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SNAP – Idaho Request to Amend and Extend Waiver #2150040

Attn: SNAP CPB Waivers

Attached is Idaho's request to modify and extend waiver #2150040, which allows the State to exempt able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWD) in 15 counties and four reservation areas from the time limits under 7 CFR 273.24 for calendar year 2017.

The Idaho State agency has provided supporting justification to support the request based upon evidence gathered by the Bureau of Labor Statistics presenting insufficient jobs in all areas having an aggregate average unemployment rate 20 percent above the national average for a recent 24-month period. The 15 counties are Adams, Benewah, Boise, Bonner, Boundary, Butte, Clark, Clearwater, Custer, Idaho, Lemhi, Lewis, Shoshone, Valley, and Washington Counties. The four reservations are Coeur d'Alene, Duck Valley, Fort Hall, and Nez Perce Reservations.

Anticipated impact of this waiver will provide consistency for households and State agency operations in areas where unemployment remains higher than the national average. FNS Western Region recommends approval to modify and extend this waiver for one year, effective January 1, 2017.

If you have any questions regarding the waiver request, please contact Heidi Mayberry at (415) 705-1342 or heidi.mayberry@fns.usda.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jackie Bourne".

JACKIE BOURNE
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Attachment

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