

Veterinarian Shortage Situation Nomination Form

To be completed by the State or Insular Area Animal Health Official

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: Lake and Klamath Counties, Oregon
(e.g., County, State/Insular Area)

Center of Service Area or
Location of Position: 18644 Raberta Road, Lakeview, Oregon 97630
(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 50 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 objectives of a veterinarian in this area would be to; provide competent primary and emergency care to a large food animal population in an outdoor environment and in all weather conditions; provide competent consultation to livestock producers for implementing preventive animal health efficiencies that improve and/or maintain their herd’s production economically; provide guidance to community leaders and emergency managers on dealing with potential animal disease outbreaks and potential natural disasters that may involve domestic animals.

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).

In this part of the state, food animal premises locations are spread miles apart, the veterinarian will commonly travel dozens of miles to any call (even between calls) and at any time of the year. The veterinarian would be expected to provide clinical veterinary services for food animal clients. Activities would include: routine fertility exams and pregnancy diagnosis for cattle, routine brucellosis vaccination, dystocia resolution, client education on preventive animal health planning, routine certified veterinary inspections and other routine diagnostics.

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).

There has been a high turnover rate in food animal veterinarians in this area. It is difficult to finance a salary for a veterinarian with a significant (+\$100,000) student loan debt in an area of chronic unemployment at +10%. New veterinarians are drawn to small animal practice in urban areas with significantly higher salary offerings. Veterinary practitioner turnover adversely affects client perception and service a practice can provide.

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).

The area contains over 16% of the Oregon’s beef cattle. The area also includes dense cattle populations in Northern Nevada and California. With such a large area to cover it is imperative to provide adequate veterinary service our food animal producers that remains affordable and time sensitive. Without this additional and relatively local coverage, livestock would suffer additional and needless pain and producers would face significantly higher costs and longer wait times for veterinary services. It is also likely, in some times of the year, that certain and crucial veterinary services may not be available at all.

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. [LEAVE BLANK – NOT FOR IMPLEMENTATION IN 2010]

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