

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 Eastern Shoshone Tribe's request of March 19, 2020 to use U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Foods to operate disaster household distribution on Eastern Shoshone Tribe'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.

Eastern Shoshone, 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 18, 2020 through May 1, 2020. The disaster household distribution food package will be provided to all existing FDPIR households in need of food assistance and potentially non-FDPIR Tribal-member households as well for a total of approximately 377 individuals served. Eastern Shoshone will utilize on-site pickup at their main food distribution facility as well as 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. At this time, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is not approving disaster assistance for more than 30 days. 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:

- 4 can or dried fruit
- 4 can vegetables; includes dehydrated potatoes
- 1 rice
- 1 macaroni
- 1 egg noodle
- 1 flour
- 1 peanut butter
- 1 bag dried beans
- 2 instant milk
- 1 cereal
- 3 soups

For larger households, Eastern Shoshone 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 Eastern Shoshone's request under the following terms:

1. Eastern Shoshone 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. Eastern Shoshone 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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