

# **First Mesa Consolidated Villages** Newsletter

### **Fire Destroys House at Sheep Springs**

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**Tala Paamuyaw** Month of Life at it's Height

#### This Month in **Hopi History**

August 20, 1629: Franciscans arrive at Awatovi to establish a mission

August 10, 1680: Franciscans killed at Awatovi, Oraibi. Shungopavy during Pueblo Revolt of 1680

**SAVE A LIFE** WEAR A MASK SOCIAL DISTANCE

> AVOID GATHERINGS

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House at Sheep Springs up in flames - totally destroyed by fire

While road closures may have been with good *<u>Restricts Visitors, Non-Tribal Members and</u>* intent, they also have created problems in Non-Residents into Villages . It does not in-First Mesa, hindering emergency access to clude road closures. situations, such as the fire at a Sheep Camp which destroyed a home; and preventing village residents from returning to their homes on the mesa.

FMCV RESOLUTION #2-2020 approved on April 6, by the FMCV traditional leadership,

The Curfew Order implemented on June 17, limits traffic and interaction among residents in the evening and night hours, Monday-Sunday, 8pm-5am, until further notice. It does not implement any road closures to Residents, as per Hopi tradition. Cont'd on P2

### **Moratorium Declared on New Construction Projects**

With recent inappropriate and politically mo- Tribal Government documents through its govtivated activity in First Mesa, the Religious and Traditional Momngwit met to discuss the disrespect, disorganization, and pandemonium within the First Mesa Consolidated Villages. The Kikmongwi, Soyal Mongwi, Katsin Mongwi and Spokesmen also discussed the recent verbal assaults denouncing their authorities as Traditional Leaders.

Due to the discord and disputes among families, relatives and villages (created in part by the deadly coronavirus pandemic), the Kikmongwi has declared a Moratorium on any New Construction Projects and will not sign any documents for approval, until there is respect and consolidation among the people. This includes any new housing projects, road projects, electrical services, realty services, etc., as is required for Federal, State, County and

ernment to government relations.

Visitors to First Mesa, either through employment, marriage or short-stay, do not have the authority or right to make decisions on behalf of the First Mesas Consolidated Villages. Irresponsible actions of visitors can create dissension among family and clan relatives and the communities.

According to the hierarchy of the First Mesa Consolidated Villages' traditional form of governance, and documented in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Hopi Tribe, the Kikmongwi (from the Flute Clan), is recognized as the head and Leader at First Mesa. With inherent traditional rights and powers, the Kikmongwi has the authority to cease activity, which may be conflicting in nature, or caused by strife in the

### **Road Closures / Public Safety from P1**

emergency personnel responding to tance. Stranded villagers were angry the fire at Sheep Springs.

A Rancher also reported to the Hopi Land Commission that he had a legitimate grazing permit issued by the Holivestock to feed and water his animals, due to a road closure at Tewa.

The Land Commissioners felt this was a "Kikmongwi issue" and advised FMCV Council Rep and Land Commis- It was reported that Tewa Security dress this with the Kikmongwi.

On the night of August 6, Public Safety Officers Pashano and Joshua Huma reported that an incident occurred at the "Gap" involving Sichomovi, Walpi and Tewa Village residents not being Residents were eventually allowed to allowed to return to their homes on return to their homes on the Mesa the Mesa, due to "Road Closed" by the and per advice of Tewa security Gor- Since the last report, First Mesa Con-Tewa Security Guards. Tewa Security man Howato, FMCV Public Safety solidated Villages (FMCV) Public Safety were adamant that individuals could Officer Jack Pashano and the traditionnot return to their residences, because al leader, waited for over an hour to and Jack Pashano have reported that of the Curfew, although they had legiti- be taken to jail for hindering security mate reasons for returning late.

A road closure was a hinderance to Mesa people asking for their assis- have a good night! and demanded they be allowed to return to their homes.

> culture - so village residents could Resolutions: return home safely.

sion member Dale Singuah to notify Guard Gorman Howato verbally as- RESOLUTION #2-2020 approved on the Rancher that he needed to ad- saulted the Leader and challenged his April 6, Restricts Visitors, Non-Tribal authority as a traditional leader; Members and Non-Residents into Vilstating he was not a mongwi and *lages* and *Remain-At-Home and Trav*there was no momgwit in First Mesa no Kikmongwi, no Soyalmongwi and tion, only Visitors and non-residents ) no katsin mongwi.

and being out past curfew.

FMCV Public Safety Officers received When HLES arrived, an Officer told several calls from the Community and Pashano to take the Leader home and

The FMCV Curfew imposed by the Momngwit on June 17, 2020 does NOT CLOSE ANY ROADS, but limits traffic Upon responding and not wanting to and interaction among residents in dispute any further, FMCV Public Safe- the evening and night hours between pi Tribe, but was unable to access his ty Officers called on the assistance of the Curfew hours of 8pm - 5am, Monone of the Momngwit to unblock the day - Sunday. The Curfew Declaration closed road – as per Hopi tradition and is authorized and supported by FMCV FMCV01-2020 and FMCV02-2020.

> el Restriction Order. With this Resolu-(if you don't live there) are prohibited from entering the Villages except for emergency and essential services.

> Officers Joshua Huma, Ramon Howato traffic and activity has toned down slightly, although there are still incidences of concern; including illegal dumping—see page 7&8.



### **Hopi Tribal Council Law & Order Committee Report** by Dale Singuah, FMCV Representative

FMCV Council Representative Dale Singuah reported that at the last Hopi Tribal Council meeting, the Law and Order (L&O) Committee members were given several letters from the Hopi Community in reference to the Hopi Law Enforcement Services, or lack of. The Committee members were to review, discuss and report back to

the Council their responses and recommendations.

Unfortunately, the L&O Committee was unable to meet, due to no presiding officer. L&O Chair and Presiding Officer Philton Talahytewa, Sr., had a meeting conflict and could not attend. L&O Vice Chairman Clifford Qotsaquahu, could not be reached.

The L&O Committee did not meet last month and Committee members agreed that a meeting must be scheduled as soon as possible, to address the mounting concerns of the lack of Police presence in villages/communities, and delayed response times.

See Related Story by FMCV Rep. Dale Singuah on P3

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### FMCV Hopi Tribal Council Representative's Report **Reported by:** Dale Singuah, FMCV Representative & Land Commission member

The Hopi Land Commission Team held a Special Meeting on August 13 to discuss the lack of Hopi Resource Enforcement (HRES) on Hopi range lands.

In attendance of the meeting were: Chairman Nuvangyaoma, Vice Chairman Tenakhongva, Director of Natural Resources Clayton Honyumptewa, Director Office of Range Management, Hopi Law Enforcement Services/Hopi Resource Enforcement Services (HLES/HRES), Director De- • The Position Description for the HRES positions needs to partment of Public Safety and Emergency Services, Director Wildlife & Ecosystems Management Program, Director of Water Resources, Office of Cultural Preservation, Office of General Counsel (OGC) and Human Resources Director.

The intended purpose of the meeting was to review and address the DNR Tribal Ordinances and the Navajo Billing/ Rental Funds. DNR Director Honyumptewa reviewed the Ordinances which apply to the Hopi Range Lands/ • Chief Pinto wants the position to be an uncertified Law Enforcement. Honyumptewa noted that some of the Ordinances are in need of updates.

Several concerns and opinions were raised regarding Enforcement on range lands. Land Commission Team Member Dale Sinquah read page 28 of Ordinances 43, SECTION • Will HRES be under HLES or Separate? This had a mixed 108. Enforcement - A. Enforcement Personnel: 1. Authority: The CEO shall be responsible for ensuring that the provisions of this Ordinance are enforced (Chief Executive Officer/Chairman of the Hopi Tribe).

"It is clear that this is the responsibility of the Chairman, • Chief Pinto continued to reference his five-year plan and the Executive Directors office and the different Department Directors, to solve the enforcement issues as it relates to Natural Resource Ordinances," said Sinquah. For the most part all parties agree that Hopi Resource Enforcement presence is necessary and required to protect Hopi • Everyone agreed that HLES needs more officers Range Lands."

Department Director Priscilla Pavatea stated that the lack of presence of Rangers on Hopi Range contributes to the over grazing of Hopi Range Lands. Pavatea said there was one mile of fence line cut and T-posts removed on the northern • The Hopi Courts need to be a part of the meetings to Hopi/Navajo border in the Low Mountain Valley, allowing Navajo livestock to trespass onto Hopi Range Land.

Another issue concerning HLES came from Stewart Koiyiyumptewa Cultural Preservation Office. Koiyiyumptewa said there is a need for HRES officers, who will be dedicated to Natural Resources and Cultural preservation issues.

Koyiyumptewa said there was an incident where an HLES officer went to investigate a scene involving a person believed to be on drugs who killed an Eagle. During the process of the investigation, the officer was redirected to a different call. Koyiyumptewa questioned how this negatively impacted the investigation. He said there needs to be more HRES officers, whose primary jobs are to enforce Natural resources and Cultural Preservation violations.

The next important item discussed was "How does HLES/ HRES plan to enforce the Natural Resource Ordinances?" HLES/HRES presented a plan of action to address the enforcement of the Natural Resource Ordinances.

Many issues were brought out and discussed during the meeting:

- HRES personnel need to be hired
- Several Hopi Tribal departments provide funds to hire • HRES positions.
- Navajo billing funds 8 positions and the Wildlife Program, funds 2 positions. Therefore, funding is not a major issue.
- be finalized by Human Resources (HR).
- Questions by HR: Are these certified Law enforcement positions? What are their principle responsibilities, Laws Enforcement or Enforcement of Natural Resources **Ordinances?**
- Currents HRES PD is inadequate.
- Enforcement position. The DNR Departments and Cultural Preservation Office want the positions to enforce the Ordinance. The current PD allows a person to be hired but, cannot enforce the Ordinances.
- response.
- HRES is currently under HLES Chief Pinto said once the PD's are approved and recruitment starts, he can have the positions filled in 45 days.
- reminded the group that we are in the first year.
- HLES presented a plan to arrange for minimal coverage of Hopi range lands.
- The Ordinances need revision.
- OGC needs to provide a dedicated Deputy General Counsel to assist with Ordinance revisions.
- ensure revisions have some weight behind enforcement
- Currently, Natural Resource violations are civil, not criminal
- HRES said some Natural Resource citations/violations need to have greater consequences

The meeting was productive with a workgroup to be established to address the issues. The lack of enforcement needs to be addressed, at the top level, as outlined in the Ordinances. The reason enforcement is a problem is the people who are responsible are not taking responsibility and addressing this serious issue. No one is being held accountable.

"In my opinion, HLES is dropping the ball and the five-year plan is not working, the Hopi public safety is at risk," said Sinquah.

#### See Resolution H-49-89 on P5:

Adopts Ordinance for the Control of Livestock and Grazing on the Hopi Reservation.

A Department of Range Management and Hopi Resources Enforcement Services shall be created to carry out goals and objectives

### Animal Abuse on Hopi By Hopi Farmer Posted on U-tube video, August 11,



#### Transcript from U-Tube video posted by Hopi Farmer

"We're over here at the Second Mesa sales corral trying to sort out some issues with the rangers regarding our impoundment fees and the feed they're charging us; but, obviously you can see no hay, no water, so these animals are being neglected by

the people that enforce the laws that were supposed to take care of our animals. It's sad that they are not being fed. They don't have any water and they were here all weekend. So I'm going to file a complaint regarding the situation that I seen today.

(and) There is a little malnourished, dehydrated horse inside a little swimming pool right there, not being attended to, just sitting in there with no water at all.

That's just sad how our organizations are helping us, or supposed to be helping us people; but yet, this is what I'm seeing today, neglect and cruelty to animals by the Law Enforcement Department."



### Continued from P3 FMCV Council Representative D. Sinquah's Report

#### Hopi Tribal Council Resolution H-49-89

WHEREAS, the object of the Hopi Tribe, as stated in its Constitution and By-Laws, is to promote the welfare of the Hopi people and to make and enforce rules to protect Hopi culture and resources; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council recognizes the Hopi range resources are an irreplaceable tribal asset and that unregulated use of these resources would threaten the economic security, health and welfare of the Hopi people; and

WHEREAS, the wise use of Hopi range for grazing wildlife, watershed protection outdoor recreation and conservation represent the highest and best use of these lands; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council, in regulating the range resources on Hopi Lands intends that Tribal members be afforded the greatest possible freedom to use and enjoy these resources consistent with the conservation and improvement of these resources for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the instrument for grazing and livestock control called Ordinance for the control of Livestock and Grazing on the Hopi Reservation has been developed in accordance with sound range management principles and prepared through careful studies of Hopi rangelands; and

WHEREAS, the participation of Tribal members was sought in public meetings,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ordinance for the Control of Livestock and Grazing on the Hopi Reservation is hereby adopted and promulgated as regulations deemed necessary to achieve a balance program of natural resource use.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Department of Range Management and Hopi Resources Enforcement Services be created which will carry out the aforementioned goals and objectives.

#### **ORDINANCE 43**

Ordinance for the control of Livestock and Grazing on the Hopi Reservation.

- Livestock identification
- Inspections
- Protection and Improvement of Herd Quality
- Grazing Control
- Range Management Fund, Range Improvements, and Fees
- Enforcement pg 28
- Appeals
- Sovereign Immunity
- Severability
- Relationship to Previous Ordinances
- Computation of Time
- Taking of Predators for Protection of Property
- Ordinance 43 section 101 Definitions pg. 2 item L.

• Hopi Rangers: Hopi tribal employees within HRES commissioned as law enforcement officers by the CEO upon satisfactory completion of a training program approved by HRES

• Pg 3 Item P. HRES: Hopi Resource Enforcement Services, established pursuant to Hopi Tribal Resolution H-\_\_\_\_-

#### SECTION 102. General: Pg7

• A. Scope and Provision for Process:

1. This Ordinance shall apply to the entire Reservation;

• B. Purpose and Objectives:

The Tribal Council has determined that it shall be a policy of the Hopi Tribe to protect, conserve, and prudently manage all its natural resources. Livestock grazing resources on the Reservation are hereby identified as a valuable natural resource in need of such protection, conservation, and management.

This Ordinance shall govern the allocation of grazing permits to, and the use of the Reservation for grazing purpose by tribal members, and shall otherwise control the presence of livestock on the Reservation. The purpose of this Ordinance include but are not limited to:

1. Protection of the livestock industry from theft and from contagious and infectious disease

2. Protection of the public from diseased and unwholesome meat products from livestock.

3. Conservation and improvement of rangeland forage, and water resource.

4. Protection of the interests and rights of the Hopi Tribe from encroachment.

5. Provision for equitable distribution of tribal grazing resources to tribal members, consistent with recognized principles of good range management.

6. Administration of grazing privileges in a fair and impartial manner that will provide the greatest sustained benefit to the Hopi Tribe and Hopi Tribal members.

7. Coordination of livestock control by the Hopi Tribe with the BIA's livestock permit system for persons on HPL who are awaiting relocation.

#### SECTION 108. Enforcement page 28

A. Enforcement Personnel:

1. Authority: The CEO shall be responsible for ensuring that the provisions of this Ordinance are enforced.

2. Hopi Agency Personnel: Personnel of the Hopi Agency of the BIA Law Enforcement Services commissioned as law enforcement officers ("BIA police") shall have the authority to enforce this ordinance in cooperation with the Hopi Tribe.

3. Tribal Personnel: HRES, and Hopi Rangers acting thereunder, shall have the authority to enforce this Ordinance in cooperation with the BIA Law Enforcement Services.

B. Impoundments: Livestock on the Reservation range may be impounded to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance. Pgs 28, 29, 30, & 31

- 1. Protective Impoundments
- a. Diseased Livestock
- b. Sires
- c. Uninspected Livestock
- d. Unbranded Livestock ("Slicks")
- e. Area closed to Grazing
- f. Causing Damage
- g. Danger
- 2. Trespass Impoundments pg 29 & 30
- a. Notice -- Owner (s) Known
- b. Notice -- Owner (s) Not Known

#### c. Impoundments:

Pg 41 Section 115. Review.

This Ordinance shall be reviewed by the Resource Committee of the Hopi Tribe every year.

#### Pg 41 Section 116. Amendments.

This Ordinance shall be amended by resolution of the Hopi Tribal Council

#### Section 117. Pg 41 & 42 Interim Provision.

• Until such time as the Hopi Tribal Council shall adopt a resolution establishing HRES and DRM, the responsibilities of HRES and DRM under this ordinance shall be performed by CEO or his designee.

Hopi COVID-19 Reported Cases by Hopi Health Care Center Cases* August 13, 2020						
Number Tested Today	Cumulative Number Positive	Cumulative Number Negative	Total Number in Process	Total Tested	il Re	
22	425	3,033	19	3,497		

Note: These

Number of Cases per Village as of August 13, 2020	Reported by HHCC	Healthcare Corporation	Total
Kiqötsmovi	8	3	11
Orayvi	8		8
Polacca (Walpi-Sitsom'ovi- Tewa)	133	2	135+
Musangnuvi	9		9
Supawlavi	14		14+(+)
Söngoopavi	110		110+
Yuwelu-paki	5		5
Paaqavi	2		2
Hotvela	7	6	13
Keams Canyon	8	3	11
Munqapi		34*	34*
Phoenix	1		1
Winslow	4		4
Prescott	1		1
TOTAL	310	48	358





### **ICV Public Safety** tified more recent egal dump sites. sidents please be responsible!

### See Message from Solid Waste Management P7

Photos courtesy of Officer Ramon Howato







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### MESSAGE from Hopi **Solid Waste** Management

D. Kootswatewa

Any Illegal dumping must be reported to Hopi Law Enforcement HLES, as we are not able to pick up or respond to any reports.

If the Public does any cleanup, we advise to take caution with handling of all materials.

The pricing sheet has some ESTIMATE quotes. So the prices could still vary depending on the material, it could be more or less.

The Operator at the landfill will do the estimate when people take their waste to the landfill.

We are only taking Card payments that can be made to the Hopi Tribe Treasurer's Office. We prefer for our staff not handle any cash payments due to the Virus, for their protection.

The flyer also has some changes in hours due to the Executive Order.

Landfill Hours: Mon-Wed 9am to 3pm, and Thursday & Friday 9am to 2pm.

#### Treasurer's Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9am to 3pm.

Hours are subject to change, depending on holidays or if we are short staffed; which may result in the landfill being closed. We will announce any changes through email and KUYI.

Any questions can be directed to our Office at 928-734-3453.

For payments the Treasurer's number is: 928-734-3124 or 3122.



ALL OFFICES ARE CLOSED ON TRIBAL AND FEDERAL HOLIDAYS

#### TREASURER'S OFFICE HOURS/ LOCATION

**Treasurer's Office** Hours Monday 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

**Tuesday to Friday** 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Credit /Debit Payments can be made over the phone by calling 928-734-3124.

Check or Money Order payments can be mailed to : Hopi Solid Waste Program Attn: Treasurer's Office P.O. Box 123 Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039

ALL PAYMENTS FOR HOPI SOLID WASTE are to be sent/paid at the Treasurer's office located at the Tribal complex in the two-story building at Kykotsmovi.

ALL PAYMENTS ARE DUE BEFORE THE 15TH OF EACH MONTH, AFTER THE 15TH A \$7.00 LATE FEE WILL BE ADDED.

#### **ESTIMATED BULK/LOAD RATES**

TRUCK LOADS					
Small Truck*	Starts at \$25.00				
Full size truck*	Starts at \$30.00				
Small Truck**	Starts at \$30.00				
Full size Truck**	Starts at \$35.00				
Small Dump truck	Starts at \$100.00				
Horse trailer	Starts at \$100.00				
Flatbed	Starts at \$100.00				
Flatbed truck	Starts at \$135.00				
Dump truck	Starts at \$170.00				
Semi-tractor trailer	Starts at \$400.00				

WHITE GOODS - FREE **Kitchen Stove** Freezers Washer/Dryer Refrigerator Water Heater ALL METALS FREE OF CHARGE

#### DOMESTICS

Loveseat Mattresses Sofa/Sleepers

\$5.00 ea. \$15.00 ea \$15.00 ea

Household Waste ONLY\* Construction/Demo Debris\*\*

#### **UNACCEPTABLE WASTE**

Acids (battery acids, jewelry making acids, cleaning agents, etc.) Ammunition (non-spent, reloading gun powder, etc.) Asbestos containing materials (pipes, furnaces, autoclaves, etc.) Batteries, car or any lead containing Dirt or Petroleum Contaminated Soils (PCS) Engines, vehicle (parts or whole); small engines are acceptable however all oils/liquids must be removed along with caps to reservoirs. Flares, fireworks, etc. Fluorescent light bulbs or tubes (contains mercury) Fluorescent light fixtures unless the ballast indicates that it does not contain PCBs Household hazardous wastes (un-used) i.e. pesticides, herbicides, cleaning agents, etc. Liquid drum containers (5-10 gal. container must have lids removed; 55 gal. drums must have bottom and/or top ends removed) Medical equipment (that may have been used for bio-hazard applications), Medical wastes, sharps, etc. Liquids, Paints, thinners, flammable liquids, etc. Pressurized containers or cylinders (propane, fire extinguisher, helium cylinders, etc.) Roofing mastics (unless dried) Smoke detectors or equipment containing radioactive materials Used oil, antifreeze, degreasers, etc. Tires Televisions, Microwave Ovens, CRT Displays, Computers, Laptops, etc. Septic Tanks any items used for public wastewater system Any material exhibiting a characteristic of hazardous waste as defined in the Resource, Conservation and Recovery Act (ignitability, corrosivity, reactivity or toxicity). HOPI SOLID WASTE PROGRAM P. O. Box 123 OPI TRIBE Kykotsmovi, Arizona 86039

PH: 928-734-3452/3453/3454

## CARES ACT COMMITTEE OF THE HOPI TRIBE Coronavirus Relief Fund Application for Hopi CARES Act Funding

Through a Press Release issued on August 12, the Hopi CARES Act Committee (CAC) announced that the Application process for the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) is open for submission as of Tuesday, August 11, 2020. During the week of August 3-7, members of the Committee finalized the Application form and process to accept funding requests.

#### **ELIGIBLE APPLICANT CATEGORIES**

- •Non-profit Organizations
- Schools
- •Small Businesses
- •Tribal Projects
- Villages

#### **BROAD CATEGORIES OF FUNDING**

- a. COVID Family Direct Response
- b. Community Infrastructure Capacity Building
- c. Business Operations & Economic Recovery
- d. Education & Child Care Services
- e. Health & Medical Services Response Needs
- f. Food Security & Food Access
- g. Home Safety & Energy Efficiency

The CRF criteria supports eligible projects and costs or expenses directly related to the emergency response and impact of COVID-19 for the period beginning March 1, 2020 to December 30, 2020.

Under the current requirements and guidance, all projects funded by the Coronavirus Relief Fund administered by the Hopi Tribe must be completed by December 30, 2020. Applicants are required to have, or acquire, a DUNS number or seek a fiscal sponsor to meet the requirements of the Department of the Treasury Office of the Inspector General.

Applications can be requested from and submitted to gpovatah@hopi.nsn.us and are available on the Hopi Tribe's website at www.hopi-nsn.gov. If mailing an application, send to: The Hopi Tribe, ATTN: CARES Act Committee, PO Box 123, Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039. Hard copy applications can be picked up at the Hopi Tribe Administration building or by contacting your Village CSA.

Applications will be reviewed on a continuous basis during official meetings of the CARES Act Committee held weekly on Mondays, Wednesdays ad Fridays at 9 o'clock a.m. Applicants will be notified of official awards for funding through the contact information provided.

### **CARES ACT COMMITTEE OF THE HOPI TRIBE** Committee Progress for Hopi CARES Act Funding

Hopi Tribe Care Act Committee Press Release: The CARES Act Committee (CAC) continues to make progress in the development of a comprehensive process for disbursements of CARES Act Funding of the Hopi Tribe. A subcommittee of the CAC is established with embers from the Office of General Counsel, Walter & Armstrong, LLP Financial Advisor, and the Hopi Tribe's Office of Financial Management. The subcommittee's priority is to create application forms and requirements for financial accountability to submit proposals for consideration of CARES Act funding. To date, the CAC has reviewed, provided comments and directions for the proposed Coronavirus Relief Fund application and process for federal financial assistance.

On August 3, 2020, Action Item #064-2020 "To Amend the Procurement Policy to provide flexibility for the CARES Act Committee to utilize the Coronavirus Relief Fund" was approved by Hopi Tribal Council (HTC) that;

Will increase the limit and provide flexibility for purchases that require HTC approval from \$60,000 to \$2,000,001 for CARES Act funding expenditures and projects.

Will allow for sole source purchases or contracts, with the Office of Financial Management reviewing vendors and/or contractors including standards of suspension and debarment.

The Department of the Treasury (DOT) Office of Inspector General updated reporting requirements and guidance of the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) on Friday, July 31, 2020. Members of the CAC met with village Community Service Administrators on August 4, 2020 for an opportunity to develop understanding of the CARES Act requirements. The DOT hosted a webinar, *Understanding Coronavirus Relief Fund Reporting Requirements*, held on August 5, 2020. Members of the CARES Act Committee were in attendance.

Beginning August 10, 2020, the CAC weekly meetings will be held Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9 o'clock a.m. to allow for additional time to review applications for CARES Act funding. ###

For questions or more information, call the Hopi Tribe, Office of the Treasurer at (928) 734-3121 or Office of the Executive Director at (928) 734-3202.

## Former Hopi Tribal Chairmen Demand Reclamation of Black Mesa Mine and Kayenta Mine by the Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE)

#### PRESS RELEASE July 20, 2020 Contact: Benjamin Nuvamsa; (928) 380-6677

In early 2019, the Peabody Western Coal (Peabody) announced its intent to close the Kayenta Mine by the end of 2019. Now more than a year later and more than eight months after mine production has ceased, Peabody has failed to lay out a clear plan for the safe closure and reclamation of the Kayenta Mine and the remaining Black Mesa lands, as required by the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (SMCRA).

The second mine, the Black Mesa Mine, which provided coal to the Mohave Generating Station (MGS), has been closed since 2005. MGS also shut down in 2005. Prior to its closure, the Black Mesa Mine was operating under an interim program permit, while Peabody was pumping over 3.3 million gallons a day of pristine Navajo aquifer water to slurry coal to MGS, some 275 miles away.

By federal law, and as federal trustee to the Hopi people, the Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) has a legal duty and obligation to initiate work to reclaim lands and resources damaged through years of mining activity in compliance with SMRCA. Considerable time has passed since the closure of both mines, but OSMRE has failed to meet its meet its legal obligations to reclaim the Kayenta Mine and Black Mesa Mne as required under SMCRA, and as federal trustee to the Hopi people.

On June 15, 2020, former Hopi tribal chairmen, Vernon Masayesva and Benjamin Nuvamsa, wrote to Director David Berry of the Western Region of OSMRE, to request OSMRE to comply with SMCRA and initiate reclamation of the Kayenta Mine as a "significant permit revision", as required under section 511(a) (2) of SMCRA. 30 U.S.C. §1261(a)(2).

A critical part of the "significant permit revision" must include a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that will require full consultation with, and participation of the affected parties (Hopi and Navajo) to ensure a thorough assessment or reclamation activities, a realistic but aggressive timetable for carrying them out, and alternative approaches to reclaim the damaged lands.

Masayesva and Nuvamsa assert that OSMRE is currently in violation of SMCRA and federal regulations at 20 CFR §780.18(b)(1) that provide for "a detailed timetable for the completion of each major step in the reclamation plan". OSMRE has not provided a clear plan or timetable for: (a) backfilling and grading; (b) protection and restoration of the hydrologic balance for surface and groundwater resources; and (c) redistribution of topsoil or approved topsoil substitutes.

The chairmen also expressed concerns about the restoration of springs used for religious purposes, restoration of the Moenkopi water flow, addressing high levels of arsenic in the domestic water supply of the Hopi villages, construction of a facility to store archaeological artifacts removed from the mine sites, considerations for post-mining use of lands; and to ensure a sufficient reclamation bond is in place to restore the quality and quantity of Black Mesa's water resources, including the Navajo aquifer that sustains the Hopi villages.

Since the mid-1960's Peabody mined high quality coal from the Kayenta Mine on tribal lands in northern Arizona to provide coal for NGS to generate electricity to transport millions of gallons of the Colorado River water into the Central Arizona Project's (CAP) massive water canal system in southern Arizona. Peabody also provided coal to MGS to generate and distribute electric power to southern Nevada and California.

Masayesva said "former Interior Secretary Stewart Udall assured the Hopi people that we will gain enormous wealth from the world's largest coal strip mining operation. But today, over 50 yeas later, Hopi people are living in poverty and suffer health problems caused by the mining operations. Unemployment is over 80%. Families are living in crowded conditions, some without electricity and running water. Our Hopi people have been treated like a commodity. When coal became expensive to generate electricity, Peabody dumped us after earning enormous profits, and leaving our sacred lands in a permanent wreck. It is our intent to make sure Peabody and OSM repair the damage and rehabilitate the area."

Nuvamsa offered a brief reminder, "In the mid-60's, Salt Lake City attorney John Boyden came to Hopi looking for a job. He first sought a job at Navajo but was not hired so he came to Hopi. Boyden pushed the idea of a coal mine on our reservation, and claimed that the coal deposit on Black Mesa was the highest quality coal in the country and would be highly profitable for Hopi and would forever sustain the Hopi economy. But it was not learned until it was too late that Boyden was also attorney for, and was representing Peabody. Boyden and the Bureau of Indian Affairs pushed a lease through that the BIA signed on behalf of Hopi. But to be legal, the lease needed the Hopi tribal council to ratify it, but the Hopi tribal council was not functional at that time because most villages had pulled their representatives out the tribal council. Boyden hurriedly hand-picked individuals to form a make-shift tribal council for the sole purpose of ratifying the BIA lease.

Nuvamsa then expressed his frustrations, "today, we see the spoils of over 50 years of mining with no movement toward reclaiming our lands. The promises of economic wealth to Hopi never happened because the leases heavily favored Peabody. Owners of NGS, MGS, and Central Arizona Water Conservation District, which manages the massive Central Arizona Project, reaped significant profits from our coal and only left us with the spoils. We see extensive surface and subsurface damage, an over-pumped N-aquifer, damaged ecosystem; and destroyed springs, shrines and burial sites. We reminded OSM that it has a federal trust duty to the Hopi people to reclaim the damage left by Peabody. We will make sure OSM and Peabody are held accountable."

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#### 2020 Hopi Higher Education Emergency Fund (HHEEF)

The **Hopi Higher Education Emergency Fund (HHEEF)** was created to address the technological challenges faced by Hopi students as they strive to complete online coursework during the COVID-19 pandemic. Generous donor support has made it possible to partner with students to obtain the necessary tools needed to be successful for distance learning. If awarded, this grant is a **one-time** award to eligible students.

Awarding **is not** based on a first come first serve basis. Applicants are encouraged to take time and be thoughtful in their request that is **due by 8/28/20**. Please ensure that your application is complete and signed.

#### Eligible students must be:

- Enrolled member of the Hopi Tribe
- Currently enrolled full-time at a regionally accredited college or university.
- In good academic standing at the institution attending.

#### Funding requests that will be considered:

- Laptops/desktops (See note under "Funds Available" section below)
- WIFI services
- Computer software
- Computer accessories
- Required specialty equipment or technology needed for coursework

#### Funding requests that will not be considered:

- Rent
- Car repair or paymentLiving expenses
- Personal expenses
- Reimbursement of items previously purchased

#### Funds Available:

It is our goal to support as many students as possible with a limited amount of funds. Please limit your request to what is truly needed to help you successfully complete your coursework. You will be asked to prioritize your request on the application.

Not all requests will be fully granted and are at the full discretion of the Selection Team. Maximum award is \$500 per student. Student's must demonstrate a willingness to partner with the HEEF by pledging personal funds to purchase large items over \$500. A receipt confirming purchase of item valued over \$500 is due for submission to the HEEF within one month of being awarded.

#### Requirement of the Recipient:

To assist with fundraising efforts, grant recipients are **required** to submit a photo of themselves utilizing the purchased item and a short note thanking donors for their support. Recipients will be encouraged to use their personal social media to share this information.

#### Deadline Date:

Applications are due on **August 28, 2020** and awards will be made in September 2020. If funding is available, our application will re-open with a new deadline.

#### Applications can be found:

HEEF website: www.hopieducationfund.org/emergency-fund Request via phone: 928-734-2275 Request via email: dmachuca@hopieducationfund.org

#### Completed applications can be sent via:

Mail (must be postmarked by August 28) Hopi Education Endowment Fund PO Box 605 Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039 Fed Ex or UPS: Hopi Education Endowment Fund 1 Hopi Mission School Road, House L Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039

#### Fax: 928-734-2273

To protect your private information applications **should not** be emailed. Due to Hopi Tribal Executive Orders per the Government Shutdown due to the COVID Pandemic you are encouraged to mail, courier or fax your application. If you have no alternative but to hand carry your application to the HEEF you are required to wear a face mask and make arrangements for drop off at our office in Kykotsmovi, AZ.

#### Questions about the application can be directed to:

928-734-2275 - dmachuca@hopieducationfund.org

#### A complete application will include the following by the deadline date (8/28/2020):

- 1. A complete and signed HHEEF application
- 2. Fall 2020 Class Schedule which include credit hours
- 3. Unofficial Transcript
- Proof of Hopi Tribal Enrollment: Copy of Hopi Tribal Enrollment card or other formal verification from Hopi Tribal Enrollment Office
- 5. 1 page max- student statement on page 4

### Hopi Higher Education Emergency Fund Apply Today!

Student's can now apply for the Hopi Higher Education Emergency Fund. Created to assist students who may be facing technological challenges as they strive to complete online coursework during the COVID

- 19 pandemic. Generous donor support has made it possible to partner with students to obtain the necessary tools needed to be successful for distance learning.

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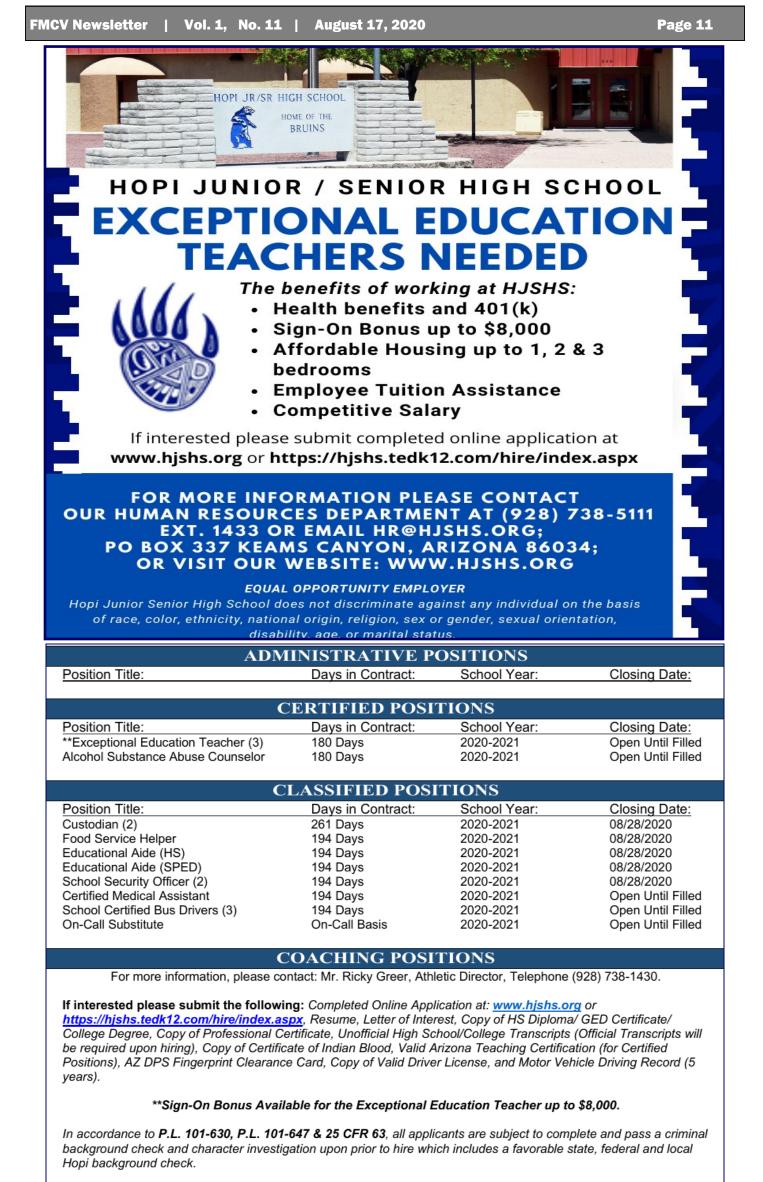
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#### Deadline: August 28, 2020

#### Questions:

Questions about the application, email our Non-Profit Assistant Deanna Machuca: dmachuca@hopieducationfund.org OR call our office: 928-734-2275.



For more information please contact our Human Resources Department at (928) 738-5111 ext. 1433 or email <u>hr@hjshs.org;</u> Po Box 337 Keams Canyon, Arizona 86034; or visit our website: <u>www.hjshs.org</u>.

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