

United States Senate

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Navajo Settlement

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Mr. John Whipple
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Dear John:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for taking the time to meet with me during my recent visit to Farmington. I appreciated the information that you briefed me on regarding the Navajo Water Settlement and was pleased to see the level of cooperation that was occurring.

With the current drought and the scarcity of water, it is extremely important that we work together to find a solution that will benefit all of the stakeholders in northwestern New Mexico. It is evident that you are committed to working toward a long-term solution to the water challenges facing the four corners area. I look forward to a continued working relationship with you and hope that you will continue to work with me and my staff on this matter.

Your hard work and dedication are to be commended. If I can be of assistance to you in the future, please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-224-5521. Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Jeff Bingaman
United States Senator

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