

Apacheria Gravel
Honoring and Respecting the SE area of Arizona
Due Diligence components.

“The inaugural *Apacheria Gravel* bicycle event will be contested (11/16/2024) on the land and territories of Indigenous peoples. Today, Arizona is home to 22 federally recognized tribes, with Douglas, AZ (Cochise County) being home to the Apache. Committed to diversity, equity & inclusion (DEI), the *Apacheria Gravel* strives to build sustainable relationships with sovereign native nations and Indigenous communities via an inclusive bicycle event partnered with robust community involvement.”

Honor, respect & gratitude are critical components of the inaugural *Apacheria Gravel*.

The *Apacheria Gravel* event has communicated with several Apache entities: White Mountain Apache Tribe; San Carlos Apache Tribe; Mescalero Apache Tribe; Chiricahua Apache Nation. The *Apacheria Gravel* has secured communications of understanding with the Chiricahua Apache Nation and communications of approval with the Mescalero Apache Tribe.

The Southeast area of Arizona has a unique topography created by the Chihuahuan Desert and the Chiricahua Mountains. This geographic area was officially known as APACHERIA – the term used to designate the region inhabited by the Apache people. The area is remote and rugged – creating the ideal landscape for the *Apacheria Gravel* bicycle event.

The *Apacheria Gravel* has completed a robust process of conducting their professional due diligence. *Apacheria Gravel* is engaged with the stakeholders in Southeast Arizona – Specifically Douglas and Cochise County.