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PUBLIC MEETING  
MARCH 11, 1998 at 7:00 p.m.

BEST WESTERN INN AND SUITES  
GALLUP, NEW MEXICO

BEFORE: LARRY FISHER, Chairman  
LYNN SHELTON, Co-Chair  
ROBERT (BOB) HERREN, Committee Member  
PHILLIP SOLANO, Committee Member  
CHARLES HENDRICKSON, Committee Member

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- DWAYNE FORD
- RONALD KNEEBONE
- KATRINA MARTICH
- SHARLENE BEGAY-PLATERO
- HAYES LEWIS
- CHAIRMAN FISHER

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1 CHAIRMAN FISHER: We would like to get going here  
2 -- it's 7:00 -- and get on with business. We appreciate  
3 everybody coming. Again, if you don't mind, we would like  
4 to just kind of introduce everybody, make sure everybody  
5 knows who's here and who they represent. So if you'll  
6 introduce yourself and who you represent, we would really  
7 appreciate it. If you're just here representing yourself,  
8 that's fine. I have no problem with that. Just let us  
9 know. But then we kind of know who all the players are.

10 I'm Larry Fisher. I'm the BRAC Environmental  
11 Coordinator for Fort Wingate, but I live in Tooele, and I  
12 work at Tooele Army Depot in Utah.

13 MR. SHELTON: Lynn Shelton, Community Co-Chair.

14 MR. HERREN: I'm Bob Herren. I'm with Cope  
15 Memorial Chapel.

16 MR. SOLANO: I'm Phillip Solano. I'm with the New  
17 Mexico Environment Department.

18 MR. HENDRICKSON: I'm Chuck Hendrickson with the  
19 USEPA out of Dallas.

20 MS. BEGAY-PLATERO: Hi. I'm Sharlene  
21 Begay-Platero, Navajo Nation. Project Leader for Fort  
22 Wingate.

23 MS. DUWUENIE: Rose Duwuenie with the Bureau of  
24 Indian Affairs, Environmental Services, Navajo area office.

25 MR. CURLEY: I'm Gerald Curley. I'm a Realty

1 Specialist for BIA Navajo area here in Gallup.

2 MR. DISHTA: Good evening. I'm Joe Dishta, Pueblo  
3 of Zuni, Zuni Heritage Preservation office.

4 MR. BRADLEY: My name is Bill Bradley. I'm with  
5 the Legal Office at the Industrial Operations Command at  
6 the Rock Island Arsenal.

7 MR. AGY: I'm Ed Agy from Industrial Operations  
8 Command in the Environmental Area.

9 MS. ANDERSON: Judy Anderson, Industrial  
10 Operations Command, the BRAC office, Program Manager.

11 JIM BLECKER: Jim Blecker with Headquarters, Army  
12 BRAC office.

13 MS. LUTHER: Good evening. My name is Arlene  
14 Luther. I'm an Environmental Specialist with The Navajo  
15 Nation, Environmental Protection Agency.

16 MR. SINCLAIR: Hi, my name is Dave Sinclair. I'm  
17 with the Bureau of Land Management in Santa Fe.

18 MR. TURNER: My name is Tom Turner. I'm with the  
19 Environmental Division at Tooele Army Depot in Tooele,  
20 Utah.

21 MR. WALDEN: Malcolm Walden, the Federal Base  
22 Transition Coordinator, Fort Wingate.

23 MR. HACKETT: Good evening. Mike Hackett,  
24 Superintendent, BIA, Zuni agency.

25 MR. SALAZAR: Good evening. Joe Salazar, TPL

1 Operations, Fort Wingate.

2 MR. MENAPACE: I'm Bud Menapace, just interested.

3 MR. SAKASITZ: I'm John Sakasitz. I'm with the  
4 U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Farm Service agency.

5 CHAIRMAN FISHER: While you're standing, go ahead  
6 and introduce yourself.

7 MS. SASAHARA: Thanks, Larry. Ann Sasahara,  
8 Navajo EPA.

9 MR. BLATCHFORD: Hi, My name is Edison Blatchford  
10 with The Navajo Nation Property Management Department.

11 MR. LITTLE: I'm William Little with TPL.

12 MS. DOYLE: Kathy Doyle from Industrial Operations  
13 Command at Rock Island.

14 MS. AHRENS: June Ahrens, Real Estate, Fort Worth  
15 District Corps of Engineers.

16 MS. LEWIS: My name is Lea Lewis, interested for  
17 the past six years in the transfer of the Fort Wingate  
18 lands to the Zuni and Navajo Tribes.

19 MR. SIMPLICIO: Dan Simplicio with the Zuni  
20 Conservation Office.

21 MR. LEWIS: Good evening. My name is Hayes Lewis,  
22 Team Leader for the Pueblo of Zuni, Fort Wingate project.

23 MR. HEMPEL: Dwight Hempel, Bureau of Land  
24 Management, Washington, DC.

25 MS. RICHARDSON: Sue Richardson, Bureau of Land



1 Management, Albuquerque.

2 MR. REDHORSE: David Redhorse, BLM, Farmington.

3 MR. EGNACZYK: Steve Egnaczyk, Program Management  
4 Company, contractor to the Army.

5 MS. MARTICH: Katrina Martich. I'm the Corps of  
6 Engineers Project Manager for the Fort Wingate work.

7 MR. FORD: Dwayne Ford. I'm with the U. S. Army  
8 Corps of Engineers.

9 MR. KNEEBONE: Ron Kneebone, Albuquerque District  
10 Corps of Engineers.

11 CHAIRMAN FISHER: Okay. Thank you very much. We  
12 really appreciate that.

13 This afternoon when we were meeting with some  
14 people, they had a suggestion which I thought was really  
15 good, but we didn't have time to do it tonight. To make  
16 this a little more informal, you know, what we're going to  
17 try to do next time, instead of have it set up this way, I  
18 think what we'd like to do is see if we can't put it in a  
19 circle, kind of a rectangle or something like this, so we  
20 can all sit there and face each other as we talk. I think  
21 things would just go along a lot better, and we would feel  
22 a lot better about asking questions and talking to each  
23 other that way. So I apologize that we didn't have time to  
24 set it up that way tonight, but the next meeting, you know,  
25 we will have it set up that way.

1           Also, if I could get Sharlene -- I was just  
2 informed this afternoon about the death of a RAB member,  
3 and I'll let her just give you a little explanation on it.

4           MS. BEGAY-PLATERO: Our colleague of The Navajo  
5 Nation, Dave Kelly, who was an employee of The Navajo  
6 Nation EPA, was killed in an auto accident last week, and  
7 his funeral was Saturday. And I do have his mother's  
8 address, if you would like to send cards or notes to her.  
9 So you can see me afterwards and I can get that information  
10 to you. He was a member of RAB, and he was a person for  
11 The Navajo Nation who helped us with environmental issues  
12 and concerns.

13           CHAIRMAN FISHER: Thank you, Sharlene. We were  
14 kind of shocked to hear that this afternoon, because Dave  
15 always had a lot of questions every time he would come to  
16 the RAB meetings.

17           I kind of just went brain-dead for a second  
18 there. Don't put that in the minutes. That's all right.

19           MR. SHELTON: That's all right. We will remember  
20 it.

21           CHAIRMAN FISHER: Anyway, we would like to go  
22 ahead with our presentations. If I may -- well, never  
23 mind. I'll talk about that a little bit later, about the  
24 Restoration Advisory Board, how it's supposed to be set up  
25 and we would like it to operate, and we will get more

1 cooperation and coordination from our members and those  
2 involved.

3 Also, if you would like to become a member of the  
4 Restoration Advisory Board, we have forms out at the table  
5 out there. If you ask -- I forgot her name.

6 MS. BEGAY-PLATERO: Anita.

7 CHAIRMAN FISHER: -- Anita, she'll give you a form  
8 to fill out. What we would like to do, rather than have a  
9 hundred or so people on the Restoration Advisory Board, if  
10 we could have maybe one person represent a group or an  
11 organization or something like that, we would prefer that  
12 and have them take back the information, discuss it with  
13 their people, and then, you know, they can be the  
14 spokesperson on the Restoration Advisory Board. But  
15 anyway, there are forms out there. If you ask and you fill  
16 it out, we will definitely consider your membership on the  
17 Board.

18 What we'd like to do right now is I would like to  
19 turn the time over to Dwayne Ford, from the Fort Worth  
20 District. He'll talk about the remedial action, update us  
21 on what is going on out there, things that we've  
22 accomplished and things that we are working on out at Fort  
23 Wingate. Dwayne.

24 MR. FORD: Thanks, Larry. The first thing that I  
25 would like to mention is that I have prepared three fact

1 sheets on projects that I'm going to be talking about  
2 tonight, and I don't know if anybody -- if you want one of  
3 these, please pick one up. Did anybody not get one that  
4 would like one?

5 I'll tell you what. Let me just pass them  
6 around. Can I do that? I'll just pass them around, and  
7 please feel free to take one. It is just a quick, little  
8 fact sheet, a little summary of a couple of remedial  
9 actions that we performed this past quarter, and then an  
10 investigation in one of the buildings that we also worked  
11 at.

12 I also have prepared some drawings here. I just  
13 took this one from -- I'll return it.

14 MR. SHELTON: Thank you.

15 MR. FORD: I've prepared some of these. We wanted  
16 to have some new ones prepared. I had hoped to have enough  
17 to hand out to everybody, but we had a computer glitch back  
18 at the office, and these are now made out of unobtainium.  
19 So if you don't need one or if you have an old one already,  
20 please let the people who don't have one take one with  
21 them. I'll also say that that one is an old version of  
22 it. We have an update since then, but it's a conceptual  
23 drawing of the Fort Wingate Installation, kind of showing  
24 the current use, what's going on at the installation, the  
25 boundaries of the different acreages and what they're going

1 being used for. So please feel free to -- well, it looks  
2 like they all have already disappeared. But as I said, if  
3 you don't need one, you know, please don't take one  
4 tonight. At the next RAB meeting, I promise we will have  
5 many, many of them, enough for everybody to take a current  
6 copy of it.

7 This past quarter at Fort Wingate, we've had a  
8 really good quarter. We had two remedial actions  
9 performed, and I reported on those remedial actions and the  
10 proposed plan for those remedial actions at the last  
11 Restoration Advisory Board meeting back in December, what  
12 we were going to do. We have completed those remedial  
13 actions at three different sites. I think we only really  
14 get credit for two of them, but I'll describe all three  
15 anyway. I'll try to be really brief in it, summarizing  
16 your fact sheet.

17 One of the sites is called Building 5, and that  
18 particular site had a grassy strip alongside the east side  
19 of Building 5. Our studies and investigations and  
20 evaluations indicated that we had a human health risk, a  
21 slightly elevated human health risk, from pesticide use in  
22 that area, in that grassy strip.

23 We identified a remedial action of removing the  
24 top foot of soil from that material or from that area,  
25 disposing of that, filling it with clean material. We went

1 in, we did that. The contractor mobilized earlier this  
2 year, in late January. They have just completed that work,  
3 so now that has all been taken care of. We have completed  
4 that remedial action. The top foot of soil has been  
5 removed and replaced with clean soil.

6 Just for grins, we took some confirmation samples  
7 of the soil beneath the material that we removed. We took  
8 some confirmation samples, analyzed those for pesticides.  
9 We did have some detections for chlordane. They were an  
10 order of magnitude lower than our screening levels, our  
11 initial screening levels. The screening levels were  
12 established early on in the program to identify a threshold  
13 at which a contaminant, if it were above the screening  
14 level, merited additional investigation; not necessarily a  
15 cleanup action, but additional investigation.

16 The chlordane that we did detect, it was like an  
17 order of magnitude, it was a factor of 10, less than the  
18 screening levels. So we think that we have taken care and  
19 we have eliminated the migration route and the exposure  
20 route for that site. We are considering that remedial  
21 action complete. We will be petitioning the State of New  
22 Mexico and EPA to close out that particular site.

23 The other remedial action that we completed was  
24 for Buildings 536 and 537 at Fort Wingate. These two areas  
25 are not really buildings, but they were the site of some

1 transformer leaks on electrical power poles adjacent to the  
2 buildings that resulted in some PCP contaminated soil. At  
3 those sites, it's two separate buildings, Building 536 and  
4 537.

5 Again, we designed a remedial action which  
6 consisted of excavating the contaminated soil. We went out  
7 and we performed that during the same time that the  
8 Building 5 work was being completed. We excavated that  
9 soil. At one spot, we had a particular little "hot spot."  
10 The excavation went down to seven feet below ground  
11 surface.

12 We were looking at -- our cleanup objective was  
13 one part per million of PCBs. We took confirmation samples  
14 and provided them at the site of the excavation. We did  
15 not detect any PCBs in the remaining soils, so that site  
16 should be completely clean. We're very happy with that.  
17 That was a gift. We were very grateful to see that.

18 We are working with the State of New Mexico.  
19 There was a concern that was brought up by the Surface  
20 Water Quality Bureau with the State of New Mexico about  
21 potential downstream migration of PCBs from the Building  
22 537 site in a drainage ditch that runs along the road.  
23 We're working with the Surface Water Quality Bureau to do  
24 some additional sampling in that drainage ditch to confirm  
25 that there wasn't any downstream migration. Right now, we

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1 don't believe that there will be. We will be performing  
2 that sampling just to confirm that.

3 The other project that we did or that we completed  
4 this past quarter -- actually, it was completed before the  
5 last Restoration Advisory Board meeting; however, we didn't  
6 have the results in to report on it at that time. But  
7 during August, September and October of last year, we went  
8 out and investigated the interior -- well, we investigated  
9 Building 11. Building 11 at Fort Wingate served as the  
10 locomotive shop and electrical substation for the  
11 facility. Both of those activities have historically been  
12 associated with PCBs, so we suspected that there might be  
13 PCBs there when we started the investigations at Fort  
14 Wingate back in the early '90s.

15 We detected PCBs as part of the environmental  
16 investigation at that time. We went out this past fall,  
17 then, to collect the design data so that we can collect the  
18 design information needed to develop a remedial design for  
19 Building 11. We collected about 103 wipe samples, 28 chip  
20 samples, 5 concrete coin samples. We did an equipment  
21 inventory. We sampled a dialect with fluids in the  
22 equipment. We performed a partial ACM Survey. We also did  
23 a floor drain survey to find out where the floor drains  
24 discharged to.

25 To nobody's surprise, we did find PCBs. We've



1 delineated. We have some in the locomotive shop, but the  
2 biggest problem that we see is in the transformer vault and  
3 electrical room that constitutes the substation.

4 Contingent upon funding, upon availability of funding, we  
5 can -- we will move forward with the remedial design to  
6 clean up that. We think that we have sufficient data now  
7 to do that when funding becomes available.

8 As part of that effort, we did also identify some  
9 potential releases to the environment through a dry well  
10 that's connected to the building through some sumps that  
11 are in the building and also through the sanitary sewer  
12 system. We're going to perform some additional sampling of  
13 the exterior of the building to identify and delineate the  
14 extent of that potential release to the environment.

15 I was going to try to keep it as brief as I could  
16 tonight, but I will -- I'll be here. I'll be closing the  
17 doors. If anybody has any questions, any specific  
18 questions, I'll be more than happy to answer them.

19 (No response.)

20 Larry.

21 CHAIRMAN FISHER: Well, I hate to see you get off  
22 that easy. Well, thank you, Dwayne. I appreciate that.

23 It's really good to know that we are doing  
24 something out there and we are cleaning up some of the  
25 areas. It seemed like for years we have been studying and

1 studying, and nothing was actually remediated, but we're  
2 getting there.

3 Now I would like to turn the time over to Mr. Ron  
4 Kneebone from the Albuquerque Corps District office. Last  
5 time, we had Ron give us a presentation on cultural  
6 resources. And he had a good presentation and he had a lot  
7 of pictures, but we couldn't get the projector to work and  
8 it kept blowing out the bulbs, if you remember. So we've  
9 asked him to come back and show us the slides that he had  
10 on the sites at Fort Wingate.

11 MR. KNEEBONE: And my direction was for slides  
12 only this time and to keep the comments as brief as  
13 possible. I tend to be a little bit long-winded.

14 CHAIRMAN FISHER: Long-winded? Okay. That sounds  
15 great.

16 MR. KNEEBONE: Let's see if we've got this lined  
17 up. This is great. Well, I'll stand here and mess with  
18 it. This is Fort Wingate, by the way. This goes forward,  
19 no matter what I do. Let me back it up.

20 My name is Ron Kneebone. I work with the  
21 Albuquerque District Corps of Engineers. We were tasked in  
22 early 1991, late 1991, '92, to conduct cultural resource  
23 activities and investigations associated with base closure  
24 at Fort Wingate.

25 When we initially started -- to give people a

1 little bit of background, those people that weren't here  
2 last time, the idea was that Fort Wingate was going to pass  
3 out of federal control, into the private sector. As a  
4 result, an MOA was signed, a Memorandum of Agreement, among  
5 several agencies, Army Materiel Command; BLM, I think was a  
6 signatory to that; National Park Service; The Navajo  
7 Nation; and the Pueblo of Zuni, to conduct cultural  
8 resource investigations associated in particular with the  
9 cleanup that was going on at the time, the cleanup of  
10 unexploded ordnates.

11 To start those activities, it was determined that  
12 we needed to do cultural resource surveys of the entire  
13 facility. We undertook that. It was a phase process. Let  
14 me see if I can get this to go through. There's Fort  
15 Wingate.

16 We're quite proud of the work that's going on out  
17 there. As you all are aware, Wingate has been a part of  
18 American history since the mid, early 1860s and has been  
19 part of early Native American history since 10,000 years  
20 ago.

21 We have conducted a variety of activities. We  
22 initially started our investigations with a sample survey  
23 to determine the intensity and the density of archeological  
24 and cultural remains, based on environmental strata, the  
25 plains, the floodplains associated with the Rio Puerco that

1 you're all familiar with. You have seen the bumpers as you  
2 drive down the interstate. There is some slight or higher  
3 elevations as you go further south in the facility. There  
4 are some hills. And then back up into the Hogback and the  
5 southern portions, forested areas, we stratified these,  
6 conducted stratified -- I think it was a 10 percent sample  
7 at the time.

8 As you can see, when you get to the far south,  
9 you're getting into quite beautiful country. As a matter  
10 of fact, we were quite taken with it in terms of our  
11 studies.

12 Cultural resources are quite varied at Fort  
13 Wingate. This is a breakout of the different years of  
14 investigation. These blocks are 80-hectare samples that we  
15 had from our sample survey.

16 The next 1993 season were areas that we  
17 conducted. We basically did this in response to cleanup  
18 investigations, areas identified as not having any  
19 unexploded ordnates on the surface. Most of the  
20 archeologists refused to go out where there was slide  
21 ordnates still lying around. I don't know why. It seems  
22 interesting, kind of livens things up. And we finished off  
23 with the southern 6,000 acres in 1995.

24 This is the result. We call this our regional  
25 map. Out of the 22,000 acres that were surveyed at Fort

1 Wingate, we identified 747 historic properties. These are  
2 archeological sites attributable to alltime periods dating  
3 back to approximately 5-, 6,000 years ago. The sites  
4 ranged in types. These are archaic points. Those of you  
5 cultural resource folks will recognize these. These are  
6 about 4- or 5,000 years ago, 4- or 5,000 BC.

7 Our investigations have done a lot to add  
8 information to the history of the region. That's one of  
9 the most complete surveys of the area.

10 The sites range in type from isolated objects, the  
11 occasional flake, the isolated arrowhead, one or two  
12 pottery fragments on the surface, to more complex surface  
13 distributions of artifacts. Lithic scatters are kind of  
14 the generic term that we refer to and are essentially  
15 single-component reduction sites, hunting sites, that type  
16 of thing, to essentially what could be referred to as  
17 special processing areas, special locations on the  
18 landscape where people were like gathering particular types  
19 of resources, food gathering.

20 These are some of the earlier components. Let me  
21 zip through this. Through the Puebloan Anasazi -- those of  
22 you who might know more about that, a more familiar name --  
23 era from approximately 500 AD through about 1350 AD, we  
24 have quite a significant architectural component, is I  
25 guess the best way to refer to it. You have sites ranging

1 from single-room blocks, single structures with a variety  
2 of materials typically distributed throughout the  
3 facility. Most of the earlier structures are widely  
4 dispersed, mostly tending to cluster down in the northeast  
5 portion. But along Fenced Up Horse Canyon, those of you  
6 who are familiar with this, we have several structural  
7 sites there.

8         Actually, you can see some of the remains here on  
9 this aerial photograph. This is an old photograph from God  
10 knows when. You see these are related. The site known as  
11 Casa Vivora, the large Puebloan site on the ridge in the  
12 middle section, has been related to the Chaco Canyon  
13 phenomena to the north of here. We think that might be  
14 somewhat in error, but it's related in some fashion. We  
15 find excellent preservation on the facility, lots of  
16 agriculture going on through the years.

17         Chaco -- this one site, Fenced Up Horse Canyon is  
18 considered an outlier of Chaco Canyon. We have some roads  
19 heading out this way, but none that could actually connect  
20 the Fort to Chaco.

21         We conducted some testing associated with this.  
22 One of the problems that we ran into -- initially, it was  
23 assumed that because of all of the construction of the  
24 bunkers, the 800-and-some bunkers that you see out there,  
25 that there would be very little in the way of remains,

1 archeological remains, in an undisturbed context. We found  
2 that not to be the case. The individuals who constructed  
3 the facility were very careful and very methodical in their  
4 methods of construction. We found intact archeological  
5 remains adjacent to and amongst the various bunkers. One  
6 of the problems that we've run into on occasion has been  
7 visibility in the floodplains, especially in the northern  
8 end.

9 Those of you familiar with the El Nino cycle going  
10 on right now and how it affects the weather patterns, there  
11 have been weather patterns, fluctuating weather, in New  
12 Mexico that have resulted in cycles of cutting, erosion and  
13 deposition, essentially, along the Rio Puerco, all the way  
14 from the Continental Divide into Arizona. And what that's  
15 done is resulted in kind of a multilayered deposition of  
16 sites that sometimes will not appear on the surface.  
17 That's one of the things that, in terms of future  
18 management, becomes a concern, in that material may not  
19 appear on the surface. But subsurface, you will find  
20 significant construction.

21 We found a variety of material all over the  
22 facility -- this is out in the floodplains in the northwest  
23 portion -- pit structures, shards, living surfaces, all at  
24 about a meter and a half in depth.

25 We find -- this is a good example. One of -- the

1 Army receives a lot of criticism for what it does. One  
2 thing that is fortunate for archeologists and those of us  
3 interested in the cultural remains of the past is that it's  
4 provided for good preservation.

5 Fort Wingate is unique, in my experience in New  
6 Mexico and in the Southwest, in terms of the preservation  
7 of materials on the facility, both in terms of the  
8 wholeness of the artifacts themselves and in particular  
9 respects, one of -- another management element has been the  
10 management of fire on the facility, which has resulted in a  
11 significant preservation of, in particular, Navajo hogans,  
12 brush structures, corrals, remains that typically you don't  
13 find off of the facility.

14 In later phases, this is Casa Vivora, the site on  
15 the ridge, a very large structure, three-to four-room  
16 blocks, several large depressions. One might call them  
17 kiva-type structures, kiva-like. This is essentially a  
18 representation. We haven't done an in-depth mapping of it  
19 because it wasn't part of our task.

20 This area was identified early on in the MOA, as  
21 identified by BLM, as being an area of concern for them and  
22 perhaps being reserved for them in some respect for future  
23 protection.

24 We have also in Fort Wingate not only the far  
25 past, but in terms of the history of the nation, Fort



1 Wingate was involved essentially with the settlement of the  
2 West. Those of you, the Navajo, know your connection with  
3 this community, with this place on the landscape. It's a  
4 fort, a western extension of the U. S. Military from like I  
5 say, the early 1860s through the early 1880s, at which time  
6 it was abandoned.

7 Buffalo Soldiers, quite a bit of history. I don't  
8 know how many of you know that Douglas MacArthur's father  
9 served here and actually he was raised on Fort Wingate.  
10 His father was a commander at Fort Wingate early on.

11 This is the distribution essentially of what we've  
12 termed the Navajo and Native American Components, those  
13 later components not associated with the more domestic  
14 pueblos and pottery, but more typically with hogans and  
15 those types of Navajo structures, special use areas that  
16 had some of the materials dating from after the arrival of  
17 the railroad. It's a very clear marker in terms of  
18 historic preservation here.

19 This is an example of some of the structures.  
20 Sweat lodges are very common on the facility, many of them  
21 dating to prior to 1900. This is something that you will  
22 not find, I guarantee you, almost anywhere else in the  
23 nation or in this part of the country.

24 Associated with this historic component is the  
25 military presence itself. Right about the First World War,

1 Wingate was identified as a depot for the storage of  
 2 munitions. Following the First World War, it was the  
 3 largest repository of the TNT in the world, those little  
 4 trivia buff things that you find.

5 These types of facilities were built I think just  
 6 prior to the First -- the Second World War, most of the  
 7 facilities that you're familiar with out there in the  
 8 administration area. All of the bunkers associated with  
 9 that were built in clusters over the years.

10 These slides are illustrating one thing that we  
 11 initiated in 1991. We were one of the first districts that  
 12 -- we were one of the first federal undertakings in the  
 13 nation to conduct a traditional cultural properties  
 14 inventory, or attempt to. We started out with little  
 15 guidance. No protocols were developed at that time. We  
 16 contacted the various Native American groups in the area.  
 17 We contacted various chapter houses and worked with the  
 18 Zuni Cultural Resource Advisory Team in getting individuals  
 19 out there who -- traditional cultural properties, by  
 20 definition or to provide a definition, are those areas of  
 21 the landscape that aren't -- essentially points on the  
 22 landscape like an archeological site. They're areas from  
 23 which people collected foods, collected special types of  
 24 objects, ritual areas associated with certain vistas, that  
 25 type of thing, that are important to the culture, but

1 they're hard to pin down as particular points on the  
2 landscape.

3 One thing that we ran into early on -- those  
4 Native Americans in the audience will be sensitive to this  
5 -- is that there is a certain amount of sensitivity about  
6 that type of information or information about these types  
7 of locations. One of the ways that we addressed this was  
8 to essentially produce a three-part report. We worked with  
9 the Zuni in terms of developing a list of or helping them  
10 to identify areas on the fort that were important to them  
11 in this respect. That list of properties, if you will, was  
12 then reviewed by them, and those that they felt were of  
13 significant concern or significantly threatened were  
14 identified to the federal government for protection. Those  
15 that they did not feel were in immediate danger, at least,  
16 were reserved to them as privileged information.

17 We did the same thing with the Navajo Nation and  
18 the various chapter houses. We produced a report  
19 specifically with the Navajo. That report resides with the  
20 Navajo. And when we conduct activities, we refer to the  
21 Navajo and the Zuni in terms of providing this input on  
22 impacts that we might have to those traditional areas of  
23 importance to them.

24 These are some of the folks that we worked with  
25 from the surrounding community. Many of the older Navajo

1 at some of the surrounding chapter houses remembered living  
2 here as children. One lady identified the fender of a 1919  
3 Cadillac as belonging to her grandfather. Actually, that  
4 was the only thing she wanted out of this whole thing.

5 This is indicative of some of the types of plants  
6 of interest to Native Americans in the area, some of the  
7 objects. People identified the homes they lived in at the  
8 time.

9 Okay. This is the end, basically. All of you are  
10 familiar with the buffalo out there. We identified, like I  
11 said, 750-some historic properties. Among those -- those  
12 are just the archeological sites. There are also 80  
13 buildings, and if you include the 800-and-some igloos,  
14 there are those, as well, that contribute to the historic  
15 context of Fort Wingate.

16 Okay. It actually was important to the U. S.  
17 Military in its extension of power, the United States  
18 Military power, around the world from 1940 through 1992,  
19 1993, when it closed. It was involved in distributing  
20 ammunition during Desert Storm. So it's an area that  
21 really is quite important to the nation in terms of its  
22 history and important to all of us.

23 In terms of management concerns, that was one of  
24 our initial areas. When we got into this, like I said, it  
25 was going to be released. About halfway into the project,

1 it was identified that, well, no, that's going to be taken  
2 back by BLM. It's going to be a federal-to-federal  
3 transfer. So we actually didn't need to conduct much of  
4 this work, but we finished it anyway, and we are providing  
5 essentially to BLM, BIA, The Navajo Nation and Zuni, this  
6 information about this, about the facility.

7 And we took a different tack at that point not to  
8 identify -- and those of you familiar with the typical  
9 historic preservation process, significant -- which sites  
10 are more important than others and not trying to rank these  
11 things, but trying to identify more in terms of management  
12 concerns, for those individuals who were going to take over  
13 the property.

14 What things did we identify that were going to be  
15 of concern to them? One is, in terms of development, we  
16 identified certain -- like I was mentioning, issues of  
17 difficulty with archeological and cultural remains on the  
18 facility, not only in the floodplain, but we have recently  
19 identified some concerns where we thought there would not  
20 be any in the shallow soils associated with the ridges.

21 One of our major concerns -- actually, an  
22 overriding concern with many of those of us who conducted  
23 the work out here -- is fire control in the future. It  
24 cannot be underestimated, the importance of the wood  
25 structures on the facility and how they are endangered by

1 the slightest brushfire. And their loss would be a  
2 significant loss in terms of the history of this portion of  
3 the country.

4 The structures at Fort Wingate are essentially --  
5 we have approached it from the Army's perspective in all  
6 the tasks that we're conducting out here as a historic  
7 district. Everything within the boundaries of Fort Wingate  
8 can be considered to have a historic context that needs to  
9 be evaluated. That's not to say that a determination has  
10 been made. That's left to be resolved in the future for  
11 those agencies that ultimately manage the property. But  
12 we've found that to be the most useful in terms of  
13 conducting the day-to-day operations out there.

14 I will try to limit that. That's pretty much my  
15 time, I think. I will be around. I ran off fairly quickly  
16 during the last meeting, and I understand some people were  
17 looking for me afterwards. I apologize for that. I was  
18 called off to an early meeting the next day. So I will be  
19 here tonight, hanging around until the wee hours, if people  
20 want to talk about cultural resources at Fort Wingate, and  
21 I'll be at the meeting tomorrow. I understand that there  
22 is a meeting with the Tribes in terms of some of the  
23 activities going on out there. Yes, sir.

24 MR. CURLEY: Just for point of clarification, you  
25 identified some buildings where you mentioned Douglas

1 MacArthur grew up as a child?

2 MR. KNEEBONE: Oh, that would be --

3 MR. CURLEY: You didn't survey that, did you?

4 MR. KNEEBONE: No. Those structures would be  
5 associated with the old fort, where the school is now.  
6 See, originally Fort Wingate was 10 miles on a --

7 MR. CURLEY: I just wanted to clarify that,  
8 because I went to school there and I stayed in that  
9 dormitory.

10 MR. KNEEBONE: Really?

11 MR. CURLEY: That's right.

12 MR. KNEEBONE: It's a fascinating place. There's  
13 a photographer, and I've forgotten his name, just right up  
14 the -- as soon as I started to think about it -- one of  
15 them that you see -- many of his images are published  
16 around in historical magazines on the West.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Jack Snow?

18 MR. KNEEBONE: Yes. He was killed out here at  
19 Fort Wingate, bit by a snake, I believe. Yeah, this was  
20 the center of life and culture in this part of the world  
21 for decades. Ron.

22 MR. FORD: Ron, what was his name?

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Jack Snow.

24 MR. KNEEBONE: Jack Snow. They're beautiful  
25 black-and-white photographs, turn-of-the-century-type

1 stuff. He died here at the fort. It was the center of  
 2 life. It's a great story. It's a unique story. Any other  
 3 questions?

4 MR. SIMPLICIO: Dan Simplicio, Zuni Historic  
 5 Preservation Office. So it was a 10 percent survey that  
 6 you did?

7 MR. KNEEBONE: Initially.

8 MR. SIMPLICIO: Initially?

9 MR. KNEEBONE: That was the first year. We did a  
 10 10 percent sample to get an idea of the density of sites.  
 11 And then from that point on, we filled in the gaps between  
 12 it. We conducted essentially a 100 percent survey of the  
 13 entire facility, including an inventory of the structures  
 14 within the administration area.

15 MR. SIMPLICIO: Okay. But was it also a 100  
 16 percent survey for the TCPs?

17 MR. KNEEBONE: A 100 percent survey in terms -- it  
 18 depends on how you define it. That's an issue of  
 19 contention with the Zuni. I know the Navajo had raised the  
 20 issue, but the Zuni I know have raised it in terms of the  
 21 Cultural Advisory Team looking at every -- essentially  
 22 conducting an inventory of TCPs like an archeological  
 23 survey, essentially looking at every square inch of  
 24 ground. That has not been done. We were deferring that  
 25 basically, I think, until we looked at individual



1 activities out there associated with that.

2 MS. DUWUENIE: You avoided the ordnance sites  
3 at --

4 MR. KNEEBONE: The ordnance sites.

5 MR. DUWUENIE: My name is Rose Duwuenie. You  
6 omitted the UXO sites?

7 MR. KNEEBONE: No. As they were cleared, we  
8 conducted surveys within all of the areas of Fort Wingate,  
9 except -- and I don't have a map up here. If you have got  
10 that little blue map, the one area, the OBOD area, open  
11 burning/open detonation, this is where all of the nasty  
12 stuff is. And we started to get in there and they chased  
13 us out. They wouldn't let us in. And we didn't really  
14 want to go there.

15 Most of this land -- there is a significantly  
16 large archeological site there, but much of it has been  
17 disturbed during the operations of the facility in terms of  
18 dumping of material. Generally, the practice would be to  
19 dump the material in an arroyo and push the dirt out over  
20 it. And in that practice, they essentially disturbed much  
21 of the site. So there's a significant portion that's still  
22 there that's quite intact, but much of it I'm afraid has  
23 been destroyed.

24 Yes, sir.

25 MR. DISHTA: Mr. Kneebone, I'm Joe Dishta, with

1 the Zuni Heritage Preservation office.

2 MR. KNEEBONE: Yes, sir. How are you doing?

3 MR. DISHTA: I take it, too, that with your work  
4 currently -- and you did contact our office about  
5 anticipated future TCP assessments of the area?

6 MR. KNEEBONE: Did we contact you about it?

7 MR. DISHTA: Yes.

8 MR. KNEEBONE: In terms of -- not yet. We have  
9 not identified that task yet? That's something that's  
10 left --

11 MR. DISHTA: Well, I did speak with an individual  
12 named Ron Kneebone.

13 MR. KNEEBONE: Oh, you mean contact you about it  
14 in terms of --

15 MR. DISHTA: Anticipated additional cultural  
16 properties assessment, in addition to what has been --

17 MR. KNEEBONE: In addition to what has been done?

18 MR. DISHTA: Because we feel that, as far as the  
19 assessments that have taken place, the advisory team that  
20 you speak of, they feel that they did not have the  
21 opportunity to look at all areas that we feel are  
22 significant.

23 MR. KNEEBONE: That's --

24 MR. DISHTA: And that's what I had relayed to you.

25 MR. KNEEBONE: And that's an issue that has been

1 raised. We have not addressed that within the closure as a  
2 cultural resource issue.

3 As you know, for a number of years the activities  
4 out here have kind of set on the back burner. Now with the  
5 activities picking up, that may be addressed in the  
6 future. There is some disagreement in terms of  
7 interpretation of the extent necessary that the Army is  
8 required to conduct a TCP survey. That is something that  
9 we will have to negotiate in the future. But it's still --  
10 as far as I'm concerned, there is still -- that's always  
11 open until we have resolved that finally.

12 MR. DISHTA: Thank you.

13 MR. KNEEBONE: But it is known, and let me state  
14 that very clearly, that the Zuni do have concrete cultural  
15 resource issues, TCP issues, here that we've recognized and  
16 they've recognized, and we know that there are others here  
17 yet to be recognized. We also understand that.

18 CHAIRMAN FISHER: What are TCPs?

19 MR. KNEEBONE: Traditional and cultural  
20 properties. Those are the types of properties that are not  
21 specific points on the landscape. They are more generally  
22 used to define areas, sacred mountains, gathering places  
23 for particular types of plants, particular medicinal  
24 plants, that type of thing. Am I correct, Joe?

25 MR. SIMPLICIO: Well, archeological sites, as

1 well, too.

2 MR. KNEEBONE: That's true. Archeological sites  
3 in Puebloan society are considered as a religious place in  
4 the landscape. So they are considered -- in that respect,  
5 we've got 750 archeological sites, historic or traditional  
6 cultural properties on the landscape.

7 MR. DISHTA: If I may add, too, that these are  
8 places that are of great importance to the ongoing  
9 traditions and practices of the people.

10 MR. KNEEBONE: That's true.

11 MR. DISHTA: Of course, of the Zuni people.

12 MR. KNEEBONE: Traditional cultural properties,  
13 that's part of the contention -- not contention, that's the  
14 wrong word -- part of the definition. In essence, it's  
15 part of the practice of the culture. It's something that  
16 is a living part of the culture in terms of visiting a  
17 place, going to a place. It's a part of the landscape  
18 that's involved in their everyday life. It's something  
19 that's not just tied to Native Americans, though. There  
20 are urban traditional cultural properties, as well. But  
21 they're quite -- we recognize those out here.

22 Casa Vivora is a very important Zuni religious  
23 place. There are trails, Zuni trails, that cross Fort  
24 Wingate. We know that. We don't divulge that type of  
25 information. We don't want to conduct that too much

1 farther, but we realize that those places exist.

2 Now, also, as part of that, then there is the  
3 issue of this being transferred to another federal agency,  
4 Zuni being a signatory to that, in that there are no  
5 further investigations required, just to throw that back in  
6 your court.

7 MR. DISHTA: Thank you.

8 MR. KNEEBONE: But those are issues to be  
9 addressed. Any other questions, to get Larry on with his  
10 meeting.

11 (No response.)

12 CHAIRMAN FISHER: No questions?

13 MR. KNEEBONE: And I'll be here afterwards. Don't  
14 worry. I'm not running away.

15 CHAIRMAN FISHER: Okay. Thanks, Ron.

16 MR. KNEEBONE: Sure.

17 CHAIRMAN FISHER: We appreciate that. That was  
18 very interesting.

19 We would like to go right now and we'll turn the  
20 time over to Katrina Martich, with the Fort Worth District  
21 Corps of Engineers. She's going to talk about what's going  
22 on at Fort Wingate this year, and also a calendar of  
23 upcoming events. We will turn the time over to her.

24 MS. MARTICH: Just a little background, first, for  
25 those that were not in attendance at the September and the

1 December RAB meetings. At both of those meetings, we did  
2 two things. We reported out on investigations, designs and  
3 other projects that were accomplished last year. Then we  
4 discussed what we planned, projected and hoped to  
5 accomplish in this year. And on the calendar there that's  
6 being passed around, you'll see the reference "FY98." For  
7 those of you that are not with the federal government, we  
8 operate on a fiscal year, which is what the "FY" stands  
9 for, and for us, our year started 1 October.

10 As we reported at the December meeting, we had a  
11 lot of things we hoped to accomplish this year. But  
12 unfortunately, in December we were not able to tell you  
13 exactly what we would be able to do because funding was  
14 still being discussed within the Department of the Army as  
15 a whole.

16 I am happy to report, very happy to report, in  
17 fact, that in January, the funding was resolved for this  
18 fiscal year, and in January and on into February, Fort  
19 Wingate did receive the funds we needed to proceed with our  
20 program for this year. So at this point, I would like to  
21 go over in a summary format the different projects we  
22 reported to you in September and December, and I'll tell  
23 you, "Yes, these ones are going."

24 First of all, we did report that there was  
25 groundwater contamination found at the open burning/open

1 detonation unit and at the TNT leaching beds. And the  
2 funding has come forward for us to go ahead and continue  
3 that investigation this summer, and that work is identified  
4 in your calendar there. I think you will see on June,  
5 right now, June 1st is our tentative date to mobilize the  
6 field crews out here.

7 Now, we have some review loops we have to go  
8 through with the regulators, and that should say NMED and  
9 EPA approve our work plans. But those are under review  
10 right now with the. Regulators, and assuming everything  
11 goes well with the review process, we will be out there  
12 about 1 June, and that's a 60-day field program.

13 At the September meeting, we should have some  
14 preliminary results, but we will be able to brief it out in  
15 detail at the next December meeting.

16 We have some ongoing work that is minor in nature  
17 but is regulatorily driven that will be continuing this  
18 year. One of those sites is the filling station where the  
19 UST, the underground storage tank there, was pulled several  
20 years ago. We have installed three monitoring wells and  
21 now are undergoing quarterly monitoring at that site. We  
22 have completed two quarters already, and there was no  
23 detections above background. The third quarter was sampled  
24 just a week ago. So that is an ongoing and funded program  
25 for this fiscal year.

1 At the firehouse, which is the caretaker's office  
2 for any of you that have been there, on Fort Wingate, we  
3 have pulled UST in November a year ago, so about 14 months  
4 now. There was no evidence at all of any leakage at that  
5 site, and so we had to complete a minimum site assessment  
6 just to close out that site, and the funding necessary to  
7 complete that document came forward this year.

8 Larry, has that document -- have you received that  
9 final document?

10 CHAIRMAN FISHER: It should be on my desk when I  
11 return.

12 MS. MARTICH: Okay. So when that gets sent to the  
13 state, that will also be sent to Sharlene, Dave Sinclair  
14 and Hayes Lewis, our three points of contact. We also are  
15 required under our stormwater permit to do stormwater  
16 sampling, and that was funded to continue for this fiscal  
17 year.

18 Related to stormwater is some concern that was  
19 expressed by the regulators regarding control of surface  
20 water, where we do have landfill debris in the arroyos.  
21 And that was something that has been debated in the past at  
22 some of those meetings, and we have received funding to  
23 install controls for the stormwater at those sites to  
24 prevent further migration of any material down into the  
25 arroyos. We are right now preparing a purchase order that,



1 by April, we hope to award for installation of those  
2 controls. And we are looking to do it here, with local  
3 labor from the Gallup area. We hope to have those controls  
4 in place by June.

5 As many of you are aware, we have three landfills  
6 out there, the Group C Landfill, the Central Landfill and  
7 the Western Landfill. Of those three landfills, two are in  
8 arroyos, the Central Landfill and the Group C landfill.

9 And at the direction of the New Mexico Environment  
10 Division, we have proceeded with remedial design this past  
11 year. It's ongoing right now. We're at approximately 65  
12 percent design complete right now, and we will have that  
13 ready in about June. And as you can see on your calendar  
14 there, in July we will be advertising those landfills for  
15 remedial action.

16 Funding for the actual remediation right now has  
17 only been provided for the Group C landfill, the smaller of  
18 the two, and we've got that projected for September award  
19 to actually go to remedial action. The cleanup of the  
20 Central landfill, the larger landfill, is right now in our  
21 fiscal year 1999 work plan, and we're hoping that funding  
22 for that will come shortly after the start of the next  
23 fiscal year, October, so that we could award it early in  
24 the next fiscal year.

25 Then we have some ongoing contracts right now that

1 we received the necessary funding to complete those  
2 projects this year. One of them is the TNT Washout Plant,  
3 Building 503, where we've talked before about flash burning  
4 equipment and demolition of the building. That has been  
5 funded. We have a contractor that has already started his  
6 work plan. You will see in the calendar that he will be  
7 mobilizing tentatively the first week in May, and they're  
8 looking for completion of that work in November.

9 Two buildings that Dwayne has already reported on  
10 is the cleanup of the PCP-contaminated soil under  
11 transformers adjacent to Buildings 536 and 537. The State  
12 requested that we do a drainage ditch sampling. In  
13 December, we reported that we didn't know when and if  
14 because we did not have funding. We do now have funding to  
15 do that, and we are proceeded with development of a  
16 sampling plan, and that should occur within the next few  
17 months here.

18 We also have Building 501, which was the boiler  
19 plant building that supported the TNT Washout Building that  
20 is under contract, and in fact we're having a prework  
21 meeting tomorrow out at Fort Wingate, and that should be  
22 mobilized -- within the next week or two, you will see that  
23 project underway. That's about roughly a 12-week project.  
24 We anticipate that being done around the June time period.

25 We have also discussed in yesterday's meetings and

1 those that were in attendance at this morning's meetings  
2 about the cleanup of the UXO Kickout. This is material  
3 that, as part of the open burning/open detonation  
4 operations, was sent pretty much as projectiles blown out  
5 of the operation area into the southern properties that we  
6 are proceeding right now with the transfer.

7 We have been looking at our funding situation, and  
8 we have funds to clear the portion that's adjacent there to  
9 the southern properties. So that's something else that  
10 we're going to -- that you'll be seeing happening in the  
11 next few months here.

12 That is what has been funded for this fiscal year  
13 and the activities that you're going to be seeing between  
14 now and September. The next RAB meeting will be in June.  
15 At that point, we will probably have more solidified  
16 schedules on actual dates when the work will be  
17 accomplished. And then in September and December we will  
18 be reporting the results of those activities.

19 Going over the calendar, just to highlight a few  
20 items for you, June 10th is our next meeting here. July  
21 31st, there is the BRAC Cleanup Plan. That is a public  
22 document that we have a revision underway, and that should  
23 be available with the points of contacts by the end of  
24 July. And then in September, again we have the Cleanup  
25 Team Meeting and Restoration Advisory Board on the 9th.

1 I think pretty much all the other items on this  
2 calendar I discussed as I was going through the projects.  
3 Question?

4 MR. NEZ: What is the approximate amount of your  
5 fiscal year 1998 budget?

6 MS. MARTICH: \$2.6 million.

7 MR. NEZ: What have you spent so far?

8 MS. MARTICH: Well, approximately hardly anything,  
9 to tell you the truth, because the last of it arrived the  
10 17th of February, was the last amount I received. So we  
11 have only had about three weeks to work. So the amount --  
12 we have charged whatever is necessary to prepare for these  
13 meetings, come out here and get started.

14 CHAIRMAN FISHER: But it will be spent.

15 MS. MARTICH: We have plenty of work to do, as  
16 everyone in this room knows. Any other questions regarding  
17 the planned work for this fiscal year between now and 1  
18 October?

19 MS. BEGAY-PLATERO: Katrina, I'm Sharlene with The  
20 Navajo Nation. I think it would be wise to say that the  
21 need for this fiscal year is \$6 million, but you've only  
22 received 2.6, in a sense. You presented \$6 million, but  
23 you only got 2.6.

24 MR. SHELTON: It was 5.

25 MS. MARTICH: It was 5.

1 MS. BEGAY-PLATERO: It was 5.

2 MS. MARTICH: It was 5, right. But I must say  
3 that, across the board, all installations in the United  
4 States were cut. None of the installations in the U.S.  
5 received their need for this fiscal year.

6 MR. SHELTON: What's the status of your corrective  
7 action work plans and stuff with the ED? Are you  
8 anticipating approval, or -- I understand there is not even  
9 a determination of completeness yet; is that right?

10 MR. SOLANO: I didn't understand the question.  
11 Again?

12 MR. SHELTON: The status of the corrective action  
13 work plans or permeating activities with NMED.

14 MS. MARTICH: Right. We had a meeting with our  
15 technical people. Dwayne, what date did you and Larry meet  
16 with Phillip and Stu to discuss the completing of our  
17 package?

18 MR. FORD: Oh, gosh.

19 MS. MARTICH: Roughly?

20 MR. FORD: The 12th of February.

21 MS. MARTICH: The 12th of February. Okay. At  
22 that point, there was discussion about the fact that Fort  
23 Wingate has been straddling the fence between cleanup under  
24 the CERCLI program and cleanup under the RICRA program, and  
25 it was a joint NMED/Department of Army decision to proceed

1 fully under the RICRA program, which means a complete  
2 repackaging of what we're doing.

3 So we have taken the task back from NMED to  
4 basically determine and submit to them how we're going to  
5 repackage the program. Once they bless off on that, we're  
6 going to develop a schedule. So at that point, the  
7 document we did submit is not going to proceed?

8 MR. FORD: The document that we did submit will  
9 essentially wither on the vine, if you will. Now, that's  
10 not to say that the work won't continue, but it will  
11 continue in another name and it will evolve into the Post-  
12 Closure Plan -- Post-Closure Care Plan Permanent  
13 Application to the state, which is the RICRA vehicle that  
14 we're working with the State on developing. So the  
15 information that was prepared and presented to RIFS in the  
16 latest version of it, that will be put together,  
17 repackaged, if you will, the work completed. There were  
18 portions of the RIFS which were incomplete at the time that  
19 it was released and printed in November. That work will  
20 continue, but it will assume a new entity. It will evolve  
21 into part of the Post-Closure Care Plan Permanent  
22 Application.

23 MS. MARTICH: And the State has been very gracious  
24 in working with us, in that there will be no lost work.  
25 Everything we have done is being accepted into part of the

1 Post-Closure Care Plan Package that we need to proceed  
2 with. It's just that the document as we saw in November is  
3 not a document fitting to the new process that we're going  
4 into. It will feed into that process, but it is not the  
5 end document anymore.

6 MR. FORD: And we also -- the State hosted a  
7 workshop for the federal facilities in New Mexico last week  
8 where they went over their standard operating procedures,  
9 their checklists, their formats for following the RICRA  
10 procedure, and we attended that -- we attended that  
11 workshop. That was a very useful, a very informative  
12 workshop for us. So we're marching, you know, step in step  
13 now with the State on our documentation and on our  
14 procedure.

15 MS. MARTICH: And we have EPA support in the  
16 process that we're going through, and they're involved, as  
17 well. And our hope is to, at the June meeting, have that  
18 schedule revised so that we can submit to you exactly what  
19 steps we will be going through.

20 Have we answered your question or raised more? I  
21 see a puzzled look.

22 MR. SHELTON: Well, no. When you start talking  
23 about budgets, obviously you're going to fall under the  
24 proposed new fee structure.

25 MS. MARTICH: Correct.

1 MR. SHELTON: Okay.

2 CHAIRMAN FISHER: Thanks, Katrina.

3 MS. MARTICH: And that has been factored into our  
4 packet and that has been funded for this fiscal year, based  
5 on what we think the cost will be. We've discussed that at  
6 length with NMED.

7 Any other questions on the planned work for this  
8 year?

9 (No response.)

10 CHAIRMAN FISHER: Okay. Thanks, Katrina. We  
11 appreciate that.

12 I would like to turn the time over now to Sharlene  
13 Begay-Platero. She's going to discuss the Reuse Plan. Go  
14 ahead. I'll turn it over to you.

15 MS. BEGAY-PLATERO: Thank you. Hayes is going to  
16 be a co-presenter with me, so it's going to be a team  
17 presentation.

18 Wilbur, do you have copies? Can you hand them  
19 out?

20 We were hoping, with our BIA offices, to have an  
21 overlay of this map which Wilbur is handing out to you with  
22 the utilization map, but we came under glitches, too, and  
23 so you'll have to use your imagination and use your pencil  
24 for us to describe what we're going to be talking about.

25 The Navajo Nation, since 1994, has had a Reuse



1 Plan, and this is the plan that both nations are working  
2 with with the Army based on cleanup. And tonight we're  
3 going to be giving you what we are calling phases, based on  
4 the different numbers of these sections.

5 The total acreage -- I'll just go through this,  
6 and then you can hit on anything that I missed. The total  
7 acreage, as you can see at the bottom of your handout, is  
8 21,812 acres. And each of the parcels are numbered, the  
9 top being the north, et cetera.

10 So both nations have agreed on these phases, and  
11 there's four phases. The first phase is Section 1, which  
12 is here, dedicated to what we're calling Forest Land/Open  
13 Park Space, and that's about 8,000 acres; Section 6, which  
14 we call Industrial Holding Zone; Section 7 is also called  
15 Institutional/Industrial. And the TPL people may be  
16 interested in seeing that that's part of the overlay where  
17 you're located now. Section 11 is -- 11 and 12, in a  
18 sense, is the admin area, and we labeled it as Mixed  
19 Use/Commercial. And then 15, which is right off the  
20 Interstate, where the school -- you get off the Interstate  
21 where the school is at, and Section 16. So that's called  
22 Phase I.

23 Phase II is Section 9, it's called Industrial;  
24 section 10, which is along Interstate 40, Commercial  
25 Holding Zone; Sections 13 and 14, in a sense, is the green

1 areas on this map. So there's four sections in Phase II.

2 Phase III is Section 8 along the western boundary;  
3 17 and 18. So that's Phase III.

4 Phase IV, the last one, is, in a sense, the rest  
5 of the blocks, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 19.

6 MR. LEWIS: Just a comment on the Reuse Plan and  
7 the use of The Navajo Nation Proposed Master Plan for Fort  
8 Wingate. We decided to -- the Pueblo of Zuni decided to go  
9 with The Navajo Nation on their Reuse Plan because in focus  
10 groups held at the Pueblo, we came to similar reuses, reuse  
11 proposals, for the northern area, primarily. And as we  
12 compared these with what was contained in The Navajo Nation  
13 plan, it was very similar. And since there was quite a bit  
14 of pressure at some point, maybe a year, a year and a half  
15 ago, to determine how the environmental cleanup would be  
16 tied to future reuse and since there are similarities in  
17 our proposed reuses, we decided to go with this plan.

18 The Pueblo of Zuni has indicated and provided a  
19 separate reuse for Zone 1. For the purposes of tonight and  
20 right now, and for the transfer, that transfer is going to  
21 go forward, but there is in your documentation a separate  
22 reuse for that.

23 We felt that the phasing of the transfer as was  
24 identified just now would allow those properties to  
25 transfer in that priority because, in terms of TPL's

1 concerns and how the two tribes look at TPL at the present  
2 time, we felt that it was important for them to transfer  
3 along with the -- as soon as possible, along with that  
4 number 1 property down there. And because of the  
5 relationships that still have to be developed with TPL, we  
6 look forward to getting involved with them fairly soon, and  
7 I'm sure that we will be meeting with Mr. Stroller and  
8 others to determine how that relationship will develop.

9 In the northern areas that were identified, it's  
10 important for those to transfer fairly soon so that we can  
11 get into the commercial types of development and industrial  
12 use that was identified along with those number  
13 designations. We will be having another MOU meeting with  
14 The Navajo Nation in May to review some of the work tasks  
15 that were assigned from our March 5 meeting. We look  
16 forward to working with all of the federal agencies in  
17 terms of the property transfer, from Department of Defense  
18 to Department of Interior, and then on out to the BIA and  
19 to the Tribes for the mutual beneficial use. So I will  
20 stand for any questions.

21 (No response.)

22 MR. LEWIS: If not, that brings you up to date.  
23 Thank you.

24 CHAIRMAN FISHER: Okay. Thank you. We appreciate  
25 that.

1 I have the Southern Properties Transfer, but  
2 that's been discussed several times tonight. You know, as  
3 on your maps here, what we're talking about is the  
4 approximately 6,000 acres. That's the Number 1 site, what  
5 we call Southern Properties there, and that's one of the  
6 areas that they were talking about. Hayes Lewis was  
7 talking about that.

8 We're hopefully going to be able to transfer that  
9 this year. This is what we're shooting for, to transfer  
10 that southern property this year. There is a little bit of  
11 work we need to do along the north area of the southern  
12 property, a little ordnance clearance. We hope to be able  
13 to get the funding to do that this summer and move right  
14 along and take care of that area.

15 There's some other work that's being done, surveys  
16 and that, that BLM was working on, but it looks like things  
17 are moving along fairly well. That's our goal, the Army's  
18 goal, to have that transferred to the Zuni, I guess, or the  
19 Indians, if I may, this year.

20 MS. ANDERSON: Larry --

21 CHAIRMAN FISHER: Yes.

22 MS. ANDERSON: Judy Anderson. This says 7,989  
23 acres.

24 MR. AGY: Right, and that will only be --  
25 eventually, that might come to pass, but right now we're

1 only doing a portion of it.

2 CHAIRMAN FISHER: Yeah. Okay. Any other  
3 questions?

4 (No response.)

5 CHAIRMAN FISHER: Good. Moving right along, what  
6 I would like to do is just take a little bit of time and  
7 this is not on the agenda, as a matter of fact, but I would  
8 like to discuss a little bit about the Restoration Advisory  
9 Board and how this is supposed to be set up. Now that we  
10 have more people involved and a little bit more activity,  
11 we would like to set it up like it's supposed to be. And  
12 when I say that, the Restoration Advisory Board is an  
13 advisory board, and each member on the Board is supposed to  
14 represent a group of people or a tribe or a chapter or  
15 whatever.

16 We've recently had a couple of new members,  
17 Sharlene and Hayes, Hayes representing the Zuni and  
18 Sharlene representing the Navajo. You know, if there are  
19 other people who would like to be on this, like I said,  
20 please fill out the forms, and we will get you involved in  
21 this.

22 Malcolm.

23 MR. WALDEN: Malcolm Walden. The general public  
24 is also eligible to be represented.

25 CHAIRMAN FISHER: Yeah, I'm sorry. The general

1 public is -- yeah, you're right. I'm sorry. I neglected  
2 to say that. But the general public is also welcome. And  
3 if you would like to be a member, you know, fill out one of  
4 those forms. We would like to welcome you to do that.

5 The way the Restoration Advisory Board is  
6 supposed to work is they represent the citizens and  
7 everybody around Fort Wingate. What we would like to do  
8 is, when we complete any reports that we submit to the  
9 regulators, any work plans or anything, we will also submit  
10 it to the members of the Advisory Board for review and  
11 comment.

12 Each member can take it back to their group or  
13 whoever they represent, explain it to them, let them review  
14 it. Any comments or anything like that that come up, the  
15 representative here on the Restoration Advisory Board will  
16 bring them to the Board at these meetings and we will  
17 discuss them.

18 In the past, it hasn't worked that way. We  
19 originally tried. It didn't. So we more or less went into  
20 formal presentations, you know, like you have been  
21 getting. And it's good. We are providing information to  
22 you on everything we're doing out there at Fort Wingate,  
23 and it's good information. But this is basically kind of a  
24 working group. So this is kind of the direction we would  
25 like to go.

1 We would like the Advisory Board to take a little  
2 more active role in this. You can meet together  
3 separately. You don't have to wait until this night to see  
4 each other. Lynn Shelton is my Co-Chair. Work with him.  
5 You can help develop the agendas. If there is anything you  
6 want on the agenda to be discussed, let us know. We will  
7 work together on this. Any presentations you want, you  
8 know, request them, and we will even share responsibilities  
9 of conducting this meeting and it will go back and forth.  
10 You know, possibly get the State and EPA a little more  
11 involved in any presentations.

12 If you would like to hear anything from them on  
13 their activities and things that are going on, we can  
14 request that to them. We can have them -- you know,  
15 they'll be here. Everybody will be here to respond to any  
16 questions you have.

17 Are there any questions or issues? You know, this  
18 is what the Restoration Advisory Board is set up for, to  
19 kind of help resolve these, so this is the way we want to  
20 work. So this is kind of the direction we're going to  
21 head. It might not be 100 percent perfect next time, but  
22 we're going to get there. Okay? Are there any questions  
23 or anything? Do the people have anything? Dwayne.

24 MR. FORD: Larry, did you want to say anything  
25 about TAPP?

1 CHAIRMAN FISHER: I do, but where is my  
2 information? Let's see. Katrina, would you like to -- I  
3 was going to find that, but I forgot.

4 MS. MARTICH: TAPP is a Department of Army funded  
5 program -- Department of Defense funded program. Technical  
6 Assistance for Public Participation is what TAPP stands  
7 for, TAPP. And it is a grant type of program where, if  
8 there is some type of technical assistance that the  
9 Restoration Advisory Board would like to request, there is  
10 an actual form, an application process. I imagine many  
11 people in here work with the federal government. You're  
12 familiar with the grant-type of process that you submit  
13 where you must have a specific scope for what you would  
14 like to accomplish and some recommended sources from which  
15 you can get that scope of work accomplished. The grants  
16 are up to \$25,000.

17 An example of the type of activity that has  
18 utilized the TAPP in the process would be the geological  
19 analysis of what we have at Fort Wingate. That's a very  
20 difficult geological situation out there, and the TAPP  
21 program can be used to bring in an objective technical  
22 specialist from, say, a university to work with the RAB  
23 members and to analyze the geological data and help explain  
24 and discuss alternatives for the groundwater program out  
25 there. That would be an appropriate use of TAPP.



1 It is not a lobbying-type of position. It is  
 2 usually an objective advisor to come in and help everyone  
 3 work through a technical situation. It could also be a  
 4 facilitator, if there was an issue that needed mediating  
 5 with the RAB. It could have to do with a facilitator  
 6 working on the reuse plan.

7 That's pretty much all the information I have. I  
 8 could try and field some questions. There's some other  
 9 people -- Chuck, do you have something?

10 Okay. Chuck Lechner here, with the BRAC office,  
 11 can probably elaborate on it for me.

12 MR. LECHNER: You should be getting an application  
 13 package for that from DoD. I don't know if you have  
 14 received it yet.

15 CHAIRMAN FISHER: I have, and that's what I was  
 16 looking for. I thought I had it with me.

17 MR. LECHNER: Okay. And you could make copies of  
 18 that and give that to all of the folks in the RAB, at the  
 19 meetings?

20 CHAIRMAN FISHER: Right.

21 MR. LECHNER: Also, DoD has trained people to come  
 22 out to each of the RAB meetings and conduct training in  
 23 this for the RABs so they know just what they can get  
 24 funding for, how to go about it.

25 We want to emphasize that the first thing -- the

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1 first way to get information is from Mr. Fisher. The  
2 project support team for the project should be providing  
3 the information that everybody needs to be able to  
4 understand this. But the DoD and the Army recognize that,  
5 in certain situations, you can't get a complete  
6 understanding because it's such a complex subject. So this  
7 is intended to allow the RAB, through the Army, to contract  
8 with an independent consultant to help them understand the  
9 complex information that we're presenting.

10 CHAIRMAN FISHER: Okay. Thanks, Chuck. Are there  
11 any questions? We will get that information out to those  
12 members of the RAB. You can pursue that, if you would  
13 like. And there may be other funding avenues, you know,  
14 that you might want to pursue for help in understanding  
15 what's going on or interpreting, you know, the data and  
16 what have you.

17 Are there any other questions?

18 Yes, ma'am.

19 MS. LEWIS: My name is Lea Lewis. How long has  
20 the Restoration Advisory Board been meeting?

21 CHAIRMAN FISHER: Since 1994. 1994.

22 MS. LEWIS: Do you usually advertise in the Gallup  
23 Independent about it? This is a public meeting. Do you  
24 advertise it in the Gallup Independent?

25 CHAIRMAN FISHER: It's supposed to be in the --

1 yes, it is. We have a public affairs person that sends it  
2 out. Last time, we put it on the radio. I'm not sure  
3 about this time. I'll have to ask her. But we do  
4 advertise it in the paper, when these meetings are going to  
5 be held.

6 MS. MARTICH: Larry, it went to both the Navajo  
7 Times and the Gallup independent, and it has been for the  
8 last several meetings.

9 MS. DUWUENIE: It's in there.

10 CHAIRMAN FISHER: Is it? Okay. Good. I haven't  
11 seen the papers, but it was supposed to be in, so it made  
12 me feel a lot better to hear that. Are there any other  
13 questions?

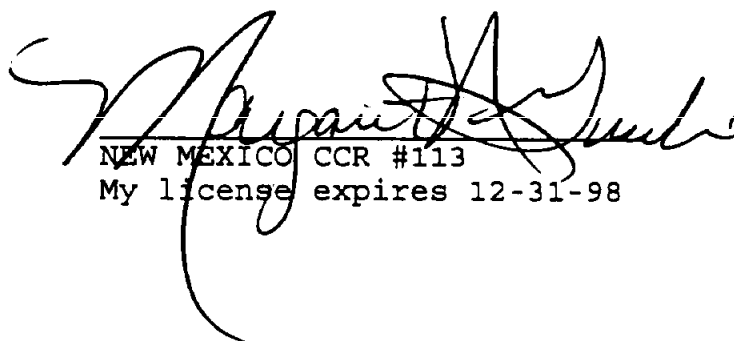
14 If not, if you feel uncomfortable maybe asking any  
15 questions of any particular individual, you know, after we  
16 break up, you know, you're sure welcome. Everyone will be  
17 hanging around here for a while. You're welcome to ask any  
18 additional questions.

19 If there are no further questions, thank you for  
20 coming and we will see you next time.

21 (Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.)  
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