

RESOLUTION OF THE
RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
of the 24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Fourth Year, 2022

AN ACTION

RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE; APPROVING THE NAVAJO NATION JOINT FARM BOARD CONSERVATION PLAN TEMPLATE FOR USE BY INDIVIDUAL PERMITTEES OF THE NAVAJO NATION MAJOR IRRIGATION FARM PROJECTS

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Resources and Development Committee is established as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee with oversight for the land, to establish Navajo Nation policy with respect to the optimum utilization of all Navajo Nation resources and to protect the rights, interest, sacred sites and freedoms of the Navajo Nation and People to such resources, now and for future generations. 2 N.N.C. § 500(A); 2 N.N.C. § 500(C) (2).
- B. The Resources and Development Committee has oversight over Farm Boards. 2 N.N.C. § 501(C) (1).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS


- A. The purpose of this legislation is to approve the Navajo Nation Joint Farm Board Conservation Plan Template for use by individual permittees of the Navajo Nation Major Irrigation Farm Projects. The Farm Conservation Plan Template is attached as Exhibit A.
- B. The Navajo Nation Joint Farm Board developed the Farm Conservation Plan Template to cover aspects of conservation practices since Navajo farms are the stewards of the land. Resolution of the Navajo Nation Joint Farm Board dated December 5, 2017, Exhibit B.
- C. The Executive Official Review Form is attached as Exhibit C.

SECTION THREE. APPROVING THE NAVAJO NATION JOINT FARM BOARD CONSERVATION PLAN TEMPLATE FOR USE BY INDIVIDUAL PERMITTEES OF THE NAVAJO NATION MAJOR IRRIGATION FARM PROJECTS

- A. The Resources and Development Committee hereby approves the Navajo Nation Joint Farm Board Conservation Plan Template for use by individual permittees of the Navajo Nation Major Irrigation Farm Projects attached as Exhibit A.
- B. The Resources and Development Committee hereby directs the Navajo Nation Department of Agriculture to provide a copy of this resolution to the Navajo Regional Bureau of Indian Affairs Office.

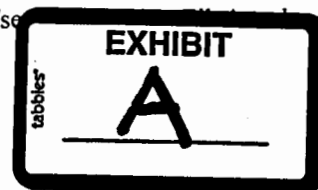
CERTIFICATION

I, hereby, certify that the following resolution was duly considered by the Resources and Development Committee of the 24th Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting at Window Rock, (Navajo Nation) Arizona, at which quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed, on this 29th day of December 2022.


Thomas Walker, Jr., Vice-Chairperson
Resources and Development Committee
Of the 24th Navajo Nation Council

Motion: Honorable Mark A. Freeland

Second: Honorable Wilson C. Stewart, Jr.



*(Navajo Nation Major Irrigation Farm Board
Conservation Plan Template
to be used by its individual permittees)*

LUP Name(s): _____
 Address: P.O. Box _____
 Town, State Zip Code _____

**FARM CONSERVATION PLAN - Plot # _____
 _____ IRRIGATION PROJECT
 _____ AGENCY**

DATE: _____

REVIEW OFFICERS:
 BIA NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGER, _____
 SOIL TECHNICIAN, _____
 _____ FARM BOARD PRESIDENT, _____

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- A. Land Use Permit.....
- B. Location Map of Proposed Conservation Plan.....
- C. Map of Farm Plot *showing what's there*

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A. Introduction

1. Background

This permit was originally held by or issued to _____ for farm production. The permitted acres to farm is _____. *We or I have the permit in our or my name currently. We or I plan to plant or clear the land, fix the fences... this 2016 irrigation season.*

Talk about when the last time farm (history) was in production and what they grew. Maybe it was never farmed?

2. Goals and Objectives

The goal of the farm plot #____ conservation plan on the _____ Irrigation Project is to make beneficial use of the land through crop production which involves improving soil health, reducing erosion, managing pest, managing irrigation better, and consider wildlife habitat.

The objectives to meeting these goals are:

- Take soil samples
- Rotate crops
- Apply fertilizer, if necessary
- Plant windbreakers
- Control irrigation
- Plant cover crops
- Learn to identify weeds and noxious weeds
- Learn to other pests
- Practice irrigation
- Understand the operation of the _____ Irrigation System
- Better management during periods of drought or low reservoir
- Consider wildlife habitat

Google these farm conservation item....

This is a working conservation plan. This plan can be changed, as necessary; however, these are the basic conservation elements to consider when farming on this plot.

B. Farmland Description

1. Location

The farm plot #__ is located on the _____ Irrigation Project in the _____ Chapter of the Navajo Nation. It lies within the _____ Wash Valley and in Grazing District _____. It is _____ miles west of _____ Dam at an elevation of approximately _____ feet above sea level.

2. Climate

The annual precipitation is _____ inches with a typical growing season of 120 to 150 days.

3. Water Supply

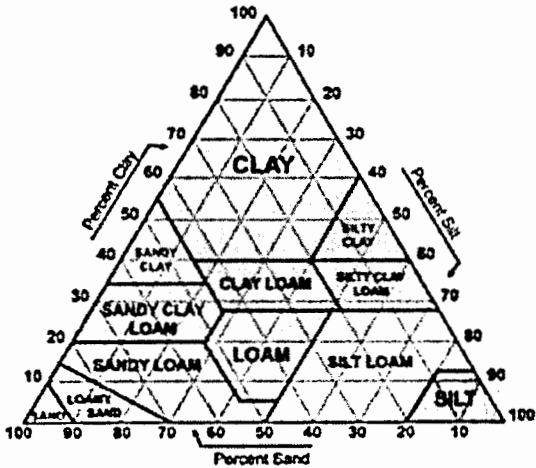
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SAMPLE Paragraph: The principal water supply is _____ Lake, an off-stream reservoir, from Pueblo Colorado Wash, also known locally as _____ Wash. The active conservation elevation on the dam spillway is at _____ feet above sea level. The elevation results in a reservoir volume at the spillway crest of _____ ac-feet. There is no dead storage in the reservoir. The active conservation capacity is approximately equal to the estimated median flow of the _____ Wash. Consequently, the reservoir should fill in most years. (1996 BIA _____ Dam Emergency Action Plan)

From _____ Lake Dam outlet works (gates), the farm plot # is _____ miles from the Dam. There is a 500 feet feeder canal to the inlet of the High Density Polyethylene Pipe (HDPEP) gates that serves the farmlands. The farm plot # _____ is _____ miles from this inlet. The farm is served by a 8" butterfly valve off the HDPEP system with a 8-inch schedule 40 PVC pipe extending to the farm plot. The farm shares this valve with Plot # _____. The estimated pressure if the entire HDPE is estimated to be _____.

4. Soil



Soil type: (print the type of soil based on acres of the plot)

¼ of the plot acreage is _____
½ of the plot acreage is _____
¾ of the plot acreage is _____
Full plot acreage is _____
Other: _____

A layout of the farm plot can be attached.

5. Farm topography (landscape) and Irrigation System

The farm topography in not level. ---- describe - in your own words -the topography- hilly, erosion thru field, direction the plot is sloping, etc. On the north side of plot there's a small hill. On the south side there is a lot of brush to be remove; percent of the land Flat (<5% grade) _____ acres Gentle Slope (6-20% grade) _____ acres Steep Slope (>21% grade)

From the HDPEP system, the farm is irrigated by flood irrigation. Describe how you get water to the crops. We dug ditches to the crops __ we irrigate from the south to the north?? __

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Road condition around farm: *excellent 80% accessible; good; fair; poor*

6. Crops

Historically, the crops planted were traditional corn, squashes, melons, fruit trees, alfalfa, oats, etc.
Any current crop now; what do you plan to plant?

7. Type of Pests

Weeds: (estimate percentage % on plot)

<input type="checkbox"/> Field bind weed (aka morning glory)	<input type="checkbox"/> Rabbit brush	<input type="checkbox"/> Common ragweed
<input type="checkbox"/> Prostrate pigweed	<input type="checkbox"/> Redroot pigweed	<input type="checkbox"/> Sagebrush
<input type="checkbox"/> Western whorled milkweed	<input type="checkbox"/> Russian knapweed	<input type="checkbox"/> Thistle: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Spotted knapweed	<input type="checkbox"/> Broom snakeweed	<input type="checkbox"/> Common sunflower
<input type="checkbox"/> Texas blueweed	<input type="checkbox"/> Western salsify	<input type="checkbox"/> Common cocklebur
<input type="checkbox"/> Shepherd's purse	<input type="checkbox"/> Blue mustard	<input type="checkbox"/> Flixweed
<input type="checkbox"/> Plain pricklypear	<input type="checkbox"/> Marijuana	<input type="checkbox"/> Kochia
<input type="checkbox"/> Russian thistle (tumbleweed)	<input type="checkbox"/> Greasewood	<input type="checkbox"/> Redstem filaree
<input type="checkbox"/> Common mallow	<input type="checkbox"/> Wild oats	<input type="checkbox"/> Bermudagrass
<input type="checkbox"/> Witchgrass	<input type="checkbox"/> Common purslane	<input type="checkbox"/> Cheatgrass
<input type="checkbox"/> Wright groundcherry	<input type="checkbox"/> Puncturevine (bullhead)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Chinese Elm tree	<input type="checkbox"/> Russian Olive	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Salt Cedar (Tamarisk)	<input type="checkbox"/> Foxtail grass	

Comments: _____

Animals/Rodents: (estimate percentage % on plot)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pocket gophers	<input type="checkbox"/> Prairie dogs	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Deer	<input type="checkbox"/> Snakes: bullsnake, rattlesnake	
<input type="checkbox"/> Crows	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	

Comments: _____

Insects: (estimate percentage % on crops)

<input type="checkbox"/> Squash beetle	<input type="checkbox"/> Grasshoppers	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

Comments: _____

Human:

<input type="checkbox"/> cutting fence	<input type="checkbox"/> cows in the field
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8. Archaeological & Biological Clearances

Archaeological Clearance:

☐ Yes - clearance was conducted; a report was written by NN Heritage & Historic Preservation Office or a certified archaeologist.

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___ No - no clearance was conducted.

In a BIA- Navajo Regional Office memorandum dated February 10, 2015, the BIA- Navajo Regional Archaeologist to the BIA- Navajo Regional NEPA Coordinator state that "Your Regional Archaeologist has been in consultation with the Navajo Historic Preservation Office and the following guidance has been determined.... 3) When an old Agricultural lease is receiving a new lease or a lease renewal, or when an old Agricultural Permit is receiving a transfer or reassignment, no archaeologist survey is needed. The land and its possible historic properties have already undergone damage from being plowed, trenched or leveled years ago, new activities will cause minimal damage."

Biological Clearance:

___ Yes - clearance was conducted; a report was written by NN Fish and Wildlife or a certified biologist.

___ No - no clearance was conducted.

9. Equipment/Storage

*We or I have equipment; We or I will lease equipment; We or I will rent equipment; We or I will borrow equipment; We or I will contract the different tasks our like plowing, discing, planting, etc.
At this time there is not storage shed.*

C. Farm Management

1. Land Use Permit Stipulations

Farming will be done on the permitted area. We will respect the neighbors next to our plots by maintaining our boundary fence(s). On the land use permit I (we) signed, I (we) will be responsible for the 1) keeping the farm plot in beneficial use- crop production; 2) helping maintain the operation and maintenance of the irrigation system including cleaning the ditches; 3) paying annual operation & maintenance assessments; 4) will not use the farm as a burial ground, and 5) upkeep the fences.

2. Record Keeping

As permittee, *We or I* will turn in annual crop reports to the _____ Farm Board in the fall of each year. Also, I will responsible for keeping records on activities on the farm.

3. Marketing Plan

We or I will be responsible for marketing *our or my* crops if *we or I* choice to do so.

4. Agriculture Support Groups

a. _____ Farm Board:

I will make the effort to attend the _____ Farm Board meetings as necessary.

b. Fort Defiance Soil & Water Conservation District

I do not know who they are and what they can help me with. Maybe you know who they are?

c. Navajo Dept. of Agriculture- Extension Agent

I do not know who they are and what they can help me with. Maybe you know who they are?

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- d. USDA- St. Michaels Natural Resource Conservation District
I do not know who they are and what they can help me with. Maybe you know who they are?
- c. BIA Fort Defiance Agency – Natural Resources
- f. Internet – *We or I will do some research.*

5. Annual farm tasks

- a. Burning of weeds
- b. Help flush the irrigation system at end of season
- c. Secure or put away equipment/supplies

D. Farm Conservation Plan

As stewards of the land, we or I plan to implement this conservation plan on our or my farm plot. These are ideas that you can do; there's more conservation stuff out there you can do too. How do you plan to address these items? write it out in your own words; some may not apply to you. You can simplify if you want. Don't make too detail. Be aware that these are conservation things you can do on your farm. Some of you are already doing this. Go to internet and Google farm conservation planning. THIS IS JUST TO HELP YOU ALONG.

1. Improving soil health

Take soil samples

Rotate crops

Nutrient management - Apply fertilizer, if necessary; soil test results to plan fertilizer needs; nutrient application – timing of crop needs,

2. Reduce erosion

Plant windbreakers

Control flood irrigation

Plant cover crops

soil erosion – use cover crops and reduce tillage to avoid wind erosion

Avoid irrigation during or after heavy rainfall to minimize runoff to avoid erosion & contamination of water

3. Manage pest

Learn to identify weeds and noxious weeds

Learn to identify bugs

4. Irrigation management

Practice better irrigation methods

Understand the operation of the _____ irrigation system

Better management during periods of drought or low reservoir

Soil moisture

Schedule & apply water taking into account crop type, soil type, rainfall, etc.

5. Consider wildlife habitat

We know wildlife is around our farms but we got to be respectful of them. If we want to keep deer out of crop because they eat your crop then build a higher fence or, if deer becomes a nuisance, get a NN Fish & Wildlife permit to shoot them; that is solution too.

6. Drought Management Plan

During times of drought attending the _____ Farm Board meeting will keep the farmers inform about the lake volume.

7. Monitoring

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I.U.P name: _____

Plot#: _____

Date: _____

Monitoring is the only way to know if our or my actions are achieving goals. The best and only accurate way of monitoring our or my plot is to keep records and/or take pictures of before and after. Or else

8. Continue Education

We or I will continue education and/or training to keep abreast of current Agriculture practices.

Summary:

The permit holder plans to keep its farm plot in beneficial use. Protecting and caring for the land resources can be practiced through this conservation plan for many years to come.

We or I acknowledge and understand the conservation plan is amendable to our or my discretion. Accordingly, the parties hereto have executed the plan as of the last date indicated below.

Signatures:

LUP holder Date:

LUP holder Date:

APPROVED: _____ Date:

Farm Board

APPROVED: _____ Date:
_____, BIA Natural Resource Manager

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APPENDIX

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NAVAJO NATION JOINT FARM BOARD
Serving the Major Irrigation Communities

P.O. BOX 4889 * WINDOW ROCK, ARIZONA 86515 * (928)871-6605

RUSSELL BEGAYE
PRESIDENT

JONATHAN NEZ
VICE PRESIDEN

February 13, 2018

Alton Shepherd, Chairperson
NNC- Resource Development Committee
Office of the Speaker
P.O. Box 3390
Window Rock, AZ 86515

Leo Watchman, Director
NN Department of Agriculture
P.O. Box 4889
Window Rock, AZ 86515

Subject: Two Resolutions: 1) Funding for Biological Clearance & 2) Conservation Template

Dear Mr. Shepherd and Mr. Watchman:

The Navajo Nation Joint Farm Board (NNJtFB) approved two important resolutions in 2017 that relate to the conservation plans for our Navajo farmers (LUPs).

The first resolution is Requesting the Navajo Nation Resources and Development Committee and Division of Natural Resources to provide funding for the Biological Clearances for the thirteen (13) Farm Boards' areas of irrigation responsibilities. This was passed on August 28, 2017, with a vote of 23 in favor, 0 opposed, and 7 abstaining. The NNJtFB would like to have funding for this in FY2019. If a budget needs to be develop, let us know. May need NNDA to help.

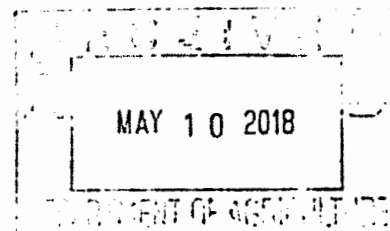
The second resolution is Requesting the Navajo Nation Resources Development Committee (NNRDC) and Division of Natural Resources to review and approve the Navajo Nation Major Irrigation Farm Conservation Plan Template to be used by individual permittee(s) and forward it to Bureau of Indian Affairs- Navajo Regional Office to be implemented. This was passed on December 05, 2017, with a vote of 18 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1abstaining. The NNJtFB would like the NNRDC to approve and forward to BIA-Navajo Regional Office for implementation.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 928-871-6605 or Teresa M. Showa at 928-434-0748.

Sincerely,

Dondi Begay
Navajo Nation Joint FB President

xc: Roxie June, Planner, NNDA





RESOLUTION OF THE NAVAJO NATION FARM BOARDS

Serving the Major Irrigation Communities
P.O. Box 4889, Window Rock, AZ 86615

Requesting the Navajo Nation Resources and Development Committee and Division of Natural Resources to provide funding for the Biological Clearances for the thirteen (13) Farm Boards' areas of irrigation responsibilities.

WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to Title 3 of the N.N.C. Subchapter 4. Major Irrigation Projects Farm Boards Section 61, it established the Farm Boards; and
2. Pursuant to Title 3 of the N.N.C. Sections 62, it states the purpose of the Farm Boards:
 - A. To build local capacity for the proper and full protection, conservation, management, sustainable and economic use and development of local farmland and irrigation water systems.
 - B. To collaborate with the Navajo Nation, private organizations, state and federal agencies, Navajo farmers and farming communities to ensure proper operation, maintenance, rehabilitation and improvement of local irrigation systems.
 - C. To promote and implement coordination among the Navajo Nation, private organizations, state and federal agencies to provide Navajo farming communities with adequate research, education and training in all aspects of agricultural production, irrigation management, marketing and financial mismanagement, and other areas related to agriculture within the Navajo Nation.
 - D. To ensure full utilization of idle farmlands, including idle farmlands; and
3. Irrigated agriculture has been an important role of the Navajo life and culture for as long as we have been Diné and long before the first non-Navajos came to this land; and
4. The irrigated agricultural lands of the Navajo Nation (NN) are a unique, renewable, and valuable resource of the Navajo Nation, which need to be manage for the benefit of all the Navajo People; and
5. For many years, it has been the declared policy of the NN to support irrigated agriculture throughout the Navajo by having established thirteen Farm Boards:

1) Cornfields	2) Crystal	3) Dennehotso	4) Ganado	5) Kayenta
6) Many Farms	7) Red Lake	8) Red Valley	9) Red Willow	
10) Rock Point	11) San Juan River	12) Tsaiile/Wheatfields	13) Western ; and	
6. Due to the BIA -- Navajo Regional Office requiring NN Farm Board to develop conservation plans, archaeological and biological clearances are required for this task; and

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August 28, 2017

Navajo Nation Joint Farm Board Resolution:

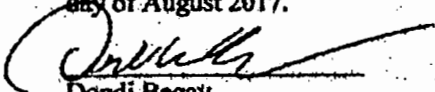
7. In a BIA memorandum dated February 10, 2015 from BIA Regional Archaeologist to BIA Regional NEPA Coordinator, it states that "When an old Agricultural Lease is receiving a new lease or lease renewal, or when an old Agricultural Permit is receiving a transfer or reassignment, no archaeological survey is needed."; and
8. Therefore, only a biological clearance is needed; and
9. Since these irrigation projects were transferred to the Navajo Nation in 1960 by the U.S. Government, the NN is responsible for the needs of these farming areas and its new regulations; and
10. The NN Resource and Development Committee and the Division of Natural Resources will need to provide funding for the biological clearance of these lands for the conservation plans; and
11. This will benefit the NN irrigated agriculture in preparing conservation plans.

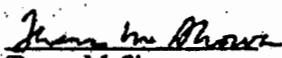
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

The Navajo Nation Farm Boards is formally notifying and requesting the Navajo Nation Resources and Development Committee and the Division of Natural Resources to provide funding for the biological clearances for the thirteen Navajo Nation Farm Boards' areas of irrigation responsibility to prepare the conservation plans.

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Navajo Nation Joint Farm Board of the Navajo Nation at a duly called meeting in Fort Defiance, Arizona at which a quorum was present and the same was passed by a vote of 23 in favor, and 0 opposed, with 7 abstaining, this 28th day of August 2017.


Dondi Begay
President
Navajo Nation Joint Farm Board


Teresa M. Showa
Vice-President
Navajo Nation Joint Farm Board

MOTIONED BY: Ben Lee Edwards

SECONDED BY: Stephanie Begaye



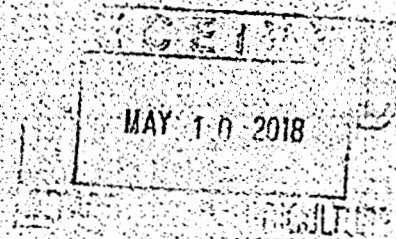
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Requesting the Navajo Nation Resources Development Committee and Division of Natural Resources to review and approve the Navajo Nation Major Irrigation Farm Conservation Plan Template to be used by individual permittee(s) and forward it to Bureau of Indian Affairs- Navajo Regional Office to be implemented.

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3. Pursuant to Public Law 93-638, Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (Act), the Act provides maximum Indian participation of Indian tribes in programs and services conducted by the Federal Government for Indians like approving land use permits for agriculture and other services; and
4. Irrigated agriculture has been an important role of the Navajo life and culture for as long as we have been Diné and long before the first non-Navajos came to this land; and
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- | | | | | |
|--|-------------|--------------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1) Cornfields | 2) Crystal | 3) Dennehotso | 4) Ganado | 5) Kayenta |
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Dec 05, 2017

Navajo Nation Joint Farm Board Resolution: Requesting the Navajo Nation Resources Development Committee and Division of Natural Resources to review and approve the Navajo Nation Major Irrigation Farm Conservation Plan Template to be used by individual permittee(s) and forward it to Bureau of Indian Affairs- Navajo Regional Office to be implemented.

6. Due to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) 2008 Natural Resource Settlement in the amount of \$544M, the BIA -Navajo Regional Office issue a new policy which requires all NN agriculture (crop production) and grazing land use permittees to develop conservation plans; and

7. At the June 16, 2016 NN Joint Farm Board meeting, Derrith Watchman-Moore, BIA-Navajo Regional Area Office Natural Resource Supervisor, announced that the BIA will provide a BIA conservation template in August 2016; and

8. To date, BIA- Navajo Regional Area Office has not provided a conservation plan template; and

9. The NN Joint Farm Board is taking the initiative to move forward in this effort; and

10. The NN Joint Farm Board has developed a draft farm conservation plan template that covers 1) aspects of conservation practices since Navajo farmer are the stewards of the land, 2) understanding the farmland itself, and 3) all NN farms permittees across the NN (see Attachment A- Draft NN Major Irrigation Farm Conservation Plan Template); and

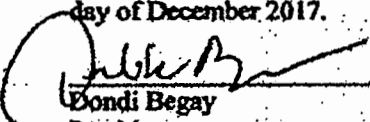
11. The NN Resource Development Committee and the Division of Natural Resources should review and approve this farm conservation plan template to be used by its permittee(s) which will benefit its farms and the Navajo Nation.

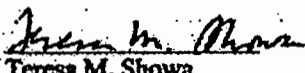
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CERTIFICATION

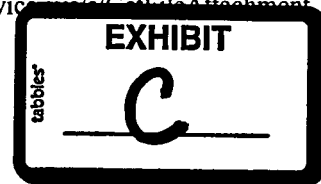
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MOTIONED BY: Blaine Wilson, Crystal FB
SECONDED BY: Lorena Eldridge, Tsailie/Wheatfields FB

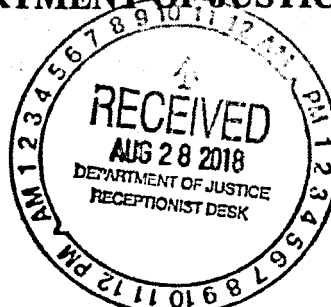
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NAVAJO NATION DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE



REQUEST FOR SERVICES



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UNIT: NRW

☐ RESUBMITTAL

*** FOR NNDOJ USE ONLY - DO NOT CHANGE OR REVISE FORM. VARIATIONS OF THIS FORM WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. ***

CLIENT TO COMPLETE			
DATE OF REQUEST:	8/28/2018	ENTITY/DIVISION:	DNR
CONTACT NAME:	Roxie June	DEPARTMENT:	Agriculture
PHONE NUMBER:	928-871-6605	E-MAIL:	rjune@navajo-nsn.gov
<p>COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF LEGAL NEED AND SERVICES REQUESTED (Attach Documents):</p> <p>The Joint Farm Board (JFB) developed a standardized farming conservation plan template as part of their work to standardize management of Land Use Permits (LUP). The JFB approved the template by vote and submitted it to RDC for approval. Upon approval the JFB requests RDC to forward the template to the BIA to accept as the NN farming conservation plan template. The RDC requested a review from the NN DOJ prior to their consideration. As such please review the attached "FARM CONSERVATION PLAN" template.</p>			
DEADLINE:	9/28/2018	REASON:	To encourage farming on the NN.
DOJ ATTORNEY / ADVOCATE TO COMPLETE			
DATE/TIME IN UNIT:	8/28/18 11:47 am	REVIEWING ATTORNEY/ADVOCATE:	Irvin Chee 9/7/18
DATE TIME OUT OF UNIT:	9-18-18 1145	PREPARED BY (initial):	
DOJ ATTORNEY / ADVOCATE COMMENTS			
<p>The Navajo Nation Joint Farm Board's Standard Farm Conservation Plan to standardize Management of Land Use Permit is legally sufficient. The JFB approved the template & wants RDC's Approval of their Conservation Plan. See memo.</p>			
REVIEWED BY: (PRINT)	Irvin Chee	DATE / TIME:	9-18-18
DOJ Secretary Called:		for Document Pick Up on	at By: BJ
PICKED UP BY: (PRINT)	Irvin Chee	DATE / TIME:	9-18-18 1125 am

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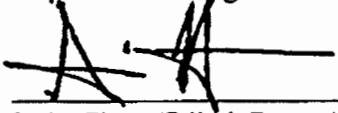
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MEMORANDUM:

TO: Roxie June, Principal Planner
Department of Agriculture

FROM: 
Irvin Chee, Tribal Court Advocate
Natural Resources Unit, Dept. of Justice

DATE: September 13, 2013

SUBJECT: RFS 18-2151: Review of Navajo Nation Joint Farm Board Conservation Plan Template

The Department of Justice has reviewed the above-referenced Request for Service regarding Navajo Nation Joint Farm Board's (JFB) standardized farming conservation plan to standardize management of Land Use Permit (LUP).

The Navajo Nation JFB approved the template by a vote and had submitted it to RDC for their approval. Upon approval, the JFB requests RDC to forward the template to BIA to accept it as the Navajo Nation Farm Conservation Plan Template. The JFB approved the Conservation Plan Template and wants RDC's approval.

The Department of Justice finds the Navajo Nation Joint Farm Board's standardized the Navajo Nation Farm Conservation Plan Template to standardize management of Land Use Permit as legally sufficient.

If you should have any questions, please call me at 923/371-6347. Thank you.

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