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On Thursday, August 20, 2009, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar will visit the Navajo Nation, meet with tribal officials and hold a news media availability with Nation President Joe Shirley at Window Rock, Arizona. Secretary Salazar will be accompanied by Interior Solicitor Hilary Tompkins and Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs Larry Echo Hawk.

Who: Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar Navajo Nation President Joe Shirley Solicitor of the Interior Hilary Tompkins Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs Larry Echo Hawk

What: Visit with Navajo Nation officials and news media availability with Nation President Shirley When: 2:30 p.m. MDT, Thursday, August 20, 2009

Where: Navajo Nation Veterans Park, located at the foot of Window Rock landmark. Window Rock is located in Apache County, Arizona, about 27 miles northwest of Gallup, N.M., and about 6 miles southeast of Fort Defiance, Arizona, just across the New Mexico-Arizona state line.

Media: Credentialed news media are invited to participate in the media availability.

Venue: Window Rock, a natural sandstone hill with an oval opening 200 feet above ground level, is a landmark and Sacred Mountain to the Navajo People. South of the landmark is the site of the capitol and administrative center of the Navajo Nation, containing the Navajo Nation Council House, the Navajo Nation Museum and Window Rock Fairgrounds where the Navajo Nation Fair is annually held.