is in the Phoenix metropolitan area. The community of residence for four Hopi Tribal members who tested positive at HHCC is in Winslow. The data here does not include all state-wide data from other facilities such as Flagstaff, Winslow,

Phoenix or other hospitals.

*Note: These data include newly added testing results from the Abbott ID NOW machine since April 20, 2020

** A total of 1253+ individuals who tested positive are members of the Hopi Tribe.

+ Includes Village member(s) retested positive
Prevention:

Watch for symptoms. People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness.

Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms or combinations of symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Or at least two of these symptoms:
- Fever
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- New loss of taste or smell

Children have similar symptoms to adults and generally have mild illness.

This list is not all inclusive. Please consult your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you.

COPING WITH STRESS DURING COVID-19

It's normal to feel sad, stressed, confused, scared, or angry. Talking to people you trust can help.

MAINTAIN A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

as best as you can with proper diet, adequate sleep and exercise, and social interaction with loved ones at home or online.



SEEK PROFESSIONAL HELP

for physical and mental health needs instead of using smoking, alcohol, or drugs to cope.

GATHER FACTUAL INFORMATION

from credible sources to help you accurately determine your risk and take reasonable precautions.



AVOID BAD MEDIA

Lessen the time you and your family spend watching or listening to media coverage of news that you find upsetting.

REACH OUT FOR ASSISTANCE

if you need a little help when facing life's adversities, please don't hesitate and call us.



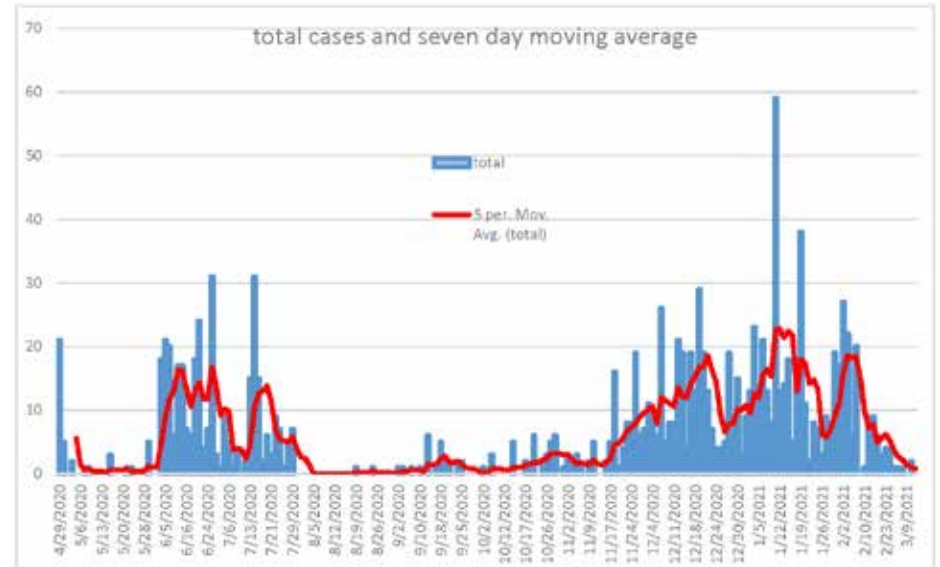
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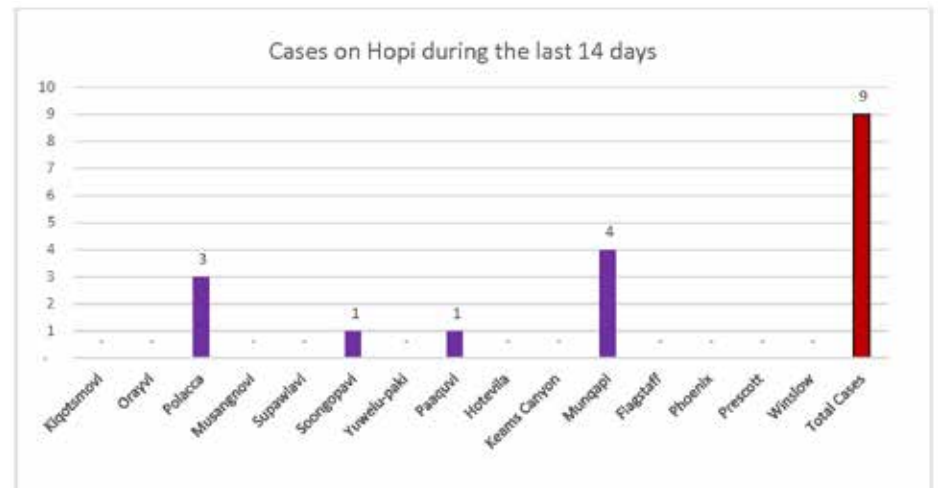
Hopi Tribe Department of Health and Human Services Covid-19 Emergency Response March 11, 2021 Report, Cont.

Hopi COVID-19 Reported Cases by Hopi Health Care Center Cases* March 11, 2021					
	Number Tested Today	Cumulative Number Positive	Cumulative Number Negative	Total Number in Process	Total Tested
	8	1,372	7,285	6	8,722

Number of Cases per Village as of February 25, 2021	Reported by HHCC	Reported by Tuba City Regional Healthcare Corporation	Total
Kiqōtsmōvi	102	26	128
Orayvi	27		27
Polacca (Walpi-Sitsom'ovi-Tewa)	274	9	283+
Musangnuvi	91		91
Supawlavī	58	1	59+
Sōngōopavi	217		217+
Yuwelū-paki	12		12
Paaqavi	52		52
Hotvela	120	45	165(+)
Keams Canyon	35	10	45
Flagstaff		1	1
Munqapi	1	170*	171*
Phoenix	1		1
Winslow	4		4
Prescott	1		1
TOTAL	994	263	1257

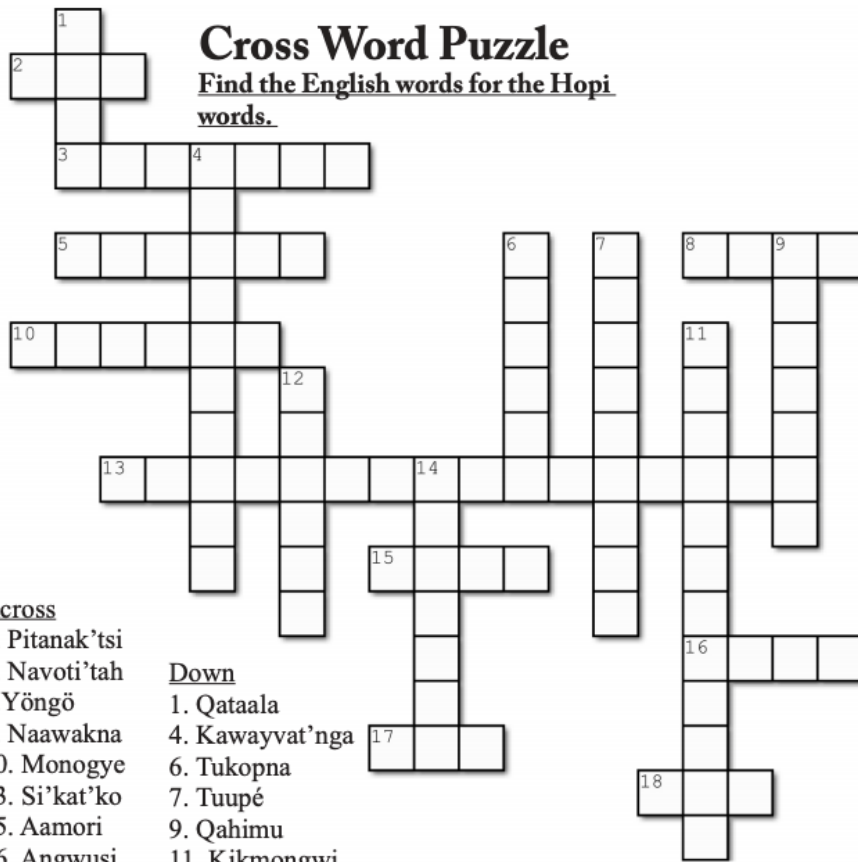


This graph demonstrates that cases per day stratified by village with a total case line and rolling seven-day line. This graph gives the total of positive cases for the day in a blue bar graph. The red line is the moving 7-day incidence average and demonstrates the general trend of Covid-19 of the community.



This graph demonstrates the active cases and is stratified by village. Currently there are 9 active cases defined as, persons that have had a positive test result or symptom onset in the last 14 days. In this graph, the Total cases bar is all villages combined and should be excluded from the remainder of the graph. This graph demonstrates that majority of the active cases reside inside of Polacca; however, due to all villages having cases there is widespread community transmission. This graph is useful in isolating where the virus is most active at the current moment.





Cross Word Puzzle

Find the English words for the Hopi words.

Across

2. Pitanak'tsi
3. Navoti'tah
5. Yöngö
8. Naawakna
10. Monogye
13. Si'kat'ko
15. Aamori
16. Angwusi
17. Tuuvingta
18. Hohoyisi

Down

1. Qataala
4. Kawayvat'nga
6. Tukopna
7. Tuupé
9. Qahimu
11. Kikmongwi
12. Namora
14. Tutuvosim

Answers in next issue

Answers for December 4th edition

Across

1. Fire, 2. Gravy, 7. Hopilife, 9. Moonlight, 11. Gather, 12. New, 14. Cautious

Down

1. Funny, 3. Rolledpiki, 4. Wrap, 5. Medicine, 6. Chimney, 8. Barely, 10. Hardwork, 13. Star

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HOPi WORDS

Tuhisa - Ability
Tuwi'ya - Able
Yuku - Accomplish
Hintsakpi - Activity
Awàmta - Add to
Yaapti - Advance
Nakwha - Agree
Teevep - All day
Qahinta - All right
Peep - Almost
Nana'waqta - Alter-nate
Qana'öna - Ambitious
Pupri - Analyze
Pa'angwa - Assist
Tuwanta - Attempt

Kwangyavi - Bath-room

Naat - Before

Tiyo - Boy

Anihoya - Capable

Paasi - Care

Àapiyta - Carry on

Paysok - Casually

Tuwi'va - Catch on

Qe'ti - Cease

Alöngta - Change

Küpina - Chatter Box

Yuuyuyna - Cheat

Awpòota - Check

Hopi - Civilized

Nanap'oya - Clas-

sify

Suyan - Clear

Tayawna - Complement

Naawini - Copy

Taalö - Day

Yuki - Decision

Pö'a - Defeat

Haakta - Delay

Tunatyä - Desire/ Hope

Öqala - Determined

Lavàytutuveni - Dictionary

Sìkis tutuqaywisa - Friday

Mana - Girl

Naälös tutuqaywisa - Thursday

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Larry's Corner

Just a Checking Point

Lately our roads to the village have been closed to the outside public. Now, I'm not saying that's a bad thing, but I heard through the grape vine that people are complaining that we are shutting out the spirits that keep us safe or bring moisture to the village. Now I say, that it doesn't matter and if you truly believe in the spirits, the spirits will come no matter how hard the times are.

I usually go through a check point almost daily, and I don't see any problem with it. Of course these checkpoints are to keep the residents safe from the outside world bringing in the sickness. Knowing Hopis, I'll bet some are probably thinking, "There is more than one way to enter the village, so why have checkpoints?" Shhhh... that's our little secret but again, some Hopis will find a way to break rules because they believe it's beneath them or that they shouldn't have to care about "pahana rules."

In the Hopi culture, during one of the most important ceremonies in the village, one Hopi society will in fact close the village so as not to disturb what is going on in the village, and to protect the Hopi people during the ceremony. It is believed that the village is vulnerable to harm during the ceremony and that one Hopi society will provide protection by closing off the village. So you see we have been closing the villages throughout history and when it suits us and our ways. Now, don't get me wrong, this ceremony hasn't taken place in any of the Hopi villages for over X number of decades. I'm too young to remember the last time when they did that certain ceremony. I guess what I am really trying to point out is that some of the Hopi people are just mad because it inconvenienced them because their personal road to the outside

world is now closed. Now they have to check in with the "warden" to get a ticket to get some fresh air.

Come on now, in my personal Hopi cat opinion, we are not being inconvenienced. Some of our village people feel they are being proactive with this sickness. We are doing something to remedy the hiking numbers we keep seeing in this newspaper. I say, if we are to protect the Hopi people the best way we can, this seems to me to be a way we can protect the villages and whoever lives in it.

Of course in one part of the Hopi mesas a road blocker will not let in their own people, because they fear that these people are suspected terrorists of the sickness and that these terrorists are there to get everyone sick by simply living in the village. I know you might be thinking that seems a bit far-fetched, but you'd be surprised at how minds of simple Hopis think. Now, I respect them for their thinking but we are trying to protect people from an invisible assassin, not from people who want to be protected from it who end up being turned away from their home where they just want to run away to and hide from the sickness. On the other paw, I guess we are doing such a good job at protecting the people, that pretty soon the only thing that will be protected is an empty village. If we keep this up, then we won't have any one to protect except empty houses, but I say good job anyway.

Of course, these roadblocks are meant for the good of the villages, but some either take it too far right that it's almost touching the left, or some believe we are in prison because we are being "punished" for something. But I say it's all in your head. We Hopis are the masters of thinking of the "worst things first" without realizing this could be

something good in the long run.

So, my question to you is, do you think these roadblocks are a nuisance or do you think this is something we had to do because we needed to do something with this sickness? You be the judge and executioner on what you believe these roadblocks are for. But no one listens to a cat, when I say, when this is all over we are going to look back and thank the people who made it possible for us to be protected, for making sure that Hopi's survival was in their best interest and not the other way around... you know what I mean.

But let me make it clear, before you skin this cat that these are purely my opinions on the situation. My cat opinions don't have to reflect your own and you are entitled to make your own assumptions on the village matters based on what position you hold in your village.

So, my advice to you is that, since Hopi people worry too much and Hopi people think too much and Hopi people "read too much" into certain situations, there is always a reason on why certain situations happen. There are certain outcomes for why these situations take place. If you want to be proactive about helping rid this sickness from the village, believe in those who want to simply help or help those who see why certain things should happen for the Hopi people.

But then again, it's up to you, I'm just a normal Hopi house cat that doesn't leave the village and hunts mice and meows a lot. Thank you for reading my column, be safe, and wash your hands...or paws, or mittens, or whatever you have on the ends of your arms...just keep safe

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Closely fits your face without gaps.
Make sure you can breathe easily.
Covers your mouth and nose at all times.
I just turned 2 years, so I get to wear a face mask.

The virus spreads primarily from person to person through small droplets from the nose or mouth.

You or your loved ones can catch it if you breathe in these droplets from a person infected with the virus.

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- ...made of material that makes it hard to breathe, like leather or coffee filters.
- I don't want to restrict breathing or force air past the mask.
- ...made of material or construction that doesn't allow for enough protection, like only one layer or exhalation valves.
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Girl Scouts to launch 'Becoming Me' program in collaboration with Michelle Obama



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The Girl Scouts organization on Friday announced a new program in collaboration with former first lady Michelle Obama that will allow members to earn three badges and attend a virtual event with Obama.

Girl Scouts who join the "Becoming Me" program will be encouraged to "embark on their journeys to become their best selves" and will focus on themes found in the young readers' edition of Obama's bestselling memoir "Becoming," according to a press release.

"Mrs. Obama is a cultural leader and a champion for girls and women. Her journey described in Becoming closely aligns with our mission of building girls of

courage, confidence and character," Girl Scouts of the USA Interim CEO Judith Batty said.

"Our Becoming Me program will challenge participants to look inside themselves to define who they are and who they want to become, just as Mrs. Obama does in Becoming."

Obama also shared the news of the program in an Instagram post, noting her joy working with the Girl Scouts during her time at the White House. During the Obama administration, she hosted a camping trip on the White House lawn and planted vegetables with the girls in the White House garden.

The Hopi Tutuveni Team would like to give a huge Congratulations to Deb Haaland on her successes

Bill would reverse Oak Flat land swap

Rep. Raul Grijalva has introduced a bill to keep the U.S. Forest Service from turning over land in Arizona for a massive copper mine



Committee Chairman Rep. Raul Grijalva, D-Ariz., speaks Monday, June 29, 2020, on Capitol Hill in Washington, during the House Natural Resources Committee hearing on the police response in Lafayette Square. (Bonnie Cash/Pool via AP)

Associated Press

SUPERIOR, Ariz. — U.S. Rep. Raul Grijalva has introduced a bill to keep the U.S. Forest Service from turning over land in Arizona for a massive copper mine.

The parcel of land in the Tonto National Forest east of Phoenix was set to be transferred to Resolution Copper this week. But the Biden administration recently pulled back an environmental review that cleared the way for the land exchange so it could further consult with Native American tribes.

The land transfer was included as a last-minute provision in a must-pass defense bill in 2014 after it failed for years as stand-alone legislation. Resolution Copper would get 3.75 square miles of

national forest land in exchange for eight parcels it owns elsewhere in Arizona.

Grijalva's bill introduced Monday seeks to repeal that provision. The Democrat from Arizona has introduced similar bills in the past. It has no Republican co-sponsors.

The land known as Oak Flat is sacred to Native Americans, including the San Carlos Apache Tribe. At least three lawsuits against the Forest Service have raised concern over religious freedom rights, land ownership and violations of federal law.

Resolution Copper, a joint venture of global mining companies Rio Tinto and BHP, said it has invested \$2 billion so far in the project. Mining wouldn't start for several years after the land transfer.

Statement by President Joe Biden on the House Passage of the American Rescue Plan



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
March 10, 2021**

For weeks now, an overwhelming percentage of Americans – Democrats, Independents, and Republicans – have made it clear they support the American Rescue Plan. Today, with final passage in the House of Representatives, their voice has been heard.

Now we move forward with the resources needed to vaccinate the nation. To get \$1,400 in direct payments to 85% of American households. To expand coverage and help with lowering health care premiums. To give small businesses what they need to stay open. To expand unemployment insurance, provide food and nutrition assistance. To help keep a roof

over people’s heads. To cut child poverty in half.

This legislation is about giving the backbone of this nation – the essential workers, the working people who built this country, the people who keep this country going – a fighting chance.

I want to thank all the members who voted for it, especially Speaker Pelosi, the finest and most capable speaker in the history of our nation. Once again, she has led into law an historic piece of legislation that addresses a major crisis and lifts up millions of Americans.

On Friday, I look forward to signing the American Rescue Plan into law at the White House – a people’s law at the people’s house.

American Rescue Plan

In passing the American Rescue Plan, Senate Democrats have delivered on our promise to take bold action to defeat the COVID-19 pandemic and help struggling American workers, families and businesses get through the next few months, until we can get on the other side of the pandemic.

The Bill will do the following:

- \$1,400 checks to Americans

- Mounting a national vaccination program

- Extending unemployment insurance

- Reopening schools, safely

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Sec. 11003, Housing Assistance and Supportive Programs for Native Americans: This change clarifies that the funds reserved for the Department of Hawaiian Homelands are not solely for emergency rental assistance purposes.

Sec. 11004, COVID-19 Response Resources for the Preservation and Maintenance of Native American Languages: This change increased funding for the Administration for Native Americans for emergency grants to Native American communities whose language revitalization and maintenance activities have been disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic to \$20,000,000.

Sec. 11005, Bureau of Indian Education: This change would appropriate the \$850 million in COVID-19 education relief funds allocated to the Bureau of Indian Education directly to the Bureau of Indian Education, rather than first flowing through the Department of Education. It further extends the deadline by which the Bureau must allocate these funds from 30 days to 45 days. And, finally, it clarifies that the Bureau may use a portion of these funds to carry out administrative activities for federally operated Bureau schools.

Sec. 11006, American Indian, Native

Hawaiian, and Alaska Native Education: This change adds a new section to the Committee on Indian Affairs’ Title that appropriates \$190 million to the Department of Education for grants to Tribal education agencies, Native Hawaiian education organizations, and Alaska Native education organizations. The Department may use these funds for new or supplemental awards to eligible entities for purposes authorized by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act Title on American Indian, Native Hawaiian, and Alaska Native education.

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Sec. 9901, Coronavirus State and Local Relief Fund: Establishes a requirement that small states receive at least the amount they received under the CARES Act’s Coronavirus Relief Fund. Prohibits states and territories from using funds to cut taxes. Divides the local allocation of funds into two equal tranches of payments spaced 12 months apart. Adds a new \$10 billion Critical Infrastructure Projects program to help States, territories, and Tribal governments carry out critical capital projects directly enabling work, education, and health monitoring, including remote options, in response to COVID-19. Makes clear that funds can be used to replace revenue lost during the COVID-19 crisis, for local economic relief and recovery purposes, including assistance to households, essential workers, small businesses and nonprofits, assistance to hard-hit industries like tourism, travel, and hospitality, and infrastructure investment. Adds a new \$2 billion county and Tribal assistance fund to make payments to eligible revenue sharing counties and Tribes. Eligible counties and Tribes are those for which the Secretary determines there is a negative revenue impact owing to implementation of Federal programs or changes to those programs.

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Republican embraces a larger Bears Ears, seeks consensus, Cont.



Curtis hiking Bears Ears National Monument in 2019 with conservation advocates. Curtis/Facebook

Mountain Ute and Pueblo of Zuni tribes that played a key role in President Obama's original 2016 establishment of the monument.

But he spoke in detail about his relationship with coalition co-Chairman Clark Tenakhongva, who is also vice chairman for the Hopi Tribe.

Tenakhongva invited Curtis to observe a sacred ceremony at the monument in 2019 and to view various antiquities in the area.

Curtis is hesitant to offer specifics about the experience but remains thankful to the Hopi Tribe for allowing him to observe the event.

"It was an incredible honor to be invited to participate, because as you well know, that's not something that they do very often," Curtis said. "It's something that renews my commitment to help him and to protect his tribe in these negotiations and make sure they felt like they had a voice at the table."

Earlier this year, Tenakhongva discussed his trip with Curtis in an interview with High Country News, telling the publication: "It really took him to a different state of respect. From there, [Curtis] said, 'I am so grateful that you allowed me to be part of this. I know I'm not a Hopi. I know I'm an Anglo. I know I practiced different religions, but this is something that I will deeply take and sincerely respect and never forget.'"

A representative for Tenakhongva did not respond to multiple requests for an interview. But Tenakhongva also told High Country News about taking Curtis to view cultural sites within the monument.

"We both are family men, and those are things that we related to — meaning our family first, our people, the protection of the land, and the importance of culture and religion and practicing of religion," Tenakhongva said.

Much like Curtis, Tenakhongva has also advocated for a legislative solution to solidify the monument's boundaries.

Speaking at an Outdoor Industry Association event earlier this year, Tenakhongva called for "a permanent order that nobody will undo into the future. It has to be by an

act of Congress" (Greenwire, Jan. 21).

But that legislation doesn't necessarily have to come from Curtis.

Arizona Rep. Ruben Gallego (D) plans to reintroduce legislation this Congress that would set a 1.9 million-acre boundary for Bears Ears.

Curtis slammed that proposal when Gallego, along with Biden's now-nominee to helm the Interior Department, New Mexico Rep. Deb Haaland (D), first introduced the bill in early 2019 — asserting he had not been notified the pair would introduce a bill that affected only his district. But, this time, Curtis said he has reached out to his Democratic colleague to collaborate (Greenwire, Jan. 31, 2019).

"It's very clear that if we don't involve them, we're not going to be successful with legislation," Curtis said.

That larger footprint would incorporate another 500,000 acres to the monument, adding cultural sites and objects that failed to gain protections under the original boundaries.

Local Utah elected officials, tribal advocates and conservation groups believe the addition of land to the monument is a tangible goal under a Democratic-controlled Congress and the White House, whether it is achieved through presidential proclamation or legislation (Greenwire, Feb. 3).

Haaland told Utah Sen. Mike Lee (R) last week that she would visit the Beehive State before the president uses the Antiquities Act, if she is confirmed as Interior secretary.

"I am ready to sit down to talk with you and the stakeholders in Utah," Haaland testified before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. She later added: "I would never pass up an opportunity to go to Utah" (Greenwire, Feb. 24).

Still, several sources, who asked not to be identified, said tribal leaders view Curtis' outreach with a healthy degree of skepticism.

One described the Republican lawmaker as an "honest broker" but suggested that position did not have much

competition in a Utah delegation that has long included outspoken critics of public lands management.

But Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition Executive Director Pat Gonzales-Rogers described Curtis' efforts to create inroads with tribal leaders as "earnest."

"I appreciate any kind of collaboration that's done in good faith," Gonzales-Rogers told E&E News last week. But he added: "These are not my decisions. These are decisions for tribal leadership."

"To really honor and preserve what is dictated by the federal trust relationship and the government-to-government relationship, these are issues that are directly placed before the feet of tribal leadership," he explained.

But while he offered praise for Curtis' outreach, Gonzales-Rogers suggested it might be too late for the Utah lawmaker's legislative vision.

On Friday, tribal leaders had a formal listening session with the Biden administration about the Bears Ears monument.

"There is much more traction to really recognize and acknowledge the wants, needs and objectives of the tribes," Gonzales-Rogers said. "Basically it's hundredfold more than the Trump administration did in the last four years."

Similarly, the coalition also criticized Utah Gov. Spencer Cox (R) and the state's congressional delegation, including Curtis, for panning Biden's anticipated reversal of the boundaries in favor of waiting for a legislative fix.

"We have always been open to dialogue but Bears Ears needs protection now," the statement read, noting the group invested "substantial time" into responding to legislation from former Rep. Rob Bishop (R), as well as Curtis, Gallego and Haaland.

"We remain open to any serious proposal or meeting to find a collaborative approach to protect and honor the Bears Ears landscape," the statement continued. "Most important, time is of the essence to halt the desecration of our sacred sites and promote proper management following the increase in visitation to the Bears Ears landscape."