

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 (SAHO) 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: Northern Washoe, Humboldt and Pershing 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): Gerlach (89412), Empire (89405), Imlay (89418), Lovelock (89419), Mill City (89418), Orovada (89425), Paradise Valley(89429)
(e.g., Address or Cross Street, Town/City, and Zip Code)

Overall Priority of Shortage: X Moderate Priority [ ] High Priority [ ] 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
[ ] Dairy Cattle
[ ] Swine
[ ] Poultry
[ ] Small Ruminant
[ ] Other:

May cover

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

[ ] 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 objective and importance of attracting a veterinarian to Northern Washoe, Pershing and Humboldt is to fill a complete gap in N-Washoe and a significant gap in Pershing and Humboldt Counties, respectively (mostly beef cattle, 24,000 head in N-Washoe Co; 21,000 in Pershing Co and 64,000 in Humboldt co). There is one Veterinarian north of Reno (2011 recipient) to serve northern Washoe Co (north of Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation to the OR border, ca 140 miles). Even though this new graduate has made a huge impact on the area it appears that the work load might not be manageable by just one additional full time veterinarian throughout the year. There is one large animal Veterinarian in Lovelock and 2 Veterinary offices in Winnemucca, one of which is primarily small animals, the other one mixed practice. The Pyramid Lake, Lovelock, Summit Lake, Winnemucca and Fort McDermitt 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 232 farms and ranches in Washoe Co, at least half of those are north of Pyramid Lake. Of the 418,061 residents of Washoe Co approximately 15% live in this underserved area. Pershing Co includes 115 farms and ranches and a total of 7,075 residents. Humboldt Co contains 223 farms and ranches and approximately 18,500 inhabitants. All communities in this area have 4H programs. Agriculture and mining are the primary source of income like in most rural areas in NV. Several of the premises that currently only produce hay and row crops used to be livestock operations which currently limit their production to crops or have reduced cattle and sheep numbers because of the lack of veterinary services. Scope of work would include primarily beef cattle herd health programs, but also a significant sheep component as well as an increasing meat goat health program demand. 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 and assistance to the community under the rabies control program would very likely be part of the practice as well. A lot of the small farms and ranchettes have a selection of animals including back yard poultry, pigs, and new world camelids. There is an exotic cat refuge in Imlay which specializes in rescuing large exotic cats.

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. 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. The most urgent need exists in N Washoe County, the remote areas of Pershing Co and along the Oregon border in Humboldt Co. There was one successful applicant in this area in 2011.

(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.

**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).

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