



# DINÉ C.A.R.E.

CITIZENS AGAINST RUINING  
OUR ENVIRONMENT



# 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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# LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Yá'át'ééh,

As we conclude this calendar year we are reflecting on achievements as well as ongoing challenges. As Diné warriors focused on environmental justice, we know there will be more challenges ahead for us in 2026. At the same time we will continue to find opportunities for partnership, collaboration and solidarity with all those who concentrate their efforts in defending our shared sacred communities and Mother Earth's biodiversity. We are guided by love for our land and our board members' collective wisdom and experience, along with protection and blessing prayers and ceremonies. The following milestones are our organization's contribution to the protection of Diné Bikéyah and the broader environmental justice movement in 2025:

- In March we increased our capacity by adding a new Communications Specialist and a Just Transition Organizer.
- We have re-engaged on the many uranium threats affecting our lands, water and communities.
- We increased our partnerships, jointly hosting community meetings, webinars, sponsored resolutions, and field tours with a range of groups.
- We hosted our first Just Transition Townhall, hearing critical feedback from the community, with overwhelming support for a transition away from fossil fuels, and a shift toward traditional teachings and values. The results of the Townhall and research prepared by our Just Transition Organizer is reflected in our Just Transition Report.
- We organized and helped the public submit over 60 public comments calling for oil and gas regulation reform, strong methane regulation, support for tribal air quality enforcement and support for renewable energy projects in the San Juan Basin.
- We joined partner organizations in legally defending critical federal environmental regulation standards and requirements for community input, tribal consultation, and environmental justice.
- We expanded our digital and online reach with a total of 12,553 online followers and subscribers.
- We were featured in national news outlets, such as the New York Times, USA Today and AZ Central.

Our efforts and successes reflect our commitment to a healthy future for our people in our ancestral territory. We have much to share and celebrate with Southwestern communities as we build pathways for a just transition and reinvigorate environmental justice for all our communities.

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A handwritten signature in white ink that reads "Robyn Jackson".

Robyn Jackson

Executive Director

# WHO WE ARE

## OUR MISSION:

Diné C.A.R.E.'s mission is to advocate for our traditional teachings by protecting and providing a voice for all life within and beyond the Four Sacred Mountains. We promote regenerative and sustainable uses of natural resources consistent with the Diné philosophy of life.

## OUR VISION:

Our vision is to practice our sacred duty and responsibility of the Diné by revering and protecting hózhó of the natural world for future life.

## OUR VALUES:

- We are grounded in Diné tradition with our Tádídíín.
- We speak with the understanding that our words carry the power of prayer.
- We have reverence for the interconnectedness of all life.
- We defend all life, because all life forms have rights.
- We know that the decisions we make today impact future life.
- We protect Diné Bikéyah for future generations.



## WHAT WE DO

- Community Organizing
- Public Education & Advocacy
- Engage Decision Makers

## AREAS WE COVER: Navajo Nation

- 110 Chapters
- 27,000 + square miles
- Largest Native American reservation
- Multi-level Engagement: Local, Tribal, State, Federal





# 2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## Internal

Hiring of **New Staff**  
Established **Diné Shop**  
Creation of **Quarterly Newsletter**  
**Professional Development** Trainings  
Board and Staff **Navajo Language** Practice & Learning

## Our Reach

**515** Email Subscribers  
**9,831** Facebook Followers  
**2,137** Instagram Followers  
**71** Bluesky Followers  
**5** Op-eds & Featured Articles

## Community Partnership

**3** Sponsored & Co-Sponsored Resolutions  
**3** Presentations & Report Backs  
**6** New Community Partners  
**6** Awareness Walks & Protests  
**9** Tabling Events  
**11** Coalition & Partner Meetings  
**15** Attended Navajo Nation Council Sessions & Chapter Meetings  
**60+** Organized & submitted Public Comments & Testimonies  
**500+** Collected Łeetso éí Dooda Postcard Signatures

## Merchandise Sold

**1** Tote  
**3** Sticker  
**3** Book  
**8** T-shirts

## Events

**1** Townhall  
**2** Webinars  
**3** Toxic Tours  
**3** Community Forums

*As we share our accomplishments from the year, we are incredibly proud of our team's dedication and shared vision of protecting Nihikéyah (our homelands). Although our annual report is based on the Westernized calendar year and is separated into quarters (in our case seasons), we recognize that the Diné New Year is in October.*

## HAI (WINTER): JAN-MAR

At the start of the year, Diné C.A.R.E. launched key campaigns focused on defending our Diné lands from further fossil fuel expansion. With clear strategy and strong leadership support, our dedicated staff were able to accomplish our goals to empower and educate our communities on the many energy and environmental issues impacting our Nation.

We called upon our supporters to submit comments in protest of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Farmington and Rio Puerco Field Offices' attempts to fast-track Land Lease Sales near the Eastern part of the Navajo Nation. Our Energy Organizer, Cheyenne Antonio, wrote a powerful opinion piece for the Santa Fe New Mexican, "Clean up abandoned wells to protect a way of life", urging stronger protections and bonding requirements for oil and gas companies to clean up and plug orphaned wells that have long been neglected.

On the first day of the Spring Navajo Nation Council Session in Window Rock, AZ, DC staff participated in the National Day of Remembrance Walk for the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA) and Uranium Downwinders. The goal of the walk was to honor those exposed to radiation from nuclear testing, including downwinders and to demand the reauthorization of RECA.

In partnership with HaulNo!, an Indigenous led grassroots working to stop nuclear colonialism in the Southwest, we collaborated in a postcard campaign (Łeetso éí Dooda) to collect signed postcards from the community to submit to the Arizona Governor Katie Hobbs, demanding a stop to the Pinyon Plain Mine and its transportation of uranium ore through our reservation. We mailed the first batch of Łeetso éí Dooda postcards to Governor Katie Hobbs and digitally delivered copies to other federal and state representatives, including the U.S. Forest Service, BLM, U.S. Department of Transportation, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality and the Utah Governor.

In early February, our Energy Organizer, Cheyenne Antonio held the first community event of the year: Coffee and Conversation. She engaged with Albuquerque residents to raise awareness on various Diné C.A.R.E. initiatives and secured additional signatures for the Łeetso éí Dooda campaign.

We joined HaulNo! again in Flagstaff, AZ for a rally protesting the uranium ore transportation through town, from the Pinyon Plain Mine to the White Mesa Uranium Mill



in Utah. In collaboration with Bidii Roots and HaulNo!, we were able to share live updates and capture evidence of the company Energy Fuels transporting over 25 tons of uranium ore. We were disappointed that transportation trucks only secure radioactive uranium ore with loose tie-down tarps. Due to the growing concern of uranium transportation through reservation lands, we were invited by the Mexican Water Chapter to co-host a public education event on the issue. The transportation of uranium from Energy Fuels operations and the Pinyon Plain Mine started in December of 2023 and is scheduled to continue for another four months in 2026. Many Indigenous Nations in the region and communities throughout Northern Arizona are in strong opposition to Energy Fuels operations and are demanding the mine cease operations as soon as possible, and not extend beyond the 28 month contract currently in place.

Later in March, our Executive Director, Robyn Jackson provided public comment in support of the Sunbelt Solar Project in the Central Consolidated School District in northwest New Mexico. This approved solar and battery storage proposal near the now-demolished San Juan Generating Station would provide about 150 megawatts (MW) of solar power and provide property tax revenue to the local area.

We ended the quarter with hiring two new staff: a Communications Specialist and a Just Transition Organizer, expanding our capacity and organizational reach.

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# DAAN (SPRING): APR-JUN

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In April, we traveled to Window Rock for the 25th Navajo Nation Spring Council Session, where we joined other Diné grassroots in several rallies and press conferences, giving voice to the environmental impacts we are experiencing across the Navajo Nation. At the council session our staff were interviewed and quoted by two New Mexican news outlets, the NM Political Report and NM Spotlight. Our staff spoke about their frustration with the Nygren Administration and it’s continued support of the fossil fuels industry and under-researched proposals on Navajo lands, like carbon capture sequestration (CCS) and hydrogen operations.

Later that week we were able to complete a visit with community partners in Farmington, New Mexico to learn more about the Four Corners Power Plant and San Juan Solar. New staff were able to learn more about the coal industry’s impact on surrounding communities, observing mining, the enormous amount of toxic coal ash left behind, disturbed nearby agricultural lands and water contamination. We then traveled to the eastern portion of Diné lands in the checkerboard region of Counselor, New Mexico to observe the impacts of the oil and gas industry. This region of the San Juan Basin has long dealt with the oil and gas industry and it is where we’ve joined groups in challenging lease sales. It is also where our Energy Organizer, Cheyenne Antonio and Earthworks

Thermographer, Kendra Pinto regularly co-host Toxic Field Tours, documenting pollution emissions from oil and gas wells, pipelines and equipment. During these Toxic Tours, both Diné C.A.R.E. and Earthworks provide education about the impacts of oil and gas and its harmful toll on communities.

In early May, we traveled to Phoenix, AZ to attend and stand in solidarity with the Apache Stronghold in their fight to protect Oak Flat, a critically sacred site for their tribe. We also began organizing with Leupp community advocates on a community forum about the different extractive projects threatening the western part of the Navajo Nation. The community of Leupp was successful in passing a resolution to oppose the transportation of uranium through Leupp, Arizona.

Toward the end of the quarter our new staff traveled across all five Navajo Nation agencies and ended our tour in Hardrock, AZ to visit with longtime environmental justice advocate, Percy Deal. We were invited to witness firsthand the continued environmental impacts resulting from Peabody coal mining on Black Mesa. The experience inspired our staff to continue pursuing an end to extractive industries on Navajo Nation and promote a regenerative and sustainable economy.

As the summer began to gain momentum we successfully re-launched our quarterly newsletter allowing us to disseminate information to over 600 subscribers. We used the newsletter platform to notify our subscribers about the upcoming hearing, protest and comment periods. New Mexico In-Depth released an article and video interview with our Energy Organizer, Cheyenne Antonio. She spoke on her experience as an Indigenous climate organizer and where she draws inspiration from.

## SHÍ (SUMMER): JUL-SEPT

The summer for the Navajo Nation was also filled with a lot of uncertainty due to the Oak Ridge Fire that burned over 10,000 acres near our nation's capital. Simultaneously, the Navajo Nation President, Buu Nygren publicly expressed his support for reviving coal. Our team then focused our efforts to fight a Carbon Capture Storage & Sequestration (CCS) proposal on the Navajo Nation. Our Just Transition Organizer, Devon Norberto wrote a No CCS resolution. He also co-facilitated with our Communications Specialist, Ali Tsosie-Harvey to host a webinar titled: Rooted in Responsibility & Ground in Tradition: Examining CCS Technologies on the Navajo Nation. This webinar included a panel of three technical experts from longtime partner organizations who spoke on the fallacy of CCS.

Our Energy Organizer, Cheyenne Antonio created an online presentation, providing information on the leasing of 3838.66 acres of public lands and the Diné communities of Counselor, Ojo Encino and Torreón/Starlake for horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing. She was able to gather and submit twenty-nine protest comments from



concerned residents and chapter officials.

In early August, members of the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Air & Toxins Department, Criminal Enforcement Department and the Air Quality Control Program joined Diné C.A.R.E. and Earthworks for a Toxic Tour within the Eastern Agency of the Navajo Nation. They visited three active well sites to observe real-time pollution emissions that negatively impact public health, the environment and cultural sites. Using an Forward-Looking Infrared (FLIR) Optical Gas Imaging (OGI) camera, they were able to document emissions at all three locations, which were later reported to the New Mexico Environmental Department. This event solidified our partnership with the Navajo EPA Air & Toxins Department.

Throughout the summer we tabled at various events thanks to the help of our friends at K'é Infoshop, Red Water Pond Road Community Association, Bidii Roots, Haul NO! and Sierra Club. This allowed us to educate communities about our work and obtain signatures for our Łeetso éí Dooda Postcard campaign. Our partnership with other environmental advocacy groups is essential for our staff to gain a greater understanding of the many environmental injustices and ways to support one another in our collective struggles. We ended the quarter with announcing our DC Shop and making merchandise available to the public. The proceeds from the DC shop will help fund Diné C.A.R.E.'s programs and initiatives.

## AAK'EED (FALL): OCT-DEC

In October, our team travelled to join coalition partners for the White Mesa Ute Community Spiritual Walk and Protest. We extended solidarity to the White Mesa Ute community to protest the Energy Fuels uranium mill. For over a year we have re-engaged in uranium issues affecting our communities and region, helping disseminate information about the Pinyon Plain Uranium Mine, transportation, and milling at the White Mesa Mill.

To keep our staff sharp and refreshed in their skillset we have undergone different organizing, supervisor, and comms trainings offered by social justice organizations, such as the School of Unity and Liberation (SOUL), Midwest Academy, and Rural Communications. We wrapped the month of October by getting the word out on Navajo EPA's Partial TIP Hearing for a Minor New Source Review Program. The Partial TIP would allow the Navajo Nation EPA to regulate certain pollutants on tribal lands. Diné C.A.R.E. staff provided comments in support of Navajo EPA's application to regulate on tribal lands. We shared a livestream recording for our followers on social media.

Our Energy Organizer, Cheyenne Antonio presented to both the Counselor and Torreon Chapters about the Toxic Tours she co-hosted with Earthworks. In total, both our organizations were able to document and report on 17 different pollution emission

sources that were submitted to the state of New Mexico and the Navajo Nation for the enforcement agencies to address.

Our Just Transition Organizer, Devon Norberto distributed a community survey asking community members about their perspectives on a Just Transition and a future beyond coal. In addition, we held a community Town Hall meeting at Diné College, where we were able to interact with local residents who live near the Four Corners Power Plant. Our Just Transition Report will be released in the coming weeks along with a webinar.

We are incredibly proud of our effective team and how hard they have worked this past year. We look forward to 2026 and we will carry on our mission to protect our Diné homeland and make positive changes that benefit our health, environment, and communities.

We appreciate and look forward to your continued support! May we walk in beauty together.

In gratitude,  
  
Diné C.A.R.E.







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