

Red Water Pond Road Community



History through Pictures

Past and Present of the Red House People

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Compiled by Red Water Pond Road Community Association
And Southwest Research and Information Center

Location Map for Red Water Pond Community Area Coyote Canyon Chapter, Navajo Nation



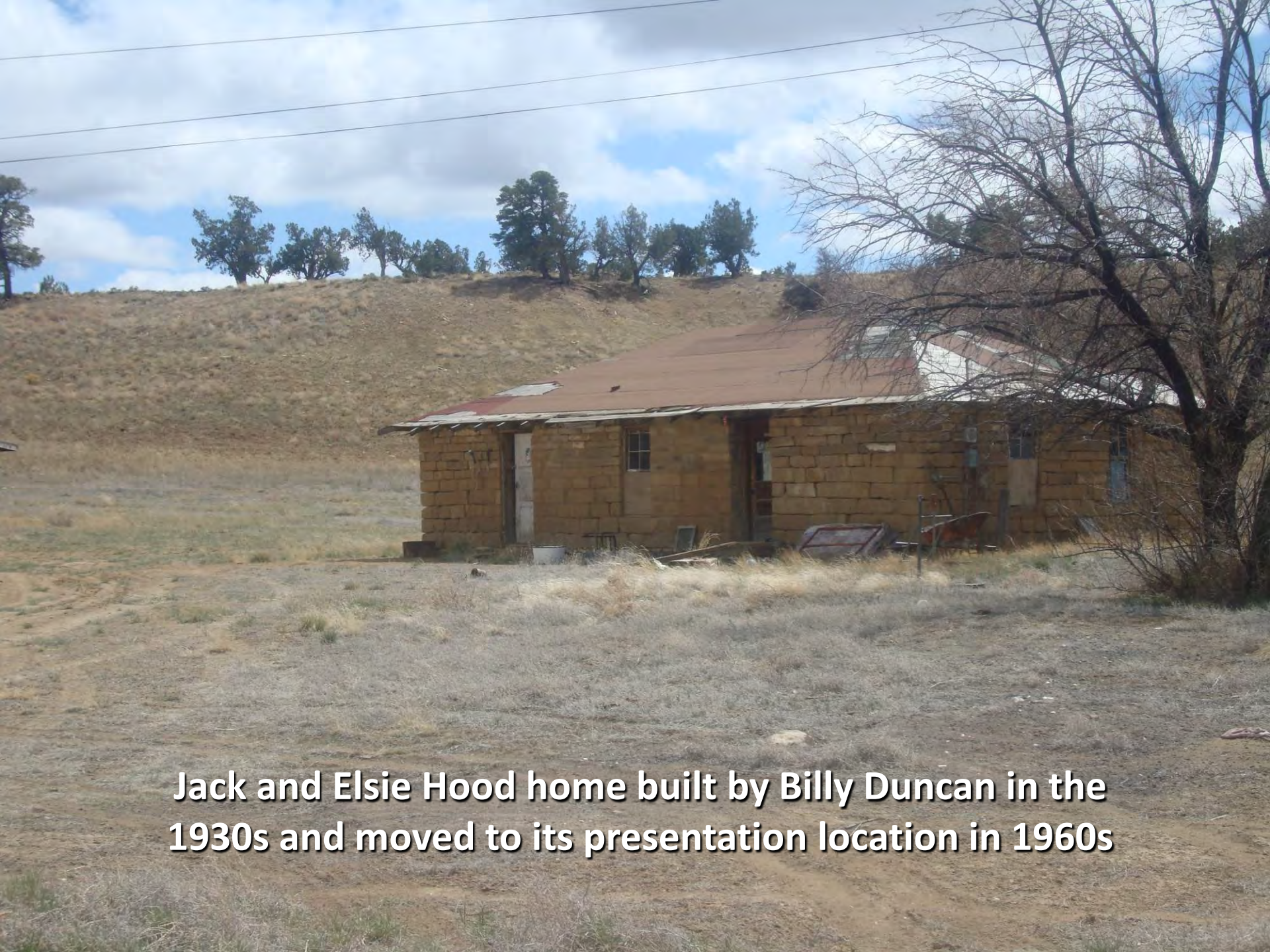
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Contemporary Photos of Traditional Cultural Properties and Cultural Resource Sites in Red Water Pond Community



Cornfield southeast of Henio home with Red Point Mesa in background.



Jack and Elsie Hood home built by Billy Duncan in the 1930s and moved to its presentation location in 1960s



Location of the old Yazzie's Hogan by Pipeline Road, circa 19xx

Cornfield seen from east side of Henio's home. This cornfield has been cultivated since the 1940s.



Petroglyphs: Sheepherder Inscription of 7/3/68



Standing Black Tree Mesa (*Tsin Łizhin Ei'aah*) traditional use area



Current (2012) Red Water Pond Community area



Pipeline Road Community area



Communities neighboring Red Water Pond Road Community

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Standing Black Tree Mesa (*Tsin łizhin Ei'aah*) — traditional family land 2 miles north of Red Water Pond Community



Existing building



Common area with arbor; routinely used by family



Existing hogan





Stone remnants of Annie's *hooghan* on Standing Black Tree Mesa



Annie's old stone house, Standing Black Tree Mesa



The old Duncan Family's *hooghan* and summer camp



Pieces of Duncan's old *hooghan*



Sheep corral on Standing Black Tree Mesa

**Old home site on Standing Black Tree Mesa;
occupied circa early 1900s**





Duncan's sweat lodge on Standing Black Tree Mesa summer camp



Third *hooghan* at Standing Black Tree Mesa summer camp



Willetto's *hooghan* on Standing Black Tree Mesa

Family picnic ground on Standing Black Tree Mesa



This site has been used since the 1940s and continues to be used regularly for family gatherings.

Annual Picnic on *Tsin Łizhin Ei'aah*



"Treat the earth well: it was not given to you by your parents, it was loaned to you by your children. We do not inherit the Earth from our Ancestors, we borrow it from our Children."

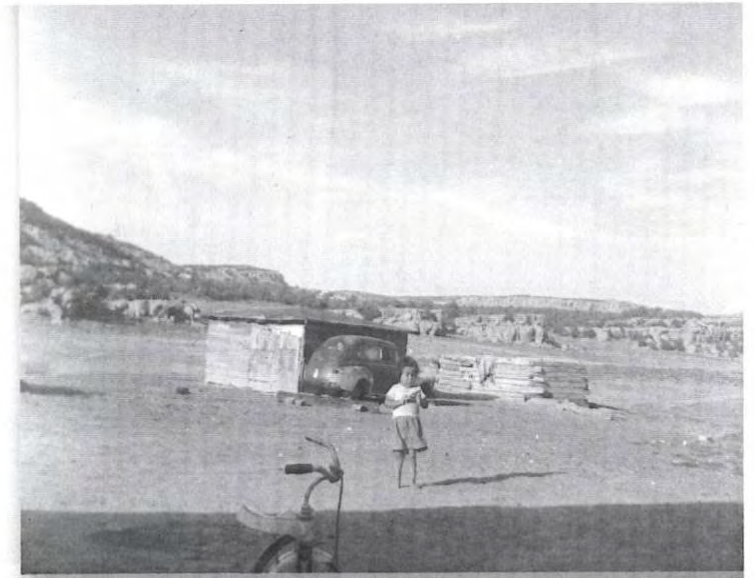
**Sheepherders *hooghan* at Red Hill looking north
toward Coyote Canyon Chapter**



Grandparents



Picture of Jackie/Jean before the mining began.....

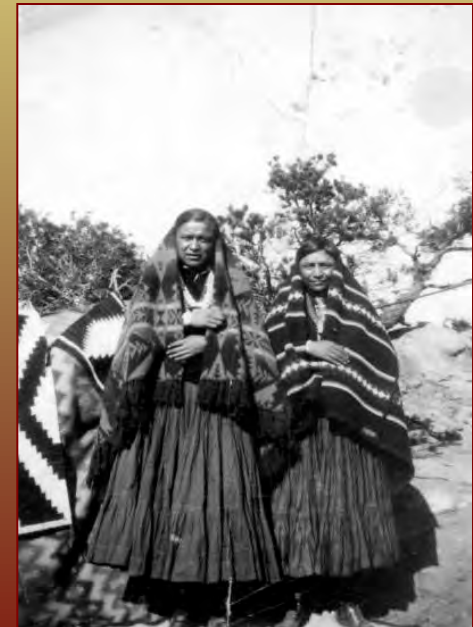
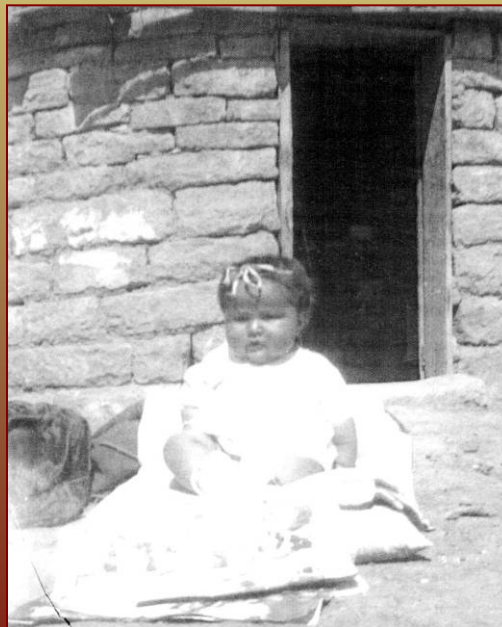


By the way Happy Birthday Jean!

1930s-1940s



Toddler Becky and Bennie Duncan with flock on Standing Black Tree Mesa



80-year History of Grazing

1936 Sheep Census

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR
NAVAJO SERVICE
DIPPING RECORD CENSUS #536

No. 21
DATE June 26, 1936

District No. 14 Nat. Indian Chapter 6 Val. used last year 1/2

Owner's Name Hub & Wife SHEEP Census No. 13267 Owner's Age 56 Wives 149 Wethers 19 Bucks 4 Tot. Grown Sheep 182 Lambs 133 Tot. All Sheep 303 No. & Kind of Impr'd Stock No. & Kind of Sires Desired

GOATS		Mannies	Bil-lies	Weth-ers	Tot. Grown Goats	Kids	Tot. All Goats
		<u>85</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>171</u>

CATTLE		Cows	Bulls	Steers	Heifery Calves	Steer Calves	Tot. All Cattle
		<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>				<u>7</u>

HORSES		Mares	Stall-ions	Horses	Colts	Mules & Burros	Tot. All Horses
							<u>14</u>

1942 Stock Reduction Notice from Interior Dept.

Window Rock, Arizona R-2-42
S-1-42

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NOTICE OF TRESPASS

To: Tom Benally, Census No. 13282
Of District 14, State of New Mexico, Navajo Reservation.

Pursuant to the Grazing Regulations for the Navajo and Hopi Reservations, approved June 2, 1937, and in accordance with the Commissioner's Order of April 8, 1941, and renewed Aug. 21, 1942, you are entitled to 53 Sheep Units under regular permit;

0 Sheep Units under Special Permit;

or a total of 53 Sheep Units including not to exceed 3 horses.

On the date hereto, you are grazing 38 Mature Sheep;

16 Mature Goats;

0 Mature Cattle;

3 Mature Horses;

or a Total of 69 Mature Sheep Units.

As in excess of your assigned number, you are in violation of the following sections of the Grazing Regulations:

Sec. 72.8 and Sec. 72.9

On or before Dec. 1, 1942, you must remove from Reservation ranges 16 mature sheep units of livestock, including 0 horses. Open proof of removal acceptable to the District Supervisor, your special permit as indicated above will be delivered to you in accordance with the Commissioner's Order.

Failure to comply with this Notice within specified time limit will be considered as willful trespass and referred to the Tribal Courts for appropriate action without further notice to you.

I, the undersigned, do hereby swear (or affirm) that the above named Indian is known to me, that I have this day delivered to the said Indian at the place above designated a copy of this Notice, and a copy of the Grazing Regulations and Commissioner's Order referred to herein, and that the substance of this Notice has been explained in the Navajo language by me, or by an interpreter in my presence, to the said Indian.

Witness: Clifford Brown
By: Geo. D. Thompson
Date: 12-8-42

J. M. STEWART, General Superintendent

Week of	MONDAY August 30, 1942	THURSDAY July 9, 1944
8:00	1.00	1.00
9:00	1.00	1.00
10:00	1.00	1.00
11:00	1.00	1.00
12:00	1.00	1.00
1:00	1.00	1.00
2:00	1.00	1.00
3:00	1.00	1.00
4:00	1.00	1.00
5:00	1.00	1.00
6:00	1.00	1.00
7:00	1.00	1.00
8:00	1.00	1.00
9:00	1.00	1.00
10:00	1.00	1.00
11:00	1.00	1.00
12:00	1.00	1.00

Residents have livestock documentation dating back at least to 1925

1963-64 Animal Counts

WINTER RANGE	Summer range	Cattle range	Horse range	If dipper
8:00	Tom Benally	C# 13282		
9:00				
10:00				
11:00				
12:00				
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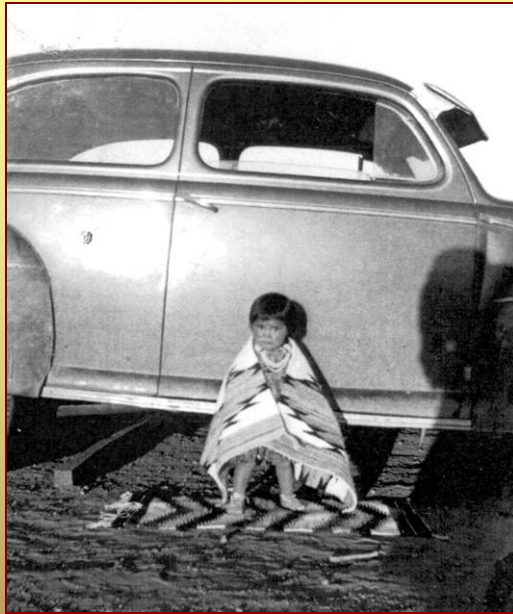
1950s

View in background is future site of
Kerr-McGee Mine

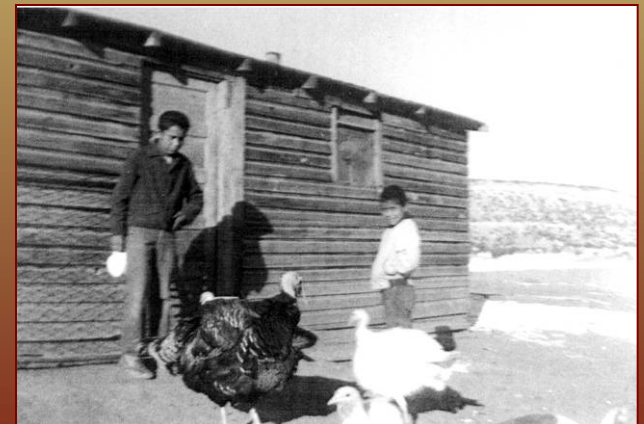
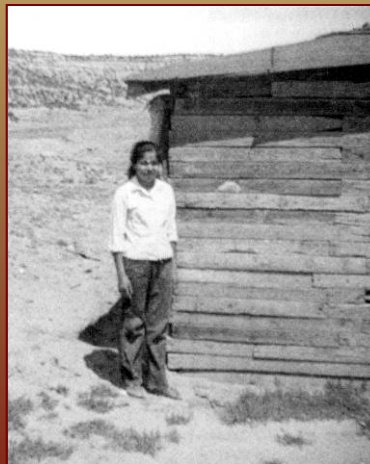
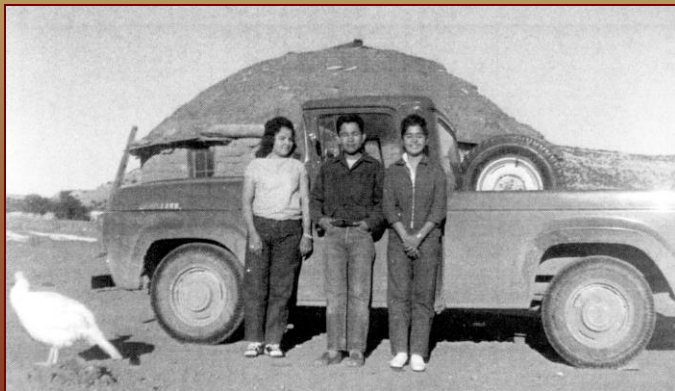


1950s-1960s

Edith:
Only 4-
year-old
with a
blanket
and car



Edith,
Art,
Berth



1970-80s



**Art Hood and nieces, late-80s;
KM Mine waste in background**



**Jack Hood, 1985; KM Mine waste
in background**



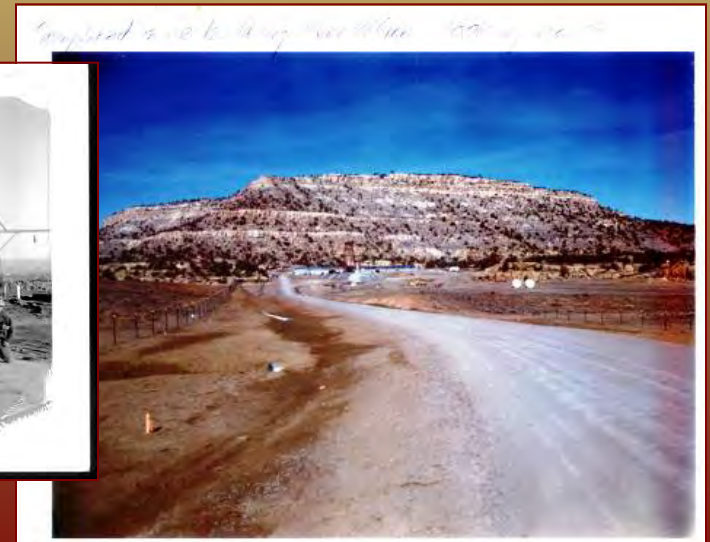
**Late 70s: Hood children play in shadow of
Kerr-McGee/Quivira Church Rock I Mine**



Uranium Mining Era, 1969-1986



Top: United Nuclear Corp. Northeast Church Rock Mine (left, right); NECR Mine water ponds (middle), discharge to north. Bottom: Kerr-McGee Mine under development (left), construction crew (middle), Red Water Pond Road to KM Mine



**Ancestral homeland
for Red Water Pond
Road area families;
preferred area for
new housing
development**

See details, next map

**Pipeline Road
Community**

**Current (2012) Red Water
Pond Road Community Area**

Possible locations
for permanent
community center

Kerr-McGee/Quivira
Churchrock I and IE Mine

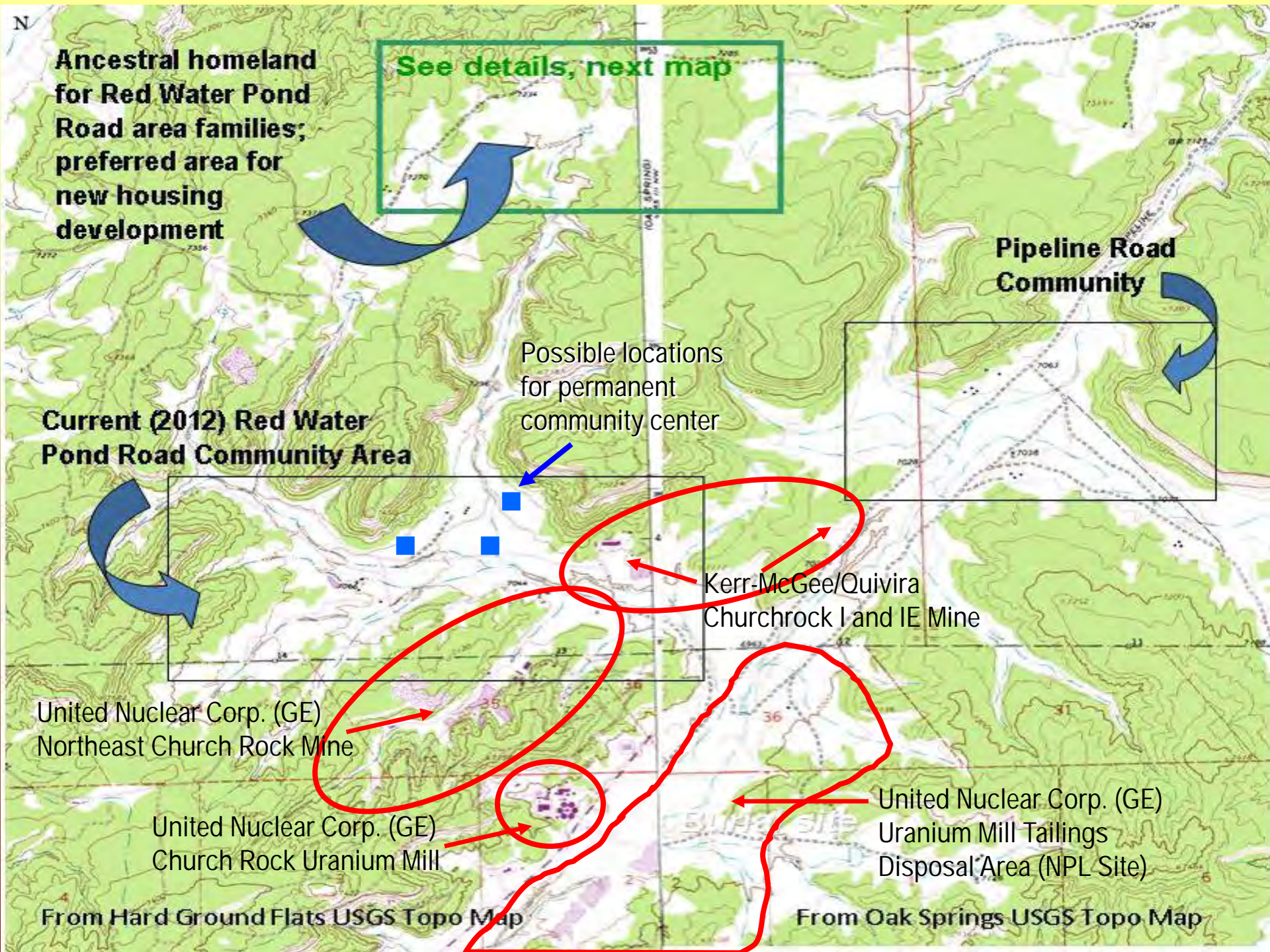
United Nuclear Corp. (GE)
Northeast Church Rock Mine

United Nuclear Corp. (GE)
Church Rock Uranium Mill

United Nuclear Corp. (GE)
Uranium Mill Tailings
Disposal Area (NPL Site)

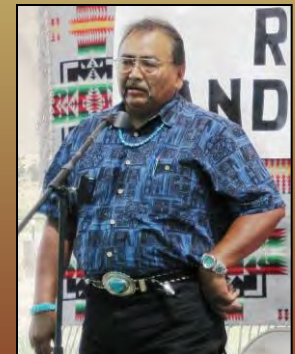
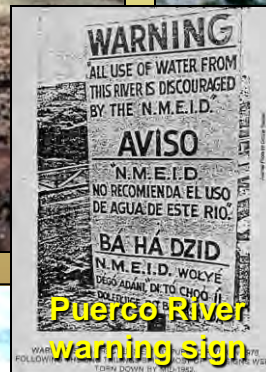
From Hard Ground Flats USGS Topo Map

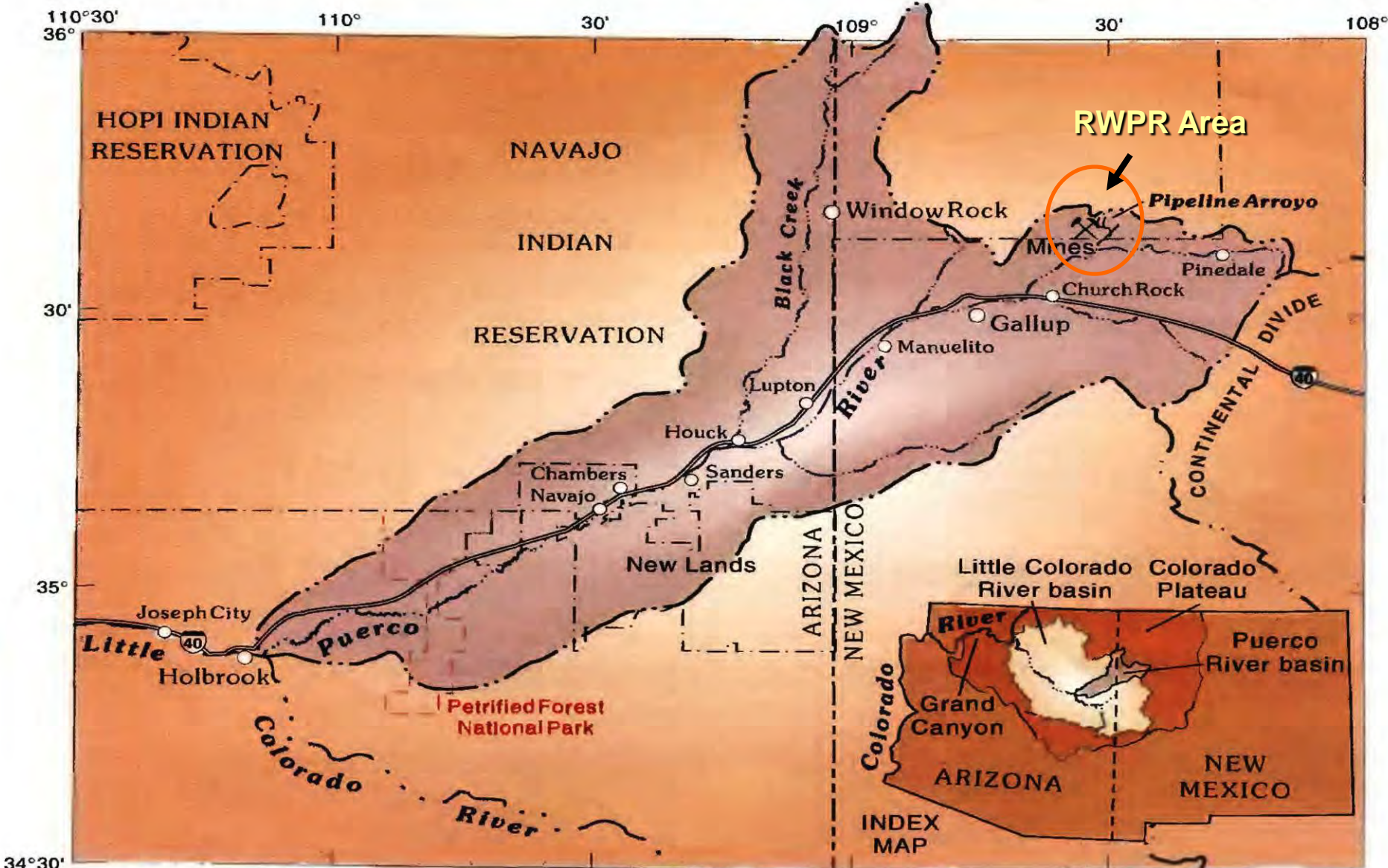
From Oak Springs USGS Topo Map



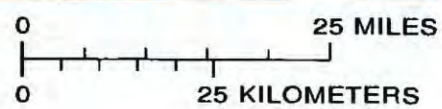
Church Rock Uranium Mill Tailings Spill July 16, 1979*

(*remains the largest release of radioactive wastes, by volume, in US history)



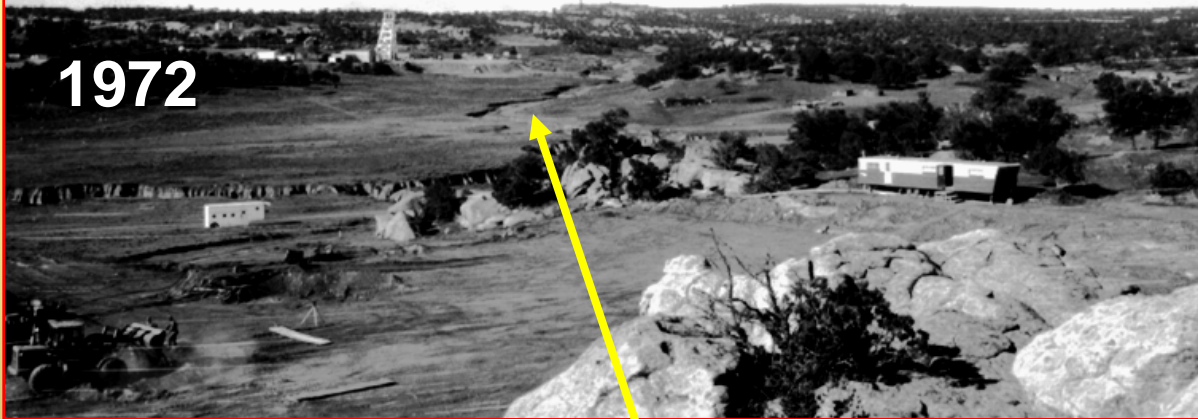


Base from U.S. Geological Survey
1:24,000 and 1:62,500 quadrangles



The Puerco River is a major tributary of the Little Colorado River. Recent population growth and changing lifestyles have created an increased demand for water in the basin.

**40-year retrospective
Northeast Church Rock Mine and
Red Water Pond Road Community**



1972



2002

Radiation
monitoring

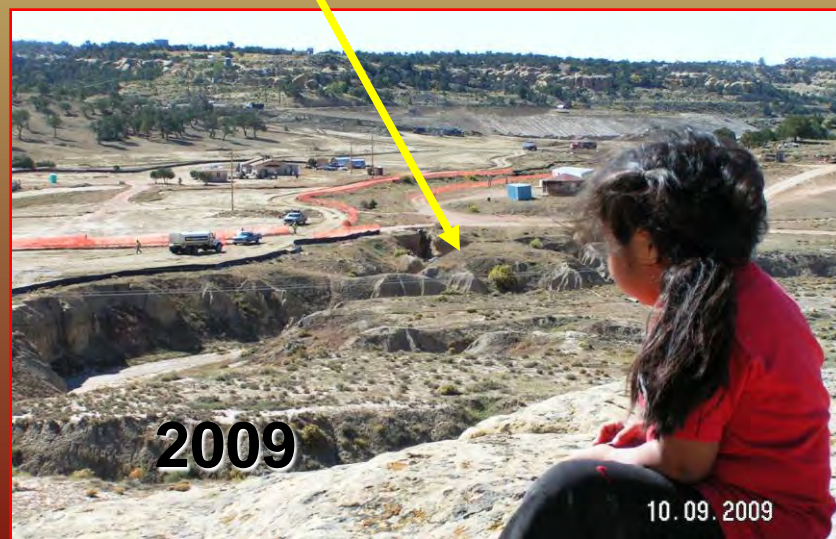


2007

Mine water discharges from NECR Mine and Church Rock I mine released more radioactivity to Puerco River system over a 20-year period than in the 1979 tailings spill.



2005



2009

10.09.2009

UNC-GE Northeast Church Rock Mine (1969-1982)

UNC mill, mill
tailings facility

Mine waste dump

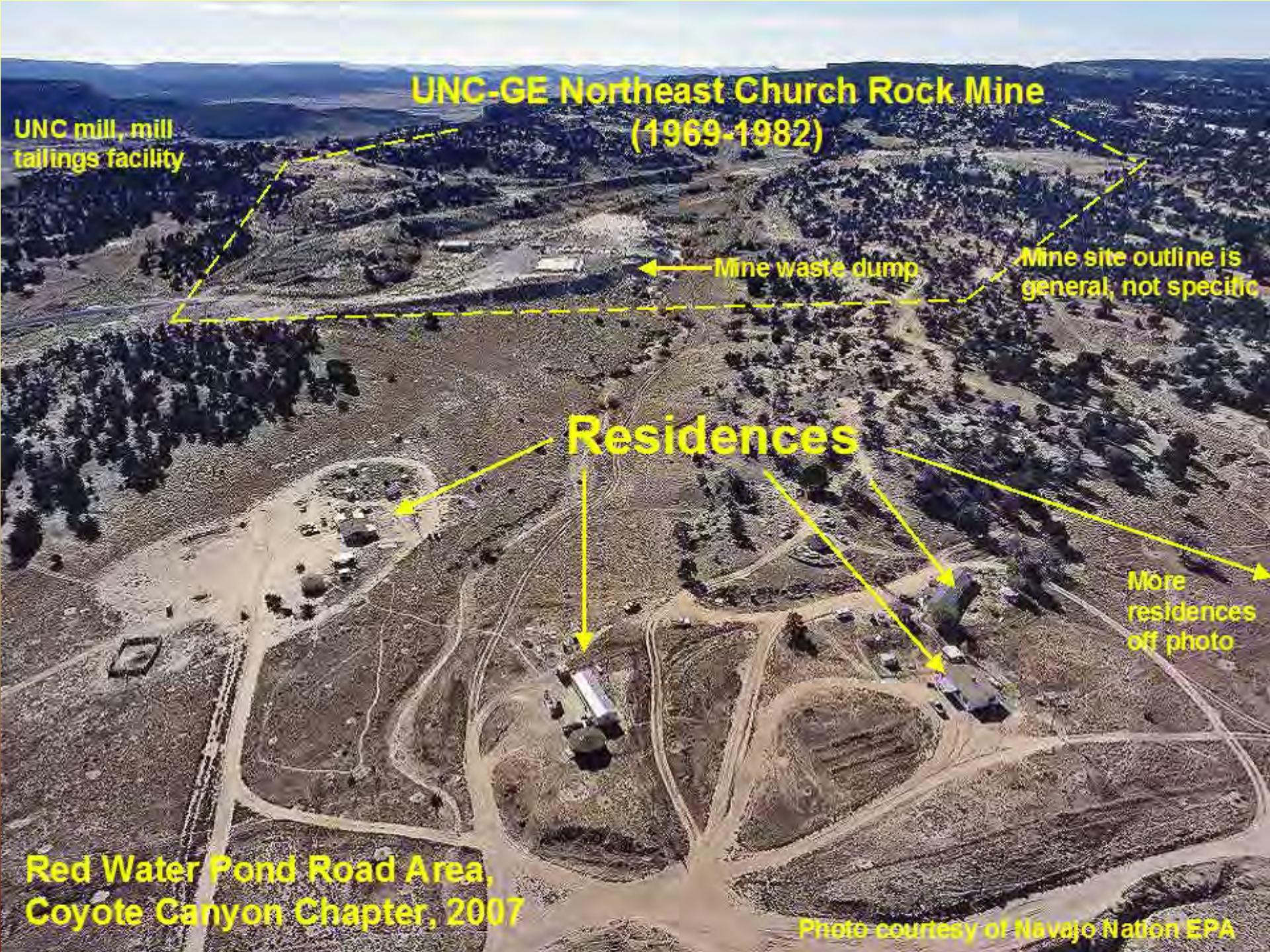
Mine site outline is
general, not specific

Residences

More
residences
off photo

Red Water Pond Road Area,
Coyote Canyon Chapter, 2007

Photo courtesy of Navajo Nation EPA



Before and During 2009-2010 Interim Removal Action

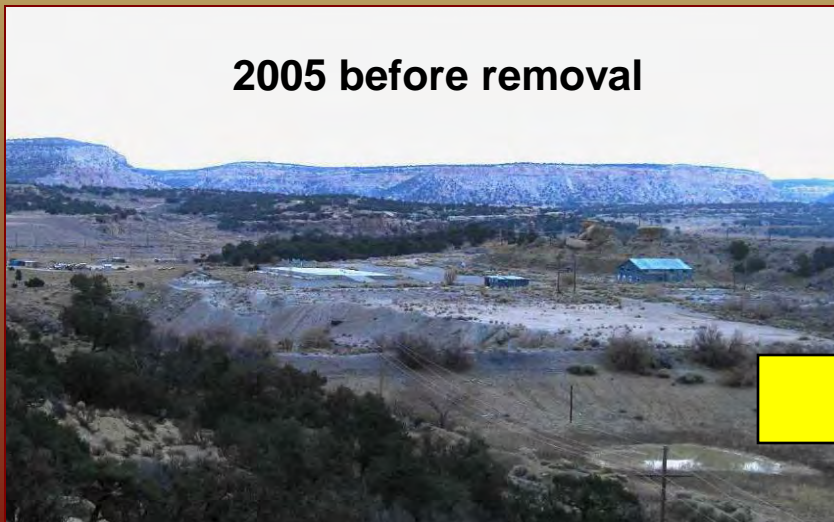
2003 North face of mine waste dump at NN boundary



2009 North face of mine waste dump after grading



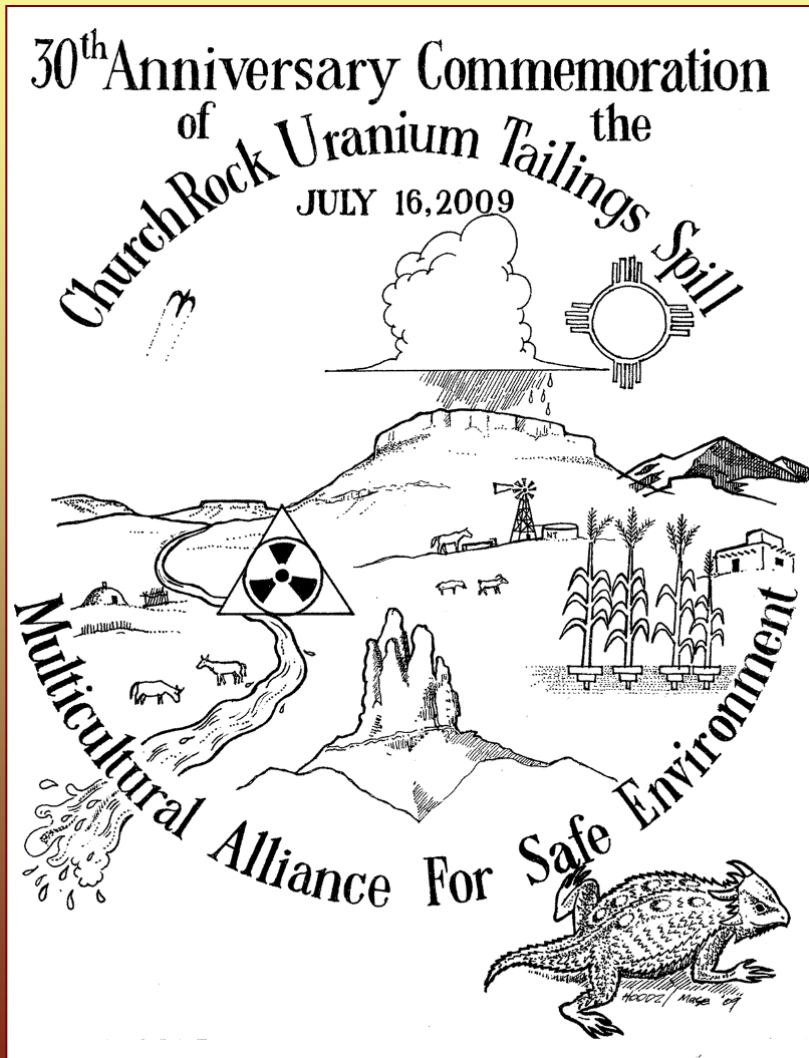
2005 before removal



2009 during removal



2009-2011: RWPRCA Sponsors Uranium Legacy Remembrance and Action Day



Eastern Drainage Area, 2012

**Eastern Drainage Removal Area,
looking east**



Quivira Mine Dump



**Eastern Drainage
Removal Area**



**Sept. 2011 runoff from IRA
heading east (toward camera)
on South RWPR**

Flash Flooding in August 2012



Photos by Teracita Keyanna

Panoramic View of Red Water Pond Community

February 3, 2012

Eastern Drainage Removal Area, mid-2012

Soil removal area and revegetation area, 2007 and 2009

NECR Mine waste dump moved south and mine-water arroyo, dredged and filled (16'-25'), 2009-2010

Cornfield



Quivira Mine dump (recontoured 2011)

Hood brick house, circa 1940s

Looking SE across Kerr-McGee/Quirivia Mine & Eastern Drainage Area

Looking south across Step-Out Area #1, soil removal, revegetation, 2009-2010

Looking south across Northeast Church Rock Mine Site with residences in middle ground.

Looking southwest; RWPR in foreground, heading due west; western end of residential area in background.