



August 6, 2012

R. Lamar Whitmer, Manager  
7343 East Camelback Road  
Suite D  
Scottsdale, Arizona 85251

**RE: Confluence Memorandum of Understanding**

Dear Mr. Whitmer:

I write this letter to express my concerns regarding Grand Canyon Escalade planning activities. As reported on July 22, the Bodaway-Gap Chapter voted 56-17 to oppose any plans to develop the Grand Canyon Escalade project.

As stated in the Memorandum of Understanding between Confluence Partners, L.L.C. and my office, the "Confluence Partners will implement a public outreach program, including obtaining approvals from the affected customary land users and home site permittees, as well as presentations to the local Chapters to obtain necessary Project support." It has always been my position; in order for this economic project to succeed it is imperative to have local support.

Though we would like to see this project move forward, if solid public support cannot be attained before December 31, 2012, the Shelly-Jim Administration will have to withdraw our support for the project and the MOU.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (928) 871-7000. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ben Shelly".

Ben Shelly, *President*  
**THE NAVAJO NATION**

cc: Albert Hale, Attorney at Law  
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