

## STATE WAIVER REQUEST

1. **Waiver Serial Number (if applicable):** 2150026
2. **Type of request:** Extension
3. **Statutory citation:** Section 6(o) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as amended
4. **Regulatory citation:** 7 CFR 273.24
5. **State:** Nevada
6. **Region:** WRO
7. **Regulatory requirements:**

Section 6(o) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as amended, provides that no able-bodied adult without dependents (ABAWD) shall be eligible to participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) as a member of any household if the individual received program benefits for more than 3 months during any 3-year period in which the individual was subject to but did not comply with the ABAWD work requirement. Section 6(o) also provides that, upon the request of the State agency, the Secretary may waive the applicability of the 3-month ABAWD time limit for any group of individuals in the State if the Secretary makes a determination that the area in which the individuals reside has an unemployment rate of over 10 percent, or does not have a sufficient number of jobs to provide employment for the individuals.
8. **Description of alternative procedures:**

The State of Nevada is requesting to exempt able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDs) in 15 counties, 1 independent city and 20 reservations from SNAP time limits. These areas are readily approvable under 7 CFR 273.24.
9. **Justification for request:**

Under SNAP regulations at 7 CFR 273.24(f)(2), areas may support a claim of insufficient jobs by submitting evidence that an area has an average unemployment rate for a 24-month time period that exceeds the national average for the same 24-month period by 20 percent. 7 CFR 273.24(f)(6) provides that States may define areas to be waived.

The State of Nevada seeks a waiver for a region of contiguous counties based on their average unemployment rates that are 20 percent above the national average for the 24-month period of May 2017 through April 2019. The region includes 15 counties and 1 independent city that are eligible for a waiver. The national average unemployment rate for this 24-month period was 4.0 percent; 20 percent above this

was 4.8 percent. The average unemployment rate for this region was 4.8 percent for the same period.

<b>Bureau of Labor Statistics Local Area Unemployment Data May 2017 through April 2019</b>		
<b>Counties</b>	<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>Unemployed Total</b>
Carson City	617,624	28,626
Churchill County	266,206	10,514
Clark County	26,208,705	1,260,994
Douglas County	547,585	24,055
Elko County	649,296	21,757
Esmeralda County	10,709	466
Eureka County	25,346	677
Humboldt County	196,873	6,882
Lander County	75,671	2,864
Lincoln County	49,796	2,249
Lyon County	538,677	29,178
Mineral County	46,280	2,455
Nye County	400,734	23,317
Pershing County	62,242	2,618
Storey County	47,771	2,125
White Pine County	109,941	4,008
<b>Combined Area Total</b>	<b>29,853,456</b>	<b>1,422,785</b>
<b>Combined Area Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>4.8%</b>	
<b>20% Above National Average Threshold</b>	<b>4.8%</b>	

The State requests to waive the following reservations based on having an average unemployment rate exceeding the national average for a recent 24-month period. The reservation unemployment rate was calculated by applying 2017 American Community Survey<sup>1</sup> share ratios to county-level Bureau of Labor Statistics data from May 2017 through April 2019. The following table summarizes the calculations:

<sup>1</sup> These calculations are based on data from the 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates.

**American Community Survey and Bureau of Labor Statistics Data  
May 2017 through April 2019**

<b>Reservations</b>	<b>Unemployed</b>	<b>Labor Force</b>	<b>Unemployment Rate</b>
Lander County (part); Nevada (part); Battle Mountain Reservation and Off-Reservation Trust Land, NV	426	3,112	13.7%
<b>Battle Mountain Reservation</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>3,112</b>	<b>13.7%</b>
Lyon County (part); Nevada (part); Campbell Ranch, NV	513	3,329	15.4%
<b>Campbell Ranch</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>3,329</b>	<b>15.4%</b>
Carson City (part); Nevada (part); Carson Colony, NV	450	3,064	14.7%
<b>Carson Colony</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>3,064</b>	<b>14.7%</b>
Douglas County (part); Nevada (part); Dresslerville Colony, NV	547	3,753	14.6%
<b>Dresslerville Colony</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>3,753</b>	<b>14.6%</b>
Elko County (part); Nevada (part); Duck Valley Reservation, NV--ID	1,569	11,545	13.6%
<b>Duck Valley Reservation</b>	<b>1,569</b>	<b>11,545</b>	<b>13.6%</b>
Nye County (part); Nevada (part); Duckwater Reservation, NV	435	4,066	10.7%
<b>Duckwater Reservation</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>4,066</b>	<b>10.7%</b>
Elko County (part); Nevada (part); Elko Colony, NV	589	11,038	5.3%
<b>Elko Colony</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>11,038</b>	<b>5.3%</b>
White Pine County (part); Nevada (part); Ely Reservation, NV	120	2,317	5.2%
<b>Ely Reservation</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>2,317</b>	<b>5.2%</b>
Churchill County (part); Nevada (part); Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Colony and Off-Reservation Trust Land, NV	215	1,018	21.1%
Lyon County (part); Nevada (part); Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Colony and Off-Reservation Trust Land, NV	0	0	-
Churchill County (part); Nevada (part); Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Reservation and Off-Reservation Trust Land, NV	779	8,205	9.5%
<b>Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Colony and Off-Reservation Trust Land</b>	<b>994</b>	<b>9,223</b>	<b>10.8%</b>

Humboldt County (part); Nevada (part); Fort McDermitt Indian Reservation, NV--OR	302	2,860	10.6%
<b>Fort McDermitt Indian Reservation</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>2,860</b>	<b>10.6%</b>
Clark County (part); Nevada (part); Las Vegas Indian Colony, NV	155	704	22.0%
<b>Las Vegas Indian Colony</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>22.0%</b>
Pershing County (part); Nevada (part); Lovelock Indian Colony, NV	245	407	60.3%
<b>Lovelock Indian Colony</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>60.3%</b>
Clark County (part); Nevada (part); Moapa River Indian Reservation, NV	368	2,514	14.6%
<b>Moapa River Indian Reservation</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>2,514</b>	<b>14.6%</b>
Lyon County (part); Nevada (part); Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation, NV	0	0	-
Storey County (part); Nevada (part); Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation, NV	0	0	-
Washoe County (part); Nevada (part); Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation, NV	1,899	15,489	12.3%
<b>Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation</b>	<b>1,899</b>	<b>15,489</b>	<b>12.3%</b>
Washoe County (part); Nevada (part); Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, NV	1,404	10,081	13.9%
<b>Reno-Sparks Indian Colony</b>	<b>1,404</b>	<b>10,081</b>	<b>13.9%</b>
Douglas County (part); Nevada (part); Stewart Community, NV	0	0	-
Carson City (part); Nevada (part); Stewart Community, NV	253	1,342	18.9%
<b>Stewart Community</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>1,342</b>	<b>18.9%</b>
Churchill County (part); Nevada (part); Walker River Reservation, NV	0	0	-
Lyon County (part); Nevada (part); Walker River Reservation, NV	0	24	0.0%
Mineral County (part); Nevada (part); Walker River Reservation, NV	985	10,297	9.6%
<b>Walker River Reservation</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>10,320</b>	<b>9.5%</b>
Douglas County (part); Nevada (part); Washoe Ranches Trust Land, NV--CA	2,861	32,212	8.9%
Lyon County (part); Nevada (part); Washoe Ranches Trust Land, NV--CA	0	0	-

Carson City (part); Nevada (part); Washoe Ranches Trust Land, NV--CA	0	315	0.0%
<b>Washoe Ranches Trust Land</b>	<b>2,861</b>	<b>32,527</b>	<b>8.8%</b>
Humboldt County (part); Nevada (part); Winnemucca Indian Colony, NV	21	202	10.3%
<b>Winnemucca Indian Colony</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>10.3%</b>
Lyon County (part); Nevada (part); Yerington Colony, NV	488	1,774	27.5%
<b>Yerington Colony</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>1,774</b>	<b>27.5%</b>

- 10. Anticipated impact on households and State agency operations:** This waiver will provide consistency for state operations.

**Caseload information, including percent, characteristics, and quality control error rate for affection portion (if applicable):**

The caseload for these areas, as of **DATE**, represent **XX%** of the caseload for the state. There are no quality control procedures involved.

- 11. Anticipated implementation date and time period for which waiver is needed:**  
The State is requesting a one-year waiver, from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

- 12. Proposed quality control review procedures:**

There are no special quality control procedures needed in conjunction with this waiver.

- 13. State agency submitting waiver request and State contact person:** Sheri Gallucci

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- 15. Date of request:** 07/08/2019

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