

THE  
**FUTURE**  
OF  
**AMERICA'S**  
**NATIONAL**  
**PARKS**

First Annual  
Centennial Strategy for

# Navajo National Monument

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CENTENNIAL INITIATIVE



**Site:** NAVA

**Year:** 2007

**Vision Statement**

The 13th century puebloan cliff dwellings are astonishingly well preserved in three distinct villages in what is now Navajo National Monument. Remoteness has protected the sites for centuries. The monument of the future will endeavor to protect the remoteness and integrity of these ancient dwellings and provide a window into the past and present indigenous cultures. In the next two years the monument will celebrate it's own centennial anniversary and in 1916 the NPS celebrates its 100th anniversary. The Monument will continue to protect the outstanding cliff dwellings at Betatakin, Inscription House and Keet Seel and their surrounding environments for future generations. As we celebrate these two centennial events, the Monument will encourage visitors to learn about the cliff dwellings, surrounding canyon environment and the people who once lived here as well as those who live here now. We will develop interpretive programs that stimulate the thinking of our visitors to reflect on life here in the arid southwest and to consider their own lives in comparison to those who live here today as well as to those who lived here in the 13th century. These programs will aim to provide information to our visitors that will stimulate them to become good stewards of the earth's resources no matter where they live and travel.

**Park/ Superintendent/ Program Manager**

Nancy Skinner, Superintendent

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STEWARDSHIP

Provide inspiring, safe, and accessible places for people to enjoy - the standard to which all other park systems aspire.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

Deliver high quality, accurate interpretive information on ranger guided tours of Betatakin and Keet Seel cliff dwellings. Broaden seasonal interpretive training to include natural resource subjects to assist visitors in understanding and appreciating canyon geology, wildlife and the unique relict forest attributes found in Betatakin Canyon.

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