



CLIMATE CHANGE PROGRAM

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OUR PLANET, OUR HOME

After a year and a half of global hardship due to the pandemic the Climate Change Program has adapted and maintained resilience. The program began in 2017 to create the Climate Adaptation Plan for the Navajo Nation. The program has since transitioned over to four full time employees who are conducting outreach and presentations to our Navajo Nation communities. The Climate Change Team has been working diligently to promote the program through public outreach, pamphlets, promotional items, word of mouth, and public service announcements. The team has assisted with other programs as well and are grateful for new experiences. Read on to see what the program has been up to.

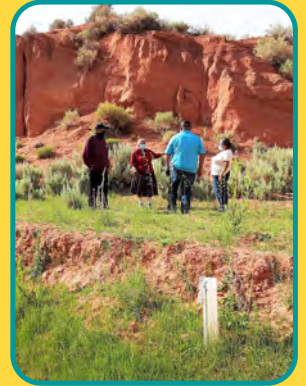
**"WE HAVE
FORGOTTEN HOW TO
BE GOOD GUESTS,
HOW TO WALK
LIGHTLY ON THE
EARTH AS ITS OTHER
CREATURES DO"
—BARBARA WARD**



RDC/DNR DROUGHT TOUR

It all began with a presentation for the Resources Development Committee (RDC) of the 24th Navajo Nation Council, on Drought and Climate Change on the Navajo Nation, presented by Gloria Tom, NNDFW Director, with the assistance of the Climate Change Program. Following the presentation was a request and a presentation for recommendations for drought response. A request for a drought tour soon followed to see first hand the affects of drought on the Navajo Nation.

The 5-day drought tour took place mid-July. The Climate Change Team was given the big challenge to host the drought tour, overall the tour was very successful. The intimacy of the tour portrayed somber and hopeful images to all attendees. A big shout out and thank you to all the chapter officials, community members, staff from the Division of Natural Resources, and to the presenters who made time to join the tour and share their knowledge and expertise. Thank you to all the RDC members of the 24th Navajo Nation Council for addressing this issue and supporting the Climate Change Program.



JOIN THE GREEN SIDE

NNDFW headquarters has gone green! It may seem like a lot of work.. not going to lie, it is! BUT it will only be hard at the beginning. Soon it will become second nature.

The Climate Change Team has set up three sets of recycle zones at the NNDFW headquarters main office and at the warehouse. Look out for them and contribute to a solution and not to pollution.

**"WE DO NOT INHERIT THE EARTH
FROM OUR ANCESTORS: WE BORROW
IT FROM OUR CHILDREN"
-NATIVE AMERICAN PROVERB**

KEEP CALM & GARDEN ON

Amateur gardening at its best. We all have to start somewhere as we choose and learn to live sustainably. The Climate Change Team worked together to clear out an area behind the headquarters main office building to plant a vegetable garden. Check it out when you have to come by to drop off your TA, attend a meeting, or to pick up your hot check!

Moody? Come by and pull some weeds or water the garden. Gardening is a great way to alleviate stress and frustration. Some planted items are almost ready for harvest, keep an ear out or an eye out for emails to come get some to add to your delicious meals.

The garden has been beneficial for cohesion and team building. Justin, summer worker, helped the team out and learned new skills along with the CC team members. The garden is definitely a blueprint for future workshops, now that we know some of us have green thumbs.



**"THE BEST THING ONE CAN DO WHEN
IT'S RAINING IS TO LET IT RAIN"
-HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW**

Until next time the Climate Change Program Team would like to thank you for taking the time to catch up with us. Please feel free to drop by if you need help with projects, additional laborers, or file sharing. Be safe and enjoy the rain. **AHÉHEE'!**

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"CLIMATE ACTION FOR DINETAH!"

