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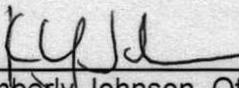


Ben Shelly,
President

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Vice-President

MEMORANDUM:

To: All Chapter Service Coordinators

From: 
Kimberly Johnson, Office Specialist
Grazing Management Program, Department of Agriculture

Date: August 9, 2012

Subject: Requesting Assistance for the Annual Navajo Nation Department of Agriculture Conference, August 21, 22 & 23, Nakai Hall, Window Rock, AZ.

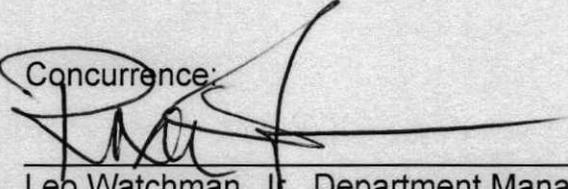
On behalf of the Navajo Nation District Grazing Committees (DGC), the Navajo Nation Farm Boards (FB) and the Eastern Navajo Land Boards (ENLB); the Grazing Management Program is respectfully requesting chapter support in funding the Elected Officials to attend the Navajo Nation Department of Agriculture Conference, "Keyah Baah Haah hasin", August 21-23 in Window Rock, AZ.

The Department of Agriculture is unable to provide funds for training, lodging, meals and other needs such as vaccinations, office supplies and personal vehicle mileage at this time, therefore the Grazing Management Program is seeking support through unspent funds allocated to each DGC, ENLB and FB for Chapter and Planning meeting stipends.

The Department of Agriculture has dedicated the second day of the Agriculture Conference (August 22, 2012) specifically for DGC, ENLB and FB training and education. The conference will include topics such as: the Navajo Grazing Act, Condition of Navajo Nation Lands, Drought Impacts, Climate Change, Drought Management, Range Conservation, Navajo & Federal Policy relating to grazing, Livestock Management, Farming and Grazing management including other natural resource topics.

An agenda is attached for your reference, for more information about the Agriculture Conference please visit our website at www.Agriculture.navajo-nsn.gov. The Department is encouraging all elected officials to attend the conference, your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Concurrence:


Leo Watchman, Jr., Department Manager III
Navajo Nation Department of Agriculture



Conference Agenda

**BINI'ANT'AATSOZI —
BIG HARVEST IN RIPENING OF EARLY CROPS SEASON
AGRICULTURE CONFERENCE**

TUESDAY, August 21, 2012

All Day GENERAL SESSION

7:30 am - 4:00 pm	Registration Morning Refreshment - Coffee, Fruit, Pastries
8:20 am - 8:30 am	Prayer
8:30 am - 8:45 am	President Ben Shelly, Navajo Nation "Agriculture and Conservation on the Navajo Nation"
8:45 am - 9:00 am	Honorable Katherine Benally, Chairperson, Resources and Development Committee, NN Council "Caring for Our Land"
9:00 am - 10:20 am	Exhibits and Vendor Booths Open Bureau of Natural Resources/Bureau of Indian Affairs - Grazing Permit Overview, Calvert Curley, BIA/BNR (10 min.) - Historical - Inventory (non-use, probate, cancellation, administrative hold, etc.) - Summary: Navajo Nation Wide; By Agency (map, acre, sheep unit) - Permittee Responsibility, Summary of Challenges - Authority Reference, Casey Francisco, BNR/BIA (5 min) - Range Inventory and Utilization Study Overview, Jerome Willie, BNR/BIA (15 min) - Agency REPORTS: - Western Navajo (District 1, 2, 3, 5, 8), Casey Francisco, BNR/BIA (10 min) - Ft. Defiance (District 7, 14, 18 17), Jerome Willie, BNR/BIA (10 min) - Central Navajo (District 4, 10, 11)Genevieve Benally, BNR/BIA (10 min) - Shiprock Northern Navajo (District 9, 12, 13), Herbert Jones, BNR, BIA (10 min) - Eastern Navajo (District 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22), Effie Delmar, BNR/BIA (10 min)
10:20 am - 10:35 am	Break
10:35 am - 12:00 pm	Question and Answer (2 minute per person)
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch Break - BBQ Area
1:00 pm - 1:45 pm	Dr. Margaret Hiza Redsteer, U.S. Geological Survey (45 minutes) "Navajo drought: Drought impact, greater vulnerability from drought, remediation." Mr. Ray Castillo, Extension Agent, Dpt. of Agriculture, Navajo Nation - Dine' Translator
1:45 pm - 2:00 pm	Exhibits and Vendor Booths Open Question and Answer
2:00 pm - 2:30 pm	Dr. Michael A. Crimmins, Ph.D, Associate Professor & Extension Specialist - Climate Science Department of Soil, Water & Environmental Science, The University of Arizona "The Changing Global Climate and the Impact on the Navajo Nation"
2:45 pm - 3:00 pm	Question and Answer
3:00 pm - 3:15 pm	Break
3:15 pm - 4:00 pm	Exhibits and Vendor Booths Open Water Resources Department - Water Access (windmills, earthen dams, ponds, streams); Drought Plan; Operation and Maintenance; Information Resources Available - Windmill, Earth Dam, Ponds, etc. Inventory, Najam Tariq, Branch Director, TCOB - Maintenance Plan Including Cost, Najam Tariq, Manager, Branch Director, TCOB - Navajo Nation Drought Plan, Jason John, Principal Hydrologist, Branch Director
4:00 pm - 4:15 pm	Question and Answer
4:15 pm - 5:00 pm	Traditional Perspective of Agriculture



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½ Day	General Session
Track 1	Navajo & Federal Policy/Laws
Track 2	Navajo Government Process
Track 3	Livestock Management
Track 4	Farming/Gardening

WEDNESDAY, August 22, 2012

7:30 am - 4:00 pm	Registration Morning Refreshment - Coffee, Fruit, Pastries				
8:10 am - 8:20 am	Prayer				
8:20 am - 8:30 am	Exhibits and Vendor Booths Open	Tsosie Lewis, General Manager, Navajo Agriculture Products Industry "How NAPI Serves Navajo Communities"			
8:30 am - 8:45 am		Leonard Tsosie, Member, Resources and Development Committee, Navajo Nation Council "Future Outlook: Agriculture on the Navajo Nation"			
8:45 am - 9:45 pm		Navajo Grazing Act - Mr. Ray Castillo, Extension Agent, NNDA 1. General Purpose 2. Full Time Employee 3. Grazing Fees - regional conservation projects			
9:45 am - 10:20 am		Question and Answer (2 minutes per person) Moderator - Lucille Krause, Navajo Mountain, DGCM Member			
10:20 am - 10:35 am		Break			
10:35 am - 12:00 pm		Question and Answer - Moderator - Lucille Krause, Navajo Mountain, DGCM Member			
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm		Lunch Break - BBQ Area			
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm (4H Pavilion)		LIVE DEMONSTRATION Doctor Scott Bender, Veterinarian Veterinary and Livestock Program, Navajo Dpt. Of Agriculture - <i>Restraining Livestock Safely</i> - <i>Castration of Lambs and Calves</i> - <i>Dehorning Cattle</i>			
2:15 pm - 3:00 pm	Exhibits and Vendor Booths Open	"Agriculture Land Use Plots" Juan Arviso, BNR/BIA	"How to Write a Successful Chapter Resolution" Walter Hudson, LGSC	"How to Start a Cattle Association" John M. Romero And Stuart A. Romero, Sedillo Cattle Association	"Seed To Feed: Hydroponic Fodder Production" Bill Edwards, Pgm. Dir., Tolani Lake Enterprises
3:00 pm - 3:15 pm		Break			
3:15 pm - 4:00 pm		"Probate: Eastern Agency" Effie Delmar, BNR/BIA	"What Services to Expect from your DGCM" Kim Johnson, NNDA	"Your Best Bull Selection" Tom Hardesty, Basin Angus Ranch	"Soil Consideration for Farming & Gardening" Ivan Joe, NRCS
4:15 pm - 5:00 pm		"Probate: Big Navajo" Irvine Chee, Dpt. of Justice, Navajo Nation	Creating A Grazing Mgt. Plan - Kim Johnson, Ray Castillo, NNDA	"Native Beef" Michael Peacock	"Planting a Garden Oasis in Naschitti" Richard Begay



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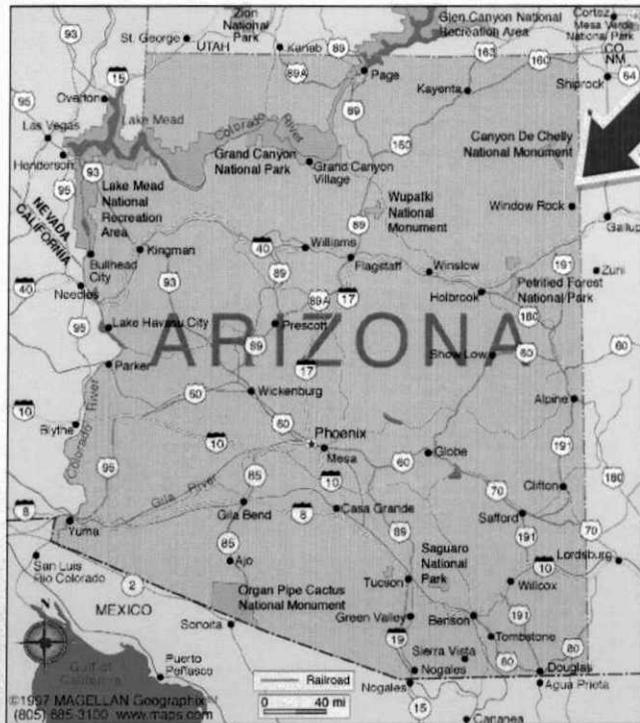
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THURSDAY, August 23, 2012

Track 1	Navajo & Federal Policy/Laws
Track 2	Range Conservation
Track 3	Livestock Management/Cultural
Track 4	Farming/Gardening

7:30 am - 4:00 pm	Registration Morning Refreshment - Coffee, Fruit, Pastries				
8:20 am - 8:30 am	Prayer				
8:30 am - 8:45 am	Frederick H. White, Executive Director, Division of Natural Resources "Agriculture and Conservation Priority Within the Division of Natural Resources"				
8:45 am - 9:30 am	"Cemeteries and Eminent Domain" Howard Draper, Land Dpt., Navajo Nation	"What is an Integrated Weed Management Plan? How can it help me?" Renee Benally, U.S. Dpt. of the Interior, BIA, And Representative, Fred Phillips Inc.	"Traditional Wool Dyeing"	"Regional Food Systems" Evert Oldham, Area Director	
9:45 am - 10:20 am	Exhibits and Vendor Booths Open	"Five Year Action Plan to Address Feral Livestock in Eastern Navajo Agency" NNDA and BIA Team	NMSU	"Diné Value of the Land and Agriculture" Robert Johnson, Navajo Cultural Specialist, Navajo Nation Museum	"Drip Irrigation" Dan Smeal, M.S., College Professor, NMSU - ACES Plant and Environmental Sciences
10:20 am - 10:35 am		Break			
10:35 am - 11:35 am		"The Benefit of Filing Agriculture and Ranching Income Taxes"	NMSU	"Open Cows" Navajo Veterinary and Livestock Program, NNDA	"Green House and Box Gardening" Nicole Pino And Tony Howard, Navajo Technical College
11:35 am - 1:00 pm	Lunch Break - BBQ Area				
1:00 pm - 1:45 pm	"2008 - 2012: Livestock Round Up Report (Trends, Attitudes, Future Plans for Feral Livestock Removal)" Aurelia Nez, Seargeant, Resource Enforcement	Rotational Grazing	"Growing and Harvesting Navajo Tea for Profit" Steve Heil, Grower Farm Wonder LLC	"Basic Low Pressure Sprinkler Irrigation" Dan Smeal, M.S., College Professor, NMSU - ACES Plant and Environmental Sciences	
2:00 pm - 2:45 pm	"The Navajo Corporation Code: How to Incorporate A Ranching/Farming Business" Eunice Begay, Navajo Business Regulatory	"Conservation and Water Development Project: NN Pitts Ranch" Ivan Becenti, NNDA and Dan Taylor, Bat Foundation	"Nutritional Value of Forage for Your Livestock"	"Native Seed Search"	
3:15 pm - 5:00 pm	Closing Ceremonies - Door Prizes (must be present to win)				

Map of Conference Center Location and Floor Plan



Window Rock, AZ

Navajo Fairgrounds

