

1. Funding Amendment

From: Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance – \$206,324

For a Total of **\$206,324**

To: Division of Natural Resources, Navajo Nation Department of Agriculture,
Navajo Partitioned Lands Grazing Management Office [new business unit]

Object code 2001 Personnel Expenses – \$146,110

Object code 3000 Travel Expenses – \$16,300

Object code 4000 Supplies – \$22,000

Object code 5500 Communications and Utilities – \$7,000

Object code 6500 Contractual Services – \$8,000

Object code 7000 Special Transactions – \$6,914

For a Total of **\$206,324**

2. **Directive to the Program.** Provide updated budget forms as necessary to be consistent with the amendment above.
3. **Directive to OMB.** OMB is directed to verify and make adjustments and additions to Exhibits A, B, C, D, E, F, and G as appropriate and consistent with this amendment. OMB is authorized to make updates to the current exhibits and totals in the body of the legislation as needed to comply with the intent of the Navajo Nation Council as a result of amendments made at Council.
4. Renumber or re-letter succeeding paragraphs, sections, and exhibits, as necessary and appropriate. The Office of Legislative Services and the Office of Legislative Counsel are authorized to make technical edits, including re-calculating totals, related to this amendment and its exhibits to implement the Navajo Nation Council's intent. This Amendment supersedes inconsistent language in any other amendment(s), which language shall be conformed to this Amendment.

FY 2027 BUDGET AMENDMENT

Legislation No. _____

Sponsor: Germaine Simonson

Date: 09/08/2026

From: UUFB
Business Unit No.

To: NEW
Business Unit No.

Department/Program

DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE
Department/Program

FROM: OBJECT CODE & DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT		TO: OBJECT CODE & DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
UUFB	206,324		2001	146,110
			3000	16,300
			4000	22,000
			5500	7,000
			6500	8,000
			7000	6,914
TOTAL	206,324		TOTAL	206,324

EXPLANATION/JUSTIFICATION:

OMB SIGNATURE: _____

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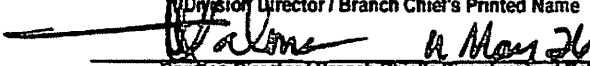
**THE NAVAJO NATION
PROGRAM BUDGET SUMMARY**

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BUDGET FORM 1

PART I.								
Business Unit No.: <u>NEW</u>		Program Title: <u>Navajo Partitioned Lands Grazing Management Office</u>			Division/Branch: <u>Natural Resources / Executive</u>			
Prepared By: <u>Kimberly Slim, ASO</u>		Phone No.: <u>(928) 871-6605</u>		Email Address: <u>kimberly.slim@navajo-nsn.gov</u>				

PART II. FUNDING SOURCE(S)	Fiscal Year /Term	Amount	% of Total	PART III. BUDGET SUMMARY	Fund Type Code	(A) NNC Approved Original Budget	(B) Proposed Budget	(C) Difference or Total
Unreserved Undesignated Fund Balance	10/1/26-9/30/27	206,324.00	100%					
				2001 Personnel Expenses	1	0	146,110	146,110.00
				3000 Travel Expenses	1	0	16,300	16,300.00
				3500 Meeting Expenses				0.00
				4000 Supplies	1	0	22,000	22,000.00
				5000 Lease and Rental				0.00
				5500 Communications and Utilities	1	0	7,000	7,000.00
				6000 Repairs and Maintenance				0.00
				6500 Contractual Services	1	0	8,000	8,000.00
				7000 Special Transactions	1	0	6,914	6,914.00
				8000 Public Assistance				0.00
				9000 Capital Outlay				0.00
				9500 Matching Funds				0.00
				9500 Indirect Cost				0.00
				TOTAL		\$0.00	206,324.00	206,324.00

PART IV. POSITIONS AND VEHICLES		(D)	(E)
Total # of Positions Budgeted:		2	
Total # of Vehicles Budgeted:		0	

PART V. I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS BUDGET PACKAGE IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE.			
SUBMITTED BY: <u>Jesse Jim, Department Manager III</u>		APPROVED BY: <u>Wilder M. Malone, Executive Director</u>	
Program Manager's Printed Name		Division Director / Branch Chief's Printed Name	
 Program Manager's Signature and Date		 Division Director / Branch Chief's Signature and Date	

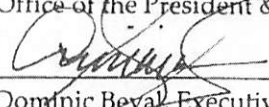


The Navajo Nation **DR. BUU NYGREN** **PRESIDENT**
Yideeskáadi Nitsáhákees **RICHELLE MONTOYA** **VICE PRESIDENT**

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Rodney Tahe, Executive Director
Office of Legislative Services

: Sharen Sandoval, Chief of Staff
Office of the President & Vice President

FROM : 
Dominic Beyer, Executive Director
Office of Management and Budget

DATE : May 18, 2026

SUBJECT : UUFB REQUEST for DNR/Department of Agriculture for \$104,215.00 for
Navajo Partitioned Lands Grazing Management Office

Pursuant to Section 13 of the FY 2026 Budget Instructions Manual, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) reviewed the proposed document and provides the following.

1. OMB worked with the program to correct the budget forms. Budget forms and Appendix J are in order. Note, Budget Form 2, Part II, there is no plan of operation.
2. Budget Impacts: The funding request, if approved, could become an Unmet Need for subsequent fiscal years since this would become a newly funded program, possibly recurring, and if implementation of RDCF-20-17 continues.
3. For FY 2026, the total Unmet Needs for the Navajo Nation government exceeds \$153 million (Personnel and Operating). The Branch Chiefs should identify key and critical priorities for funding consideration.
 - a. The request for Navajo Partitioned Lands Grazing Management Office is not on the FY 2026 Unmet Needs Lists as recommended by the respective oversight committees.
 - b. As a new program, an approved Plan of Operation would be needed soon after implementation.

Any questions, you may contact Darlene Sam, Senior Budget Analyst, at 928.357.6787/6798.

xc: W.Mike Halona, Division Director - DNR



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**THE NAVAJO NATION
PROGRAM PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

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BUDGET FORM 2

PART I. PROGRAM INFORMATION:								
Business Unit No.: <u>NEW</u>			Program Name/Title: <u>Navajo Partitioned Lands Grazing Management Office</u>					
PART II. PLAN OF OPERATION/RESOLUTION NUMBER/PURPOSE OF PROGRAM: (Specific Information)								
RDCY 03219: Plan, develop, coordinate, manage and implement all programs, policies, regulations designed to conserve, protect, regulate, develop and manage Navajo rangeland, livestock and agricultural resources. Pursuant to tribal laws provide agricultural extension services to all producers, agriculture and range management. Establish guidelines for conservation of soil, water resources, rangeland, forage, etc.								
PART III. PROGRAM PERFORMANCE CRITERIA:								
	1st QTR		2nd QTR		3rd QTR		4th QTR	
	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual
1. Program Performance Measure:								
<u>Identify and interview eligible grazing permit recipients pursuant to RDCF-20-17</u>								
	15		15		15		15	
2. Program Performance Measure:								
<u>Submit recommendations to RDC for re-issuance of grazing permits for Precints 1, 2, and 3</u>								
	15		15		15		15	
3. Program Performance Measure:								
<u>Develop and implement livestock enforcement activities guidelines/policies to</u>								
<u>address trespass violations, grazing violations and the like.</u>								
	5		5		5		5	
4. Program Performance Measure:								
<u>Provide educational sessions, guidance and technical assistance to NPL Chapters</u>								
<u>on NPL related activities.</u>								
	4		4		4		4	
5. Program Performance Measure:								
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PART IV. I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION HAS BEEN THOROUGHLY REVIEWED AND APPROVED:								
Jesse Jim, Department Manager III				Wilder M. Halona, Executive Director				
Program Manager's Printed Name				Division Director/Branch Chief's Printed Name				
<u>Jesse Jim</u>				<u>Wilder M. Halona</u>				
Program Manager's Signature and Date				Division Director/Branch Chief's Signature and Date				
<u>5/11/26</u>				<u>11 May 26</u>				

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THE NAVAJO NATION
LISTING OF POSITIONS AND ASSIGNMENTS BY BUSINESS UNIT

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BUDGET FORM 3

SUB ACCT	POS NO	JOB TYPE	POSITION TITLE	EMP ID	WRKSITE CODE	FY2025 ACTUAL			FY2026 PROPOSED		
						G/S	H/R	SALARY	HOURS	BUDGET PERIOD	BUDGET
1135	245704	1252	Programs & Projects Specialist	VACANT	WIN	GFA12A	24.41	50968.08	2088	10/1/26-9/30/27	\$50,968.08
1136	245705	1862	GIS Technician	VACANT	WIN	GFA12A	24.41	50968.08	2088	10/1/26-9/30/27	\$50,968.08

2 POSITIONS TOTAL: \$101,936.16

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**THE NAVAJO NATION
DETAILED BUDGET AND JUSTIFICATION**

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BUDGET FORM 4

PART I. PROGRAM INFORMATION:			
Program Name/Title: <u>Navajo Partitioned Lands Grazing Management Office</u>		Business Unit No.: <u>NEW</u>	
PART II. DETAILED BUDGET:			
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
Object Code (LOD 4)	Object Code Description and Justification (LOD 4)	Total by DETAILED Object Code (LOD 4)	Total by MAJOR Object Code (LOD 4)
2001	PERSONNEL EXPENSES Employee salary, fringe benefits, salary adjustments for eligible personnel Regular 101,936.16 Two (2) Regular positions Full-Time Salary Adjustment 7,600 Fringe Benefits Regular 101,936.16 X 33.39% 34,036.48 Salary Adjustment 7,600 X 33.39% 2,538	101,936	146,110
3000	TRAVEL EXPENSES Meals, lodging and air fare directly related to program business and other miscellaneous travel expenses. Travel Expenses (CONUS rates are available January 1st) Meals: \$68/Day X 3 days/week X 7 weeks for 2 staff \$2,856 Lodging: \$150/Night X 2 nights/week X 7 weeks for 2 staff \$4,200 POV Mileage: 12,000 miles X \$0.70 \$8,400 Other incidental travel expenses \$844		16,300
TOTAL		162,410	162,410

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BUDGET FORM 4

PART I. PROGRAM INFORMATION:			
Program Name/Title: <u>Navajo Partitioned Lands Grazing Management Office</u>		Business Unit No.: <u>NEW</u>	
PART II. DETAILED BUDGET:			
(A)	(B)	(C)	(U)
Object Code (LOD 4)	Object Code Description and Justification (LOD 4)	Total by DETAILED Object Code (LOD 4)	Total by MAJOR Object Code (LOD 4)
4000	SUPPLIES Purchase of office supplies, software, desktop supplies, folders, envelopes, pens, pencils, custodial supplies, laptops, scanners, copier, Printer/Xerox toner cartridges, paper. Printing of manuals, brochures, binding, photocopying. Office Supplies General Office Supplies \$5,000 Non Capital Assets Non Cap Furniture & Equipment - office furniture \$5,000 Non Cap Computer Equipment - laptops; multipurpose printers/scanners \$5,000 Operating Supplies General Operating Supplies \$5,000 Non Cap Computer Software \$2,000		22,000
5500	COMMUNICATIONS AND UTILITIES Office telephones, internet, cellular telephones for day to day operations. Telephones \$1,500 Internet/hot spots \$3,000 Cellular \$2,500	7,000	7,000
TOTAL		29,000	29,000

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DETAILED BUDGET AND JUSTIFICATION

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 BUDGET FORM 4

PART I. PROGRAM INFORMATION: Program Name/Title: <u>Navajo Partitioned Lands Grazing Management Office</u> Business Unit No.: <u>NEW</u>			
PART II. DETAILED BUDGET:			
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
Object Code (LOD 4)	Object Code Description and Justification (LOD 4)	Total by DETAILED Object Code (LOD 4)	Total by MAJOR Object Code (LOD 4)
6500	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES Contractual services to provide educational sessions, guidance and technical assistance on NPL related activities. Consulting Consulting - Fees \$8,000	8,000	8,000
7000	SPECIAL TRANSACTIONS Required insurance premiums, Catering and refreshment services during meetings with elected officials, NPL permittees, and/or outside entities. Programs Catering \$2,500 Refreshments \$2,500 Insurance Premiums Policy Payment (General Liability) $\$457.51 \times 2$ (1 ton vehicles) = \$915.22 Workers' Comp (less fringe benefits) $\$101,936.16 / 100 \times \0.98 = Total: \$999 \$1,914.22	1,914	6,914
TOTAL		14,914	14,914

PART I. Business Unit No.: <u>NEW</u>		Program Title: <u>Navajo Partitioned Lands Grazing Management Office</u>	
Division/Branch: <u>Natural Resources / Executive</u>		Amount Requested: <u>\$206,324.00</u>	Prepared By: <u>Victoria Lee, Principal Planner</u>
Phone No.: <u>(928) 871-6605</u>		Email Address: <u>victoria.lee@navajo-nsn.gov</u>	

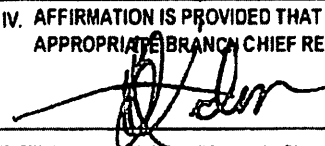
PART II. REASON FOR REQUEST AND STATEMENT OF NEED:

Funding requested to support and provide technical assistance and guidance to the Navajo Partitioned Lands (NPL) activities pursuant to Navajo Nation Council Resources and Development Committee resolution RDCF-20-17. The Resources and Development Committee designated the Navajo Department of Agriculture to complete the permit issuance process for the NPL. This funding request includes: Personnel expenses for 2 staff at \$146,110; Travel expenses at \$16,600; Supplies at \$2,000; Communications and utilities at \$7,000; Contractual services at \$8,000 to provide NPL educational sessions and technical assistance to the 15 NPL Chapters; and Special transactions at \$6,914.

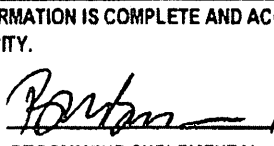
PART III. LIST ALTERNATIVE FUNDING SOURCES BEING PURSUED AND CONTINGENCY PLAN IF REQUEST IS NOT FUNDED:

General Funds, Permanent Trust Funds, Sisasin Funds, ARPA, and any other savings/funding to be identified

PART IV. AFFIRMATION IS PROVIDED THAT THE BUDGET AND PROPOSAL INFORMATION IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE AND THE APPROPRIATE BRANCH CHIEF RECOMMENDS APPROVAL AS A PRIORITY.



REVIEWED BY: Division Director's Signature / Date 11 May 2026



RECOMMEND SUPPLEMENTAL: Branch Chief's Signature / Date 11 May 2026



The Navajo Nation **DR. BUU NYGREN** **PRESIDENT**

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MEMORANDUM

TO: THE NAVAJO NATION
Division, Programs & Departments

FROM: 
Sharen Sandoval, *Chief of Staff*
Navajo Nation Office of the President & Vice President

DATE: February 9, 2026

SUBJECT: Standing Delegation of Authority

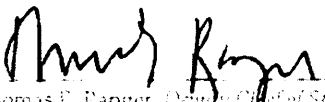
Please be advised, the personnel listed below has been assigned to the Standing Delegation of Authority:

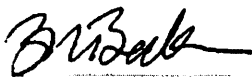
1. Thomas E. Ranger, *Deputy Chief of Staff*
2. Bidtah N. Becker, *Chief Legal Counsel*

The delegation will cover day-to-day operations and shall be responsible for administrative purposes only. Nothing herein is intended to waive or infringe upon the statutory authorities granted within the Navajo Nation Code to the Navajo Nation President and Vice President. This includes ensuring compliance with all applicable Navajo Nation laws and policies.

Your cooperation with those delegated is appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact the Chief of Staff at (928) 871-7244. Thank you.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:


Thomas E. Ranger, *Deputy Chief of Staff*


Bidtah N. Becker, *Chief Legal Counsel*



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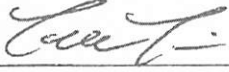


DR. BUU NYGREN
NAVAJO NATION PRESIDENT

RICHELLE MONTOYA
NAVAJO NATION VICE PRESIDENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Brenda Jesus, Chair
Resources and Development Committee

FROM: 
Ms. Jesse Jim, Department Manager III
Navajo Nation Department of Agriculture

DATE: September 8, 2026

SUBJECT: Request for FY 2027 Budget Amendment — NPL Personnel and Operational Expenses, Business Unit 115018

I respectfully request the 25th Navajo Nation Council's consideration and approval of **\$206,324 from the FY 2027 Unmet Needs Budget** to establish and support the **Navajo Partitioned Lands (NPL) Grazing Management Office** within the Navajo Nation Department of Agriculture. The proposed FY 2027 budget identifies the Unreserved Undesignated Fund Balance as the funding source and provides a total proposed budget of \$206,324.

The requested funding will support **two full-time positions: one NPL Programs & Projects Specialist and one NPL Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Technician**, along with the operational resources necessary for the positions to carry out NPL Phase II grazing permit activities. The budget identifies both positions as vacant and provides a combined base salary of **\$101,936.16**.

These positions are necessary to support the Navajo Nation Department of Agriculture's responsibilities under **RDCF-20-17 for Navajo Partitioned Lands Phase II grazing permit issuance**. These responsibilities include identifying and interviewing eligible grazing permit recipients and submitting recommendations to the Resources and Development Committee for the reissuance of grazing permits for Precincts 1, 2, and 3.

The scope and complexity of the NPL Phase II grazing permit project, combined with limited dedicated staffing, have prolonged implementation. Establishing dedicated NPL personnel and providing the necessary operational resources will allow NNDA to address remaining grazing permit applications, improve coordination and records management, conduct geographic and land analysis, and move the project toward completion.

The positions will perform the following primary functions:

- **NPL Programs & Projects Specialist:** Coordinate NPL Phase II grazing permit activities, support application reviews and applicant interviews, maintain program records, communicate with applicants and stakeholders, and assist with recommendations for grazing permit issuance.
- **NPL GIS Technician:** Provide mapping, spatial analysis, land verification, geographic data management, and technical GIS support necessary for grazing permit review and issuance recommendations.

The **\$206,324 FY 2027 funding request** consists of:

- **Personnel Expenses:** \$146,110
- **Travel Expenses:** \$16,300
- **Supplies:** \$22,000
- **Communications and Utilities:** \$7,000
- **Contractual Services:** \$8,000
- **Special Transactions:** \$6,914

These amounts total **\$206,324** and correspond directly with the updated FY 2027 Program Budget Summary.

The operational funding will provide the travel, office and computer equipment, communications, contractual services, and other resources necessary for the NPL Grazing Management Office to perform its responsibilities. The detailed budget includes laptops and printer/scanner equipment, office supplies and software, telephone and internet services, and other program operating costs.

Accordingly, I respectfully request approval of **\$206,324 from the FY 2027 Unmet Needs Budget** for the Navajo Partitioned Lands Grazing Management Office. This funding will provide the dedicated personnel and operational capacity necessary for NNDA to reduce the remaining NPL Phase II workload, meet project deliverables, and fulfill its responsibilities under RDCF-20-17.

The **Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval and supporting FY 2027 budget documents** are attached for the Council's review. Thank you for your consideration and support. NNDA is available to provide any additional information or supporting documentation needed.

Attachments:

OMB Approval

Supporting FY 2027 Budgets

cc:

Reycita Toddy, Executive Director, Navajo Nation Department of Human Resources
 Dominic Beyale, Executive Director, Office of Management and Budget
 Sean McCabe, Controller, Office of the Controller
 W. Mike Halona, Division Director, Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources
 Germaine Simonson, Council Delegate, 25th Navajo Nation Council
 Resources and Development Committee
 Budget and Finance Committee