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The Bureau of Indian Affairs announced today that it plans to initiate a nutrition program, including delivery of hot meals, for elderly residents of the former Navajo-Hopi Joint Use Area.

Required stock reduction in the heavily over-grazed area has greatly reduced the supply of available mutton, the traditional meat food.

The BIA is contracting with the Navajo Tribe's Aging Office for the administration of the program.

Joint Use Area administrative funds have been reprogrammed to fund the nutrition program. In addition, meat purchased for stock reduction purposes will be donated to the program.

It is estimated that about 1,200 Navajos will be eligible to participate in the program.