



FIRST MESA CONSOLIDATED VILLAGES

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT First Mesa Community Cemetery

This Notice is to inform all residents of First Mesa that our Public Cemetery has reached its capacity. There is currently limited space with restrictions now in place.

With ongoing COVID-19 issues, this has now become a critical issue to resolve. To date, we have not had contact with the Indian Health Services and the Hopi Tribal Administration to assist with the proper burial procedures and especially information relating to the potential future health issues with COVID-19 patients.

Concerns have been voiced by nearby residents and the current burials next to our water line which serves the Mesa residents. We have been informed that the Hopi Tribe purchased backhoes for village burials, but we are unaware whether proper procedures were provided. Our Traditional Leaders are the caretakers of our village land and are unaware of the ongoing issues with the Hopi Tribe.

Years ago, land was identified and approved by the Water/Corn Clan which will serve our village members and our veterans. We will seek funding to prepare the site and especially with fence protection. The area is located on the old Winslow Road between the Keams Canyon Wash and Five Houses. Your cooperation is requested and if you have any questions, call our office at 928-737-2670