



# Mescalero Apache Tribe

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ENERGY VISION

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# Background

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- \* Located in both Otero and Lincoln counties of Southern New Mexico
- \* 463,000+ acres in the Sacramento Mountains bordering the Lincoln National Forest
- \* Natural resources include: wood, water, rangeland, minerals
- \* Enterprises include: Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort Hotel & Casino, Tribal Store, Casino Apache Travel Center, Mescalero Gas Company, Mescalero Telecom, Mescalero Care Center
- \* Economy is largely based on tourism
- \* Strong ties to cultural traditions
- \* Population is approximately 5,000

# Renewable Energy Goals

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- \*Solar and Wind for schools, homes, businesses
- \*Large scale solar and wind farms
- \*Tribally owned utility
- \*Biomass
- \*Co-generation plant

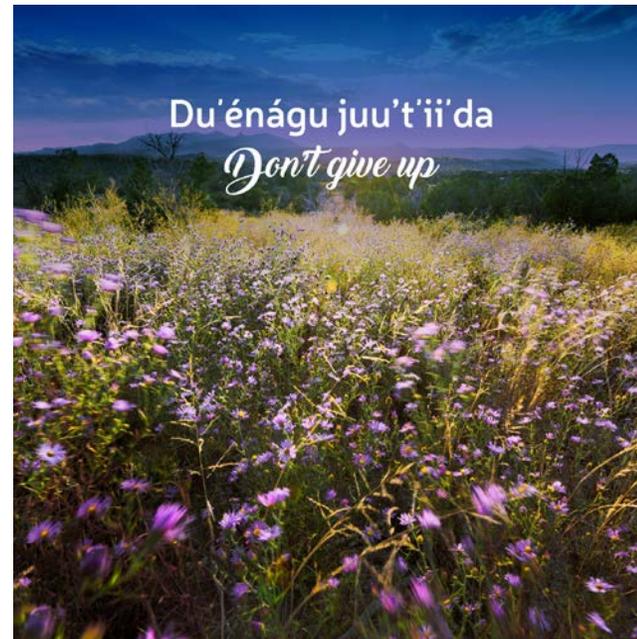


# Current Challenges

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- \*COVID-19
- \*Lack of trained workforce in energy projects
- \*Difficulty matching grant funds
- \*Communication
- \*Infrastructure



# Current Potential

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- \*Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort Hotel & Casino
- \*Casino Apache Travel Center
- \*Tribal Store
- \*Schools, Daycare Centers
- \*Tribal Housing Areas
- \*Other Tribal Enterprises



# Conclusion

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\*Success will depend on:

- Effective partnerships for funding and technical assistance
- Communication with the community
- Education to build workforce capacity
- Strong leadership to transcend changing administrations

\*Initial priority should be given to enterprises that will have a positive impact on the tribal economy



# Contact Information

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