



# Tséyi' Association (TA)

Chinle Chapter Presentation

August 17, 2025



# Topics

1.	History and Establishment
2.	Membership
3.	<b>Projects</b>
	<b>- Erosion Control / Water / Irrigation / Water Reserve</b>
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# Mission Statement



Tséyi' Association is organized to preserve, protect, and restore areas of Tséyi' Canyons of Del Muerto and Canyon De Chelly, together with the immediate vicinity, which has historical, religious, and cultural significance for the Tséyi'ni Canyon Residents and the Navajo Nation People.



# History and Establishment



1. **Founder:** Kee Gai Begay - 1976
2. **Founding Fathers:** Anderson Teller and Ernest K. Tsosie
3. **1996 Incorporators:** Ernest K. Tsosie / Daniel Staley / Connie O'Conner / Lupita Litson McClanahan / Winnie Shirley / Elizabeth Teller Tsosie
4. **1996 Officers:** Ernest K. Tsosie, President/ Winnie Shirley, Vice President / Secretary-Treasurer, Lisa Teller
5. **1996 Board of Directors:** Herbert Clark / Andrew E. Bia / Vivian Yazzie / Teddy Draper, Sr. / Alfred Yazzie
6. **Supporting Resolutions:** Chinle CHIN-JUL-02-60 and Tsaile / Wheatfields April 1997



# History and Establishment.... Continued



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7. **2025 – 2026 Elected Officers** (5/16/25) – Erie Tsosie, President / Dedra Yazzie, Vice President / Sophie Shorty, Treasurer / Jonie Thompson, Secretary
8. **2025 Re-Incorporated** - TA / ACC – Approved / NNCA – Approved / Re-activated IRS 501(c)3 EIN
9. **Established a Bank Account**
10. **Public Notice** - Article of Incorporation in Navajo Times (7/24 - 7/31 - 8/7)
11. **Website:** [www.tseyiassociation.org](http://www.tseyiassociation.org)
12. **Meetings:** 5 Officer Meetings / 3 Public Meeting (5/16 - 6/2 - 7/8) / 29<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration 6/18/1996

TSEYI' ASSOCIATION

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**UPCOMING MEETING 8/20/2025**



# Tséyi' Association 150 Members

## Location:

- **Canyon Del Muerto** (*Far Spiral Canyon/Black Rock Canyon/ Many Cherry Canyon/Twin Trail Canyon/Sheep Point Canyon/ Fir Tree Trail/Tseh-Ya-Kin Canyon/Fortress Rock*),
- **Canyon De Chelly** (*Spring Canyon/Monument Canyon/Wild Cherry Canyon/Yeibicheii Trail*)
- **Before Junction** (*Cottonwood Canyon/Tunnel Canyon*).

## Membership Consists of:

- 87 Canyon Del Muerto Residents;
- 17 Canyon De Chelly Residents;
- 3 Before Junction Residents;
- 4 that are from 2+ areas of the Canyon;
- 28 Tséyi' Association Junior Membership; (Age 0- 17 yo)
- 10 General Community; and
- 1 No Answer



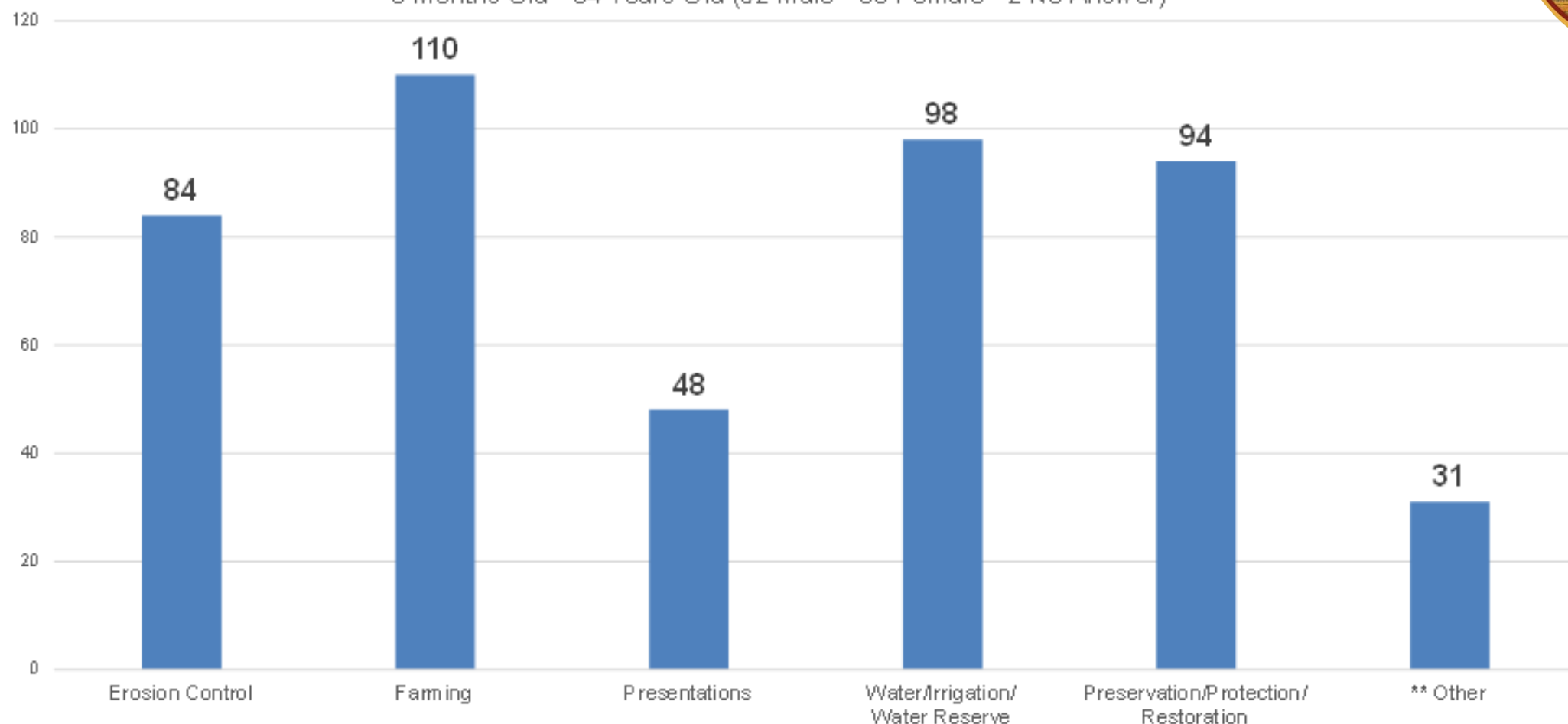
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## INTERESTS / CONCERNS

150 Total Tséyi' Association Members 7/30/2025

3 Months Old - 84 Years Old (52 Male - 86 Female - 2 No Answer)



**\*\* OTHER:** Cutting Russian Olives (3), Tourism (2), Moratorium, Reintroduction of Peach Trees, Vegetation Overgrowth (2), Fencing (7), Wildlife (3), Pest control, free roaming cattle and horses, road maintenance (2) and dead tree debris removal, grants, Tree Cottonwood/Tamaray, economic development, Community Support, and General Community Activity



# Water Release /Erosion Control / Water Reservoirs Projects



1. Water Release (May – September)
  - NNWRD Permit WUP#25-0180
2. Letter to *BIA – Safety of Dams Division of Water and Power* (5/14/25) Request for Water Reservoir New/Repair to help with Erosion
  - Acknowledgement of Request
    - Chinle Chapter – Signed (5/14/2025)
    - NPS - No Signature (No Response after many attempts)
    - Department of Water Resources (Awaiting NPS)





# Farming Projects



1. Provided Members with a Conservation Plan Template
2. Obtained Chapter House Manpower Form – Distributed to Members
3. Actively Searching for Grants to help with supplies for:
  - a. Erosion Control
  - b. Fencing
  - c. Irrigation Solutions

*Chinle Chapter Government*  
PO Box 1809 Chinle, AZ 86503  
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**Chapter Manpower Request**  
Please print legibly and complete all fields

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Census Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a registered voter with the Chinle Chapter Government? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Location of Residence (please draw map on back of form): \_\_\_\_\_

Work Assistance Requested:

☐ Home Renovation  
☐ Home Repair  
☐ Electrical / Plumbing  
☐ Roofing Repair  
☐ Housing Discretionary: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Requestor must provide their own materials for the home project(s)

I will not hold the Chinle Chapter Government and/or employees liable for any damages or injuries that may occur if my request is approved. I also understand schedules are subject to change.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Administrative Use Only**

**Assessment** Recommend to proceed: ☐ Yes ☐ No Assessed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Comments/Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

**Approval** ☐ Approved ☐ Denied Scheduled Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter Manager: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Completion** Actual Project Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Project Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Water Release

## Tséyi'ni able to Water Orchards/Crops





# Farming Projects

## 4. Grasshopper Infestation

- Request to Chapter was sent 6/16
- Chapter Researching



7/20/25







Tsaile

Sehili

Wheatfields

Upper Wheatfields

Del Muerto

Chinle

Canyon de Chelly National Monument

## Grasshopper Infestation Canyon Del Muerto

- 1 Mile up Twin Trail Canyon

- 2.75 Miles From Where the Rocks Fell to Past Twin Trails



# Preservation / Protection / Restoration Projects



1. Control Burn Request – BIA Fuels Management Section – Wildland Fire and Aviation Management 5/8/2025
  - a. Registered for October 6 - 17, 2025
  - b. NAU Fire Ecology Awaiting
  - c. 1<sup>st</sup> Letter - No Response
  - d. 2<sup>nd</sup> Letter - Received response 8/11/25
2. Requested Seal/Certificate of Authenticity for Tséyi'ni Tour Guides/Business Owners – NN Historic Preservation
3. BIA MAP Request (Planning Purposes) H.Jones

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# Preservation / Protection / Restoration



- Road Maintenance - July 9,10, 15,16, 17



Thank you Chinle Chapter for a Job Well Done!





# Presentations



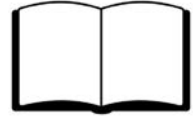
- Casey Teseny, – “How to Grow a Peach/Apricot “
- 2 TA Junior Members – “How to Use a Drill Pump”





# Upcoming Projects

1. Proposed collaboration with CUSD#24 to create a curriculum from the Canyon Stories.
2. Initiate Operation “SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING”
  - a. Neighborhood Watch
  - b. Unauthorized Tour Guides / Air Tour
3. Initiate Operation “STOP NEW TREE GROWTH”
  - Request Tour Guides to assist with Stewardship of Canyon by pulling 5-10 baby trees out during each tour. This will help with the over vegetation.
4. Request for First Aid Stations
5. Request for Emergency Notification

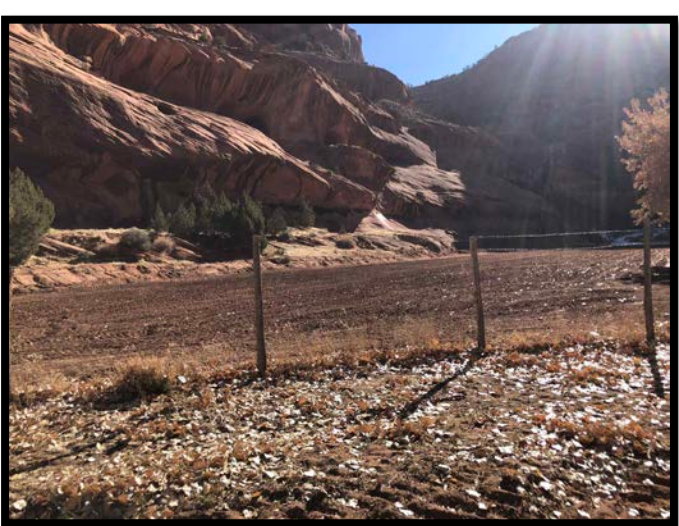


# Others – Upcoming Events

- August – Scarecrow Making
- October – Canning Fruits / Vegetables
- October - Preserving Traditional Food
- November - Fall Harvest Festival (Combining All Presentations)
  - Flash Flooding Presentation
  - Heat Hazard Awareness
  - Wild Life Safety
  - Wild Land Fire







**All Efforts is for our  
future Tséyi'ni.**



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*Thank you* ❤️



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