Our story using maps

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Presentation Outline

Introduction
Background
Maps / History
Culture Sensitivity
Yá'át'ééh!

I am NaCl born for bitter H₂O
GIS Analyst
Environment Review
CSP Mapping & GPS
Brownfield sites
Field duties with our Partners
Office support activities
Background

Navajo Nation  EPA WRCD Superfund Program
Six staff
Located in Saint Michaels, AZ
The Long Walk to Bosque Redondo (Hwéeldi), refers to the 1864 deportation of the Navajo people. Ended in 1868 & returned back to homeland.
Naabeho Binahasdzo
Navajo Reservation
1868-1934
Navajo Nation
Size 27,413 sq mi

West Virginia
Size 24,038 sq mi
In 1927, U.S. federal government initiated a new form of local government entities called Chapters.

- Chapter
- Agency
- Navajo Nation

Others:
- Grazing, Landuse, Homesite
- Customary use
Navajo Nation 110 Chapters
Abandoned Uranium Mines
Ranches
Crow Mesa, Largo, Big Boquillas, Espil

Cobell Settlement
Navajo Land Buy Back Program - Fractionated land to Trust

Land Swap
NM State

Yavapai Ranch
Culture & Sensivity

- the beliefs, customs, arts, etc., of a particular society, group, place, or time.
- a particular society that has its own beliefs, ways of life, art, etc.
- a way of thinking, behaving, or working that exists in a place or organization (such as a business)

Air
Water
Land
Plants & Animals
Customary Use

Ceremonial site
Burial site
Livestock grazing
Summer & winter Homes
Sheep camp
Farming/gardening
Water
Food gathering
Conclusion

Example of NSP cultural sensitivity practice
Boundaries (papered & un-papered)
Community Members Relationship
Thank you!

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