



ABANDONED MINE LANDS & URANIUM MILL TAILINGS REMEDIAL ACTION DEPARTMENT

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**AML/UMTRA DEPARTMENT PROGRAM WINS 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE IN 65<sup>TH</sup> NAVAJO NATION PARADE**

WINDOW ROCK – A traditional Navajo family and the changing seasons scene complete with a shade arbor surrounded by the Four Sacred Mountains, the AML/UMTRA staff created this year’s 1<sup>st</sup> Place float. Keeping with AML and UMTRA’s overall purpose the float was trimmed with blue spruce, juniper and wild flowers, which are native to Navajo Country and may be used for healing and are natural indicators of a healthy environment.

In coming up with the concept for the float, the AML/UMTRA staff looked to couple the year’s fair theme and the Department’s overall purpose. At the heart of AML/UMTRA’s work is restoring Navajo Nation lands to a healthy state so that Navajo people may continue to thrive socially and economically.

“As a team, we work to provide the Navajo people with clean and healthy communities,” said Madeline Roanhorse, AML/UMTRA Director. “This year’s fair theme of *Season of Change; Bring New Beginnings* was a natural fit.” Ms. Roanhorse credits the dedication and hard work of her staff for the prize winning float.

AML/UMTRA appreciates the large crowd that turned out for this event. The variable ages were very animate during the full parade route and truly showed their interest.

The AML/UMTRA Department provides oversight of remediation of uranium mill tailings sites and restoration of abandoned coal and non-coal (uranium and copper) mines on the Navajo Nation. Additionally, the Department partners with local Navajo communities in the development and completion of infrastructure through its Public Facility Projects. For more information about AML/UMTRA, please visit our website [www.aml.navajo-nsn.gov](http://www.aml.navajo-nsn.gov).

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