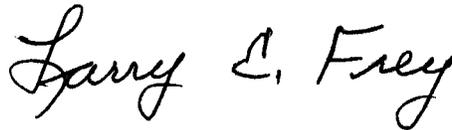


For: Oregon County Offices

**2002 Farm Bill EQIP Signature Authority Delegation**

Approved by: Larry Frey, State Executive Director



**1 Overview**

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**Purpose**

To inform COFs that Bob Graham, NRCS State Conservationist, delegated 2002 Farm Bill authorized EQIP program signature authority to several Conservationists to approved EQIP contracts, contract modifications, contract terminations, and payment authorizations.

The list of Conservationist granted such delegations are listed in a memo from Bob Graham, which is Exhibit 1 of this notice.

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**Background**

The 2002 Farm Bill changed the EQIP program to make it more streamlined. One of the improvements is that NRCS can make EQIP decisions independent of FSA COC approval. To this end, key NRCS Conservationists have been delegated authority to make EQIP program approvals.

**Disposal Date:**

January 1, 2003  
8/5/02

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**To:** Larry Frey, State Executive Director, Farm Service Agency, Tualatin, Oregon **File Code:** 330-19

For your information we are providing the names of the Designated Conservationists for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) under the 2002 Farm Bill. These employees are authorized to approve EQIP contracts, contract modifications, contract terminations, and payment authorizations.

Designated Conservationists in Oregon are the following:

- Gary Briggs, Basin Team Leader, Central Coast/Upper Willamette Basin, Tangent, Oregon
- Jim Wright, Basin Team Leader, Deschutes Basin, Moro, Oregon
- Kevin Conroy, Basin Team Leader, High Desert Basin, Klamath Falls, Oregon
- Jay Gibbs, Basin Team Leader, John Day/Umatilla Basin, Heppner, Oregon
- Leo Preston, Basin Team Leader, Lower Willamette Basin, McMinnville, Oregon
- Robert (Bob) Pedersen, Basin Team Leader, North Coast Basin, Tillamook, Oregon
- Ron Alvarado, Basin Team Leader, Snake River Basin, La Grande, Oregon
- Scott Zimmerman, Basin Team Leader, Southwest Oregon Basin, Roseburg, Oregon

BOB GRAHAM  
State Conservationist

cc:  
Bill White, Leader – Programs, NRCS, Portland, Oregon  
Designated Conservationists, Oregon

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