

History

- The aboriginal homeland of the Jicarilla Apache covered Northeastern NM, Southwestern Colorado, the plains of Texas, Oklahoma.
- Today, the Jicarilla Apache Nation is located in Central Northern NM near the Colorado Border, Headquartered in Dulce on NM highway 64, 26 miles west of Chama and 80 miles east of Farmington.
- The Jicarilla Apache Reservation covers just under one million acres and was established in 1887, with later land purchases of the Willow Creek Ranch, El Poso Ranch, Theis Ranch, Boyd Ranch and Chama Ranch and Cattle Company



Major Jicarilla Accomplishments and Contributions

- **Jicarilla played a prominent role in building the foundation and framework of state/tribal relations, protecting tribal sovereignty**
 - Jicarilla paved the way in Social Welfare Policy establishing tribal framework with federal, state and local governments
 - Jicarilla cleared the way to establish the first major cornerstone when it challenged the state in its treatment of children in need of temporary foster care as a result neglect and abuse and other extenuating circumstances.
 - It established the government – to - government foundation
 - State Supreme Court recognized tribal courts to be courts of competent jurisdiction
 - It recognized the right and authorities of tribes to set up their own standards consistent with cultural values
 - Successfully fought for the redistricting of HD 65 in Rio Arriba County.

Major Jicarilla Accomplishments and Contributions - (continued)

- **U.S. Supreme Court decision in Cotton Petroleum - 1982**
 - The Jicarilla Nation successfully argued to build a shared tax policy framework while protecting the sovereign powers and authority for the Jicarilla Nation
 - Merrion vs Jicarilla challenged the state in its authority to tax oil and gas activity on top of the tribally imposed tax
 - The U.S. Supreme Court decision concluded that both sovereigns had the power and authority to tax the same activity on reservation lands
 - The decision resulted in a double taxation scheme economically unfavorable to do business on tribal lands
 - This concept was the basis to craft the cigarette tax, gasoline tax and gross receipts taxes to enjoy one of the progressive tax policies among tribes and states in the country.

Major Jicarilla Accomplishments and Contributions - (continued)

- **Jicarilla Nation conceived idea for Cross deputization/Cross commissioning of state peace officers**
 - Long before the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Oliphant* (determining that tribal police have no jurisdiction over non-Indians), Jicarilla conceived the idea of cross commissioning state peace officers (state police to have concurrent jurisdiction over non-Indians on the reservation).
 - Concurrent jurisdiction gave state police jurisdiction to enforce tribal laws where non-Indians were involved. It created the opportunity to cost effectively create tribal, federal (BIA) and state law enforcement capabilities in a cost effective way all the while protecting tribal sovereignty and exercising tribal powers and authorities.
 - The action of cross commissioning state peace officers was exerting the sovereignty of the tribe.

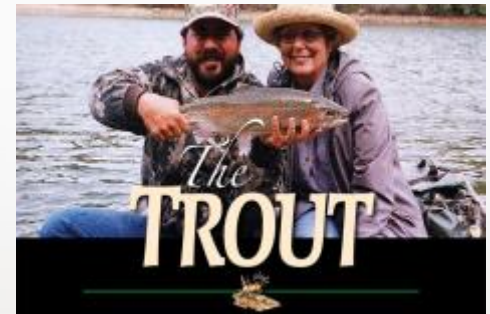
Major Jicarilla Economic Contributions

- The Jicarilla Nation employs over 1200 individuals to which 10% are non members from neighboring towns and cities. and contributes millions to the regional economy in Northern NM annually.
- Over the last ten years, The Jicarilla Apache Nation has contributed over **\$120 Million** in severance tax revenue from oil and gas to the State of New Mexico.
- The Nation's government and enterprise annual budgets contribute an estimated \$100 Million to the regional economy. (Farmington, Chama, Espanola, Santa Fe and Albuquerque)



Jicarilla Apache Business Interests

- Oil and Gas Operations
- Cultural Arts and Tourism
 - Little Beaver Celebration
 - Go-Jii-Ya Feast
- World Class Jicarilla Big Game Management
 - Hunt the Jicarilla
 - The Lodge and Ranch at Chama
- Gaming and Hotel Operations
 - Wild Horse Casino and Resort
 - Apache Nugget Travel Center and Casino
- Water Resource and Land Management
 - Colorado River Management
 - Watershed Restoration and Management



2018 Legislative Policy Initiatives

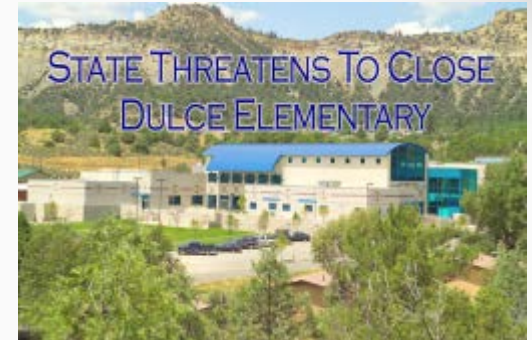
- **Capital Outlay Requests**
 - **Communications Tower** - address emergency responses for the Jicarilla Nation and region located in Rio Arriba County - \$180,000
 - **Emergency Response equipment and storage facilities** - \$ 150,000
 - **Watershed Study and GIS Mapping Project** - \$500,000



2018 Legislative Policy Initiatives - Continued

- **Education Policy and Funding**

- Address policies related to “Impact aid funding” to ensure that this funding goes directly to tribal programs;
- Allow greater flexibility for our tribal communities to institute educational programs that are relevant to our children;
- The Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) and other standardized testing methods are over burdensome and has no relevance to our children or to their learning;
- Re-evaluate PARCC requirements with tribal leaders to find other more meaningful methods to address the achievement gaps for Indian students.



2018 Legislative Policy Initiatives - Continued

- **Economic and Social Policy Initiatives**
- We request that the Governor and New Mexico Legislature protect health care for American Indians in New Mexico;
- Fully fund Medicaid;
- Collaborate with the Jicarilla Apache Nation to address the social determinants of health and behavioral health issues within the Jicarilla Apache Nation and region;
- Road maintenance and upgrades are an essential piece in addressing economic growth and transportation safety for our youth, elders and for all people in the region.



Upgrades to Broadband and Telecommunications

- Upgrades to broadband and telecommunication service in the area.
- The current service is inadequate and needs to be upgraded in the Jicarilla Apache Nation and the region;
- Rural communications networks and broadband connectivity remains a problem.
- Collaborate with State Agencies to bring solutions to tribal broadband and telecommunication issues.



AMERIND CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Broadband Builds Tribal Communities

By Irene Flanery, Director, AMERIND Critical Infrastructure

Broadband – also known as high-speed internet – is today's critical infrastructure. From education to health care, public safety to Tribal housing, broadband provides the platform to build Tribal communities. For example, distance learning supports language preservation by allowing Native language classes to be conducted online. Telemedicine increases access to specialists and preventative care that can be lifesaving while allowing Tribal members to remain in their communities. Shorter response times for police and fire fighters mean that homes and

the ACI team puts you – the Tribal client – first, and will work with you to determine your community's needs and develop a plan tailored to those needs. "Really, one size fits none," says Flanery. ACI offers services such as strategic planning for sovereign Tribal broadband deployment, broadband subsidy grant, and loan management, regulatory management and compliance and social impact funding. But what exactly does this mean to your Tribal



economic asset" says Blackwell. The result is stronger, safer Tribal communities.

Reach Out to the ACI Team

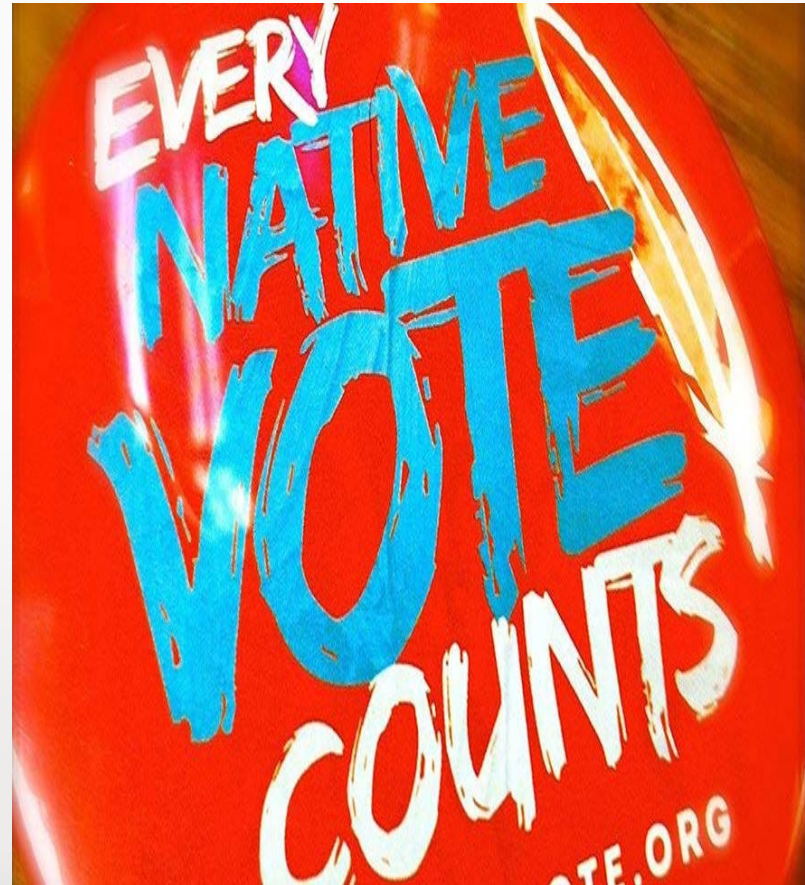


Jicarilla Voter Districts

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- The total number of registered voters is over 1300.
- In the 2016 election, we had 60% percent voter turnout and in 2008, 85% voter turnout.
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CONCLUSION

Thank you and we look forward to a continued dialogue with the NM Legislature, Executive and Judicial Branch to advance the efforts of the Jicarilla Apache Nation and all tribal communities.

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