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TRIBAL ADMINISTRATOR

To: Community Notice – Food Waste

From: Sheriff Donald Suazo

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Tribal Administrator Mel Tafoya (Acting Public Works Director)

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Date: August 25, 2026

Re: Food Waste in Residential Dumpsters

There is a noticeable increase in bear activity in the residential areas. The animals are being attracted to residential dumpsters and food waste.

For your safety we ask that you take all food waste directly to the transfer station until the danger is reduced. The Transfer Station is open Wednesday through Sunday 8-5.

Also, we are looking into opening the Transfer Station on Monday and Tuesday as well once an additional Caretaker can be hired.

Do not leave pet food outside. This also attracts bears, small animals and rodents.

Reminder do not approach any bears. Report any sightings to dispatch or directly to the Sheriff.