

**RESOLUTION OF THE
RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF
THE NAVAJO TRIBAL COUNCIL**

**Establishing a Protection Zone within
the Boundaries of Canyon De Chelly National Monument
to Protect Scenic, Scientific, Natural and Cultural Resources
from Activities and Developments Deemed to be a threat
or an Adverse Impact Until a Joint Management Plan
between the Navajo Nation Bureau of Indian Affairs,
and the National Park Service is Developed and Approved**

WHEREAS:

1. By Advisory Committee Resolution ACMA-35-84, the Resources Committee is responsible for all resource management and protection of scenic, scientific, natural and cultural resources; and
2. The Tribal Council Resolution 1922-1951 Res. page 40, passed July 8, 1930, approved a bill to authorize the President of the United States to establish Canyon de Chelly National Monument; and
3. Canyon De Chelly National Monument was established on February 14, 1931, by Presidential Proclamation with the consent of the Navajo Tribal Council to protect resources of scenic, scientific, natural, cultural and historical interest on all lands in Del Muerto, Canyon de Chelly, and Monument Canyon, and the canyons tributary thereto, and lands within one half mile of the rims of the said canyons; and
4. The National Park Service, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the Navajo Nation have established a core team to prepare a management plan for the Joint Management of these lands by these aforementioned agencies; and
5. The Joint Planning Team has identified issues and concerns and initiated public hearings to receive comments from local chapters, agencies, and interested individuals; and
6. The issues identified will be defined and management policies and guidelines will be developed to resolve problems and concerns, and to prevent adverse impacts that will destroy valuable resources are: The purpose and significance of Canyon De Chelly National Monument; Cultural and Natural Resource Management; Park Administration; future developments; visitor use and access; and

7. Adverse impacts to the Monument such as community encroachment and business related developments within the boundaries of Canyon De Chelly can be contrary to the new Joint Management Plan; and

8. The Chairman of the Navajo Tribal Council has asked the Chairman of the Resources Committee of the Navajo Tribal Council to establish a moratorium on new construction within the boundaries of Canyon De Chelly National Monument pending the development and approval of the Joint Management plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Adverse impacts will not be allowed, such as the development of structures and activities including:

- A. House trailers;
- B. Two story houses;
- C. Wells and water tanks;
- D. Tee-Pees, except those used for religious purposes;
- E. Special uses, including research and film making;
- F. Roads or trails including those for logging, woodcutting, homesites, utility access, and others;
- G. Landfills or dumps for solid waste;
- H. Commercial signs and structures, including ramadas;
- I. Chaining for range management;
- J. Quarrying, including borrow pits and mineral exploration;
- K. Wood cutting in highly sensitive areas;
- L. Timbering
- M. Sewage disposal lagoons or treatment facilities;
- N. Antennas;
- O. Hogans, corrals, or other traditional structures;
- P. Fences;
- Q. Hunting;
- R. Trapping;
- S. Recreational four wheeling by recreation vehicles except authorized tour guide services.
- T. Activities that are dangerous or hazardous in violation of Health and Safety Standards.

2. Disputes to the restrictions will be heard by a Subcommittee of the Core Team of the Joint Management Plan and recommendations of the dispute will be referred to the Resources Committee for a final decision. The joint management plan will include minimum criteria which can be used by the Subcommittee and Resources Committee to settle disputes that will arise. Disputes be considered on individual basis, and specific problems in addition to those identified by the joint management criteria will be addressed. Disputes must meet at least one of the following criterion:

- A. be a project already in the design stages as of this date;
- B. be an approved homesite lease where financing has been approved;
- C. be a modification or enlargement of existing structures;
- D. be a genuine, provable hardship, absent approval of the proposed development;
- E. be a project within areas determined to be not significant for the protection of important resources or not necessary for visitor or administrative use.

3. The protection zone hereby established covers all lands within the approximate park boundary including a buffer along the south and north main roads at a distance 1,000 feet away from the road on the side away from the canyon rim. The protection zone will extend up to the Navajo Community College turnoff on the north rim and the Spider Rock turnoff including Monument, Canyon de Chelly, Black Rock, Del Muerto, and other significant canyons.

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

I hereby certify the foregoing Resolution was duly considered by the Resources Committee at a duly called meeting at Window Rock, Arizona at which a quorum was present, and that same was approved by a vote of 4 in favor and 0 opposed, this 5th day of September, 1985.


Andrew Benallie, Chairman
Resources Committee

MOTIONED: Wallace Davis
SECONDED: Jeffrey Henry