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Dear Eagle Feather Applicant,

The Navajo Nation Zoo and Department of Fish and Wildlife appreciate your interest and participation in our Eagle Feather Distribution Program. The Navajo Zoo now houses for nineteen Golden Eagles that have been injured in the wild and no longer able to live naturally without the daily care provided by the Zookeepers. These eagles provide the feathers used for our feather distribution program as they naturally shed their feathers each year.

We have found a significant increase in the number of feather applicants recently, so much so that we have depleted our supply of most types of feathers. Therefore, we are putting a pause on accepting applications at this time. The eagles will begin molting feathers again around June, and we encourage you to apply at that time. This will ensure that you will receive feathers this year, and will allow us to rebuild our supply.

Thank you for your understanding, and sorry for the inconvenience. If you have any questions, you may contact me at 928-871-6573 or dmikesic@navajozoo.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Mikesic".

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