



White Mountain Apache Tribe Program Update

Environmental Protection Office

February 17, 2016

Program staff and grant funding

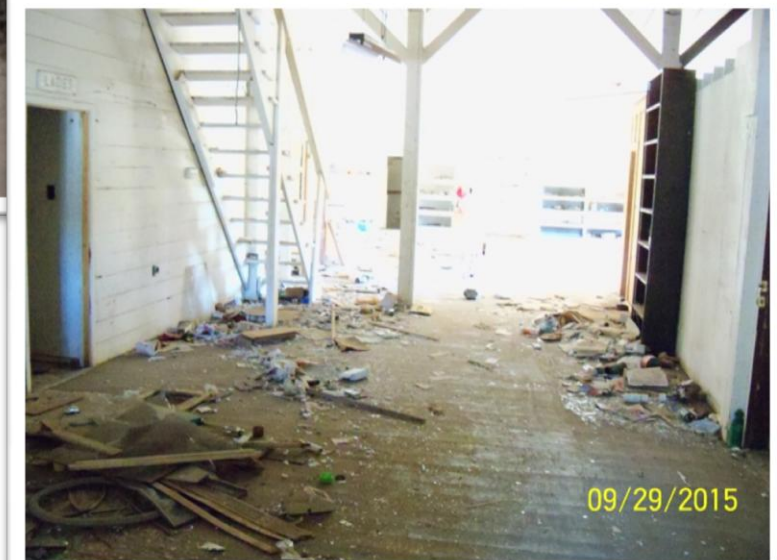
- ▶ Full-time employees (4)
 - Brenda P. Begay, Environmental Manager
 - Delbert Altaha, Jr., Air Quality Specialist
 - Terry Hill, Environmental Specialist I
 - Marco Burnette, EPO Assistant
- ▶ 1 college Intern
 - *when funding becomes available – Recycling Technicians*
- ▶ Funding that supports EPO
 - Three USEPA grants
 - No Tribal funding

Old Maintenance Building – Before



Problems :

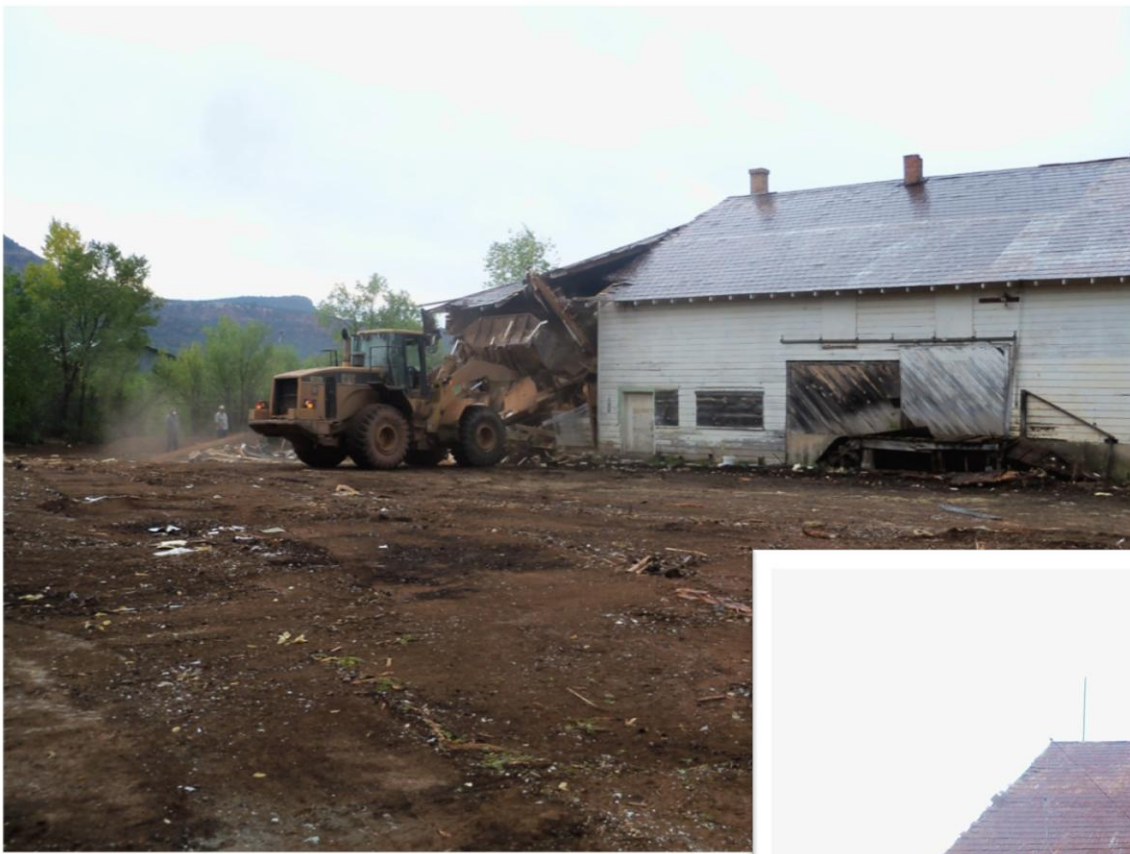
- *Nuisance to the public and Head Start.*
- *Illegal activities.*
- *Asbestos – floor tile and mastic.*



During the asbestos abatement



During demolition phase
by Tribal Public Works
Department



Old Maintenance Building – After

- Cost \$14,000 for asbestos abatement – paid through EPA funding.
 - cost of demolition – transport & heavy equipment (Tribe) ?
- Project took over 2 months – RFPs, contractor selection, EPA approval, asbestos abatement, and demolition.



Tribal Air Quality Program

▶ Accomplishments

- New Source Review
 - All sources on Reservation are required to submit a application to EPA
- WMATCO – Air Permit (on-going).
- Asbestos Awareness Training in November 2015
- Indoor Air Quality Training on March 3, 2016



Tribal Plan and Project Review

- ▶ Council approved Code Enactment of TPPR in May 2015 (*Tribal Resolution No. 05-2015-85A*)
- ▶ Major Projects in 2015
 - Housing Rehab Projects
 - ADOT Pesticide
 - CHR – RMSF pesticide application
 - ABHS Campus Expansion
 - Business leases with Realty Office
- ▶ Tribal NR Specialists – Tribal Forestry, Water Resources, Game and Fish, THPO, EPO, and others.

Solid Waste Activities

- ▶ Integrated Solid Waste Mgmt Plan (ISWMP) approved by Tribal Council in 2013.
 - Tasks include:
 - Green Task Force
 - Waste Characterization
- ▶ Solid Waste Ordinance – present to Council within the next 2 months.
 - Illegal Dumping and Enforcement
- ▶ Recycling Center update
 - AZ Recycling Coalition grant
 - Cost – \$11,000 + labor

Events in 2015



- ▶ February 2015 – USEPA Regional Administrator, Jerod Blumenfeld visits the Reservation.

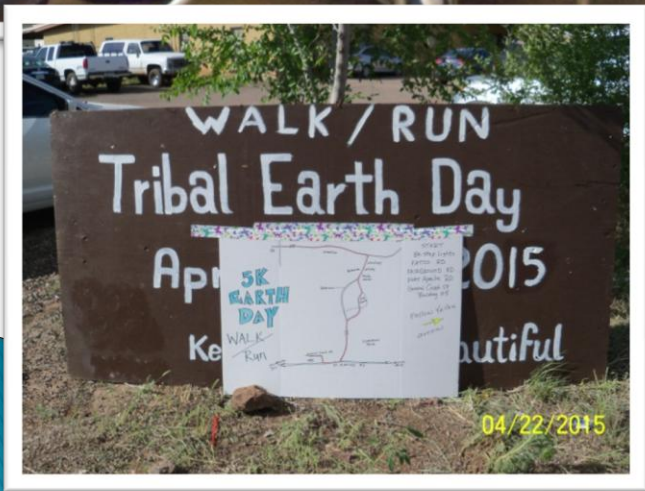


Natural Resources Workshop

March 2015



Tribal Earth Week April 2015



Upcoming Events in 2016

- ▶ IAQ Training in March
- ▶ Tribal Earth Week in April
 - Earth Day Fair on April 22 at Fort Apache
 - Bike Race to promote clean air and enjoy nature!
 - Roadside cleanups
 - RMSF Awareness training
 - Hazardous management training
 - Compost class
- ▶ Green Team monthly meetings





Thank you!

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