

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: North and North-Central Nye, Esmeralda, Mineral and Lyon Counties
Approximate Center of Shortage Area (or Location of Position if Type III): Warm Springs (89049), Tonopah (89049), Hawthorne (89415), Mina (89422) and Luning (89420), Yerrington (89447)

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

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

[ ] 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)

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

May cover

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

X 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)

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

May cover

- [ ] Beef Cattle
X Dairy Cattle
X 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 North, North-Central Nye, Mineral, Esmeralda Counties and Lyon Counties is to provide basic veterinary services for livestock (mostly beef cattle, 8,000 head in Mineral and Esmeralda combined and approx. 25,000 in north/north-central Nye and 37,000 in Lyon). Currently no veterinary services are provided by any resident veterinarian in all but Lyon counties. A Veterinarian from Bishop, CA provides services for companion animals once or twice a month in Tonopah (142 miles from Bishop, CA to Tonopah, NV). The Yomba and Duckwater Reservations are part of this underserved area.

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 17 and 18 farms and ranches in Mineral and Esmeralda Co, respectively and approximately 90 farms and ranches in North and north-central Nye County. The populations in these respective geographical areas are 1,236 and 4,377 inhabitants in Esmeralda and Mineral Co and 26,000 in northern Nye Co, respectively. Residents of Warm Springs, Tonopah, Mina, Luning and Hawthorne either have to travel to Fallon, NV or Bishop, CA to obtain veterinary services. Lyon county is on the fringe of the underrepresented area, but with 325 farms, obtaining prompt veterinary service in some areas can be challenging. Almost all communities in this area have 4H programs, agriculture and mining are the primary source of income. Additionally there is a sizable military installation in Hawthorne. Several of the premises that currently only produce hay and row crops used to be mixed operations with some livestock component which was given up because of the lack of veterinary services. This area is densely stocked with beef cattle, many of them over-winter in the area. Activities would include primarily beef cattle herd health programs, some sheep work and a growing demand in meat goat health programs.

Stock and companion horses and small animals would also constitute a small part of the veterinary practice in this area. There are no animal control agencies in the area, with the exception of Hawthorne (Mineral Co Sheriff) 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).

Veterinary Services in the area are not expected to change without an incentive to move to the area. Beef cattle operations in some of this area 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 testing accomplished. Many ranches and operations moving in on pasture to pasture permits have minimal or no stock handling facilities. 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

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

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