



October 24, 2014

Mr. Herman Honanie, Chairman
The Hopi Tribe
P.O. Box 123
Kykotsmovi, Arizona 86039

Dear Chairman Honanie,

The Navajo Hopi Land Commission Office (NHLCO) has been notified by residents, newspaper reporters, activists, U.S. Department of Justice and social media that the Hopi Tribe has impounded livestock of two Navajo HPL residents' livestock during the week of October 13, 2014. Consequences of the impoundments is of opt most concerns to the NHLCO. As you know any situation that happens on the HPL is volatile that has a potential to develop into greater issues and traumatize livestock owners.

The (NHLCO) is aware of the livestock tally count that have occurred in August – September 2014 and that the Hopi Tribe served notices to livestock owners that livestock in excess of permitted may be subject to impoundment.

To avoid creating a situation that will harm both tribes and the HPL residents, NHLCO requests that the Hopi Tribe cease and desist from further impoundment activities and allow NHLCO an opportunity to confer with the residents to request they remove their livestock in excess of permitted from the HPL. The grace period is recommended for ten (10) days from notice of approval.

We believe that the procedure will diminish any potential traumatic situations associated with livestock impoundments being imposed on the resident livestock owners.

We make this request in the spirit of cooperation. Please contact me at (928) 871-6441 if there are any questions on the request.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Raymond Maxx in black ink.

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