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StrikeForce Initiative for Rural Growth and Opportunity

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Nevada Fast Facts - 2015

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| State's Child Poverty Rate: | 22% |
| State's Overall Poverty Rate: | 16.3% |
| StrikeForce State Since: | 2012 |
| Number of StrikeForce Counties: | 17 |
| Total Outreach Events: | 17 |
| Number of Community Partners: | 14 |
| Total USDA Projects: | 1,139 |
| Total USDA Investments: | \$204 million |

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Some of Our StrikeForce Community Partners

Blue Lizard Farm
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Bureau of Land Management
Intertribal Agriculture Council
Intertribal Council of Nevada
Moapa River Paiute Tribe
Nevada Department of Agriculture
Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe
Small Business Administration
Three Square Food Bank
University of Nevada—Reno Cooperative Extension

Currently, 85 percent of our country's persistent poverty counties are in rural America. More than one third of rural Americans, and one in four rural children live in poverty. Kids growing up in families earning twice the poverty threshold are nearly three times as likely as other children to have poor health, are more likely to finish two fewer years of school, and are more likely to earn half as much money in their adult lives.

Growing the economy by investing in rural communities and increasing opportunities for families is key to our Nation's future. In 2010, Secretary Vilsack established USDA's StrikeForce Initiative for Rural Growth and Opportunity to address the specific challenges associated with rural poverty. Since then, StrikeForce teams have collaborated with more than 1,500 community partners and public entities to bring targeted assistance to rural areas experiencing chronic poverty.

These efforts have invested more than \$23.5 billion to create jobs, build homes, feed kids, assist farmers and conserve natural resources across more than twenty states. In 2016, StrikeForce expanded to include Florida, Missouri, Montana, and Ohio. Now, USDA StrikeForce teams will operate in 970 counties in 25 states and Puerto Rico. Each StrikeForce project is a commitment to America's economic future.

StrikeForce At Work

The Moapa Band of Paiutes, located in southern Nevada northwest of Las Vegas, was severely impacted by a flood on Sept. 8, 2014. In a 45-minute period, the tribal reservation was inundated with four inches of rain. The Muddy River surged, blowing out five earthen dams and sending a 10-foot wall of water across tribal lands. It was a 1000-year flood. The Tribe, population 420, evacuated its senior center and day care center. Afterward, the Tribe faced a drastic reality: its 500-acre alfalfa farm was 2 1/2 feet deep in silt and cobble stones and most of its irrigation system and range fencing had been destroyed in the flood. Concrete ditches were torn from the earth and the wheeline system used to irrigate alfalfa was a heap of twisted metal. Farming operations stopped.

USDA agencies and partners engaged with a multi-agency StrikeForce response. The Intertribal Agriculture Council, Rural Development, NRCS, , FSA from both Nevada and Utah, Cooperative Extension staff, FEMA, Bureau of Land Management came together with leadership from the Moapa Band of Paiutes to identify resources and next steps in a comprehensive way.

FEMA is leading the way with financial assistance in response to the flood, but technical assistance from NRCS, RD and FSA has been critically important to the Tribe as it plans for and re-establishes its farming operations and community post-flood. NRCS staff have conducted assessments and collected GPS data on the north side of the river to identify the need for laser leveling and irrigation systems, which is now underway. Ongoing data collection will complete the assessment of the Tribe's 15 fields. RD staff is working with tribal leaders and partners to conduct strategic planning with the Tribal Council. In response to immediate housing needs, RD provided a Housing Preservation Grant and assisted the Tribe with additional resources from the 2015 Nevada Tribal Housing Training Institute.

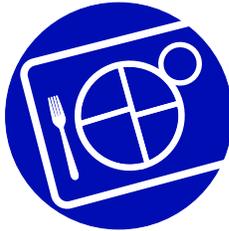
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1,139 Projects in 2015 = \$204 Million Invested



77
Jobs Created
or Saved



791,207
Summer
Meals for Kids



116
Farmers
Assisted



2,668
Home
Investments

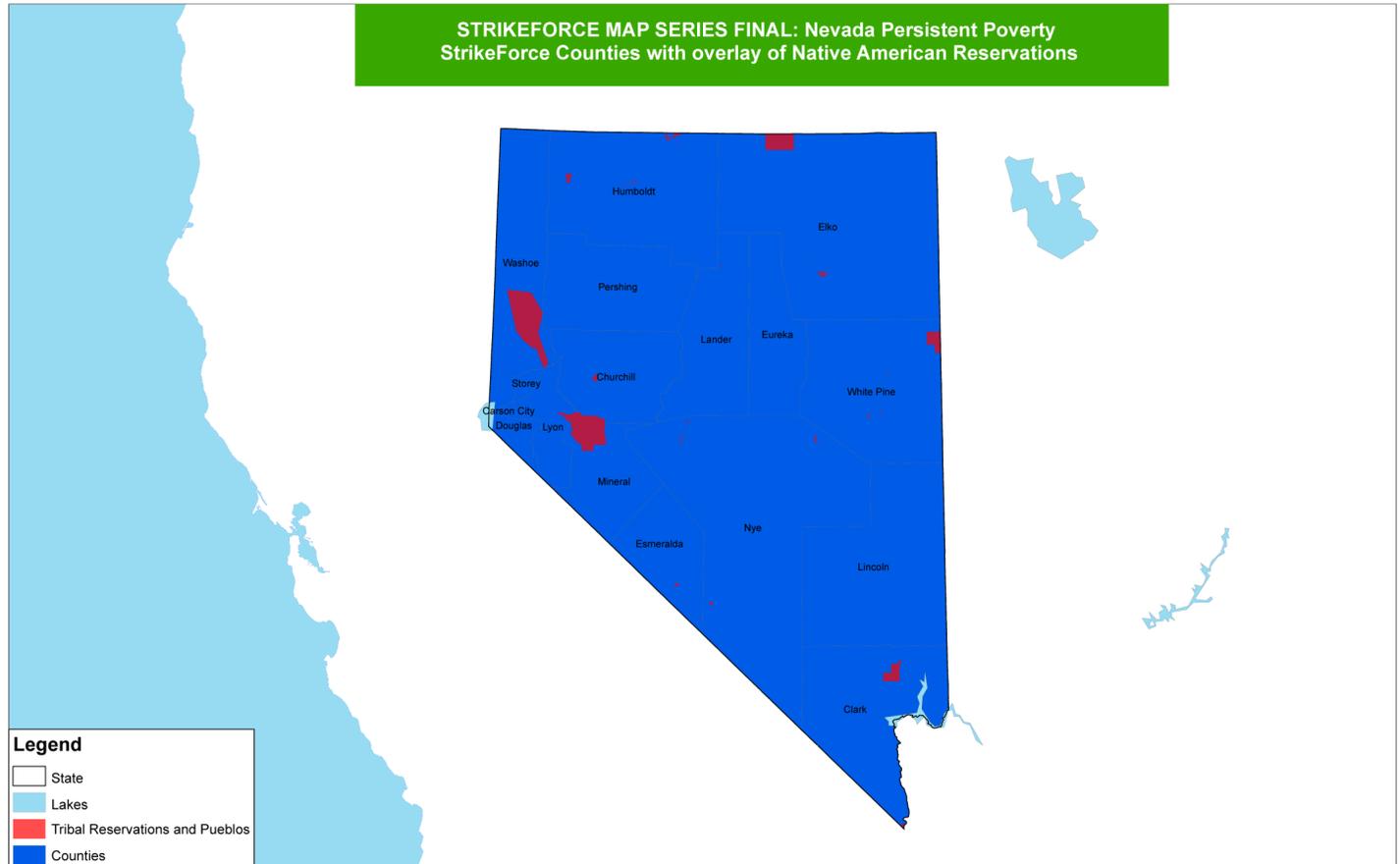


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Conservation
Efforts



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STRIKEFORCE MAP SERIES FINAL: Nevada Persistent Poverty StrikeForce Counties with overlay of Native American Reservations



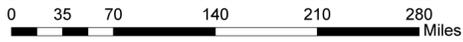
Legend

- State
- Lakes
- Tribal Reservations and Pueblos
- Counties

Data Sources May Contain Data From The Following Sources:
 ESRI World Physical Map State Data Layers
 2000 CENSUS TIGER Data - CENSUS Tiger.gdb
 2010 CENSUS TIGER Data - CENSUS Tiger.gdb
 USGS National State Boundaries data set
 NRES - ERD 10101 Small Land Participation CORE Data
 From U.S. Department of Education National Center For Education
 Statistics: www.ed.gov/nce/ncs/ncs.html
 USDA/RD/SDV Data Sets Reflecting RD Program Specific Data
 USDA/RD/RUS/RIS/RMS/CMR/CO Data Sources
 USDA/OC/OECMO Departmental Data Resources
 Housing and Urban Development Data
 Environmental Protection Agency Data
 Title Atlas 2008

This map includes Oklahoma Tribal Statistical Areas as delineated by the U.S. Census Bureau. Although these areas are associated with particular tribes and tribes have certain jurisdictional authorities and treaty rights in these areas, many Rural Development investments in these areas only in part benefit American Indians or do not benefit any American Indians or Tribes. Please contact Rural Development's Native American Coordinator or Rural Development Staff in Oklahoma to verify whether or not particular investments within Oklahoma Tribal Statistical Areas are indeed investments benefiting American Indians.

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