

March 1, 2007

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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 February 9, 2007, transmitting the Colorado State Agency's request for an extension and modification 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 San Juan County based on its designation as a Labor Surplus Areas (LSAs) for fiscal year 2006-2007 by the Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration (DOLETA).

We are approving Colorado's request for San Juan County, effective April 1, 2007, for one year since it was not a LSA last year and it will expire on March 31, 2008.

Colorado's waiver request to exempt the following five counties: Conejos, Costilla, Crowley, Huerfano, and Saguache based on their designation as LSAs for fiscal year 2007 by DOLETA, will be approved as a separate waiver under waiver #2070030. The waiver will be approved for a period of two years effective April 1, 2007, and it will expire on March 31, 2009.

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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