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NEW MEXICO BULLETIN NO. 300-10-2

SUBJECT: LTP - 2010 GRASSLAND RESERVE PROGRAM BATCHING DATE

TO: All Employees

Purpose. To advise all employees of 2010 GRP Batching Date and ranking tool

Expiration Date. September 30, 2010

The 2010 batching date is **January 29, 2010**. Designated Conservationists should rank all applications using the attached ranking tool by **February 5, 2010**. **Electronic** copies of the ranking tools should be forwarded to Seth Fiedler at the state office by that date.

Additionally, applicants and the DC should sign a paper copy of the ranking sheet, which also certifies the applicant's offer and understanding of the compensation process for the field office file by **February 5, 2010**.

Applications **must** be submitted on the attached AD-1153, and supported by complete FSA land owner eligibility information, deeds and a map showing boundaries of offered acres and the entire operation (if the offered acres do not encompass the entire operation). Maps and deeds in particular will be needed by the state office by **February 10, 2010** in order to support ordering appraisals for the highest ranked applications.

As you will see in the attached ranking sheet, applications in the eastern part of the state will receive priority consideration, however all applications will be considered particularly given the short duration and limited activity that has occurred in 2010 to date. All applications should be ranked as accurately as possible by the batching date. If you have questions on ranking, please coordinate with Seth Fiedler or Norman Vigil.

A FAQ/PR draft release is also attached for you use, if you want to share it with local media/potential applicants.

Questions or comments may be directed to Seth Fiedler (505) 761-4416 or Norman Vigil (505) 761-4445.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis L. Alexander". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "A".

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Attachments