

## CODY FAMILY RANCH LEUPP, ARIZONA

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USDA-EQIP Participant

Livestock Water Development

Project

# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES PROGRAM (EQIP)

- Introduction
- The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is a voluntary conservation program that helps agricultural producers in a manner that promotes agricultural production and environmental quality as compatible goals. Through EQIP, agricultural producers and forest landowners can receive financial and technical assistance to implement structural, vegetative and management conservation practices that optimize environmental benefits on working agricultural and forest land.
- Eligibility
- Agricultural producers and owners of non-industrial private forestland are eligible to apply for EQIP. Eligible land includes cropland, pastureland, non-industrial private forestland and other farmlands.
- Applicants must:
- Control or own eligible land
- Comply with adjusted gross income limitation (AGI) provisions
- Be in compliance with the highly erodible land and wetland conservation requirements
- Develop an NRCS EQIP plan of operations
  - Additional program requirements may apply.



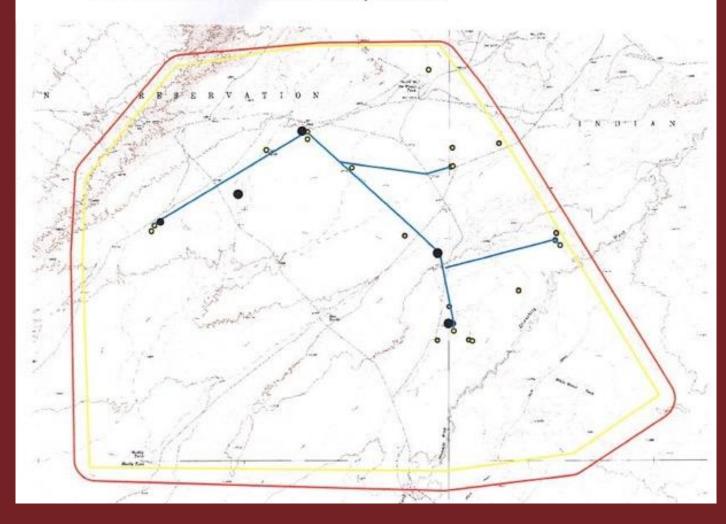
### RANGE & FARMLAND STEWARDSHIP



# DEVELOP A CONSERVATION PLAN FOR YOUR RANGELAND

## Ranch Conservation Plan

Ranch or Business Name: Cody Ranch



# CONSTRUCTION PHASE

Water pipeline installation process by skilled workers, specialized heavy equipment and tools. Hired workers must be physically fit, dependable, knowledgeable with a good work ethic.



# PROPER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS & EQUIPMENT

Thorough planning prior to the construction phase(s) will be key to the overall success and timely completion of your project(s).





#### "THE END RESULT"

If you work hard in achieving the goals and objectives for your EQIP project(s), the result will be very satisfying and worth the time you invested. Helping your horses, livestock, and wildlife through rangeland improvements will always be a worthwhile endeavor.

### USDA EQIP – A GREAT OPPORTUNITY

"WHEN I COMPLETED MY EQIP WATER DEVELOPMENT PROJECT ON MY RANGELAND, THERE WAS THIS GREAT SENSE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT THAT CAME OVER ME. THERE WAS NO TICKER TAPE PARADE OR CONGRATULATIONS BY ANYONE – I JUST LIFTED MY HAT, WIPED THE SWEAT FROM MY BROW, GOT INTO MY TRUCK, AND BEGAN THE LONG DRIVE HOME. BUT WHAT I DIDN'T KNOW AT THE TIME WAS THIS EXPERIENCE WOULD CHANGE MY LIFE FOREVER. I WAS PART OF SOMETHING GREAT, AND GREATNESS NO MATTER HOW BRIEF, STAYS WITH A MAN. EVERY RANCHER DREAMS OF A CHANCE TO IMPROVE THEIR RANGELAND, THIS RANCHER LIVED IT"! ~ Mel Cody ~

# THANK YOU!

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