



United States Department of Agriculture
Food and Nutrition Service

Western Region

Subject: FSP - Nevada Request to Extend Waivers # 970120, #970184, #970185

FS-10-6-NV/Waivers

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To: Margaret Batko, Acting Chief
Certification Policy Branch
Program Development Division
Food Stamp Program

Attached are requests from the Nevada Department of Human Services to extend the following waivers:

#970120 - which waives food stamp restrictions on receipt of benefits for able-bodied adults who reside in labor surplus areas. This waiver request is substantiated by the Department of Labor report, "Eligible Labor Surplus Areas," effective October 1, 2000 to September 30, 2001. The State asks that Churchill County and Humboldt County be added to this waiver, as they now qualify as labor surplus areas.

#970184 - which waives food stamp restrictions on receipt of benefits for able-bodied adults who reside on Indian reservations with an unemployment rate higher than 10%. This waiver request is substantiated by data from the Nevada Employment Security Division, Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation for 2000, which indicates that unemployment rates for the requested reservations exceed 10 percent. The State further requests that Carson Colony and Pyramid Lake Reservation be removed from waiver #970184 and identified to waiver #970185, as their unemployment rates both failed to exceed 10%, but did meet a combined 1999 and 2000 unemployment rate more than 20% above the national average of 4% over the last two years.

#970185 - which waives food stamp restrictions on receipt of benefits for able-bodied adults who reside on the Duckwater Reservation, Moapa Reservation, and in the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony. This waiver request is substantiated by data from the Nevada Employment Security Division, Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation for 2000, which reports unemployment rates for the requested reservations and colonies. As the Bureau of Indian Affairs is in the process of posting data from Nevada tribes for the 1998 Labor Force Report, a copy of the 1997 Labor Force Report is included in lieu of the 1998 report.

We recommend approval of the State's aforementioned requests. If you need additional information, please contact Melisa Di Tano at (415) 705-1361 extension 306.

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cc: Sacramento F/O, w/ attachment
Nevada SPO



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Dear Mr. Stewart:

Nevada is requesting an extension of Food Stamp Waiver #970120, which waives food stamp limits on receipt of benefits for able-bodied adults who reside in areas which lack sufficient jobs (labor surplus areas). The attached waiver request is substantiated by the Department of Labor report, "Eligible Labor Surplus Areas," effective October 1, 2000 to September 30, 2001.

Your prompt attention to this request is appreciated. Should you require additional information, please contact Lynette Grundy, Chief, Eligibility and Payments, at (775) 687-4386.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Willden", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Michael J. Willden
Administrator

Attachment

WAIVER REQUEST FROM ABLE-BODIED WORK REQUIREMENT

Waiver #970120

January 26, 2001

State:

Nevada State Welfare Division
2527 N Carson Street
Carson City NV 89710

Contact: Lynette Grundy
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Areas Covered by Request:

Churchill County
Esmeralda County
Humboldt County
Lander County
Lincoln County
Lyon County
Mineral County
North Las Vegas City

Category:

Areas which lack sufficient job (Labor Surplus Areas).

Duration of Waiver:

One Year

Basis for Request:

This waiver request is based upon information provided by the Nevada Department of Employment, Training, & Rehabilitation from the U.S. Department of Labor which has classified the above areas as Labor Surplus Areas effective October 1, 2000 to September 30, 2001. See attached edition "Eligible Labor Surplus Areas" supplied from the Employment Security Division of the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation.