March 20, 2020

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

TO: Jesus Mendoza
   Regional Administrator
   Western Regional Office

This memorandum is in response to Fort Mojave’s request of March 18, 2020 to use U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Foods to operate disaster household distribution on Fort Mojave’s Indian Reservation and in surrounding near areas off-reservation where many Tribal members currently live. 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.

Fort Mojave, which administers the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), requested that USDA approve the use of USDA Foods from FDPIR for disaster household distribution beginning March 20, 2020 through April 1, 2020. The disaster household distribution food package will be provided to all existing FDPIR households in need of food assistance as well as approximately 100 additional non-FDPIR Tribal-member households for a total of approximately 250 households served. Fort Mojave will utilize home delivery services to provide the disaster household distribution food package to their impacted Tribal members.

Approval is granted to begin disaster household distribution today, March 20, 2020 through April 1, 2020. The following foods are approved for the disaster household distribution food package for a household of one-to-two members, which includes the foods request with the following changes:

1. Hamburger was not approved. USDA is not approving frozen foods for disaster household distribution.
2. If desired, Fort Mohave may increase the cans of meat in its distribution from 1 to 2 because we are not permitting hamburger to be distributed.

   - 1 bag pinto bean
   - 1 rice
   - 1 oatmeal/farina
   - 1 milk
   - 4 can vegetables
   - 4 can or dried fruit
   - 1 flour
   - 1 pasta
   - 1 juice
   - 2 cans meat
For larger households, Fort Mojave has approval to provide additional disaster household distribution food packages based on household size. For example, a household of four would receive two disaster household distribution food packages.

**Terms of Approval:**

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is approving For Mojave’s request under the following terms:

1. Fort Mojave must provide on a weekly basis beginning week of March 23, 2020 an estimate of: 1) the amount of FDPIR inventory used for the disaster household distributions; and 2) the number of persons served under disaster household distribution.

2. Approval for disaster household distribution is granted through April 1, 2020.

**Authority**

The approval of disaster household distribution of USDA Foods is in accordance with FNS regulations at 7 CFR 250.69. Fort Mojave must provide a summary report via the FNS-292A form within 45 following termination of disaster household distribution of food packages. The information reported on the FNS-292A is the location of distribution sites, number of persons served and type and quantity of USDA Foods distributed.

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