April 21, 2020

SUBJECT: Revised 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 the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians’ (CTSI) request to revise its use of U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Foods to operate disaster household distribution. 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.

CTSI requested that USDA revise its initial approval to use USDA Foods for disaster household distribution and approve an increase to provide disaster assistance to up to 300 individuals. CTSI will continue to use the same distribution methods to provide disaster household distribution food packages.

Approval is granted for CTSI to provide disaster household distribution to up to 300 individuals. CTSI is authorized to use the previously approved USDA Foods for disaster household distribution to continue providing food assistance to impacted households. CTSI must also follow the same Terms of Approval as stated in our original approval letter dated April 8, 2020.

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