



OJO ENCINO CHAPTER
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RESOLUTION OF OJO ENCINO CHAPTER OJOE-03-09-15/002

Requesting the New Mexico Congressional Caucus to Intervene on behalf of their citizens regarding the actions of the Bureau of Land Management on the leasing of certain parcels of public lands for horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing by calling for a moratorium until the Resource Management Plan is revised or amended; and, To call for an Environmental Impact Study to be conducted on the route of the proposed Pinon Pipeline; and, To implore the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Navajo Region exercise due diligence trust responsibility to assure that the trust status rights of the Navajo citizens who are allottees or are heirs of allottees are protected; and, related actions

WHEREAS;

Pursuant to Navajo Nation Code, Ojo Encino Chapter is certified to plan, to oversee community development, and to govern for the benefit of the community residents; and

Ojo Encino Chapter has the inherent right to position itself for the public interest, public safety and the general welfare of their community and its residents; and,

Ojo Encino Chapter has steadfastly communicated, coordinated and cooperatively planned the regional development of the five most Eastern Chapters of the Navajo Nation; and,

Ojo Encino Chapter reads that the 2003 Resource Management Plan for the Farmington BLM District does not sufficiently address the technological development of horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracking; and,

Ojo Encino Chapter is keenly aware of the Bureau of Land Management's actions to lease the public lands for oil/gas exploration in a manner that precludes its multiple use to a singular use for energy development; and,

Ojo Encino Chapter and its residents have personal knowledge of the adverse impacts their relatives are experiencing with the declining air quality through the venting and flaring, the increased vehicular traffic, and the familial discord resulting from the bonus payments for the leasing of the allotments; and

Ojo Encino Chapter is expressly concerned that the wells supplying the Ojo Encino-Torreon-Rincon Marquis community water system will be adversely impacted by the horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracking explorations near the Ojo Encino aquifer; Moreover, Torreon/Starlake Chapter knows that the Water system supplying Pueblo Pintado and Whitehorse Lake communities has wells using the Ojo Encino aquifer as a source; and,

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Jeanette Vice, Chapter Vice President
Brandon Sam, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer

Gloria Chiquito, Chapter Manager
Leonard Tsosie, Council Delegate
Elizabeth Stoney, Land Board Member

As well, Ojo Encino Chapter has knowledge that the Pinon Pipeline proposed by Saddle Butte Midstream, LLC is proceeding post haste where a proper Environmental Impact Statement is warranted; and,

Ojo Encino Chapter has community voters who have allotments, are heirs and have an interest in the Mancos-Gallup shale formation area wherein Land Agents contracted by the many layered interests of the energy exploration corporations are leading the allottees to sign the leases without proper legal advisement; and, the Bureau of Indian Affairs have not held PUBLIC HEARINGS to ensure that the trust status of the allottees are protected; and

Ojo Encino Chapter supports the rights identified in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in September 2007 and was supported by President Obama in December 2010 by issuing that the Declaration has both moral and political force must guide the policies and practices of all the agencies for the Federal government to assure the needs, interests and points regarding land use priorities, protection of culturally grounded ways of life and safe guarding the environment which are imbued in Articles 26, 27, 29 and 32 of the UN Declaration.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Ojo Encino Chapter requests the New Mexico Senators Tom Udall, Heinrich and Congressman Lujan to:

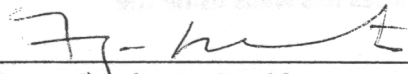
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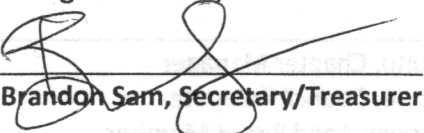
Ojo Encino Chapter requests assistance to secure funding to conduct health impact assessments, baseline water and soil testing and air quality monitoring for the impacted areas.

CERTIFICATION

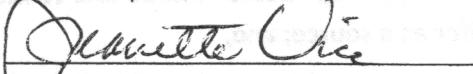
WE HEREBY CERTIFY the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Ojo Encino Chapter at a duly called meeting at Ojo Encino Chapter, Navajo Nation, (New Mexico) at which a quorum was present and that same was passed with a vote of 13 in favor, 00 opposed, and 09 abstained this 09 day of March 2015.

Motion: Olsen Juan


George Werito Jr., President


Brandon Sam, Secretary/Treasurer

Second: Freddie Rico


Jeanette Vice, Vice President