

Veterinarian Shortage Situation Nomination Form

To be submitted under the authority of the chief State or Insular Area Animal Health Official

Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP)

This form must be used for Nomination of Veterinarian Shortage Situations to the Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP), Authorized Under the National Veterinary Medical Service Act (NVMSA)

Note: Please submit one separate nomination form for each shortage situation. See the State Animal Health Official section of the VMLRP web site (www.nifa.usda.gov/vmlrp) for the number of nominations permitted for your state or insular area.

Location of Veterinary Shortage Area for this Nomination

Location of Veterinary Shortage: Lincoln, Southern and Central Nye Counties (e.g., County, State/Insular Area; must be a logistically feasible veterinary practice service area)

Approximate Center of Shortage Area (or Location of Position if Type III): Rachel (89001), Hiko(81017) or Beatty (89003) (e.g., Address or Cross Street, Town/City, and Zip Code)

Overall Priority of Shortage: [] Moderate Priority [] High Priority X Critical Priority

Type of Veterinary Practice Area/Discipline/Specialty (Choose only one Type)

X Type I Shortage: Private Practice Food Animal Medicine (awardee obligation: at least 80 percent time or 32 hr/week)

Must cover(check at least one)

- X Beef Cattle X Dairy Cattle X Swine X Poultry X Small Ruminant [] Other: _____

May cover

- [] Beef Cattle [] Dairy Cattle [] Swine [] Poultry [] Small Ruminant [] Other: _____

[] Type II Shortage: Private Practice – Rural Area Food Animal Medicine (awardee obligation: at least 30 percent time or 12 hr/week)

Must cover (check at least one)

- [] Beef Cattle [] Dairy Cattle [] Swine [] Poultry [] Small Ruminant [] Other: _____

May cover

- [] Beef Cattle [] Dairy Cattle [] Swine [] Poultry [] Small Ruminant [] Other: _____

[] Type III Shortage: Public Practice (awardee obligation: at least 49 percent time or 19.6 hr/week) Employer: _____ Position Title: _____

Please select one or more specialty/disciplinary areas:

- [] Food Safety [] Public Health [] Epidemiology [] Other: _____

Please describe the **importance and objectives** of a veterinarian filling this shortage situation as well as being located in the community, area, state/insular area, or position requested above (limit your response to 200 words or less).

The importance and objective of attracting a veterinarian to Lincoln and South/Central Nye Counties to provide basic veterinary services for livestock (mostly beef cattle, 15,000 head in Lincoln and approx. 10,000 in south/central Nye). Currently 'emergency' veterinary services are required by a formerly retired veterinarian who currently resides close to Hiko, Lincoln Co because he cannot deny veterinary services to people who would not be able to obtain it other wise. The currently established Veterinary practice is in Ely, White Pine Co. 140 miles north of Heiko.

Please describe the **activities** of a veterinarian meeting this shortage situation in the community, area, state/insular area, or position requested above (limit your response to 200 words or less).

2010 Census indicates that there are 109 farms and ranches in Lincoln Co and approximately 80 farms and ranches in south central Nye County. The populations in these respective geographical areas are 4,184 inhabitants and 20,000 respectively. Residents of Pioche, Panaca and Caliente either have to travel to Ely, NV or St. George, UT to obtain veterinary services. Residents of Hiko rely on the limited services provided by the retiree. Almost all communities in this area have 4H programs; agriculture and mining are the primary source of income. Several of the premises that currently only produce hay used to be livestock operations which currently limit their production to crops because of the lack of veterinary services. Scope of work would include primarily beef cattle herd health programs, sheep and meat goat health programs as well as stock horses and companion horses as well as companion animals. There are no animal control agencies in the area and assistance to the community under the rabies control program would very likely be part of the practice as well. Several of the 4H groups also raise pigs which currently have to be quarantined at local fairgrounds until brucellosis and pseudorabies results are reported. Additionally residents in these counties usually have some pigs which they fatten for custom slaughter, as well as back yard poultry for home consumption and sometimes limited local marketing of eggs.

Please describe any past efforts to recruit and retain a veterinarian in the shortage situation identified above (limit your response to 100 words or less).

The State Veterinarian's office has not been involved in recruitment efforts in the past.

Please describe the risk of this veterinarian position not being secured or retained. Include the risk(s) to the production of a safe and wholesome food supply and to animal, human, and environmental health not only in the community but in the region, state/insular area, nation, and/or international community (limit your response to 250 words or less).

There is a risk of losing any veterinary service in the area in the near future. Several beef cattle operations have been under hold order under the state trich program for more than a year because producers claim they cannot obtain veterinary services to get the mandatory services accomplished. Many cats and dogs in the area remain unvaccinated or are late on re-vaccinations despite mandatory rabies vaccination in NV because owners are often not willing or able to travel the long distances to currently existing veterinary offices.

(Optional) If the nominator wishes to specify a service time for this shortage situation that is higher than the minimum required for the shortage type checked on Page 1, please specify the percent time in the box below (based on a 40-hour work week). Leave the box blank if the service time for this shortage situation is for the minimum percent time of the shortage type indicated.

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Minimum Service time required for each shortage type

Type I: 80 percent time or 32 hours/week

Type II: 30 percent time or 12 hours/week

Type III: 49 percent time or 19.6 hours/week

SAHO nominator must check both boxes below in order for NIFA to consider this nomination for official designation

- X** By checking this box, I affirm that this form represents a nomination and is subject to NIFA review and approval.

- X** By checking this box, I affirm that it is my professional opinion that this is a bona fide food supply or public health-related veterinary shortage situation. I affirm due diligence has been invested to identify this area as a shortage situation of at least moderate priority (severity).

Authorized State or Insular Area Animal Health Official or designee:

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