

# KIN SAANI - WHAT CAN HISTORIC BUILDINGS TELL US



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# HHPD INVENTORIES HISTORIC BUILDINGS ACROSS THE NAVAJO NATION...

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- Buildings are inventoried and evaluated under the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 program
- HHPD has a P.L. 95-638 contract with the BIA to provide archaeological services
  - The contract provides funds for HHPD to assess historic (old) buildings for BIA or Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) structures across the Navajo Nation
  - Buildings often include school buildings (classrooms, etc.), homes, office buildings (i.e. Window Rock Historic District)
- Other historic structures can include bridges, fences, trading posts, etc.
- The Navajo Nation has several buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places
  - Navajo Nation Council Chambers is a National Landmark
  - Klagehoh Chapter building recently listed on the National Register for its association with the late Annie Dodge Wauneka

# OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS

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## **FEDERAL**

- National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA)
  - Created the National Register of Historic Places, and the Section 106 process
- Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979 (ARPA)
- Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 (NAGPRA)
- American Indian Religious Freedom Act of 1978 (AIRFA)

## **NAVAJO NATION**

- Cultural Resources Protection Act (CRPA, 1988)
- Policy for the Disposition of Cultural Resource Collections
- Policy for the Protection of Jishchaa': Gravesites, Human Remains, and Funerary Items

# NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES (NRHP)

AUTHORIZED BY THE NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT OF 1966

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## Eligibility for nomination

Criteria:

**Age:** Properties must be at least *50 years old* to be considered.

**Integrity:** Must retain historical integrity in *location, design, setting, materials, and workmanship*.

**Criterion A:** *Association* with significant events in history.

**Criterion B:** Connection to *significant individuals* who contributed to history.

**Criterion C:** Embodiment of *distinctive architectural styles* or construction methods.

**Criterion D:** Potential to yield important information in *history or prehistory*.

<http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/publications/bulletins/nrb15/>

# Kin - house

**Kinłání** – Flagtaff, AZ

**Kin łichii'nii** – Red House clan

**Kinyaa' 'áanii** – Towering House clan

**Kin Dah Łichíí'**- Kinlichee, AZ



Forked-Together Navajo Home – Hogan  
[www.navajopeople.org](http://www.navajopeople.org)



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# Hooghan

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## HOGANS IN PROGRESS



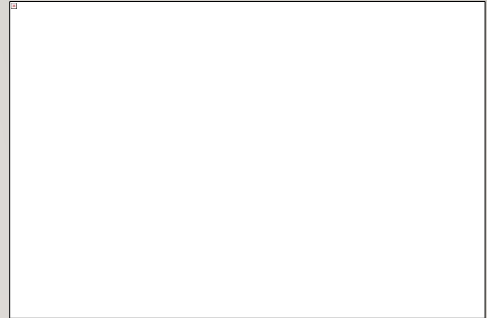


# BIA SCHOOL PROJECTS

## Olta' dóó áłchíní biniyé



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# KIN SANI PROJECTS

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**1938**

Fort Defiance, AZ

Chinle, AZ

**1914**



**1947**

Tuba City, AZ

# SECTION 106 PROCESS...

# Hait'éego?

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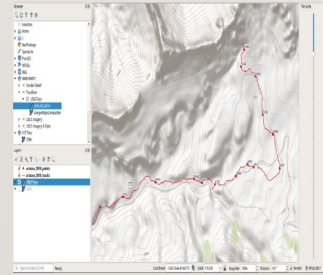
Fieldwork



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Technical Reports and Maps

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CULTURAL RESOURCE COMPLIANCE FORM

NNHHPD NO.: ~~XXXX~~ CONSULTANT REPORT NO.: ~~XXXX~~  
OTHER PROJECT NO.: Contract No. A17AV0026

PROJECT TITLE: A Cultural Resources Inventory for the removal of an elevated water tank, cap well, and pump house at BIA Pinon Community School in Pinon, Navajo County, Arizona (Contract A17AV0026)

LEAD AGENCY: BIA/NRO

SPONSOR: Joseph Bitsie, Jr., Navajo Region Facility Management, PO Box 1060, Gallup, NM, 87305-1060

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The BIA Facilities Management proposes the removal of an existing elevated water tank and associated cap well. In addition, an existing pump house will be capped and removed. The area of potential effect equals 0.25 ac (0.10 ha). Ground disturbance, surface and subsurface with heavy equipment will be intense and extensive in both locations.

PROJECT ARCHAEOLOGIST: Lukal Nez DATE INSPECTED: 2/19/2020  
NAVAJO ANTIQUITIES PERMIT NO.: NTC111 TOTAL ACREAGE INSPECTED: 2.88  
DATE OF REPORT: 7/28/2020  
METHOD OF INVESTIGATION: Class III pedestrian inventory with transects spaced 10 m apart

Number of Sites: 0 Number of Eligible Properties: 0  
Number of Non-Eligible Properties: 0 Number of Unvaluated Properties: 0  
Number of Burials: 0 Number of TCPS: 0  
Number of Isolated Occurrences: 0 Number of In-Use Sites: 0  
EFFECT/CONDITIONS OF COMPLIANCE: No Historic Properties Affected  
PROCEED RECOMMENDED: Yes

CONDITIONS: No

In the event of a discovery ["discovery" means any previously unidentified or incorrectly identified cultural resources including but not limited to archaeological deposits, human remains, or locations reportedly associated with Native American religious/traditional beliefs or practices], all operations in the immediate vicinity of the discovery must cease, and the Navajo Nation Historic Preservation Department must be notified at (928) 871-7198.

FORM PREPARED BY: Cleten John  
**John Doe Begaye** FINALIZED: 8/20/2020  
Richard M. Begay, Department Manager/HMO  
Navajo Nation Heritage and Historic Preservation Department  
Date: ~~XXXX~~

Navajo Nation Approval:  
**Joe Joe Nez**  
BIA- Navajo Regional Office, Date: ~~XXXX~~

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# FLOW CHART FOR FACILITIES PROJECTS BY BIA SERVICE REQUEST

**Service Request Form**  
Navajo Nation Historic Preservation Department

**Project Title:** Lakachikai Community School, ARIZONA  
**Request No.:** 003AR20

**Project Request:** BIA to evaluate one building located in Lakachikai, Apache County, Arizona

**Location:** Lakachikai Community School (Lat +32574.44, Long -1091344.31)

**From:** Navajo Region Facility Management  
Gailby, NSJ

**Funding Source for this Request:** P.L. 95-618, Contract Number A17A00202

**For more information contact:** Michelle L. Begay, Acting Branch Manager, ECF  
**Email:** [Michelle.Begay@na.gov](mailto:Michelle.Begay@na.gov)

**Phone Number:** (505) 863-8346  
**Fax Number:** (505) 509-1390

**Project Description (Underwriting):** BIA will previously has assessment completed by BIA for the Lakachikai Community School. The current underwriting would be to evaluate the old building for demolition.

**Start up Date for this Project:** May 2021

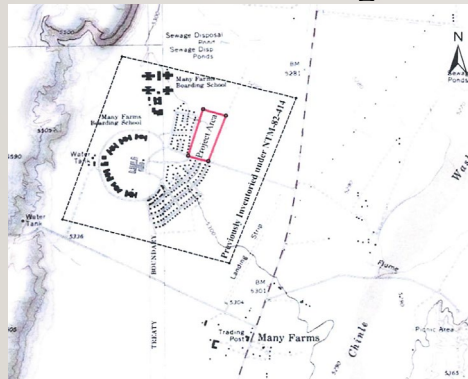
**Attachments (if any):** Google Map, identify key facilities

**Approved:** MICHELLE BEGAY *(Signature)* **Date:**

Service Request Issued by BIA



Research HHPD Archives / Maps



Archaeological Inventory Report (AIRs)

**The Navajo Nation** Dr. BUU NYGREN PRESIDENT  
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March 21, 2021

Michelle Begay, Acting Navajo Regional Facilities Manager  
Navajo Regional Office  
Bureau of Public Affairs  
P.O. Box 1060  
Gallup, New Mexico 87305-1060

**RE:** Lakachikai Community School: To evaluate old buildings for archaeological and historical significance for Antiquities Act Administration, Apache County, AZ. Request No. 003AR20

Dear Ms. Begay:

The Lakachikai Building School was previously inventoried in 1982 under NTHHPD-118. 42 buildings are over 70 years old but are not considered eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). BIA has identified a number of architectural styles such as: wood frame, brick masonry, masonry, masonry and wood, and asphalt shingles. Thus, 42 buildings have submitted for our preliminary fieldwork. The following information is provided for your review:

Building 0201 is a classroom and was built in 1938. It is a single-story wood-frame building. It is described as a locally-constructed wood-frame building. It is described as a locally-constructed wood-frame building. It is described as a locally-constructed wood-frame building. It is described as a locally-constructed wood-frame building.

Building 0202, 0204, 0205, and 0222 are over 70 years old. They are not eligible for the NRHP under criteria 1 and 2, as they are examples of locally-constructed wood-frame buildings. The local history of the Lakachikai community and the Lakachikai Building School, which construction was completed in the 1930s. 0204, 0205, and 0222 will need NTHHPD level 1 documentation and Building 0201 will need NTHHPD level 2 within the current report building.

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**NAVAJO ANTIQUITIES PERMIT NO.:** NTC111  
**DATE INSPECTED:** 3/19/2020  
**DATE OF REPORT:** 7/28/2020  
**TOTAL ACRES INSPECTED:** 2.86  
**METHOD OF INVESTIGATION:** Class III pedestrian inventory with transects spaced 10 m apart

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