

Navajo Land Reform

Introduction / Primer

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Land Holding Types

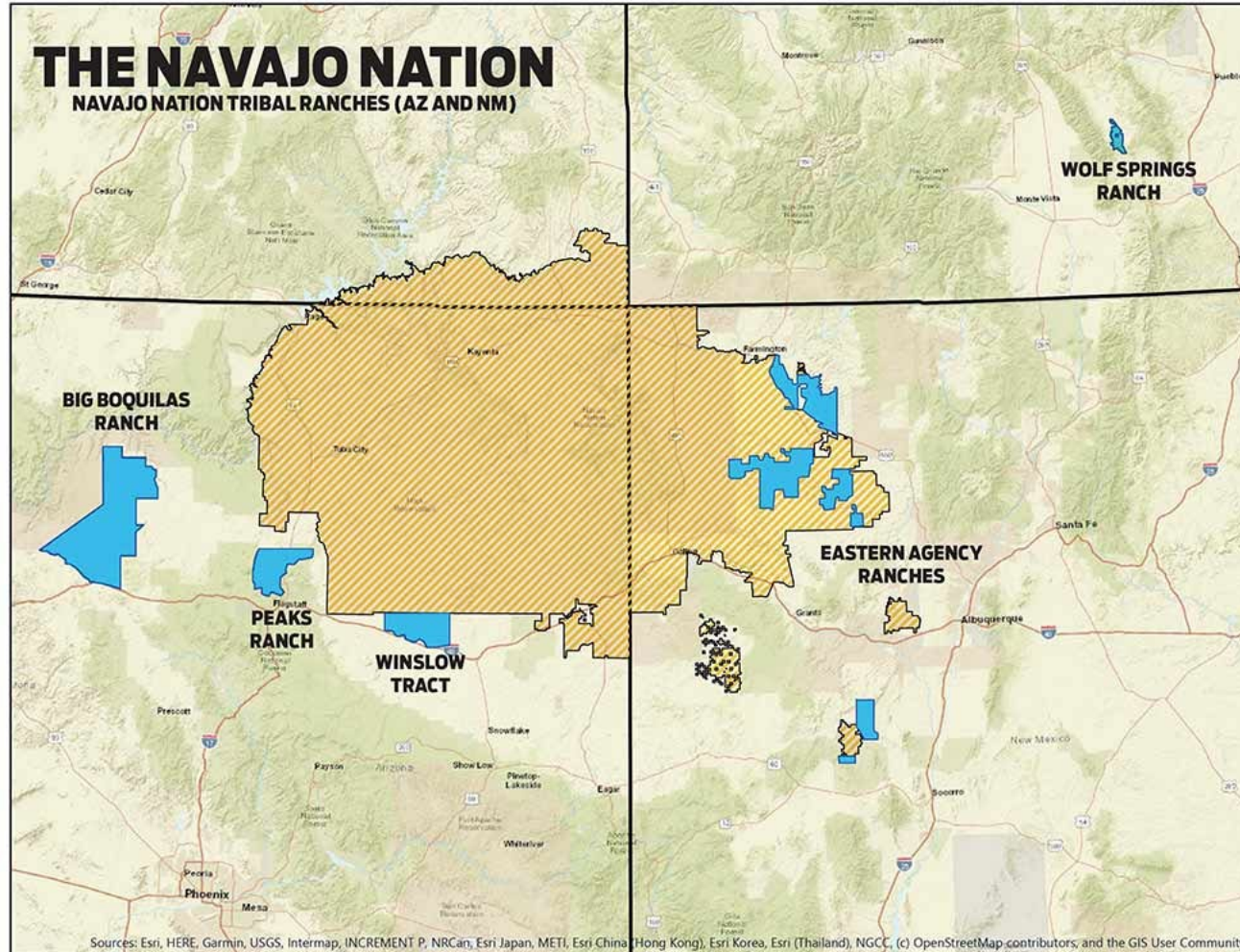
Trust Land



Pockets of Fee



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

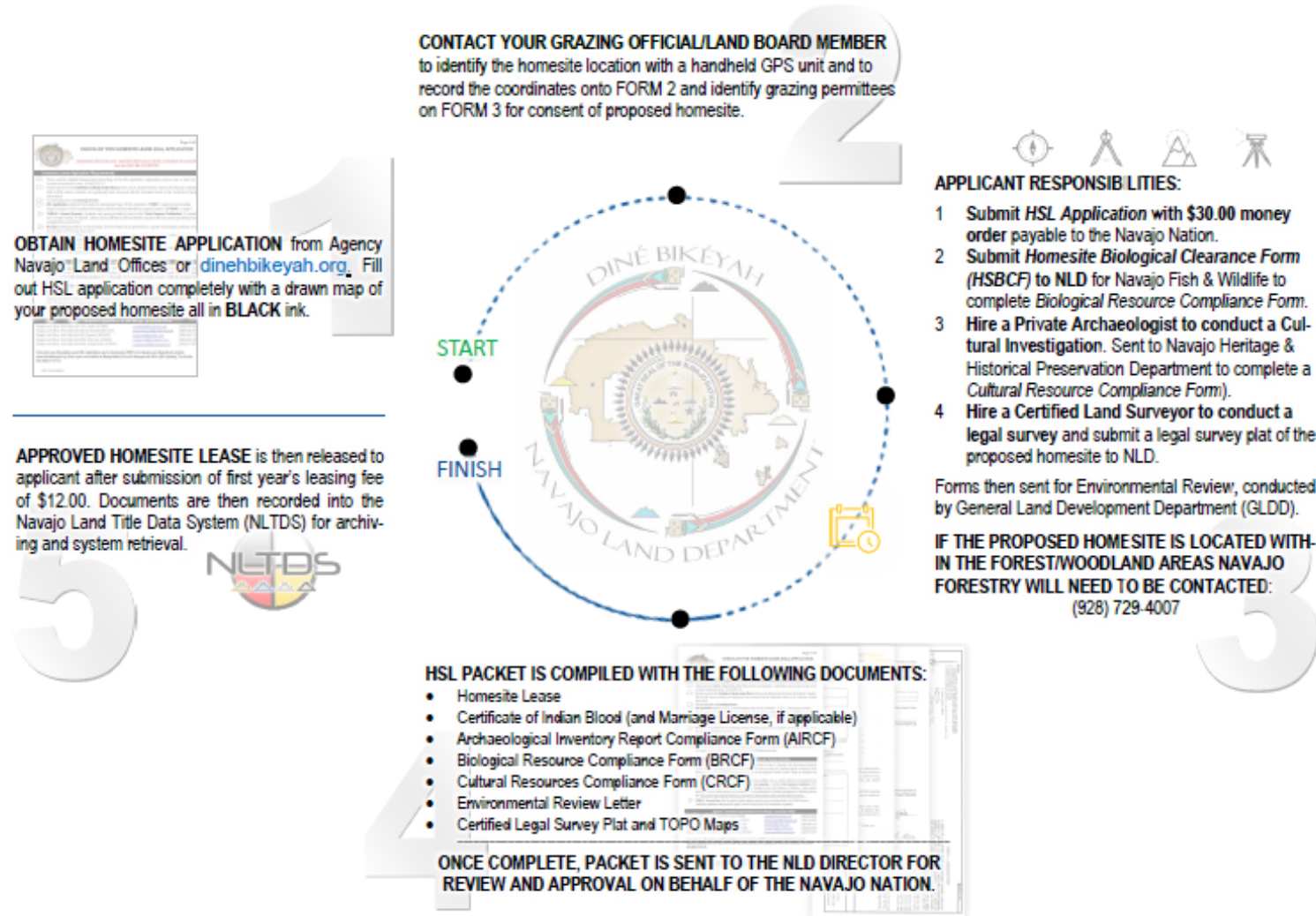
The Navajo Nation has **17,046,112.51** Acres of land or
26,634 Sections/Square Miles of land or
739.84 Townships of Navajo Nation Lands and Lease Lands.

Trust Land Conflicting Claims



Homesite Demands

2017 HOMESITE LEASE NN200RL FLOWCHART



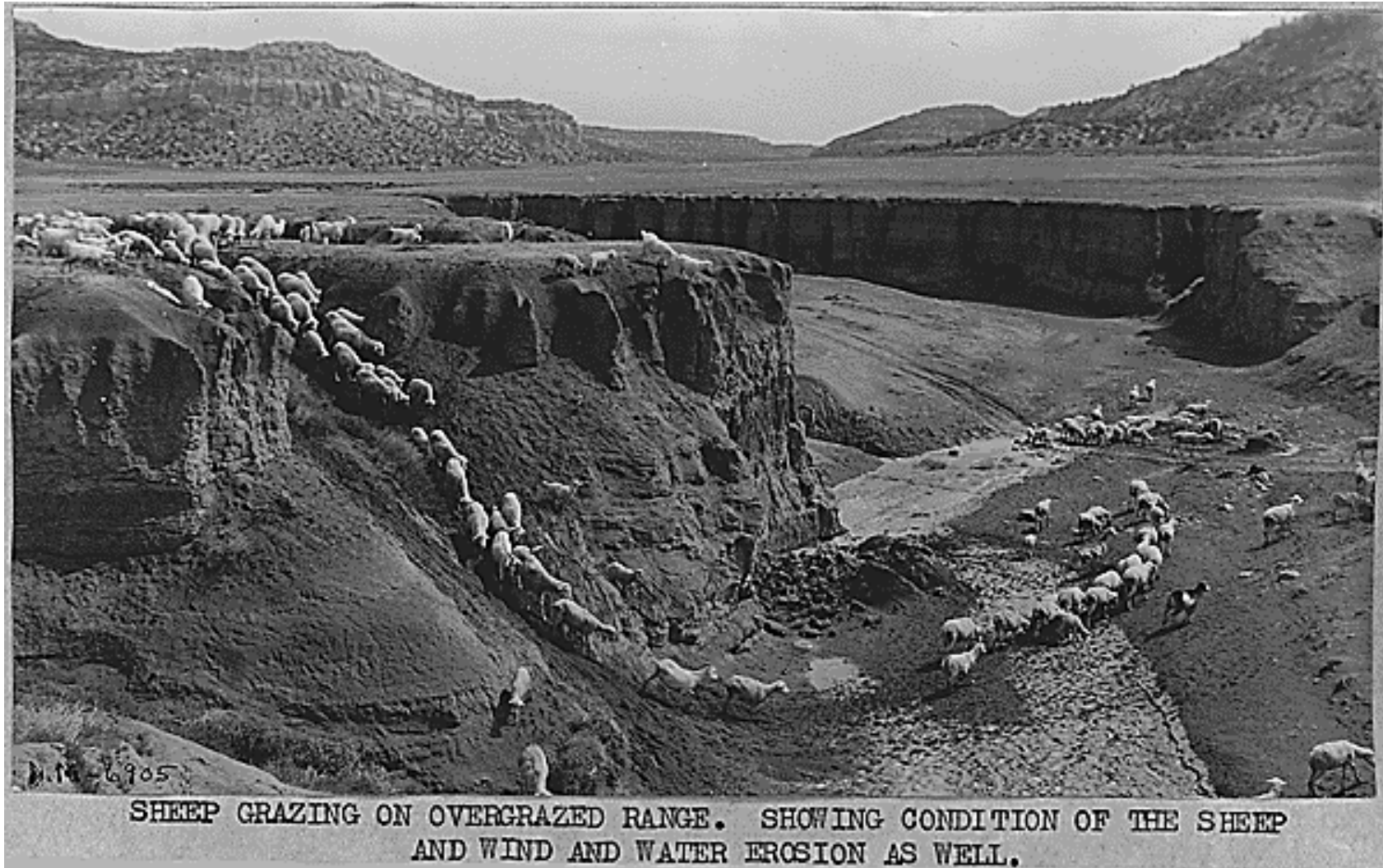
Grazing and Customary-Based Claims

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



Challenges

Grazing and Legacy of Livestock Reduction







Revenue Decline and Response



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?





Thank You

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