



United States Department of Agriculture
Food and Nutrition Service

Western Region

Reply to
Attn of: FS-10-6-OR/WAIVER APR 18 2008

Subject: FSP- Oregon- ABAWD Waiver Request - Labor Surplus Areas and certain high
Unemployment Areas

To: Art Foley, Director
Program Development Division
Food Stamp Program

Attached is Oregon's request to waive the State's Labor Surplus Areas (LSAs), and four other counties from the provisions of Section 6(o)(2) of the Food Stamp Act, as amended by Section 824 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) of 1996. Following is a list of counties and reservations and their exemption method:

LSA Counties

Baker	Harney	Malheur
Clatsop	Hood River	Morrow
Columbia	Jackson	Tillamook
Coos	Jefferson	Umatilla
Crook	Josephine	Union
Curry	Klamath	Wallowa
Deschutes	Lake	Wasco
Douglas	Lincoln	Wheeler
Grant	Linn	City of Springfield in Lane County

Counties with unemployment 20% higher than National average

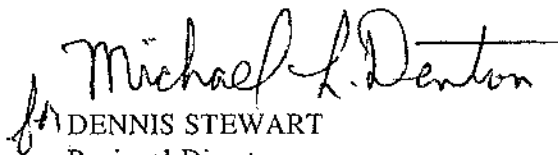
Gilliam	Marion
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The State attached the following data:

- Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) listing counties that are LSAs for fiscal year 2000.
- BLS statistics indicating the counties have had an unemployment rate 20% over the national average for the period of January to December 1999.

The State is requesting the waiver for one year. We recommend approval of the waiver.

If you have any questions, please contact Krister Engdahl at (415) 705-1320 x311.


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Attachment

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