April 28, 2020

SUBJECT: Extension Approval of Disaster Household Distribution in Response to the National Emergency Declaration Due to COVID-19

TO: Cheryl Kennedy
Regional Administrator
Mountain Plains Regional Office

This memorandum is in response to Northern Arapaho Tribe’s request to extend its use of U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Foods to operate disaster household distribution beyond its initial approved end date of April 26, 2020. This request is in response to food assistance needs resulting from the COVID-19 National Emergency declared by the President of the United States on March 13, 2020.

Northern Arapaho Tribe requested that USDA, increase its individuals served, add nonfat dried milk to the approved disaster household distribution food package, and extend its initial approval period to use USDA Foods from the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) for disaster household distribution. Northern Arapaho Tribe will continue to use the same distribution methods to provide food assistance.

An extension is granted for disaster household distribution beginning April 28, 2020 through May 27, 2020. This approval allows Northern Arapaho Tribe to use the previously approved disaster household distribution food package with one nonfat dried milk added to continue providing food assistance to up to 500 individuals. Northern Arapaho Tribe must follow the same Terms of Approval as stated in our original approval letter dated March 27, 2020.

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