



AG CONSERVATION CORPS



Project Application Packet

Background

Ag Conservation Corps is focused on connecting young natural resource specialists and ranchers & farmers of the Navajo Nation, to promote and encourage conservation practices by supporting permittees with technical service and a solid labor-force, to improve Southwestern ecology for the benefit of future generations to endorse and continue.

Our program promotes personal growth, experiential learning and an ethic of natural resource stewardship while incorporating the guiding principles of community, commitment, challenge, and integrity.

With your participation, below are some of the activities we can achieve based on filing out the **correct** form:

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- Farmland restoration including soil enhancement, mulching, compost, drip irrigation, etc. (Materials not provided)
- Fencing construction and repair; for farmland management. (Materials not provided)
- Invasive brush removal and erosion control.

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- Stream restoration, induced meandering, and multiple erosion control practices, including rock work, etc.
- Revegetation and reseeding (for controlled lands only).
- Chainsaw removal and herbicidal application of invasive trees.
- Fencing construction and repair; for rangeland management. (materials not provided)

In planning and development of conservation practices, technical efforts will be conducted first, utilizing submitted information from project application packet.

Further assessments will be conducted upon site-visit.

*****This application is solely intended for assisting permittee(s) with a labor-force to rehabilitate surface growth utilizing ecologically sound conservation practices. This application is NOT intended to acquire materials and/or resources for projects. This application is NOT intended for financial assistance or money gain. We are not responsible for any accidents, deaths, injuries, illnesses, thefts, damages, stolen property, missing or misplaced items, as a result of this event during the duration of project implementation. Permittee, or an appointed helper, must participate daily until project is deemed accomplished. If the permittee, or an appointed helper, is NOT participating, then the Conservation Corps will attend projects elsewhere, due to permittee absence.*****

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Project Application Packet Farmland Management

Purpose:

To assist permittee with a conservation team to implement ecologically sound practices to conserve, rehabilitate, replenish, and promote productive agricultural production.

Your farming lands will require your involvement, participation, and stewardship to successfully restore our agricultural lands.

Application Check List:

- ___ Application Information
- ___ Waiver and Release of Claims
- ___ Letter of Interest or Commitment for Participation
- ___ Copy of Conservation Plan (BIA or NRCS Format)
- ___ Map of Farming area (with GPS Coordinates)
- ___ Copy of Agricultural Land-Use Permit
- ___ Copy of Current Crop Inventory

(Leave Blank) For Office Use Only:

CC: _____

(No. - Year - M - Initials - Chapter)

Date(s) of Operation: From _____ To _____

Estimated Completion Date: _____

Brief Project Description: _____

Comment(s): _____

Date Received:



Navajo Nation Department of Agriculture Ag Conservation Corps



Farmland Restoration/Rehabilitation Application

Applicant Information

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____
Mailing Address: _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Physical Address: _____ Chapter: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

ALUP Permit: _____ Permitted Acre(s): _____ Date Issued: _____

District-Unit #: _____ Census #: _____

Location of farmland site (GPS Location): _____

Signature of Approval (Grazing Official/ Land Board/ Farm Board Signature): _____

Tell us about your existing farmland management

Are you willing to endure self-sustainability through agricultural production?..... YES NO

Are you willing to upkeep and maintain your agricultural field by providing necessary seasonal preparation?..... YES NO

Are you willing to try advancing technical practices and scientific concepts provided by numerous farming programs?... YES NO

Is your permitted farmland considered? Active Inactive If inactive, why? _____

Are you able to pay for, or cost-share, and maintain restoration practices (provide fencing supplies, labor, safety equipment, improvements/repairs to the farmland area)?..... YES NO

Are you willing to educate/encourage/promote farmland practices and stewardship to other land users in your community?..... YES NO

Crop Inventory Complete? YES NO Year(s) Completed: _____

Current Crops: _____ Desired Crops: _____

Current Farmland Condition: Severe: _____ Poor: _____ Fair: _____ Excellent: _____

Explain Condition: _____

Farmland Water Source(s): _____

Signature

I certify all information above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I agree to comply with terms and conditions required by the Dept. of Agriculture, including land conservation measures, land management practices, seeding/farming, recommendations, and provide my own routine maintenance.

Signature of Permittee Holder

Date

Draw a detailed map of the crop field

Include: fencing/boundary, nearest watering source, roads, crop type. Provide GPS coordinates for the farm-site. Mistakes are fine, add color, you may include another sheet, or print a map out. Include problem areas, seeding types, and/or non-productive sites.



Legend



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CC: _____

Name: _____ Permit No _____
Address: _____ Email: _____
City, ST, ZIP: _____ Phone: _____
Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Initials

Waiver and Release of Claims

_____ I understand that **I or an appointed helper, the stewards of the land**, must participate and is required to assist the corps team to successfully rehabilitate my customary use area and fully adhere to recommendations made by Department of Agriculture in order to establish herbaceous growth for the benefit of land restoration and/or farm production.

_____ In consideration of my participation, I or my appointed helpers the undersigned, assume full and complete responsibility for any injury or accident that may occur during my participation.

_____ I hereby release the organizers, corps members, and volunteers of this event, including the Department of Agriculture and local Land Board/Farm Board Official(s) from any and all claims, demand rights or clauses, present or future, whether known, anticipated, or unanticipated, resulting from or arising out of, or incident to, whole or part of, my participation in any conservation implementation practices and related activities, whether or not caused by negligence of the parties released hereby.

_____ I understand that I or my appointed helper must participate in a safe manner. I understand that it is my responsibility to provide and wear my own protective gear during my participation in any event(s) scheduled by the Ag Conservation Corps and I will observe all Agricultural Land-Use and civil laws and adhere to ecologically sound practices provided by Department of Agriculture.

_____ I understand that no one is authorized to make statements or representations, either verbally or in writing, which in any way contradicts this wavier and release claims.

_____ I understand that the Navajo Nation Department of Agriculture or the Navajo Nation will not be held responsible for any accidents, deaths, injuries, illnesses, thefts, damages, stolen property, missing or misplaced items as a result of this event. Attendance and/or participation is at attendees/participants own risk.

Signature

Date