



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 filling out the **correct** form:

FARM_ACC REVISED: OCT 17, 2019

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

RANGE_ACC REVISED: OCT 17, 2019

- 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-visits.

*****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 Rangeland Management

Purpose:

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

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

Application Check List:

- ___ Application Information
- ___ Waiver and Release Claims
- ___ Neighbor Approval to Conduct Conservation Practices
- ___ Letter of Interest or Commitment for Participation
- ___ Copy of Conservation Plan (BIA or NRCS Format)
- ___ Map of Grazing area (with GPS Coordinates)
- ___ Copy of Current Tally Sheet(s)
- ___ Copy of Grazing Permit

(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



Rangeland Restoration/Rehabilitation Application

Applicant Information

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____
Mailing Address: City State ZIP Code

Phone: _____ Email: _____
Physical Address: Chapter:

Grazing Permit: _____ Total Permitted S.U.: _____ Date Issued: _____

Brand: _____ District-Unit #: _____ Census #: _____

Location of restoration site (GPS Location): _____

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

Tell us about your existing range and livestock management

Are you willing to restore grazing lands?..... YES NO
 Do you have control (RMU/Fencing) of the area via approval by Grazing Committee, Land Board, or Farm Board?..... YES NO

Are you willing to keep animals off the restored/reseeded land for at least two (2) years?..... YES NO

Are you willing to reduce number of animals to allow lands to recover? YES NO If no, why? _____

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

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

Livestock Inventory (Tally) Complete? YES NO Year(s) Completed: _____ Grazing/Land Board Official: _____

Current Number of Grazing Animals: **Sheep:** _____ **Cattle:** _____ **Equine:** _____ **Total:** _____

Current Rangeland Condition: Severely Overgrazed: _____ Poor: _____ Fair: _____ Excellent: _____

Explain: _____

Livestock 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, herd management practices, herd reduction actions, and seeding/farming recommendations.

Signature of Permittee Holder

Date

Draw a detailed map of the restoration site

Include: home, corral, nearest watering source, watersheds, roads, neighbors, and label all. Provide GPS coordinates for the restoration area. Mistakes are fine, add color, you may include another sheet, or print a map out.



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 steward(s) 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 livestock and/or farm production.

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

_____ I hereby release the organizers, corps members, and volunteers of this event, including the Department of Agriculture and local Grazing 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 an appointed helper, must participate in a safe manner. I understand that it is my, or my appointed helper(s) responsibility to provide and wear protective gear during the participation in any event(s) scheduled by the Ag Conservation Corps and I will observe all grazing and civil laws and adhere to ecologically sound practices conducted 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

