April 29, 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 the Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy Reservation’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 23, 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.

Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy Reservation requested that USDA extend its initial approval to use USDA Foods from the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) for disaster household distribution. Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy Reservation will continue to use the same distribution methods to provide food assistance.

An extension is granted for disaster household distribution beginning April 29, 2020 through May 28, 2020. This approval allows Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy Reservation to use the previously approved disaster household distribution food package to continue providing food assistance to up to 400 individuals. Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy Reservation must follow same Terms of Approval as stated in our original approval letter dated March 24, 2020.

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