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Navajo Settlement



# Interstate Stream Commission

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## FAX TRANSMISSION COVER SHEET

**Date:** August 29, 2005  
**To:** Candise Castillo  
**Re:** Invitation Letters  
**From:** Terry Harper, Paralegal  
**Fax No.:** 827-3806

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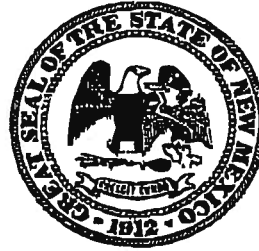
Attached are the invitation letters to the San Juan River/Navajo Nation Water Tour you asked Tanya for in an email. Apparently, because these letters are in WordPerfect, you were unable to open them in the attachment form off Tanya's email. Just FYI - I had to prepare them in that format in order to be able to place the Navajo Nation seal in the letterhead. Try as I might, I just couldn't "move" the image of their seal into the Microsoft Word program.

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Thank you.

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August 26, 2005

The Honorable Janet Napolitano  
Governor of Arizona  
1700 West Washington  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: Invitation to San Juan River/Navajo Nation Water Tour

Dear Governor Napolitano:

The Navajo Nation and the State of New Mexico have reached an important settlement agreement relating to the waters of the San Juan River.

The settlement agreement provides for the development of an essential rural water supply system to serve Indian and Non-Indian residents in northwest New Mexico and to the Navajo Nation capitol in Window Rock, Arizona. Many residents in the region currently do not enjoy the benefits of a modern water system. It is this human aspect that has driven our collective efforts to reach a resolution of this complex, legally-contentious issue. We have a unique story to tell of tribal, federal, state and local governments coming together to bring a clean and sustainable water supply into the lives of individuals, families, and communities.

We believe that it is vital for the American public to be aware of the unique collaboration that has occurred between our governments and communities, and the direct impact that this settlement agreement will have on the daily lives of American citizens.

To that end, we invite you to join us in a press tour on October 15 or October 22, 2005 to witness some of the individuals and communities that are going to be directly impacted by, and positively benefit from, this settlement agreement.

We have extended invitations to New Mexico's Congressional delegation and Secretary Norton. We urge you to invite the members of Arizona's Congressional delegation to this event.

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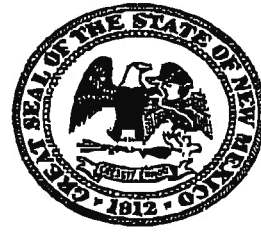
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Sincerely,

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State of New Mexico

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The Honorable Gale A. Norton  
Secretary  
U.S. Dept of the Interior  
Washington, DC 20240

Re: Invitation to San Juan River/Navajo Nation Water Tour

Dear Secretary Norton:

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The Honorable Jeff Bingaman  
United States Senate  
703 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Invitation to San Juan River/Navajo Nation Water Tour

Dear Senator Bingaman:

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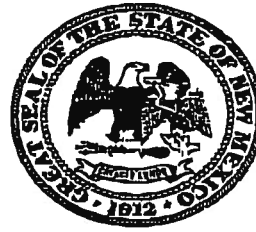
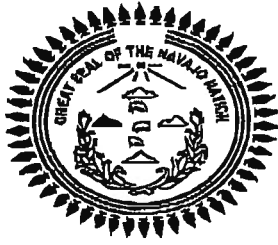
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United States Senate  
328 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

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U.S. Representative  
1408 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

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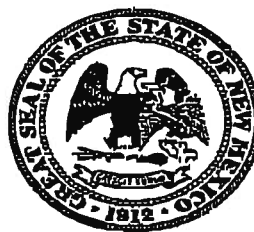
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U.S. Representative  
1414 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

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U.S. Representative  
318 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

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