Navajo Land Reform

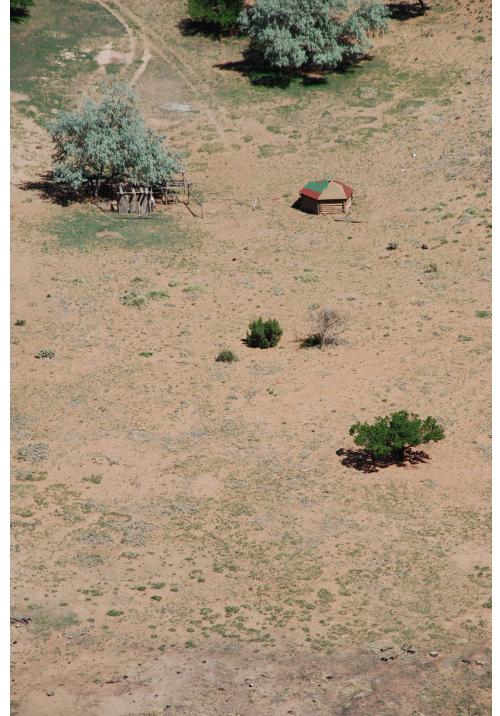
Introduction / Primer

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Land Holding Types

Trust Land





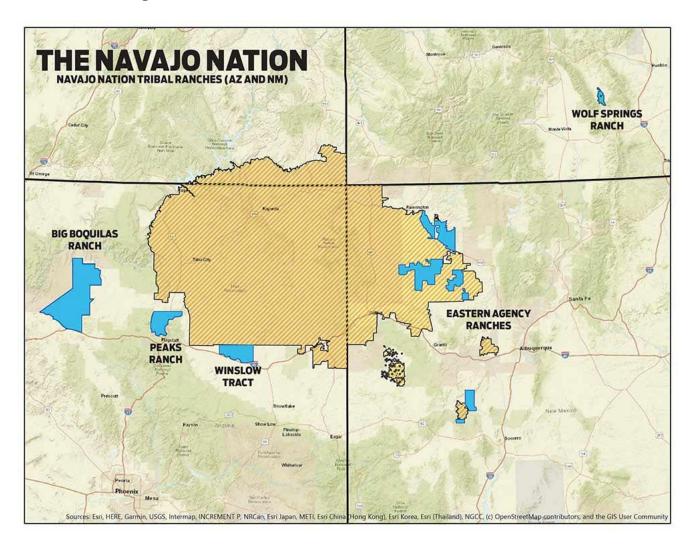
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Navajo Nation Ranch Lands







NAVAJO NATION LANDS AND LEASES

	ARIZONA	NEW MEXICO	UTAH	TOTAL
NAVAJO NATION	· ·			
TRUST	10,159,562.82	2,795,503.26	1,223,933.96	14,179,000.04
NAVAJO NATION FEE	585,249.98	357,689.05	1,825.14	944,764.17
INDIVIDUAL INDIAN				
ALLOTMENT	81,963.81	671,203.50	9,741.80	762,909.11
STATE LANDS LEASE	270,927.73	122,556.25	0.00	393,483.98
BLM LEASES	0.00	155,078.23	0.00	155,078.23
U. S. FOREST SERVICE				
PERMIT	174,000.00	0.00	0.00	174,000.00
GOVERNMENT E.O.,				
PLO & SCHOOL TRACT	0.00	91,838.99	5.99	91,844.98
NEW LANDS	345,032.00	0.00	0.00	345,032.00
	11,616,736.34	4,193,869.28	1,235,506.89	17,046,112.51

The Navajo Nation has 17,046,112.51 Acres of land or 26,634 Sections/Square Miles of land or

739.84 Townships of Navajo Nation Lands and Lease Lands.

Trust Land Conflicting Claims



2017 HOMESITE LEASE NN200RL FLOWCHART

CONTACT YOUR GRAZING OFFICIAL/LAND BOARD MEMBER

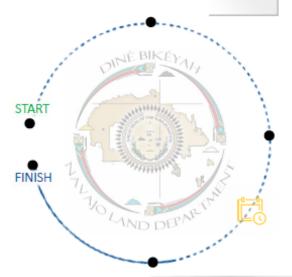
to identify the homesite location with a handheld GPS unit and to record the coordinates onto FORM 2 and identify grazing permittees on FORM 3 for consent of proposed homesite.



OBTAIN HOMESITE APPLICATION from Agency Navajo Land Offices or dinehbikeyah.org. Fill out HSL application completely with a drawn map of your proposed homesite all in BLACK ink.

TOTAL CONTROL OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY

APPROVED HOMESITE LEASE is then released to applicant after submission of first year's leasing fee of \$12.00. Documents are then recorded into the Navajo Land Title Data System (NLTDS) for archiving and system retrieval.



APPLICANT RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Submit HSL Application with \$30.00 money order payable to the Navajo Nation.
- Submit Homesite Biological Clearance Form (HSBCF) to NLD for Navajo Fish & Wildlife to complete Biological Resource Compliance Form.
- 3 Hire a Private Archaeologist to conduct a Cultural Investigation. Sent to Navajo Heritage & Historical Preservation Department to complete a Cultural Resource Compliance Form).
- 4 Hire a Certified Land Surveyor to conduct a legal survey and submit a legal survey plat of the proposed homesite to NLD.

Forms then sent for Environmental Review, conducted by General Land Development Department (GLDD).

IF THE PROPOSED HOMESITE IS LOCATED WITH-IN THE FOREST/WOODLAND AREAS NAVAJO FORESTRY WILL NEED TO BE CONTACTED: (928) 729-4007

HSL PACKET IS COMPILED WITH THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:

- Homesite Leas
- Certificate of Indian Blood (and Marriage License, if applicable)
- · Archaeological Inventory Report Compliance Form (AIRCF)
- Biological Resource Compliance Form (BRCF)
- Cultural Resources Compliance Form (CRCF)
- Environmental Review Letter
- Certified Legal Survey Plat and TOPO Maps

ONCE COMPLETE, PACKET IS SENT TO THE NLD DIRECTOR FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL ON BEHALF OF THE NAVAJO NATION.

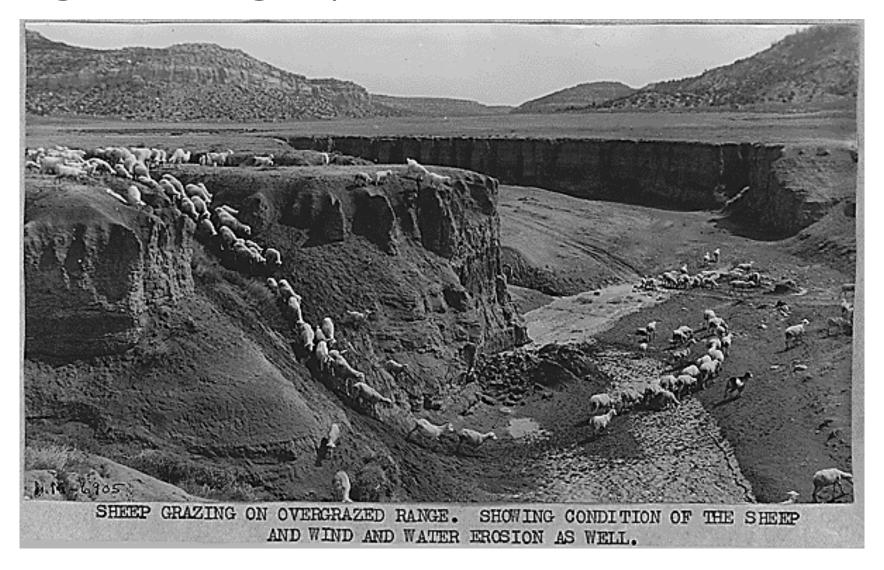
Grazing and Customary-Based Claims

- Sometimes supported by existing herds / animals
- Sometimes based on past use of land for grazing



Challenges

Grazing and Legacy of Livestock Reduction









Housing

- Housing in places with formal sector employment opportunities
- Commute challenges
- Lack of available trust land options
- Permitting processes
- Financing issues



Land Availability



Alternatives

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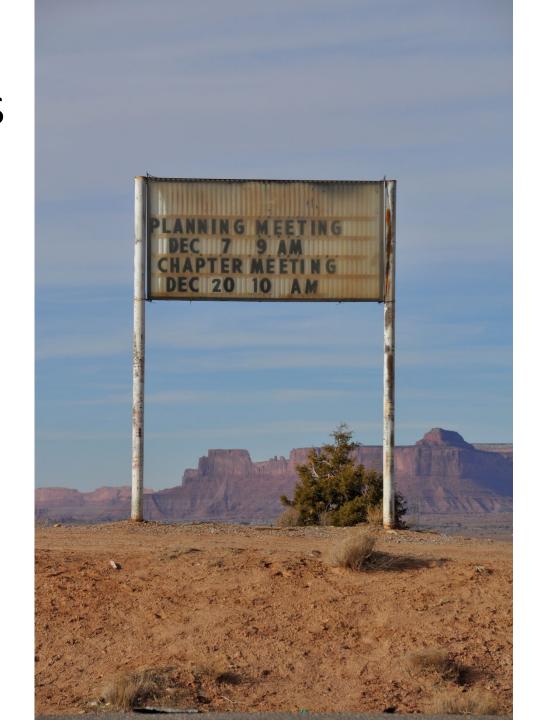
Navajo Land and Economic Development



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Local Land Control Options

- Pre-Clearing land
 - For individual homesite leases
 - For NHA construction
- Compensation / valuation of existing land rights and claims
- Local governance strengthening
 - Eminent domain
 - Experimentation as desired



Use it or lose it?



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