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Navajo Nation Framing Document for BIA Listening Session

- 1. Certification of all pending relocatee applications.**
- 2. Complete Home Building Activities**
 - ONHIR's housing authority and responsibilities will be transferred to the BIA.
 - The BIA will provide the funds it would have expended on building homes at standard not lower than those required HUD to NHLCO to build the homes through a Navajo Nation approved contractor.
- 3. Navajo Nation will continue to be able to make land selections under the Settlement Act after the closure of ONHIR:**
 - Navajo Nation will be allowed to select the outstanding acres under the Settlement Act (approx. 13,000 acres), according to the terms of the Settlement Act, including approximately 756 acres resulting from the BLM surveying error.
 - All authorizations required by ONHIR for these land selections will be performed by the Navajo Nation and the Navajo Nation will submit the land into trust application to the BIA.
- 4. Release Navajo Nation from paying back the \$16 million dollars appropriated by Congress to the Navajo Rehabilitation Trust Fund, including interest.**
 - Allow all monies in the Navajo Rehabilitation Trust Fund to remain.
- 5. Transfer all monies in ONHIR's Treasury Account to the Navajo Rehabilitation Trust Fund.**

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6. Regulating grazing and ROWs on New Lands.

- BIA will continue to utilize ONHIR's grazing regulations to administer grazing on Newlands.
- BIA to clarify cattle sales process and transfer of cattle certificate of sale to Navajo Nation
- BIA will immediately make available dedicated range technicians and grazing inspectors for this purpose.
- BIA to transfer authority to Navajo Nation to administer the ROW process.

7. All leases where ONHIR was the lessor will be transferred to the Nation. These include but are not limited to the following:

- Arizona Department of Public Safety
- Navajo Nation Department of Behavioral Health (Hogan Site)
- Navajo Nation Department of Behavioral Health (outpatient counseling center)
- Preferred Sand, Inc. (sand processing and storage facility)
- Nahata Dziil Commission Governance (rodeo grounds)
- Nahata Dziil Commission Governance (multi-purpose community building)
- Nahata Dziil Commission Governance (chapter house)
- Nahata Dziil Commission Governance (senior center)
- Sanders Unified School District (High School)
- Fort Defiance Indian Hospital (health care clinic)
- Nichol House
- Stuart House



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- 8. The Navajo Nation shall have discretion following an assessment to acquire at no cost all buildings owned by ONHIR, which would then be transferred to the Nation with necessary funds for operational and maintenance costs.**

- 9. Assist in finalizing settlement with Hopi Tribe on rental rates for Navajos living on Hopi Partitioned Lands.**

- 10. Form a workgroup to make final decisions on the closure of ONHIR.**
 - Workgroup to consist of leadership with decision-making authority from BIA/DOI, Arizona Congressional Delegation, and the Navajo Nation.

- 11. Consultation between Navajo Nation and the BIA by no later than 60 days following the date of the listening session.**