

National Fire Plan

Navaho Hogan Project



Arizona - The Navajo Nation, the largest of the Native American tribes, describes itself as "grounded in the traditions and lessons of the past." When the National Fire Plan provided the Nation with a grant and the task of creating an economically viable use for forest materials of less than nine inches in diameter, Navajo leaders decided to see whether traditional Navajo houses, called hogans, could be manufactured using small materials from the forest. The small diameter material is underbrush or other materials too small to be logged that, left on the forest floor, can act as fuel for wildfires.

Called the Navajo Hogan Roundwood Manufacturing Project, it has developed a state-of-the-art roundwood processing technology used in traditional hogan-style houses. This technology will be shared with other community enterprises throughout the Southwest.



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