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Acting Cabinet Secretary Suzette A. Shije would like to thank you for taking time to read our monthly newsletter – IAD Insight. In this issue, IAD insight covers accomplishments and updates on what is happening within the New Mexico Indian Affairs Department (IAD).

- Project Update – IAD has been working with the Tribes, Pueblos and Nation to close out projects and in this fiscal year 2018, twenty-five (25) Tribal Infrastructure Fund projects and forty-seven (47) Capital Outlay projects have been closed. We like to thank the grantees in working with IAD to have closed out a total of 72 successful projects.
- Special Projects Update – In fiscal year 2018, Acting Secretary Shije has been working diligently with the grantees by conducting site visits and receiving status updates on special projects – Language Preservation, Veterans Outreach Program, Tobacco Cessation and Prevention Projects.

IAD is committed in working with State Agencies and supports the Tribal, Pueblos and Nations to improve the quality of life for native communities within the State of New Mexico. You can learn more about the work that IAD is doing by visiting our [website](#).

Navajo Nation & NM Indian Affairs Department Reconciliation Meeting



On March 7, 2018, the New Mexico Indian Affairs Department held a Reconciliation meeting with the Navajo Nation at AMERIND Risk Training Room, Santa Ana, New Mexico. (Pictured above is Sherylene Yazzie, CPMD Department Manager, Acting Cabinet Secretary Suzette A. Shije and Johnathan Nez, Vice President, Navajo Nation.)



History of the Bosque Redondo

The Bosque Redondo Memorial at Fort Sumner State Monument solemnly remembers the dark days of suffering from 1863 to 1868 when the U.S. Military persecuted and imprisoned 9,500 Navajo (the Diné) and 500 Mescalero Apache (the N'de) on a reservation known as Bosque Redondo at Fort Sumner, New Mexico— an area that encompassed 1,600 square miles (over one million acres).

The Bosque Redondo Memorial celebrates these two cultures' dignity, resilience, endurance, courage and strength, in the face of extreme hardship, isolation, sickness and death, to emerge from Bosque Redondo to become the admired and proud people they are today.

Navajo Nation - Hwéeldi/Bosque Redondo

On March 15, 2018, Acting Cabinet Secretary Suzette A. Shije and Lawrence John, TIF Administrator, attended the 150th Anniversary of the Hweeldi/Bosque Redondo Memorial meeting in Fort Sumner, New Mexico. The meeting discussed events that will take place commemorating the Long Walk of the Navajo people and the signing of the 1868 Treaty. Attendees were provided a site visit of where the original fort was located and where the treaty was signed between the Navajo leaders and U.S. Government, and where the Navajo's were held in captivity.



Navajo Nation - Hwéeldi/Bosque Redondo - SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 8-9,2018

In partnership with the Navajo Nation and the Mescalero Apache Tribe, the New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) is hosting several events to commemorate 150 years since the signing of the Treaty of 1868 between the United States government and the Navajo Nation at Fort Sumner Historic Site/Bosque Redondo Memorial.

June 8, 2018

DCA reveals a sneak peak of the upcoming permanent exhibits at the Bosque Redondo memorial, created by DCA and its partners. Visitors will have the opportunity to view the exhibit and offer feedback until 5:00 pm. Native artisans will be onsite, selling traditional foods, jewelry and weavings throughout the day. Free admission

June 9, 2018

DCA hosts several speakers and cultural dances from the Navajo Nation, the Mescalero Apache Tribe, and New Mexico state Government. Following ceremonies, patrons are invited to participate in a 7 mile walk from the Bosque Redondo Memorial to Fort Sumner High School in honor of the Navajo ancestors who returned to their homeland after signing the Treaty of 1868. Free admission.



For more information, please visit:
[Bosque Redondo Memorial](#) or [Navajo Nation Museum](#)

Tribe-State Relations: The New Mexico Experience Supporting Self-Governance

Acting Cabinet Secretary, Suzette A. Shije met with New Mexico State Senator Benny Shendo, Jr. and Mr. Alvin Warren (former IAD Cabinet Secretaries) on March 22, 2018, to assist in planning the 2018 Annual Tribal Self-Governance Conference that will be held in Albuquerque, NM on April 22-27, 2018. More information will be available on our website as it becomes available.



New Mexico State Police 92nd Recruit School Graduation

Acting Cabinet Secretary, Suzette A. Shije and Chief Financial Officer, JoAnn Lapington attended the New Mexico State Police Training and Recruiting Bureau graduation ceremony for the New Mexico State Police. This event was held in Albuquerque, NM at the National Hispanic Cultural Center on Friday, March 23, 2018.



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Wonder on Wheels: Pueblo of Jemez

Acting Cabinet Secretary, Suzette A. Shije was invited to visit the New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs mobile museum Wonder on Wheels (WoW) on March 27, 2018. WoW is currently on the road with a new display for 2018. The featured exhibit from the Museum of Indian Arts & Culture (MIAC) is entitled *Indigenous New Mexico: Sharing the Wonders of Our World*. WoW stopped at Jemez Day School where Acting Cabinet Secretary Shije, students and teachers got the chance to experience the MIAC exhibit firsthand.



For more information, please visit: [Wonder on Wheels](#)



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