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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Navajo Nation calls for 'National and International Day of Prayer' for San Francisco Peaks on Dec. 11, 2007

U.S. Court of Appeals to hear case in Pasadena, CA

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – The Honorable Speaker Lawrence T. Morgan (Iyanbito/Pinedale) is calling upon all people of the Navajo Nation, tribal members of various tribes, and individuals who deeply respect our Mother Earth to join us in a 'National and International Day of Prayer' for our sacred mountain of the west, Doko'oosliid (The San Francisco Peaks), at 3:00 p.m. on Dec. 11, 2007.

The U.S. Court of Appeals will hold a legal review on behalf of the U.S. Forest Service and ski resort in Pasadena, CA. The U.S. Court of Appeals will reconsider the case and this means that they are being allowed to continue to challenge our religious freedom, our environmental justice, and our cultural survival as the First Americans.

It is very unfortunate that this case is being reconsidered. We will continue to stand strong and unified to protect our religious and cultural convictions to protect our sacred mountain of the west.

We will continue to practice what has sustained our ancestors from the past, despite the many challenges that we face. We have been able to continue to remain here as a people, because of the spiritual prayers of our ancestors. Our prayers will assist us in this new challenge that is forth coming on Dec. 11, 2007.

As leaders of the Navajo Nation, we understand that many of you are unable to travel to this distant location. Therefore, we encourage you to remember to pray for the continued protection of our sacred mountain to the west. We must stand side-by-side like the ponderosa pines on Doko'oosliid, in prayer to let others know that it is our right to advocate for the protection of our sacred sites.

The Navajo Nation needs your support. We must continue to stand in solidarity to address our sacred sites.

Our prayers will be heard as we unite in our continued efforts to protect our Mother Earth. We thank you in advance for your participation in the 'National and International Day of Prayer' on behalf of our sacred mountain to the west, Doko'oosliid.

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