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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: Grand/San Juan
(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): 4575 Spanish Valley Drive, Moab, and 84532
(e.g., Address or Cross Street, Town/City, and Zip Code)

Overall Priority of Shortage: ❑ Moderate Priority X High Priority ❑ 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)	**May cover**
❑ Beef Cattle	❑ Beef Cattle
❑ Dairy Cattle	❑ Dairy Cattle
❑ Swine	❑ Swine
❑ Poultry	❑ Poultry
❑ Small Ruminant	❑ Small Ruminant
❑ Other: _____	❑ 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)	**May cover**
X Beef Cattle	❑ Beef Cattle
❑ Dairy Cattle	❑ Dairy Cattle
❑ Swine	X Swine
❑ Poultry	X Poultry
X Small Ruminant	❑ Small Ruminant
X Other: Horses	❑ 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).

1. Invigorate the existing practice in Moab, Utah in serving the food animal population in San Juan County which is 7,725 square miles and Grand County which is 3,684 square miles. There are 16,000 head of Beef Cows between the two counties and 6500 head of Sheep. Blue Mountain Meats in Monticello, Utah (San Juan County) is the largest adult sheep slaughter facility in the United States.
2. Program Disease surveillance – for such diseases as Tuberculosis and Brucellosis.
3. Be able to perform antemortem and postmortem inspection of animals intended for human consumption at the small, federal and state inspected facilities in the two counties.
4. Act as a professional resource to the community regarding zoonotic diseases especially endemic to Southeastern Utah. (e.g., plague, hanta virus, rabies, hydatid disease.
5. Address the companion animal needs of the ranching and farming communities, along with those needs of the small, rural municipalities in the three counties in reference to their public health.

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).

I would see this veterinarian become an associate with Dr. Len Sorensen who has practiced in that area for twenty five years. The practice is based out of the clinic but due to the large geographical area, much of the work is done on the ranch. Ambulatory capability is paramount. Dr. Sorensen has been a solo practitioner for most of his career there in Moab but due to the ambulatory nature of the practice his availability has been severely limited.

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).

Dr. Sorensen has been actively sought an associate for the past 3 years but has been unable to get anyone to stay. The amount of debt incurred by new graduates cannot be addressed in this practice without some assistance from this very program. With the debt relief, I have no doubt that a young practitioner could locate in this area and provide a much needed service.

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).

Because of the large geographical area that this practice encompasses, it becomes problematic to have veterinarians where they need to be in reference to cattle movement in that area. A foreign animal disease or emerging disease could become very much entrenched in this area without much notice. That is very troubling to the State Animal Health Official. More professional oversight is essential.

(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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