

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: Carbon/Emery 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): 1750 North Coal Creek Road, Price, Utah 84501
(e.g., Address or Cross Street, Town/City, and Zip Code)

Overall Priority of Shortage: Moderate Priority 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)

- Beef Cattle
- Dairy Cattle
- Swine
- Poultry
- Small Ruminant
- Other: Horses

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).

There is already a young veterinarian at the above location. He is extremely busy and providing an invaluable service to this isolated location. He spends most of his time doing ambulatory work. There are approximately 35,000 head of beef cattle in this area and 10,000 head of sheep. He loves the work and wants to stay but due to his dept load and trying to establish a practice by way of all the equipment needs, it has become a tremendous load to bear. There are also three small state inspected meat plants in the area that he does veterinary dispositions for. This service is extremely valuable to the State and the plant owners.

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).

The Veterinarian that is there in the area spends the bulk of his time engaged with Cow/Calf operations. Those duties are pregnancy testing, vaccinating for brucellosis, calving problems, testing bulls (PAP Testing, Fertility, Trichomoniasis), and meeting interstate shipment requirement of animals leaving the area. He also is under contract with the state to do final dispositions on suspect animals at the three state meat inspected facilities in the area. He also is the eyes and ears for the State Veterinarian for any emerging diseases found in Livestock in that area. He test rams for brucella ovis and also assures that the scapies program is followed within the sheep industry.

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).

As mentioned earlier there is a young practitioner now servicing that area. The support by way of loan forgiveness would help to insure that he can remain a viable part of the community. This is an extremely vast area in which he practices. His desire to stay is kindled by a desire to serve those who he was raised among. But it goes without saying that one cannot exist on clean air and fresh water.

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).

I have eluded to the risk of not having a veterinarian in this area previously. By way of emphasis let me restate some of the reasons to retain a veterinarian in that isolated region of Utah. Zoonotic Diseases that are somewhat common in this arid area of Utah such as plague. He is the one veterinarian that has made inroads in the vaccination of dogs, cats, and ferrets for rabies. He is the State Veterinarian's eye and ears in reference to veterinary needs at the packing plants, emerging diseases in the area, meeting the requirement for interstate shipment of livestock and the testing bulls for trichomoniasis which is a regulated disease in the State of Utah.

(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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