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SCHOOL AGREEMENT

DESCRIPTION

The school farm is located 3½ miles southwest of Tuba City, Arizona, in the midst of the Moencopi farming area. There are approximately 1100 acres of irrigated farm land comprising the Moencopi Valley. 267.4 acres of the valley make up the school farm. The Moencopi Valley is bounded on the south by the Moencopi Plateau, consisting of limited drainages, and on the north by the Kaibeto Plateau which makes up a good portion of the Moencopi Wash drainage.

Approximately 700 acres of the Lower Moencopi Valley, which includes the school farm, derive their irrigation water by diverting it out of the Moencopi Wash. This wash is one of the main tributaries to the Little Colorado River.

JUSTIFICATION

During the past five years, the 267.4 acres comprising the school farm, had for all practical purposes been abandoned and become run down to where productivity and fertility were at a very low level. By proper management and technical assistance this farm can become a productive and self sustained project.

OBJECTIVES:

By initiating this farm plan, the Hopi and Navajo farmers in the Community will have a chance to note what good conservation farming can produce. It is schools desire to create initiative among the farmers of this community in applying some of the conservation practices on their own farms.

It is also schools desire to grow sufficient livestock feed and pasture to maintain a herd of sheep, whereby classroom materials may be obtained for all children interested in all agricultural phases of sheep raising. Since a considerable portion of the Navajo's subsistance is derived from sheep, this project will offer a great opportunity for sheep improvement.

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COOPERATOR

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