

Arizona's FRTEP Program in 2013 and Beyond

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Overview

- *Current Status of FRTEP in Arizona*
- *Tribe and Agent Locations*
- *Current Challenges*
- *Future Direction*

Arizona Indian Country

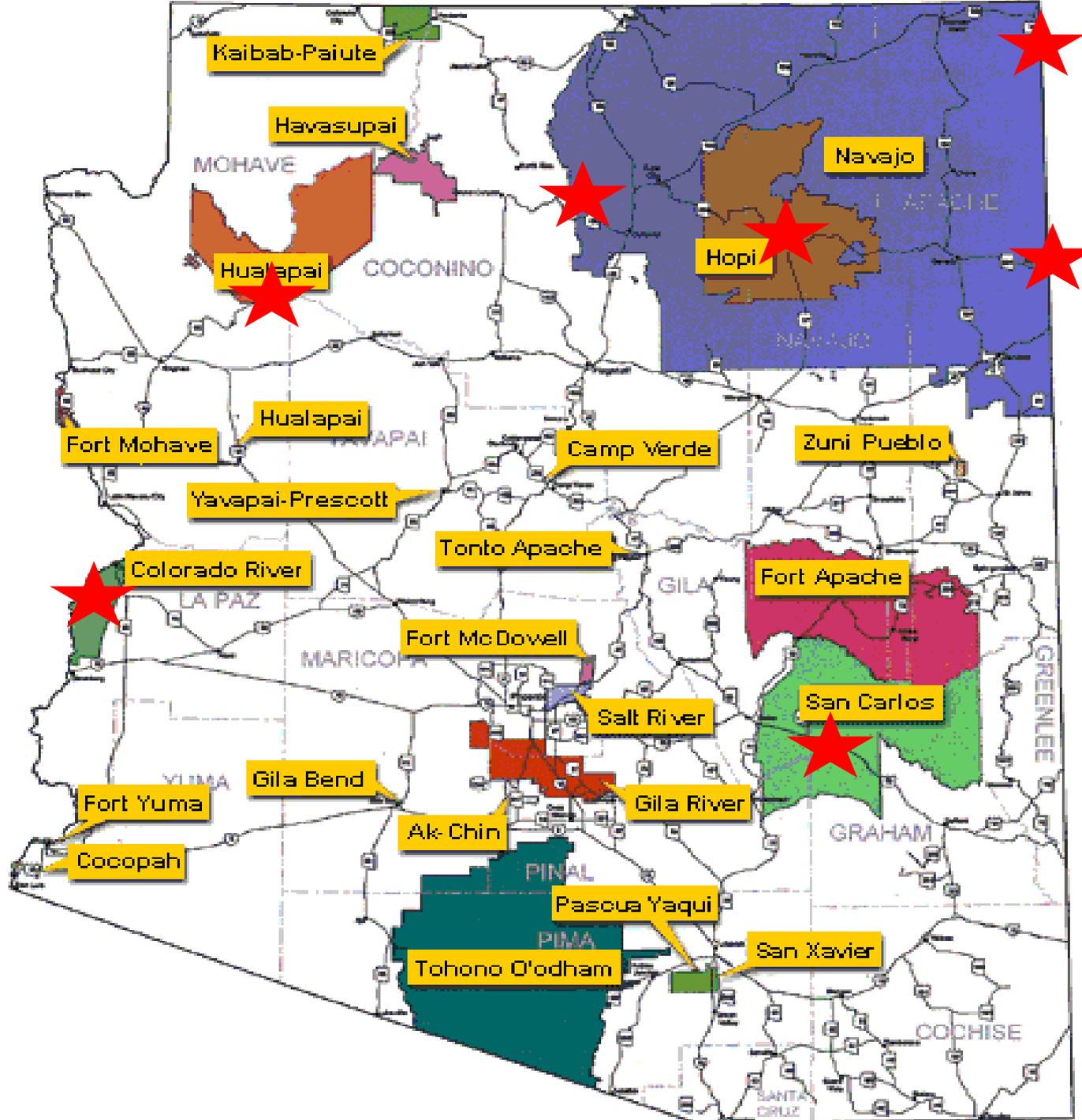
- 22 Tribes and reservations
- 15 counties—all but 3 coexist with an Indian reservation
- 7 FRTEP offices

FRTEP Locations & Agents

- *Seven FRTEP Positions in Arizona*
 - *C.R.I.T (Vacant)*
 - *San Carlos Apache (1)*
 - *Dr. Sabrina Tuttle*
 - *Hopi Nation (1)*
 - *Matthew Livingston*

FRTEP Locations & Agents

- *Seven FRTEP Positions in Arizona*
 - *Hualapai (1)*
 - *Elisabeth Alden*
 - *Navajo Nation (3)*
 - *Gerald Moore (Window Rock)*
 - *Jeannie Benally (Shiprock)*
 - *Grey Farrell, Jr. (Tuba City)*



Supply and Demand

- *Agents per Tribal Member and acre*
- *Agents per programming area*
- *Other Tribes requesting agents*
 - *White Mountain Apaches*
 - *Gila River Indian Community*
 - *Havasupai (revised)*



Colorado River Indian Tribes

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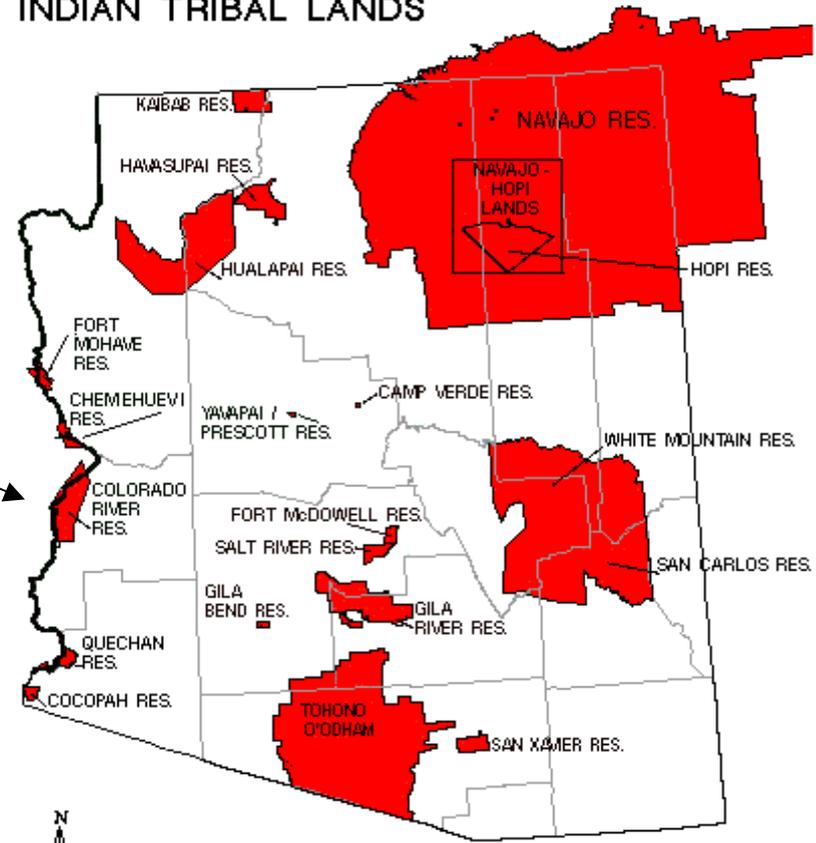
268,691 Acres in
Arizona & California

90 miles of shoreline
along the Colorado River

3557 Tribal Members

ARIZONA TRIBAL LANDS

■ INDIAN TRIBAL LANDS



- *One agent covering all programming efforts*

San Carlos Apache Tribe

- 1,826,541 acres; 10,834 enrolled; 9,385 on rez
- *One agent covering all programming efforts and all communities*



Hopi Tribe

- 1,561,213 acres, 10,590 enrolled; 7,164 on rez
 - *One agent covering all programming efforts and all communities*



Hualapai Reservation

- 992,463 acres, 2,156 enrolled; 1,353 on rez
 - *One agent covering all programming efforts and all communities*



Navajo Nation FRTEP

Window Rock AZ (Area office)

Shiprock NM (Northern Navajo Agency)

Tuba City AZ (Western Navajo)

Three agents covering all programming efforts and all communities 1 agent per 100,000 people



NAVAJO NATION

27,000 Sq. Miles

Pop. 260,000 +

- 345,800 Livestock Head
- 12,000 Livestock Grazing Permittees
- 46,000 Acres Farmland
- 1,433,906 Acres-Tribal Ranches
- 110 Chapters (Town halls)
- 5 BIA Agencies
- 88 NN Council Delegates
- 78 Grazing Committee Members
- 20 Eastern Navajo Landboard Members
- 43 Farmboard Members

Challenges

- *Coverage of Programming Areas*
 - *Natural Resources*
 - *Youth (4-H, FFA, Youth at Risk, etc.)*
 - *Farming and/or Ranching*
- *Ag and Non-Ag Demands on Agents*
 - *Health and Well Being*
 - *Community Development*
 - *Elder Care*
- *Agent Salaries (Staying Competitive)*
 - *Every state has it's own starting levels and pay grades. (Example: Non-FRTEP Full Area Agent/ in AZ \$79K to \$88K vs. ID \$54K to \$60K with ERE)*

Challenges Continued

- *University Expectations:*
 - *Specific programming responsibilities*
 - *Match job description with programs*
 - *Research expectations*
 - *Publications: both Peer reviewed and Extension and Non-extension*
- *Tribal and Community Expectations*
 - *Individuals*
 - *Community/Chapters*
 - *Departments*
 - *Tribal Govt.*

Navajo Nation Division of Resource

Land Admin Forestry Agriculture Fish & Wildlife Parks & Recre Resource Enformnt

Navajo Nation Department of Agriculture

WindowRock-Tuba City-Kayenta-Chinle-Shiprock-Crownpoint

Grazing Magmnt Prog

Veterinarian Prog

Farm Board Prog

Tribal Ranch prog

Eastern Land Board

78 members

2 vets

43 members

75 Tribal Ranches

20

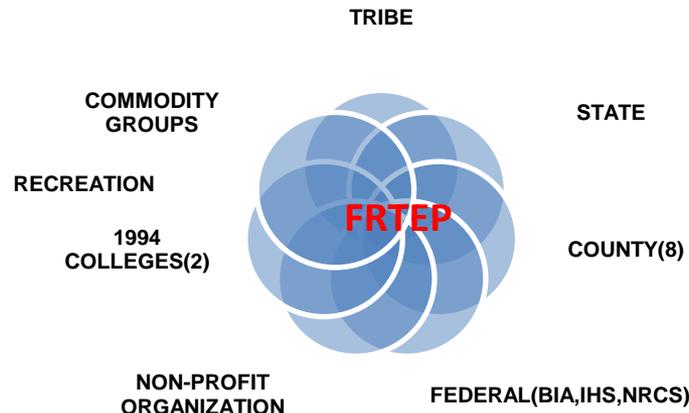
110 Chapter Houses (Town Halls)

→ Presidents, Vice, Treasure/secretary

Partners:

- Tribal, state, county governments
- Non-profit organizations
- 1994 Tribal Colleges(2)
- Commodity Groups
- Schools

Common Partners and Influences for Successful Deliverable Programs



Influences:

- Tradition
- Culture
- Politics
- Recreation
- Family & Health
- Inter-Agency Systems

Opportunities

- *Partnerships*
 - *Natural Resources (Climate, Water etc.)*
 - *Youth (4-H, FFA, Youth at Risk, etc.)*
 - *Farming and/or Ranching*
 - *Internships*
 - *Increase communication, interaction and collaboration with State Extension Specialist*
- *Ag and Non-Ag Demands on Agents*
 - *Health and Well Being*
 - *Community Development*

Future Direction

- *Increase FRTEP Agents to Meet the Demand*
 - *Navajo (Cover all agencies)*
 - *White Mountain Apache Tribe*
 - *Gila River Indian Community*
 - *Tohono O'odham Nation*

- *Increase Funding*
 - *Grants*
 - *State Funding*
 - *Tribal*
 - *Current FRTEP Funds*

Future Direction Continued

- *Increase Partnerships*
 - *1994 Agents*
 - *SNAP Education*
 - *First things First program*
 - *VISTA Program*

- *Regional Collaboration*
 - *1994's*
 - *Land Grants*
 - *Other Agencies*