

Food and Nutrition
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SUBJECT: 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 Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy Reservation's request of March 19, 2020 to use U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Foods to operate disaster household distribution on the Rocky Boy Reservation. 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, 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 for 30 days beginning from date of approval. The disaster household distribution food package will be provided to non-FDPIR Tribal-member households in need of food assistance for a total of approximately 2,580 individuals served. Rocky Boy will utilize home delivery services to provide the disaster household distribution food package to their impacted Tribal members.

Approval is granted for disaster household distribution for the duration of 30 days beginning March 25, 2020 through April 23, 2020. The following foods are approved for the disaster household distribution food package for a household of one-to-two members, which is an adjustment of the foods requested. FNS has specified canned meats and removed tortillas because USDA is not approving frozen foods for disaster household distribution:

- 2 can meat
- 4 can vegetables; includes dehydrated potatoes
- 3 can or dried fruit
- 1 juice container
- 1 flour
- 1 peanut butter
- 1 crackers
- 1 cereal

For larger households, Rocky Boy 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:

FNS is approving Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy Reservation's request under the following terms:

1. Rocky Boy must provide on a weekly basis beginning week of March 30, 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 23, 2020.

Authority

The approval of disaster household distribution of USDA Foods is in accordance with FNS regulations at 7 CFR 250.69. Rocky Boy 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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