

Veterinarian Shortage Situation Nomination Form

To be completed by the chief State or Insular Area Animal Health Official or his/her designee

Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP)

Nomination of Veterinarian Shortage Situations for 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 position. See solicitation for number of nominations permitted for your state or insular area.

Location of Veterinary Shortage Area for this Nomination

Note: If this nomination is for a public practice position, please provide the location of the home office or the center of service area.

Location of Veterinary Shortage: Inyo and Mono Counties, Ca
(e.g., County, State/Insular Area)

Center of Service Area or
 Location of Position: Bishop, Ca
(e.g., Address or Cross Street, Town/City, and Zip Code)

Type of Veterinary Practice Area/Discipline/Specialty

Type I Shortage: Private Practice
 Food Animal Medicine (at least 80 percent time)
 Please select **one or more** specialties requested for this position:

- Beef Cattle
- Dairy Cattle
- Swine
- Poultry
- Small Ruminant
- Other _____

Type II Shortage: Private Practice – Rural Area
 Food Animal Medicine (at least 30 percent time)
 Please select **one or more** specialties requested for this position:

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

Type III Shortage: Public Practice (at least 49 percent time*)
 Employer: _____ Position Title: _____
 Please select **one or more** specialty/disciplinary areas.

- Food Safety
- Public Health
- Epidemiology
- Other: _____

Please describe the objectives of a veterinarian meeting 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).

The objective is to provide veterinary service in these counties to range and stocker cattle producers as well as sheep producers. The counties are situated between the eastern slope of the Sierra Nevada Mountain Range and the White Mountain and Inyo Mountain ranges. The two counties combined total 13,186 square miles of land. Inyo cattle numbers (stockers, heifers, bulls, and cows) are over 17,000 head while Mono's numbers exceed 37,000 head. The two counties combined account for over 20,000 head of sheep and lambs. The combined estimated value of cattle and sheep for the two counties exceeds \$ 29 million (all estimates are based on 2009 data). There is need for at least one veterinarian working at 30% or more time in this remote area.

Please describe the activities of a veterinarian meeting this shortage situation and being located in the community, area, state/insular area, or position requested above (limit your response to 200 words or less).

The veterinarian will provide on-call services to livestock operations in the area; significant travel is expected to cover the needs. Services required on an emergency basis will range from calving dystocias to sudden rises in morbidity in a herd, to grass tetany, etc. Producers also require consultation regarding appropriate preventive programs, consultation on vaccination programs, parasite control measures and even pregnancy confirmation. Sheep producers will need consultation and emergency services as well. Most importantly an accredited veterinarian is needed to perform brucellosis vaccinations as this is still required in California. Other accredited duties including conducting health inspections as a part of issuing Certificates of Veterinary Inspection for interstate movement of cattle and sheep will need to be performed.

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).

AVMA survey (2007) does not identify any food animal practitioners in Inyo County and the AVMA records indicate there are 3 (possibly a 4th unidentified by AVMA) that can provide FA service in Mono County. They are members of mixed animal practices where their services are shared across species. Further, several practitioners providing service have been in the area for many years and there is only one newer graduate providing FA services in the area. The VMLRP could offer incentive to attract veterinarians that can provide some continuity of service in the upcoming years.

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).

This region of the state is remote and there is extensive potential for interaction of commercial livestock with wild life including deer and big horn sheep. These counties are in the southern portion of the state hence there is greater risk of disease migration over time of foreign animal diseases in wildlife populations that can move up from Mexico with limited opportunity for detection. Delay in detection would allow for such diseases, especially vector borne pathogens to become entrenched in wildlife populations in this region. In addition, risk for antibiotic residues and increased resistance in pathogen populations is increased without veterinary involvement in decisions, putting consumers at risk.

Please indicate whether you consider this situation/position a candidate for a "service in emergency" agreement (limit your response to 100 words or less). Please see solicitations for additional information regarding the obligation of participants who enter into the "Service in Emergency" agreement.

N/A

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