From the Governors

Although we could not be physically present to celebrate your great achievements, we extend our warmest Congratulations on graduating from Headstart, 6th Grade, 8th Grade, High school, or College!

We are happy and proud of your achievements. Your parents and guardians have given you love, security, and supported you, be grateful and respect them always.

As people of Walatowa, we are strong, we are survivors. Our Ancestors dreamed for us to be here and we are still here because of them. Keep our language and culture alive for this is what makes us Hemish.

Many of you will continue your education, stay focused, set your goals, and follow your dreams. Make strong efforts to succeed in these goals; it is the accomplishment that counts.

Have the courage to step out of your comfort zones, explore the world, whether it means going away to school, pursuing a career, or learning a trade. Always keep in mind how you can help our tribe with the knowledge or experience that you gained.

Knowledge today is at our fingertips. Use your mind to create something that has never been created before and continue to learn throughout the rest of your lives. Learning and education have no limits.

May our Creator and Ancestor Spirits bestow on each of you blessings of strength, wisdom, and good health.

Respectfully,

Governor David M. Toledo
1st Lt. Governor John Galvan
2nd Lt. Governor/Pecos Governor Elston Yepa
From the Governors, Continued

Notice of Lockdown, Food Vending, & Community Testing

Update: The New Mexico Department of Health Public Dashboard for COVID-19, now shows nine (9) cases under the 87024 zip code. The individuals have been isolated and close contacts have been directed to quarantine.

Due to the increase of close contacts and the recent positive cases in Jemez Pueblo, the Pueblo of Jemez Governors have authorized the following:

1. **Continuance of Community Lockdown through Sunday, July 26, 2020.** Saturdays will continue to be an extra essential day when you will be allowed to leave the community, in addition to your designated shopping day.

2. **Food Vending from the Home is prohibited until further notice.** We understand that these are trying times, but we must prioritize the safety of our community during this COVID-19 pandemic. We will continue to revisit this weekly in consultation with the JHHS Response Team and provide updates on whether food vending will be allowed in the community.

3. **Fireworks will be strictly prohibited in Jemez Pueblo.** The fire danger is very high as we are in a drought situation and weather forecasts call for winds and high temperatures. Please refrain from lighting fireworks within the boundaries of Jemez Pueblo.

4. **Community-wide COVID-19 Testing for July has been scheduled for July 8th-10th at the Walatowa Youth Center.** To continue to keep our community safe, we strongly encourage all households to be tested. Family members who have the most frequent contact with the public due to work, school, or other necessary circumstances should be tested.

Please see below for more details:

**Wednesday, July 8th, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM**
**Thursday, July 9th, 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM**
**Friday, July 10th, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

- You do not have to have signs or symptoms in order to be tested
- If you are not a patient at the Jemez Comprehensive Health Center, results can be sent to your Primary Care provider if desired.
- The testing clinic is a drive-through service. You will not be getting out of your vehicle.
- This test will be a nasal (nose) swab. THIS IS NOT AN ANTIBODY TEST.
- Wear a mask. Bring ID, insurance information, water (there may be a wait), and a pen.
- Ages 5 years and older are encouraged to be tested.
- Your insurance may be billed by Presbyterian. Otherwise, no charge.

We thank you for your continued practice of exercising preventative safety measures. Your efforts are abiding by our directives and have contributed to minimizing the spread of COVID19 in our community. Your continued support and efforts to keep all community members safe are greatly appreciated. Stay strong and healthy as we work together during these trying times.
Here is a summary of the data specific to the Pueblo of Jemez:

Number of cases: 9

- **Case #1** - identified on April 11th, individual experienced symptoms. The individual has fully recovered.
- **Case #2** - identified on April 20th, individual experienced symptoms. The individual has fully recovered.
- **Case #3** - identified on April 29th, individual experienced symptoms. The individual was residing elsewhere. The individual has fully recovered.
- **Case #4** - identified on May 6th, individual experienced symptoms. The individual has fully recovered.
- **Case #5** - identified on May 8th. The case was asymptomatic (no symptoms). The individual has fully recovered.
- **Case #6** - identified on May 13th. The case was asymptomatic (no symptoms). The individual has fully recovered.
- **Case #7** - identified on May 13th. The case was asymptomatic (no symptoms). The individual has fully recovered.
- **Case #8** - identified on June 28th. The case was asymptomatic (no symptoms). Currently isolating outside of Jemez Pueblo. Close contacts notified and ordered to quarantine.
- **Case #9** - identified on July 2nd. The case is experiencing symptoms. Currently isolating outside of Jemez Pueblo. Close contacts notified and ordered to quarantine.

**CURRENT SITUATION - As of July 4, 2020**, the JHHS Response Team is monitoring 42 individuals who are in quarantine and 2 cases (Case #8 and Case #9) in isolation. We ask that everyone continue to be cautious, more than ever, to help us minimize the spread of COVID-19 in our community. We are very fortunate that our cases were tested and we were able to respond very quickly.

Curfew

Don't forget curfew is 8:00 PM - 5:00 AM, seven days a week.

For any questions or concerns regarding coronavirus, please email the Jemez Health and Human Service Response Team: 

JHHSResponseTeam@jemezpueblo.us or 575-834-3308.
From the Governors, Continued

Prayers in These Challenging Times

By: Cornell F. Magdalena, Assistant Fiscale

There is a white cloud coming from the north as the sun gets hotter going into the late morning. Amidst all the happenings today, we are delighted to share a special moment.

On June 24, we celebrate the name day of San Juan. This year a “virtual mass” was held at the San Diego Mission Church to celebrate the day. Once the mass ended, Chris Toya, Jemez Sacristan, and I got together at the San Diego Pueblo Church to take the patron saints out to bless our people, community, and everyone throughout the world. We want to get the blessings and prayers to all people during these challenging times.

It gives people faith to move forward when we are in a situation no one ever imagined. We want to encourage people to continue to pray for our health and well being. We like to give hope during these times. We may be unable to be together, but we encourage people to pray because it gives us strength as a community.

We will continue to keep our people and community close to our hearts. I hope, as Fiscales, we bring joy and peace as we work to uplift everyone’s spirit and healing through prayer. Take care of one another, especially the children and elders of this community.

San Diego Mission has “virtual mass” every Sunday at 10:00 am; you can tune in through the mobile Zoom app or San Diego Mission Facebook page. We look forward to seeing you all tune in.

Notice: Governors Irrigation Rotation Schedule Implementation

Effective June 15, 2020

The Pueblos of Jemez and Zia and the non-Indian irrigators in 1996 entered into an Irrigation Rotation Agreement to share water in times of shortage. As Governors of the Pueblo, we have declared this shortage of water and this will serve as notice that the rotation schedule is now in effect for the rest of the irrigation season unless otherwise notified by us.

Under the rotation schedule, the non-Indians upstream will only be allowed to irrigate one day of the week. **DO NOT IRRIGATE YOUR FIELDS BETWEEN 8:30 AM ON MONDAYS TO 8:30 AM ON TUESDAYS. THIS IS THE IRRIGATION DAY (Mondays) FOR THE NON-INDIAN USERS.**

If conditions improve and we get more moisture, our office will send notices reverting this schedule to normal. We do not want to violate the agreement in place between the users; therefore, your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.
From the Governors, Continued

Notice to Stay Safe

Smoke Hazard:

Smoke from forest fires has been visible from US Highway 550, NM Highway 4, San Ysidro, Jemez Pueblo, Jemez Springs, La Cueva into the Rio Grande Valley. Smoke may settle into lower elevations and in drainage areas during the evenings and early mornings.

Smoke-sensitive individuals and people with respiratory problems or heart disease are encouraged to take precautionary measures. Information on air quality and protecting your health by using the 5-3-1 visibility method can be found online at the New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH) Environmental Public Health Tracking (EPHT) website at:

https://nmtracking.org/fire.

See the Method below.

5-3-1 VISIBILITY METHOD:
Remember, your eyes are your best tools to determine if it is safe to be outside.

If visibility is:

- Under 5 miles, the air quality is unhealthy for young children, adults over age 65, pregnant women, and people with heart and/or lung disease, asthma or other respirator minimized.
- Around 3 miles, young children, adults over age 65, pregnant women, and people with heart and/or lung disease, asthma, or other respiratory illness should avoid all outdoor activities.
- Around 1 mile, the air quality is unhealthy for everyone. People should remain indoors and avoid all outdoor activities including running errands. Unless an evacuation has issued, stay inside your home, indoor workplace, or in a safe shelter.

Tribal Council Report

Tribal Council Resolutions passed during the Tribal Council meeting held on June 4, 2020, include:

2020-05 – Authorizing the Pueblo of Jemez the Use of COVID-19 Treasury Funds for Establishing and Operating Public Telemedicine Capabilities and for Establishing Technology Capacity to Facilitate Distance Learning during the Current Public Health Emergency

2020-06 – Authorizing the Pueblo of Jemez Planning & Development Department to Award a Sole Source Contract to Kelly Cable of New Mexico for Phase Two – The Installation of Fiber Optic at the Pueblo of Jemez

2020-07 – Approving the Tower Location, Design & Construction to Support Wireless Deployment to the Community and Authorizing the Pueblo of Jemez Tribal Administration to Secure Bids and Select Contractor to Construct the Tower

2020-08 – Authorizing the Pueblo of Jemez Planning Development and Transportation Department to Contract with Wilson & Company, Inc., Engineers and Architects for Preliminary Engineering Services for the Multi-Use Pedestrian Trail Project

2020-09 – Resolution Approving the 2020 General Counsel Contract

2020-10 – Resolution to Approve and Adopt the Pueblo of Jemez Comprehensive Emergency Operations Plan

2020-11 – Authorizing the Use of the Pueblo Community Burial Grounds for all Tribal Community Members Regardless of Religious Affiliation and Discontinuing the Use of the Pueblo Church and Presbyterian Burial Sites from Further Use
TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION

From the Human Resources Department

Through strategic partnership and collaboration, it is the Human Resources Department's mission to support the entire Pueblo of Jemez organization in meeting its goals through its most valuable resource - its people. We intend to provide an esteemed HR service that will enable the Pueblo of Jemez to attract, support, retain, and develop the talent needed to maintain a high performing workforce and a safe working environment.

• Background Screening. It is the Pueblo's policy that all employees and volunteers are screened with a favorable background before their first day of employment. A timely background investigation highly depends on how quickly our investigators are sent documents by the record holders. For more information on background investigations, please ask for Frances Chinana, HR Coordinator.

• Job Applications. Due to the high volume of applications the department receives, they are not able to contact every applicant. If you have questions on the status of a position that you've applied for, please follow up with a phone call. While they do hold applications for up to six months, they need to know what positions you are interested in. If you see a vacancy for which you'd like to transfer your recent application, please let them know. The HR generalists will be happy to assist.

• Personnel Records and Employment Verification Requests. Current and past employees may request assistance with these matters by contacting Frances Chinana, HR Coordinator.

• Employee Benefits. Jemez Pueblo has a robust benefits program for fulltime employees which includes a generous personal time-off bank; a reputable health plan through Presbyterian, vision insurance through VSP, and dental plan with Delta Dental; life and short-term disability coverage; a robust employee assistance program (EAP) through The Solutions Group, and a 401(k) plan with an employer contribution.

• Existing employees may contact Ashley Chinana, Benefits Coordinator, for general inquiries or assistance with the FMLA process.

• Forms. Current employees can locate HR forms and documents in the Human Resources folder on their respective shared drives.

Winter Johnson can assist with tribal government department position inquiries; Victoria Acosta can assist with Jemez Health and Human Services inquiries.

Phone: (575) 834-7359
Direct Fax: (575) 834-0604
E-mail: HumanResources@jemezpueblo.org
Visit the Career Page at: careers-jemezpueblo.icims.com

Pueblo of Jemez Job Opportunities

Apply online at www.jemezpueblo.org.
For more information, contact the Human Resources Department at (575) 834-7359 or email: winter.johnson@jemezpueblo.org.

Tribal Administration

Jemez Language Program Manager          Full Time
Los Alamos Pueblos Project Cultural Resources Specialist          Full Time
Assistant Controller          Full Time
GL Accountant          Full Time
Transportation/ Facility Coordinator          Full Time
Police Officer          Full Time
Chief of Police          Full Time
EMT Paramedic (3)          Part-Time
EMT Intermediate (3)          Part-Time
Creative Team Member          Temporary Part-Time

Jemez Health & Human Services

Police Officer (Victim Services Officer)          Full Time
Medical Assistant          Full Time, Part-Time
Pharmacy Technician          Full Time
Journey Man          Full Time
Victim Services Coordinator          Full Time
Administrative Assistant          Full Time
Caregiver Coordinator          Full Time
Foster Care Case Worker          Full Time
Public Health Program Manager          Full Time
Media Specialist          Temporary Full Time
Summer Recreation Assistants          Temporary Full Time
Help Desk II          Full Time
Clinical Care Coordinator          Full Time
Staff Physician          Full Time
Nurse Manager          Full Time
Supervisory Public Health Nurse          Full Time
The Pueblo of Jemez is currently hiring for Checkpoint Security staff.

If you are interested and/or have any questions regarding the position, please contact Jemez Police Department at (575)-834-0468.

Jemez Police Department office hours are from 8 am-5 pm, Monday - Friday.

Below is the job description of the position for your information.

**Description:** In efforts to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) into the Jemez Pueblo community, the Tribal Administration has instituted a community lockdown and established checkpoints to control traffic into the community. Security personnel is needed to staff these checkpoints for the duration of the lockdown. The contractor will serve as security personnel in accordance to work schedules developed by the tribal Chief of Police.

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**PUBLIC WORKS**

**OUR COMMITMENT TO KEEP YOUR WATER CONNECTED!!!!!**

We know how important it is for you and your family to have continuous and reliable access to clean water for daily hygiene, particularly handwashing, sanitation of household surfaces. The CDC guidelines also recommend personal household items, such as dishes, drinking glasses, cups, eating utensils, towels, and bedding to be washed at an increased frequency to minimize the spread of the disease, which also increases water usage.

Therefore, the Public Works Department and Finance Department highly encourage utility users to submit water bill payments to continue services through these trying times. We hope this enables you to take the right actions in caring for the health and wellness of your loved ones.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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**PUBLIC WORKS**

**TRANSFER STATION HOURS**

The Transfer Station will continue to be open during the shutdown.

**OPERATING HOURS**

Transfer Station
6:30 a.m to 5 p.m.
SOCIAL SERVICES

Men's Health Awareness Conference

Every morning we are greeted by the Sun and blessed with a new day. We pray for all good things and strength to those who need it. As we all walk through our life journey, we are reminded that we are living on borrowed time.

Let’s remember to treat each other with kindness and with respect as brothers and sisters. This year Jemez Social Services Batterer’s Intervention Program was preparing on having a Men’s Health Awareness Conference.

Unfortunately due to the outbreak of the Coronavirus in our State, we had to cancel the conference for the safety of our community. We hope to initiate the conference next year and encourage all men to attend and participate.

This year’s conference was titled, "Sons of Men" Meaning traditionally in our prayers, we are all brothers and we all come from one creator. We live in a close-knit community and we as men in our community are obligated to the religious societies that we belong to that identifies us as fathers, brothers, and sons creating this fellowship of men.

June 1994 was first acknowledged as Men’s Health Month. Throughout June, Men’s Health Month focuses on improving the lifestyles of men with several approaches to improving overall health.

The purpose of Men’s Health Month is to heighten the awareness of preventable health problems and encourage early detection and treatment of diseases among men and boys. Ideally, this seems simple but most men have a difficult time making a visit to get professional help until the problems get worse. Alcoholism, diabetes, cancer, and stroke just to name a few have been some top health problems men face.

In 2019, The American Cancer Society reported that most common cancers diagnosed in men are prostate, lung, and colorectal cancers. Tobacco use, poor nutrition, physical inactivity, and obesity are the cause of these diagnoses. All cancer deaths related to tobacco and alcohol abuse are entirely preventable by early detection of treatment.

This year we wanted to jump start Sons Of Men, Men’s Health Awareness Conference by discussing some issues as to why it is so difficult for some men to visit our local clinic when feeling sick or hurt. This is typically hard for a man to admit when they are ill or in pain because men are known for bravery and masculinity and don’t want to appear as weak. With the conference, we wanted to share our ideas on how to become more aware and learn how to express men’s health needs. As men, we need to understand we are human, and being human means we are prone to sickness, pain, loneliness, frustrations, and being fearful.

We hope to revisit this topic next year along with some other topics that will be beneficial for men during our Sons of Men-Men’s Health Awareness Conference.

If anyone has any suggestions on topics for future conferences please feel free to email or call the STEPS Program for more information.

Titusfragua@jemezpueblo.us
Jemez Social Services STEPS Program
(505) 803-0977

Health Resources:

Depression Hotline
(630) 482-9696

American Chronic Pain Association
(800) 533-3231
On June 28, 1970, the first Pride Parade was held in New York City on the first anniversary of the Stonewall uprising, which attracted thousands of participants, to the surprise of the organizers. Since then, thousands of LGBTQ members and supporters march in the streets of cities all across the world in June to celebrate the LGBTQ Pride Awareness Month. The letters LGBTQ+ stands for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer. The plus is for additional self-defined persons. The Rainbow flag has been the symbol for the LGBTQ community and supporters, originally devised by artist Gilbert Baker, an openly gay activist born in 1951, who grew up in Parsons, Kansas. He served in the US Army for two years in the early '70s and was honorably discharged. Gilbert is a self-taught seamstress. In 1974, Baker met Harvey Milk, a politician and the first openly gay elected official and leader, in California. Three years later, Milk challenged Baker to come up with a symbol of pride for the gay community. The original gay pride flag flew at the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Parade celebration on June 25, 1978.

The history of LGBTQ Awareness and the beginning of the symbolic Flag of Pride has been shared throughout the world. Within some Native communities, LGBTQ and supporters are uprising and advocating for their human rights. The term "Two-Spirit" is used by some Native LGBTQ communities that have been present in Native tribes before colonization for countless generations and predate LGBTQ terminology. For generations, Two-Spirit Native culture went underground to avoid detection and persecution. Today the Two-Spirit movement has been negatively affected by rumor, gossip, and the tyranny of western religion.

The traditional and still most common variant consists of six stripes: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and violet. The rainbow flag is also known as the gay pride flag or LGBTQ pride flag symbolizes the social movement for human rights for LGBTQ members and supporters. Other uses of the rainbow flag include the symbol for peace. The colors reflect the diversity of the LGBTQ community, as the flag is most used as a symbol of gay pride during LGBTQ parades.

While the term Two-Spirit was coined in 1990 in Winnipeg Canada as a means of unifying various gender identities and expressions of Native American/First Nations/Indigenous individuals, the term is not a specific definition of gender, sexual orientation, or another self-determining catchphrase, but rather an umbrella term. Two-Spirit people have both a male and female spirit within them and are blessed by their Creator to see life through the eyes of both genders. Two-Spirit is not a “New Age” movement, but rather reclamation of Two Spirits’ rightful place with respectability in Native culture.

More information and resources about Two-Spirit Movement:

- https://www.ihs.gov/lgbt/health/twospirit/
- LGBTQ National Hotline: (888) 843-4564
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

FiTT Endurance Jemez Virtual 10K

4 weeks of training officially starts MONDAY, June 29, 2020.

The official Virtual 10K weekend event will be July 24-26th, 2020.

Incentives:
• 10K = Endurance Jemez shirt and logo decal
• 10K + 4 weeks of training = endurance Jemez shirt, logo decal, and a water bottle!

Post a picture of your training, Simply tag FiTT members and/or the JHHS response team to validate your 4 weeks of training!

We understand there is a lot of interest from past participants of Endurance Jemez but for now, the FiTT Team wants you to know that our #1 priority is the health and safety of our Jemez community.

Please understand that all information shared on the JHHS Response Team social media accounts are targeted for communication purposes of:
• Jemez Tribal members
• residents living in Jemez Pueblo
• tribal members living outside of Jemez and;
• all POJ tribal employees.

We thank you for your understanding and continued support as we navigate our virtual events during this trying time.

If you have any questions please email FiTT, fitt@jemezpueblo.us.

Stay Safe and Happy Training!

-FiTT Team
Safety Tips during Covid-19 Precautions to Help Keep Kids Safer Around Cars As Parents Deal With Coronavirus

We know caregivers are juggling so many priorities during these uncertain times: Teleworking, homeschooling, handwashing, sanitizing, supervising your child and so much more. It is challenging to stay focused on everything at once. The good news is there are a few precautions we can all take to keep kids who are out of daycare or school safer during, what can seem like, very long days. This is a time when injuries for kids may be on the rise, which can put families at risk during trips to the emergency room and cause a strain on an already overburdened health-care system.

In the past two years, more than 100 children have died of heatstroke because they were alone or became trapped in a hot car. This is a tragedy that can happen to even the best families, particularly in this time of coronavirus pandemic when family routines have been disrupted and parents have so many priorities to think about. Whether you’re a parent working from home or a family member, friend or neighbor helping with childcare, there are safety precautions you can work into your busy days to help prevent injuries and keep kids safe at home, at play, and on the road.

We don’t want to see this happen to you! During COVID-19, be especially careful to avoid stress-related tragedies by remembering the following tips:

- **Never leave your child alone in a car, not even during a quick trip to the store.** While leaving your child in the car alone might seem like a good idea during these challenging times, it is not worth the risk. Cars can heat up to dangerous levels in just a short amount of time, even on mild, sunny days – and cracking a window doesn’t help. Temperatures inside the car can heat 19 degrees in just 10 minutes, and a child's body temperature rises 3 to 5 times faster than an adult's. It’s easy to get distracted or delayed in the store, one of the scenarios that have led to too many unintentional tragedies. This is a time to consider all your options and to find other ways to get your shopping done. Many stores are delivering or offering curbside pickup, neighbors are helping each other by combining trips and leaving the kids home with a sitter may be the best choice. It may even help you focus a bit better.

- **Keep car doors and trunks locked and keep key fobs out of reach.** With many families home and dealing with a new environment and responsibilities, supervision can be more difficult. Kids as young as 1 or 2 years old are known to climb into unlocked cars and trunks to play, but they can’t always get out. Locking your car doors and reminding your neighbors (even those without kids) to do the same provides an important level of protection. It is one less thing to worry about. If for some reason, you cannot find a child you thought was just outside playing, check cars, trunks, and pools first.

- **Create reminders.** During COVID we are all distracted, and we know that distraction and schedule disruptions have been major contributors to heatstroke deaths since 1998. Keep a stuffed animal or another memento in your child’s car seat when it’s empty, and move the toy to the front seat as a visual reminder when your child is in the back seat. Others have told us they place their phone, briefcase, or purse in the backseat when traveling with their child. During COVID we are all distracted, and we need all the help we can get to be safe.

- **Take action. We are all in this global crisis together.** If you see a child alone in a car, call 911. Emergency personnel wants you to call. They are trained to respond to these situations. Many bystanders have helped save a child who was dangerously sick and alone in a vehicle.

- **Slow down and avoid distractions.** Other drivers, like you, are stressed, anxious, and distracted so be extra alert during these times especially in neighborhoods. Kids can dart behind cars and into streets in unpredictable ways. Be ready!

We know these are challenging times. That’s why it’s more important than ever to remember the proven solutions that prevent injuries and save lives!
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Submitted by Jerry Lazzari, Emergency Manager

On March 2, 2020, the Pueblo of Jemez (POJ) and Jemez Health and Human Services (JHHS) Response Team was officially established by the Governor’s Office in response to the COVID-19. Emergency Operations Center (EOC) activated on March 17, 2020, to Level 3 Partial/Virtual as the pandemic emergency intensified to support the POJ/JHHS Response Team and other protective actions on the pueblo in response to COVID-19.

The POJ EOC is currently physically located at the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Building and its primary function is to support incident management activities. The EOC collects and coordinates information, develops the Incident Action Plan (IAP), and develops the Pueblo Situation Report (SITREP). As part of the EOC responsibilities, the EOC provides direction and guidance on stabilizing Critical Community Lifelines to assure the protection of the pueblo.

The EOC has been coordinating with tribal, local, state, and federal departments and agencies to accomplish strategic and tactical objectives for the Pueblo of Jemez. One of the unique challenges the POJ EOC faced during this pandemic is most operations and activities had to be conducted virtually due to the infectious nature of COVID-19 where normally representatives from each POJ department would be physically located in the EOC working face-to-face.

The POJ EOC will remain activated to Level 3 until activities and operations decrease to the level where the EOC can be demobilized.

Additional information about the POJ EOC and emergency management activities is available through the Pueblo of Jemez Department of Emergency Management (DEM). If you have additional questions contact DEM at (575) 834-7628 or by email: jerry.lazzari@jemezpueblo.us

Thank you for your support and to help bring our pueblo closer to being prepared.

Submitted by Dave Ryan, Department Director

The Pueblo of Jemez Department of Emergency Management applied for and awarded funding to place backup generators to the Fitness / Youth Center and Senior Center. The funding awarded of $140,000.00 fell a little short of our needed funds to place generators at both locations. The Jemez Health and Human Services Health Board approved $50,859.46 to make the project successful.

The plan for having backup power generation at both locations is so that both locations will be used as Emergency Shelters when needed. The generator pictured above has been placed at the Fitness Center. These generators will allow the buildings to run as if there was no power failure at all.

Two 45KW tows behind generators have also been purchased. These units will be used for events that need a lot of power, most recently this unit was used for the JHHS COVID-19 testing site that was in conjunction with Presbyterian Health Services. In the future, the Department of Emergency Management will be working to have other facilities on the Pueblo of Jemez fitted with “pigtails” so in the event of a power failure the tow-behind generators can be hooked up and restore power to other identified critical facilities.
Car Seat Distribution

The Injury Prevention Program will continue to provide car seats but with new precautions:

• We will be going by appointments Monday- Friday from 8-4 pm
• Please wear a mask during your appointment
• If you or your child is not feeling well, please reschedule an appointment.

Things to bring with you:

• Car Seat (if you currently have one in use)
• Child or Children
• Vehicle

*We are unable to assist you if your child(ren) are not with you.

Home safety

Home safety inspections are held as of now but if you or a relative or anybody that you may know that needs a grab bar, smoke alarm, night light, or other safety equipment around your house. Call Injury Prevention Program at (575) 834-1001 for help or any information.

Spay/Neuter Services

The Injury Prevention Program has a contract with Coronado Pet Hospital in Bernalillo for Spay/Neuter services. This is the time for our community members to take care of having their pets “fixed” at no cost. The Injury Prevention Program will pay to spay/neuter one cat and one dog per household. Please take advantage of this opportunity now. Neutered pets are healthier and happier, and can reduce unwanted pets in our community.

Any Questions or concerns please contact Jemez Pueblo Injury Prevention Program at (575) 834-1001 or schedule an appointment at (505) 771-3311 at the Coronado Pet Hospital.

Antonio Blueeyes       Marlon Gachupin
Injury Prevention Technician           Injury Prevention Technician
Certified CPS Technicians          Certified CPS Technicians
(575) 834-1001                (575) 834-1001
**Planning, Development and Transportation Department Project Updates**

The Planning, Development, and Transportation Department (PDTD) is working on numerous infrastructure improvement projects for the Pueblo.

Below are the project status updates. If you have questions, please contact

Sheri Bozic, Director, at:
(505) 382-3299
or

Amanda Rubio,
Transportation Project Manager at:
(505) 321-3489:

**NM 4 Bypass**

The NMDOT has programmed $3 Million to complete the planning and design for the NM 4 Bypass and has recently selected an engineering team for the project. In June, staff from PDTD, Realty, and Natural Resources Department performed a site visit with the NMDOT Project Manager to discuss the proposed alignment and design elements. After the design is completed, the Pueblo will apply for construction funding.

**NM 4 Traffic-Calming Project**

The NMDOT awarded a $21,000 grant and the FHWA awarded a $45,000 grant to the Pueblo to mitigate speeding along NM 4 by installing traffic-calming measures. The traffic-calming measures will include gateway treatment signs at each entrance of the Pueblo, and the replacement of two existing 30 mph signs with solar-powered speed display/radar feedback signs.

**Tribal Administrative Complex Parking Lots/Sheep Springs Way (South Entrance off NM 4)**

The project will design and construct improvements for the existing Tribal Administrative Complex parking lots and Sheep Springs Way. The Pueblo is currently seeking grant funding for construction.
The road maintenance team works diligently to improve roadway and parking lot conditions throughout the Pueblo.

The team is currently working on the following projects:

- Replacing the cattle guards and asphalt pavement at the Green Acres Road and transfer station road entrances;
- Installing gates at the intersection of Good Spirits Road and NM-4, the intersection of Route 802 (at the entrance of the road to transfer station & WTI) and NM-4, and Route 81 (at the San Ysidro/Jemez boundary);
- Replacing all street signs throughout the Pueblo; and
- Patching potholes at various locations with asphalt.
- The top priority projects are those that will improve traffic safety and bus routes. For questions regarding road maintenance, please contact Vincent Toya, Heavy Equipment Supervisor, at (505) 500-5336.

The road maintenance team widened and regraded Spanish ditch road. New street signs installed at the Pueblo Place subdivision.

Planning & Development

Walatowa Fitness Center Parking Lot/ Bear Head Canyon Rd.

The project will design and construct a new parking lot at the Walatowa Fitness Center and will improve the entrance of Bear Head Canyon Road to the Fitness Center. The preliminary engineering tasks were completed in 2019. Our Department is actively searching for grant funding for project construction.

Owl Springs Way Bridge Replacement Design

The project will complete the design plans for a new bridge over the Jemez River. The new bridge will have two driving lanes and will include a pedestrian walkway. The preliminary engineering tasks will be completed by fall 2020. After the design is completed, the POJ will seek additional funding to construct the replacement bridge.

Pedestrian Trails and Bikeways Facility Plan

With extensive input from the community, pedestrian trails and bikeway facility plans will be developed for the Pueblo. The Pueblo will utilize the plan to seek grant awards for the design and construction of new pedestrian pathways and to make improvements to existing trails at the Pueblo. A public meeting (potentially virtual) will be held to review the final plan.

Construction Tip – Call Before You Dig

Please call 811 or 1-800-321-2537 at least 2 working days in advance before you start any digging project. Whether you are planning to do it yourself or hire a contractor, smart digging means calling 811 before each job. The 811 representatives will record the location and other information about your project and notify the appropriate utility companies to mark all buried lines so you can dig safely around them!

For more information visit:
http://call811.com/map-page/new-mexico


**CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2020!!**

**Albuquerque Public Schools**
- Jordan Madalena, Cibola High School
- Hanna Medina, La Cueva High School
- Younique Rosalita Rubio, College & Career High School
- Mikayla Taylor, St. Pius High School
- Deizha Waquie, Sandia High School
- Krystal Waquie, Eldorado High School
- Richard Waquie Jr, Del Norte High School
- Abigail Yepa, Del Norte High School

**Santa Fe Indian School**
- Diondrei Armijo
- Macalty Baca
- Clayton Casiquito
- Cole Gachupin
- Tennaya Galvan
- Antonia Lucero
- Kyran Romero
- Eilan Tosa
- Merlina Tosa
- Diandra Toya
- Kalena Villa

**Jemez Valley High School**
- Jalen Aragon-Pino
- Juanita Gachupin
- Raynaldo Gachupin
- Ethan Galvan
- Hannah Gracia
- J'Dynn Loretto
- Josh Loretto
- Jasmine Pino
- Esperanza Redden
- Samie Riley
- Timothy Romero
- Byron Sabaquie
- Fernando Saiz
- Aaliyah Salazar
- Edward Shije
- Jeramyah Spurlock
- Marissa Toya
- Shanowa Wilson
- Bethany ArLynn Yepa

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- Desiree A. Domy, Cleveland High School
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- Leonard Nevarez, Rio Rancho High School
- Ariel M. Reano, Rio Rancho High School
- Ethan Jon Romero, Cleveland High School
- Aamya H. Sandia, Rio Rancho High School
- Kyanne C. Sando, Rio Rancho High School
- Aleja M. Shendo, Cleveland High School
- Brianna L. Toya, Cleveland High School

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Kayenta, Arizona
Towan Westbear Fragua
Monument Valley High School

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Donovan Maestas Vista Grande Charter School

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Jill Casiquito
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Reanna Chama
RaeAnne Gachupin
Smya Gachupin
Ava Loretto
Kyann Loretto
Jaden Loretto
Sebastian Lucero
Jordan Shije
Keithan Shendo
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Jasmine A.K. Chosa, BA: Interdisciplinary Studies

New Mexico State University
Christian Sando, BBA: Information Systems

University of Arizona
Keishan Aspaas, BS: Management Information Systems

University of Denver
Cassie Sando, MA: Higher Education

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Jacqueline Magdalena,
  AA: Early Childhood Education
Trevor Armijo,
  AAS: Natural Resources Management
Kyle Chinana,
  AA: Liberal Arts
Perfilia R. Madalena, AS: Business Administration
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  Justin A. Casiquito, BA: Community Health Education
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  Renea Reano, MSN: Nursing
  Zachary K. Smith, BA: Biology
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  Keenan H. Toya, BBA: Business Administration, Honors: Cum Laude
Open Enrollment for Walatowa Head Start Language Immersion Program (WHSLIP) for School Year 2020-2021

Recruiting Children Ages: 3 to 5 years old

Enrolling Now!

Applications will be available via email.

Please provide the following documents:

Birth Certificate, Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB), Income Statements (Pay Stub, W-2, 2019 Tax Return, Child Support Letter, Declaration of Income-If you are self-employed or claiming no income, please request for a form at the WHSLIP.), Public Assistance (TANF or SSI Benefits Letter) and Updated Immunization Records.

Please contact Danielle Sando at (575) 834-7366 for an enrollment application and enrollment requirements.
The 2020 Forest Stewards Youth Corps Fall Fire & Fuels Program

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Forest Stewards Guild is hiring Crew Members for a crew to be based out of the Jemez Pueblo Natural Resources Department, Forestry Program. Crew Members will be employees of the Forest Stewards Guild but will report to work at the Natural Resources Department at Jemez Pueblo. This crew is one of three Fall Forest Stewards Youth Corps (FSYC) Crews. The program runs for 12 weeks from August 17th until November 6th. Crews will complete natural resource management projects and may participate in prescribed fire operations when conditions and weather permitting. Crew Members earn $14.50 per hour.

www.foreststewardsguild.org/FSYC

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS
~ 18-25 years old
~ New Mexico resident
~ Comply with Jemez Pueblo and FSYC rules and policies
~ No previous wildland fire fighting experience is required
~ Physically fit and able to lift 75lbs, work long days in the field (14 hours) and walk with heavy loads on steep and uneven terrain
~ Certification as a wildland firefighter within one week of the start of the program (training provided).
~ Be prepared to camp at Cottonwood Gulch Basecamp during the mandatory training in week one of the program.
Food is provided
~ Must be able to pass an arduous pack test.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES
The fall FSYC Fire & Fuels program will include a comprehensive training component that will include National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) Basic Wildland Fire Fighting (S-130/190), Wildland Fire Chainsaw Use (S-212), CPR and first-aid, defensive driving, and New Mexico Forest Worker Safety. FSYC participants will also receive on the job training and mentorship from the Natural Resources Department, Forestry Program, and Forest Stewards Guild staff.

OTHER DETAILS
The 2020 fall program will start with an overnight training at the Cottonwood Gulch Foundation near Thoreau, NM. Exact dates and length TBD but it will be at least 5-days long. For the remainder of the program, each crew will report to the Natural Resources Department at Jemez Pueblo. FSYC participants must supply their wildland fire fighting boots, which must measure 8 inches from heel to the top of the boot, be constructed of all leather, and have lugged soles. All other personal protective equipment will be provided. Camping equipment will be required for the training and prescribed fire operations. While some equipment may be provided, participants should supply their own camping equipment (tent, 20-degree sleeping bag, sleeping pad, etc.).

TO APPLY To apply for a fall Crew Member position, please complete the online application at:
https://foreststewardsguild.org/fsyc/.

Applications are accepted and will be processed on a rolling basis. The first round of hiring will begin July 1st, apply by then to be considered in the first round.

Please contact Sam Berry (sam@forestguild.org, or 541-816-6371) with any questions.
FSYC is funded by a long-standing partnership between the NM Youth Conservation Corps Commission, Forest Stewards Guild, USDA Forest Service, and others.
Greetings from the New Editor!

As a Walatowan, it is a great honor and privilege to be appointed as the new Editor for the Walatowan newsletter, formally known as the Red Rock Reporter.

The previous editor, Erica Kane, began to write and edit content, attend and report on conferences, process photographs, create the layout, and complete the technical pre-press process for the newsletter since November of 2007 when she was a technical writer with Jemez Health & Human Services.

We want to express our sincere appreciation to Erica Kane for the work she has done for this community and tribal administration. May many blessings pave her way.

As we move forward together to evolve the Walatowan to the next level, I encourage the community to share stories, or guidance with me and our team.

Please feel free to reach out with your ideas. I look forward to hearing from you soon!

Kindly,

Tamara Colaque
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