



Southern Ute Indian Tribe

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**“Steps Toward Your
Tribal Community Energy
Future”**

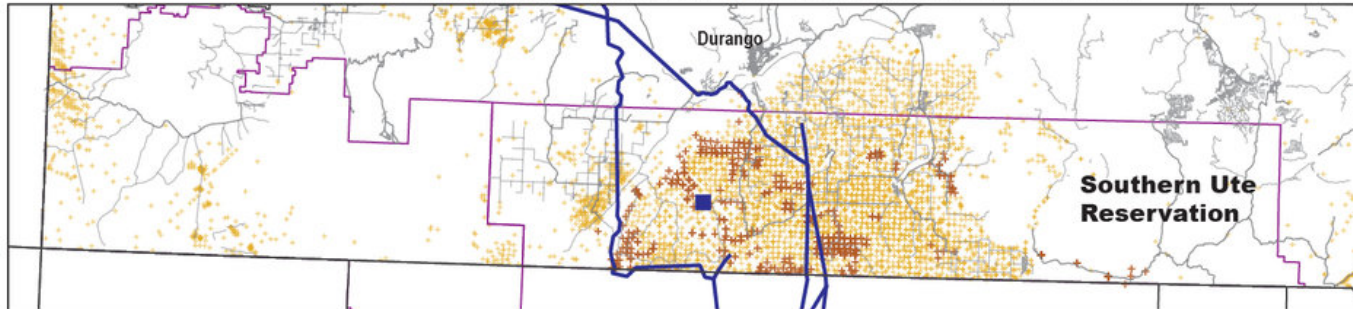
Southern Ute Indian Reservation

More than 3,000 active oil and gas wells sit within reservation boundaries, including 693 operated by the tribe's oil and gas company, Red Willow Productions. The tribe also holds interests in wells across the U.S., including offshore in the Gulf of Mexico.



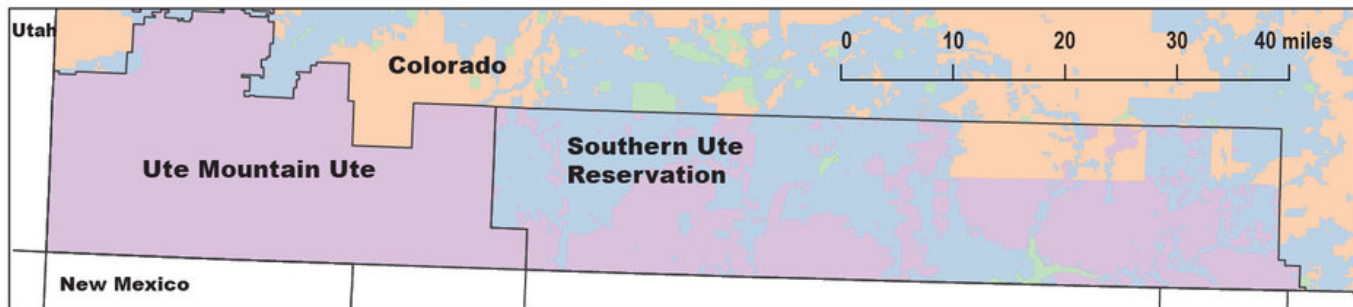
Oil and Gas Infrastructure

- Major natural gas pipelines
- Oil and gas wells
- Roads
- Natural gas processing plant
- Oil and gas wells operated by Red Willow



A Patchwork of Land Ownership

- Indian
- Federal
- Private
- State



Data Sources: Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission; Colorado Department of Transportation; Bureau of Land Management; U.S. Energy Information Administration

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

- FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBE
- 1500+ TRIBAL MEMBERS
- 313,070 ACRES (681,306 EXTERIOR ACRES)
- THE TRIBE IS ONE OF THE LARGEST EMPLOYERS IN LA PLATA COUNTY WITH OVER 1,500 EMPLOYEES.

Introduction

- The Tribe's economic success came from its natural resources, the extraordinary vision of its leaders, and the efforts and achievement of its employees
- Early efforts to develop minerals, while under BIA, provided little economic benefit to the Tribe
- The Tribe embraced self-determination and assumed the task of managing resources
- Initial economic improvement was the result of the development of energy resources on the Reservation
- In 1999, the Tribe adopted a financial plan which provided systems to manage the Tribal Government. The Tribe then created the Growth Fund to build financial strength for the Tribe and for the Tribe's future generations.

Southern Ute Growth Fund

- 460 Employees, operating in 12 states and Gulf of Mexico
- Portfolio includes:
 - Oil & Gas exploration and production
 - Gas gathering and processing
 - Real estate investment and development
 - Private Equity investing
 - Tribal utilities such as water, wastewater, natural gas and trash.

Red Willow Production Company

1992

- The Tribe formed Red Willow to manage assets on the Southern Ute Reservation only.

2000

- Began off-reservation operations

2005

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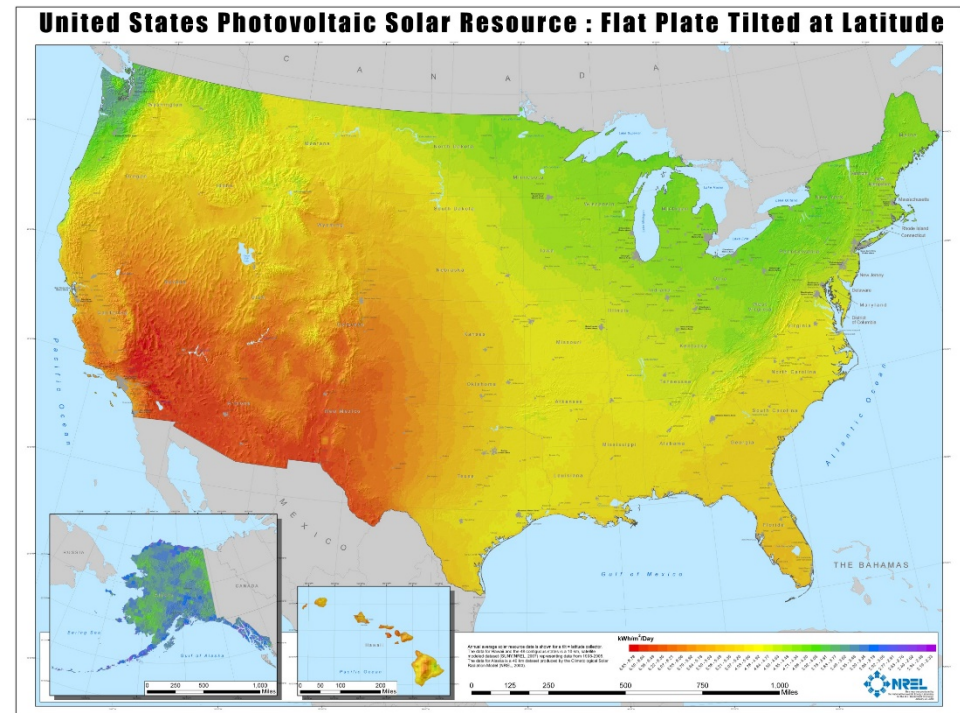
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Indian Energy

- Solar made sense
- Tribe has a diversified portfolio and a feasibility study was conducted
 - Utilized site based parameters that impact energy generation and development costs and/or risks
 - Identified 8 areas
 - Permitting/Land Access
 - Utility Project Negotiations
 - Determining Power Usage
 - Design Finalized



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