Navajo Nation Grazing Committee
Executive Board

Challenges in Enforcing Grazing Laws

Navajo Nation Resources and Development Committee Public Meeting
Fire Rock Casino, Church Rock, New Mexico
July 14, 2012
DGCM Executive Board

Wilbert Ben Lee, Chairperson (Northern)

Eugene Tso, Vice Chairperson (Chinle)

Leslie Williams, Secretary (NPL)

Calvin Begay, Member (Western)

Willis Nez, Member (Ft. Defiance)
Duties and Responsibilities

- Livestock Inventories, and follow ups.
- Livestock vaccinations and Branding.
- Range, windmill, spring, and earthen dam assessments.
- Range dispute resolution.
- Investigate trespass and disputes.
- Homesite lease Field clearances.
- Land withdrawal field clearances.
- Easement and rights of way field clearances.
- Recommend grazing permit transfers.
- Recommend Land use permit issuance and transfers.
- Recommend probates on grazing permits and LUP’s.
- Monthly Grazing Meetings for Permittees and Land users.
- Monthly Agency Grazing Meetings for Agency issues.
- Monthly Planning Meetings.
- Monthly Chapter Meetings.
Navajo Nation  
**16,363,837.91 Acres**

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<th>Agency</th>
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<th>Members</th>
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<td><strong>Northern Agency</strong></td>
<td>2,695,089.46 Ac.</td>
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<td>134,754.473 Acres / member</td>
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<td><strong>Western Agency</strong></td>
<td>6,032,083.16 Ac.</td>
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<td>335,115.73 Acres / Member</td>
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<td><strong>Chinle Agency</strong></td>
<td>2,272,932 Ac.</td>
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<td>162,352.29 Acres / Member</td>
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<td><strong>Fort Defiance Agency</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Easter Navajo Agency</strong></td>
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<td>113,377.03 Acres / Member</td>
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**Funding Challenges**

*(Grazing Officials are not fully funded at the beginning of every fiscal Year)*

- Bi-weekly stipend (twice a month) $339.78
- District Grazing Meeting 0
- Agency Grazing Meeting 0
- Agency Council Meeting 0
- Chapter Planning Meeting 0
- Monthly Chapter Meeting 0
- Mileage 0

Annual ($339.78 x 24) $8,154.72
Breakdown by Acreage compared to Budget

Average Acreage of a Western Agency Chapter 335,115.73 Acres.  
Annual Compensation $8,154.72

Compensation per acre / year $0.024

Breakdown by hours

Annual Compensation $8,154.72  
8 hours / 5 days $4.25  
10 hours / 5 days $3.40

Grazing Officials work on weekends and holidays
2012 supplemental Appropriations

Chapter Planning Meeting $250.00
Regular Chapter Meetings $250.00
Agency Council Meetings $250.00
District Council Meetings $250.00

Some Agencies do not have District Councils and funds are lost or carried over.

DGCM’s, ENLB’s and Farm Boards had no funding to attend meetings the first half of the year resulting in carryovers.

Supplemental Funding still does not include mileage or Bi-Weekly Stipend, Officials continue to use their own funds for Day to Day Operations.
### History of Bi-weekly and Mileage Funding

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Solutions

- Funding at local chapters.
- Full funding according to the Plan of Operation.
- Accountability to Chapter and constituents.
- Establish a Grazing Management Department under DNR.
- Grazing Committee establishment under Title 26.
- Funding for equipment and operations.
Illegal Dumping

Solution
Establish a Regional Land Fill and Recycling Centers
Illegal Development

Rodeo Arenas, Dance Halls, Bingo Halls, Mobile Homes, and Ceremonial Grounds
Solutions

- Increase fines for illegal developers.
- Require Homesite lease on importation of mobile homes.
- Cancel permits to those that develop on cultivated lands.
- Business site leases on Bingo Halls, Arenas, and auto shops.
- Mandatory education for HSL applicants at grazing meetings.
- Mandatory fencing of Homesite Leases.
- No corrals outside of homesite lease without a Grazing Permit.
- Designate areas for ceremonial grounds.
Overpopulation of Feral Horses

Solution
Declaration of a State of Emergency, and allow the use of Emergency funds for Round-ups
Support for reservation wide feral horse round-ups
Water Shortages
Non compliance

- Treat livestock inventory / citation as a legal citation
- Establish a court system for natural resources
- Enforcement of Title III on Rodeo Stock
- No compliance – no consent on development and RMU
Livestock in Rights of ways
Solutions

- Mandatory Rights of ways For all Road Development.
- Turn all State Routes over to NDOT.
- Fund our Deputy Livestock Inspectors to seize animals.
- Brush and weed control along all improved roads.
- Warning signs on open range.
- No gates on state Highways.
- Frontage Roads to limit turnouts, and school bus safety.
- Demand schedules of road maintenance.
- Specifications on fencing, range fence no barbwires.
Questions?
Thank You

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