

PROFILE

TSAILE/WHEATFIELDS CHAPTER Navajo Nation

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On December 2, 1955, pursuant to the Navajo Nation Council Resolution No. CJ-20-55, the Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter is vested with the authority and charged with the responsibility to promote, protect and preserve the interest and general welfare, including the health and safety of its community people, programs, facilities, property, etc.

The Tsaile/Wheatfields and Black Rock community is known by three (3) traditional Navajo names. The Chapter House is located in the Wheatfields (Todzisah) Community.

Navajo Name: – Tsééhíli (Tsaile), TóDzis’á (Wheatfields), and Tsézhine (Black Rock)

Interpretation:

Tsaile – “Where the water enters a box canyon”

Wheatfields – “Strip of water extending away into the distance

Black Rock – “Traprock”

VISION STATEMENT

Promote effective communication through Ke’ and respectfully preserving the unique natural resources of the community to attain a global business environment.

MISSION STATEMENT

Through Nitsáhakees (Thinking), Nahatá (Planning), lina (Life), and Siihasin (Values) the Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter will foster self-sufficiency, sustainability, accountability and improve the quality of life for community members through economic & community development.

Indian Population:	1980 Census	1,212
	1990 Census	1,391
	2000 Census	1,983
	2010 Census	2,192

Estimated Land Size: 162,494,40 Acres

One hundred sixty-two thousand, four hundred ninety-four point forty acres

Approximately two hundred fifty-three point ninety (253.90) square miles, according to the Navajo Land Department.

Land Management District / Unit: 11-3

GOVERNMENT

Registered Voters
Navajo Nation 1,200
Apache County 1,424

Number of Navajo Nation Council Delegate: one (1)

Delegate shared with:
Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter
Lukachukai Chapter
Round Rock Chapter
Rock Point Chapter
Rough Rock Chapter

Chapter Elected Officials:
Chapter President 1
Chapter Vice President 1
Chapter Secretary/Treasurer 1
Grazing Committee Member 1
Farm Board 3

Number of Police Officer (2)
Navajo Police District Office covering Chapter: 2
Chinle Agency

Tribal(s) and State(s) Offices that provide services within Chapter:
Community Health Representative
Department of Head Start
Woman, Infant and Children
Navajo Area Agency on Aging
Food Distribution Program
Apache County District II
Navajo Division of Transportation
Bureau of Indian Affairs

MEDICAL

Hospital(s) and Clinic(s) where most community members go:
Chinle Hospital Chinle, AZ
Tsehootsooi Medical Center Fort Defiance, AZ
Tsaile Health Center Tsaile, AZ

EDUCATION

No. of Schools:
Head Start 2
Kindergarten to 8th 1

Total enrollment by School:

School	Enrollment
Dine College	713 (Spring 2014)
Tsaile Public School	417
Tsaile/Wheatfields Head Start	20
Dine College Early Head Start	
Toddlers	4
Infants	4

COMMUNICATIONS

No. of computers available for public use at Chapter: one (1)
No. of public payphone in the community 0
Regular Television reception:
 DirecTV
 Dish Network
 Cable System

AM Radio Station received:
 KTNN Window Rock, AZ

FM Radio Station received:
 KISZ Cortez, CO
 KRTA Farmington, NM
 KFXR (KGLX) Chinle, AZ
 KXTC Gallup, NM
 KWIM Tse Bonito, NM
 KWRK Window Rock, AZ

Newspaper received within the Chapter:
 Navajo Times Window Rock, AZ
 The Independent Gallup, NM
 Thrifty Nickel Gallup, NM
 The Messengers

Courier Services within the Chapter:
 United State Postal Service
 United Parcel Service
 Federal Express

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Baseball Field
Football Field
Library
Rodeo Arena

PUBLIC FACILITIES

Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter
Senior Citizens Center
Warehouse
Police Housing

EQUIPMENT

Grader (Rented on a needed basis by Chapter)

SCENIC ATTRACTIONS

Wheatfields Lake
Tsaile Lake
Chuska Mountain

CIVIC

Churches:

Name of Church	Estimated Membership
Tsaile Community Church	150
St. Ann Catholic Church	50
Jordon River Church	100
Wheatfields Catholic Church	
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints	150

Indigenous:

Traditional Navajo Religion
Native American Church

Active Community Organization

Farm Board
Community Land Use Planning Committee
Water Users Associations
Tsaile/Wheatfields Veterans Organization
Local Senior Advisory Council
Parent & Teachers Organization
Boys Scouts of America

COMMERCIAL

Available commercial establishment in the Chapter:

Gas Station – FINA
Lakeside Store
Book Store – Dine College

TRANSPORTATION

Navajo Transit System Services

JD's Transport
Tsin-Nan-Tee Transport

Paved road through the Chapter area:

Navajo Route 12
Navajo Route 64

Distances to:

Lukachukai	18 miles
Chinle	36 miles
Window Rock	46 miles
Gallup	68 miles
Shiprock	81 miles

Other claimed Roads:

BIA Roads

Tsaile Public School	1 mile
8080 Behind White Cone to Upper Wheatfields	10 miles
68 North of Wheatfields Chapter – Water Sources	5 miles
8079 South of Wheatfields Chapter	6 miles
8077 South of Dine College – Black Rock	21 miles
8089 Bear Spring Road – South of Dine College	11 miles
8078 North/East of Dine College – Toward Shiprock	4.5 miles

Apache County Roads

C-270 Branding Corral Road	2.9 miles
C-444 Jordon River Road	1.5 miles
C-320 Pinetree Road	10 miles
C-443 Tsaile Creek Bus Route	2.8 miles
C-319 Benally's Road	0.5 miles
C-442 Litzin's Toadlena Road	2.5 miles
C-441 West of Ram Pasture	2.4 miles
C-321 Gray Cactus Road	6.3 miles
C-271 Jonah Deschine Road	1.5 miles

NDOT (Navajo Division of Transportation) 15 miles

8079 South of Wheatfields Chapter	12 miles
8077 South of Dine College – Black Rock	3 miles

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

Names of Employer	No. of Employees
Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter	3
Senior Citizens Center	3
Community Health Representative	1
Tsaile/Wheatfields Head Start	3

Dine College	270
Tsaile Public School	68
Woman, Infant & Children	2
Tsaile Public Health	10
Lake Side Store, Wheatfields	1
Dine College Early Head Start	3

LOCAL NATURAL RESOURCES

Water (two lakes and streams)
 Timber
 Scenery

COMMUNITY/COOPERATIVE FARMING

Names of Farms	Acres	No. of Land Permit
Tsaile	570	42
Upper Wheatfields	643	52
Lower Wheatfields	465	33
Total	1,678	127

The Tsaile/Wheatfields Farm Board was established by Navajo Nation Council Resolution CAU-51-80 and Advisory Committee Resolution ACJA-1-81.

BRIEF OVERVIEW OF CHAPTER

The Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter is a home to the main campus of the Dine College. As noted above, Dine College is the largest employer in the area. Dine College has extension branches at each of the Navajo Nation growth centers. Including the extension branches, Dine College provides education to an average of 3,950 students per year over a ten year period from 1984 – 2014. The overall average for the last three years of that period was 4,807 or an equivalent to 2,940 full time enrolled students; 90% are American Indian, with nearly all being Navajo. Beyond the student population, the Tsaile campus offers a valuable resources outlet for educational, recreational, and entertainment of events for the Navajo people and the surrounding communities. Several special events are sponsored on campus, including seminars, conference, music festivals, plays, concerts, sports tournaments, rodeo, etc.

The Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter house is located next to Navajo Route 12 less than three (3) miles northwest of Wheatfields Lake. The Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter area is very scenic with the Tsaile Butte and the Chuska Mountains dominating the eastern skies. Both Wheatfields Lake and Tsaile Lake provide boating, hiking and enjoyable fishing in the warmer months and ice-hole fishing during the winter.

The Tsaile/Wheatfields and Black Rock communities have no employment opportunities except those at the previously mentioned establishments and temporary employments at the Chapter House. Consequently, the primary economic avenues include livestock production, and to more limited degree of welfare, farming and art and crafts.

Due to the remoteness and isolation of our community, especially surrounding of Wheatfields and Tsaile, there is very little socio-economic developments for the benefit of employment opportunities for the local constituents.

CHAPTER ADMINISTRATION:

Personnel:

- 2004 Paula S. Begay, Community Service Coordinator
- 2009 Leanna Thompson, Account Maintenance Specialist
 - Karen Thompson, Office Specialist
 - Marinda DeChee, Office Specialist
 - Barbara Begay, Community Service Coordinator
- 1996 Authur J. Hood, Community Service Coordinator
- 1993 Paula S. Begay, Clerk Typist
 - Herbert H. Clark, Chapter Manager
- 1992 Alice Spencer, Chapter Manager
 - Treva Benally, Clerk Typist