

The Navajo Nation

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Dear Grazing Officials, Land Board Members and Farm Boards,

President Obama has declared a State of Emergency for the State of Arizona, Navajo Nation President Shirley also declared a State of Emergency for the NN due to current weather conditions. The NNDA has been actively participating in the 2010 Snowmelt disaster response. In efforts to serve all people affected by the weather the Department of Agriculture is requesting all Grazing Officials, Land Board Members and Farm Board Members to assess the range and livestock areas in your community. This information will be forwarded to the Emergency Operations Center to determine the needs of each community.

Please have <u>all</u> ranchers complete this form. This means anyone who ownes livestock regardless of grazing permit status.

You may print and make copies. Please fax all information to the Department of Agriculture ASAP, 928-871-6679. You may contact Kim Johnson, Grazing Management for additional information at 928-871-6605.

Thank You, Kimberly Johnson, OS Department of Agriculture

2010 Snowfall RANGE/LIVESTOCK ASSESSMENT Prepared by: The Navajo Nation Department of Agriculture P.O. Box 4889 Window Rock, Arizona 86515

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President Shirley has declared the NN in a State of Emergency due to the recent extreme weather. In order to better serve the Nation's livestock owners and their livestock, NNDA is accomplishing this assessment to determine the current and impending conditions in your home area. Thank you for your help.

Date:	Agency:	Chapter:		
Name of DGCM or ENLB: Grazing District #				
Range Vegetation Conditio	n: Extreme: U	rgent: Moderat	e No Affect:	
Extreme; no vegetation, Urgent; very little vegetation, Moderate; some vegetation, No affect; vegetation available				
Rancher Name:		Date Assessment Completed :	// 2010	
Mailing Address: State: AZ / NM Zip Code: Exact Location:				
Grazing Permit #: Total SU:				
I. LIVESTOCK PRESENTLY ON GRAZING AREA (ESTIMATED)				
A. Cattle:	B. Sheep:	C. Goats:	D. Horses:	
1. # Adult Cattle:	1. # Adult Sheep	1. # Adult Goats	1. # Adult Horses	
2. # Cattle 6 mos. &	2. # Sheep 6 mos. &	2. # Goats 6 mos. &	2. # Horses 6 mos.	
younger:	younger:	younger:	& younger:	
II. 2010 SNOWFALL ASSISTANCE				
 A. Did you receive hay, feed or other help from your Chapter? YES / NO B. If yes, where and when did you receive help? Chapter / 2010 Date C. What did you receive? (please check one or more) hay feed other: Please list: 	A. Did you experience any problems with the assistance received? 1	A. What type of assistance would you have preferred to receive? 1. 2. 3. 3.	A. What can we (NNDA) do to better help livestock owners in the future during, or after, severe weather conditions? 1.	
D. Quantity received? of bales hay of bags feed Other	4	4.	3.	

III. FORAGE AND LIVESTOCK INFORMATION				
A. What is the condition of the range? Not Accessible	B. Are you presently buying hay And/or other supplements?	C. Body Condition Scores: What number below best describes the general condition of your:		
Accessible Accessible but no grass	1. How many bales do you currently have?	1. Cattle: 2. Horses: 3. Sheep:		
1. What is the depth of snow near your home?	2. How much hay do you use per day?	<pre>#1 = Fair condition #2 = Greater then 8 ribs visible, very thin with minimal muscling</pre>		
2. What is the depth of snow where your livestock forage?	3. Are you buying other kinds of feed? Yes / No	 #3 = 6 rear ribs visible, backbone, neck and hipbone exposed #4 = 4 rear ribs visible, backbone slightly exposed, 		
3. How far off the main road is your residence?	4. What kind?	decrease hindquarter muscling #5 = Last 2 ribs visible, still have rounded appearance		
IV. PRECIPITATION AND WAT	ER SOURCE			
A. Daily weather conditions: <i>(indicate: inche</i> January 2010)	B. Availability of Water 1. Windmill operational? Yes / No			
Jan. 18 Jan. 23	Ian 27	2. If not operational, what is the problem?		
Jan. 19 Jan. 24 Jan. 28		 3. Do you haul water? Yes / No 4. Are you drinking same water source as the livestock? Yes / No 		
Jan. 20 Jan. 25	Jan. 29	IIVESTOCK? TES / NO		
Jan. 21 Jan. 26		C. Dirt Tanks 1. Operational? Yes / No		
Jan. 31		2. Is it breached?		
V. CURRENT LIVESTOCK ROU				
A. Have you gathered your livestock during 2	B. Have you reported any livestock in danger to your chapter or grazing officials or others? Yes / No			
If yes, what livestock did you gather? (Check 1. Cattle 2. Horses 3. Sheep	If yes:			
3. When did you, or when will you, gather up	1. Approx. # of livestock reported			
5. When the you, of when will you, guilor up	2. Describe location of livestock			
	3. Describe situation observed.			
A. What are your livestock plans with regards to the recent snowfall?				
B. What are your future expectations regarding problems due to impending snow melt-off?				
C. Any further comments (problems due to inclement weather such as excessive snow, melt-off, etc. example: mountain lion preying on livestock, livestock starvation, quality of feed donated through chapter, etc.)				