



All Pueblo  
Council of  
Governors

Officers:  
Mark Mitchell, Chairman  
Jerome Lucero, Vice-Chairman  
Governor Val Panteah Sr., Secretary

**Resolution**

Acoma

ALL PUEBLO COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS  
RESOLUTION NO. APCG 2022-06

Cochiti

Isleta

**SUPPORTING THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR'S PROPOSED  
ADMINISTRATIVE WITHDRAWAL OF FEDERAL LANDS AND MINERALS  
SURROUNDING THE CHACO CULTURE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK**

Jemez

Laguna

**WHEREAS**, the All Pueblo Council of Governors is comprised of the Pueblos of Acoma, Cochiti, Isleta, Jemez, Laguna, Nambe, Ohkay Owingeh, Picuris, Pojoaque, San Felipe, San Ildefonso, Sandia, Santa Ana, Santa Clara, Santo Domingo, Taos, Tesuque, Zia, and Zuni, and one pueblo in Texas, Ysleta Del Sur, each having the sovereign authority to govern their own affairs; and

Nambe

Ohkay Owingeh

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the All Pueblo Council of Governors is to advocate, foster, protect, and encourage the social, cultural, and traditional well-being of the Pueblo Nations;

Picuris

Pojoaque

**WHEREAS**, through their inherent and sovereign rights, the Pueblo Nations through the All Pueblo Council of Governors will promote the language, health, economic, cultural, and natural resources, and educational advancement of all Pueblo people;

Sandia

San Felipe

**WHEREAS**, the 20 Pueblos possess inherent government authority and sovereignty over their lands;

San Ildefonso

**WHEREAS**, the Pueblos possess their own cultural territory and sovereign right to protect their cultural resources, including their traditional cultural properties and sacred sites, whether or not these cultural resources are located within each Pueblo's current exterior boundaries;

Santa Ana

Santa Clara

Santo Domingo

**WHEREAS**, the All Pueblo Council of Governors recognizes that the Greater Chaco Region, including the Chaco Culture National Historical Park ("CCNHP") situated within it, is a sacred landscape important to Pueblos and other Tribes;

Taos

Tesuque

**WHEREAS**, the All Pueblo Council of Governors has long raised concerns about the effects of oil and gas development in the Greater Chaco Region, where such development is encroaching closer and closer on CCNHP;

Ysleta del Sur

Zia

**WHEREAS**, the All Pueblo Council of Governors has maintained a two-part approach to protecting CCNHP and the Greater Chaco Region that includes: 1) seeking withdrawal of federal lands and minerals from future mineral development in an especially critical approximately 10-mile withdrawal area surrounding CCNHP and including its outliers; and 2) seeking sufficient tribally-led cultural resource studies and tribal

Zuni



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consultation preceding all other development, including lease sales, in the Greater Chaco Region;

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**WHEREAS**, the All Pueblo Council of Governors reaffirmed its support for legislation withdrawing federal lands and minerals in an approximately 10-mile withdrawal area surrounding the CCNHP and including its outliers from mineral and geothermal development and leasing; and

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**WHEREAS**, during the White House Tribal Nations Summit in November of 2021, President Biden announced that the Department of the Interior (Department) through Secretary Deb Haaland of Laguna Pueblo would begin the administrative withdrawal process for a 20-year withdrawal of federal lands and minerals from future mineral development in the approximately 10-mile withdrawal area surrounding the CCNHP;

Ohkay Owingeh

**WHEREAS**, The Department officially began this process by publishing a Federal Register Notice on January 6, 2022;

Picuris

Pojoaque

**WHEREAS**, the proposed withdrawal would remove 351,479.97 acres of public lands from location and entry under the United States mining laws and from leasing under the mineral leasing laws, but not disposal under the mineral materials laws, and the withdrawal would be subject to valid existing rights; and

Sandia

San Felipe

**WHEREAS**, the Department is now following the administrative withdrawal process required by the Federal Land Policy and Management Act before making a final decision on whether to complete the withdrawal;

San Ildefonso

Santa Ana

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the All Pueblo Council of Governors applauds President Biden and Secretary Haaland for initiating the administrative withdrawal process.

Santa Clara

Santo Domingo

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the All Pueblo Council of Governors appreciates the New Mexico Congressional Delegation, including Senator Martin Heinrich, Senator Ben Ray Lujan, and Representative Teresa Leger Fernandez, for their tireless support for the protection and preservation of the Greater Chaco Region.

Taos

Tesuque

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the All Pueblo Council of Governors calls on all Pueblos to meaningfully participate in the tribal consultation process and calls on all Pueblo community members to meaningfully participate in the Department's public commenting process in support of the proposed administrative withdrawal.

Ysleta del Sur

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the All Pueblo Council of Governors hereby authorizes its Chairman and his designee(s) to do all that is necessary to

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carry out the intent of this Resolution, including submitting oral and written comments on behalf of the All Pueblo Council of Governors in support of the administrative withdrawal.

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**CERTIFICATION**

We, the undersigned officials of the All Pueblo Council of Governors hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. APCG 2022-06 was considered and adopted at a duly called council meeting held on 24th day of March 2022, and at which time a quorum was present and the same was approved by a vote of 17 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstain, and 3 absent.

**ALL PUEBLO COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS**

By:

  
Mark Mitchell, APCG Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Governor Val R. Panteah Sr., APCG Secretary