

RCJY-142-92

RESOLUTION
OF THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE
OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

-Establishing a Moratorium on New Structures, New Homesites and
Range Units Within the Navajo Commercial Forest Pending Development
and Approval of a New Forest Management Plan

WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to 2 N.T.C. Section 691 and 695, et seq., the Resources Committee was established as a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with the responsibility to oversee and regulate all activities involving the disposition, or alteration of the natural state of the resources, and approving homesite leases; and
2. By 23 N.T.C. Chapter 7, Section 704, the Tribal Forest Manager is to develop a forest management plan for the development, protection and utilization of forest resources; and
3. By 23 N.T.C. Chapter 9, Section 902, the Resources Committee of the Navajo Nation Council is given authority to establish regulations for the forest as proposed by the Forest Manager; and
4. The Navajo Forestry Department is in the process of developing a new ten (10) year forest management plan for the commercial forest area; and
5. There has been a concern over increasing uses and developments in the forest that may limit future uses and management of the forest resources; and
6. The Forestry Department has recognized that the use of the forest has changed from a summer grazing use with seasonal sheep camp sites, to permanent homesites with increased utilities supplied; and
7. The Forestry Department recommends that a moratorium be placed on approvals of any new homesites or related structures within the Navajo Commercial Forest pending completion of the ten (10) year plan for the forest, to ensure future uses for the forest are not limited by today's unplanned actions.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Resources Committee issues a moratorium on construction and approving any new homesite leases, range units and

related structures within the Navajo Commercial Forest, as identified on Exhibit "A", until a new ten (10) year forest management plan is approved by the Navajo Nation.

2. The Resources Committee directs all affected divisions, departments, programs, and entities to enforce this moratorium.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Resources Committee of the Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting at Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstained, this 17th day of July, 1992.



Elmer L. Milford
Chairperson

Motioned: Irving Billy
Seconded: Mark Peshlakai