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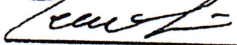


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TO: District Grazing Committee Members

FROM:   
Jesse Jim, Department Manager III  
Department of Agriculture  
Division of Natural Resources

SUBJECT: Annual Livestock Inventory Requirements

The Navajo Department of Agriculture, the Department of Resource Enforcement, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs Natural Resources Department are collaborating to reinforce the Navajo Grazing Regulations for all grazing permittees and non-grazing permittees. This is an effort to protect the Navajo Nation's natural resources and the Navajo Ranchers from livestock theft by ensuring all livestock owners comply with the grazing regulations and livestock owner responsibilities. Pursuant to 3 N.N.C. § 707 B. "District Grazing Committee shall be responsible for and assist in ... obtaining the annual livestock count." Moreover, livestock inventories (tally counts) are required to renew permits annually, establish and validate livestock ownership, and adequately manage livestock numbers to conserve rangelands.

Please be advised that all livestock owners (both grazing permit holders and non-grazing permit holders) with cattle, horses, sheep, llamas, pigs, poultry, and waterfowl must be counted. Members of the District Grazing Committee are required to conduct annual livestock inventory tally counts in each land management district to submit to the respective Bureau of Indian Affairs Agency Superintendent under 3 N.N.C § 875 (A) (1) and the 2025-2028 District Grazing Committee Members standard operating procedures.

To ensure an accurate and comprehensive count while confirming livestock ownership, we are launching the Official Livestock Inventory Itemized Description Listing under the Grazing/Land Board. This listing must be submitted alongside all Livestock Inventory Receipt & Notice of Violation Forms. It will support livestock owners when reporting missing animals. Our objective is to achieve a full inventory of all livestock within the Navajo Nation. This data will aid us in applying for grants and allocating resources, among other purposes.

Livestock inventories (tally counts) will need to be completed before June 30, 2025, unless requested by the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Resource Enforcement, or the Bureau of Indian Affairs Natural Resource Office for immediate completion and submission. If assistance is needed to conduct a livestock round-up to accurately tally all livestock, please send an email to your respective Extension Agent to coordinate dates. Please provide the attached letter to your permittees, community members, and Chapter officials to clarify this requirement. Contact the Range and Farm Management Extension Agents if you have any further questions or concerns at 928-871-6605. We look forward to working with you to complete this required annual livestock inventory. Thank you.

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Attachments: Mandatory Livestock Inventory Requirements – Tally Count Memorandum  
Grazing/Land Board Official Livestock Inventory Itemized Description Listing