

March 10, 2006

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SUBJECT: FSP – Colorado - Request for Extension of Waiver 970069

TO: Jody Cornwell, Regional Director
Food Stamp Program
Mountain Plains Region

This is in response to your e-mail dated March 9, 2006, transmitting the Colorado State Agency's request for an extension of its current waiver of 7 CFR 273.24. This section limits the receipt of food stamp benefits to 3 months within a 3-year period for able-bodied adults who are not working (or participating in a work program) 20 hours or more each week or participating in workfare.

The State of Colorado wishes to exempt the following five counties: Conejos, Costilla, Crowley, Huerfano, and Saguache based on their designation as Labor Surplus Areas (LSAs) for fiscal year 2006 by the Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration (DOLETA).

We are approving the Colorado State Agency's request, effective May 1, 2006. Approval of this waiver is based on our review of the Employment and Training Administration notice on the Labor Surplus Area designations for fiscal year 2005-2006. The waiver will expire on April 30, 2007.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennie Nelson of my staff via e-mail or telephone at (703) 305-2446.

/s/

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