

For: County Offices

### Secretarial Natural Disaster Determination S1511

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Approved By: Acting State Executive Director



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#### 1 Overview

**A Background** Effective January 29, 2001, Secretary Ann M. Veneman declared a major disaster in **Wallowa County, Oregon**. This Natural Disaster was due to losses caused by drought that occurred from June 1, 2000 and continuing, and wildfires that occurred from August 24 through September 4, 2000.

As a result, the following Oregon Counties were named as contiguous Counties to Wallowa County, Oregon, where eligible family farmers may qualify for FSA EM loan assistance:

**BAKER                      UMATILLA                      UNION**

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**B Purpose** The purpose of this Oregon Notice is to inform County Office employees of the counties eligible to receive and process emergency (EM) loan applications under this designation.

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**C Contacts** Please inform the STO Farm Loan Staff of the commodities for which you will need yield and price information. Any questions you may have concerning the designation should also be directed to Lynn Voigt, Farm Loan Chief at (503) 692-3688, ext. 256.

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<b>Disposal</b>  October 1, 2001	<b>Distribution</b>  STO, DD, COR, COC, COF - Including Farm Loan Programs
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## 2 Action

### A Implementation Responsibilities

EM loan applications will be received from Wallowa County for wildfires through May 1, 2001, and for drought through October 1, 2001, for production losses. EM loan applications will be received from the contiguous counties for wildfires and drought through October 1, 2001, for production losses. EM loans will be made under Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) Instruction 1945-D. For the purpose of establishing security values as set forth in Section 1945.175(c)(2) of FmHA Instruction 1945-D, the day before the beginning of the incidence periods of the disaster is May 31, 2000 and August 23, 2000.

Please take the notification and coordination actions as required by section 1945.21 of FmHA Instruction 1945-A. Among them is the requirement to ensure there is no duplication of FSA disaster benefits and actual loss Emergency loan benefits on the same losses. We therefore request that County Executive Directors and Farm Loan Managers or Farm Loan Officers serving the designated area personally meet to review the use of Form FmHA 1945-29, and to discuss the circumstances under which FSA disaster payments will be made payable jointly to the borrower and FSA.

We have a responsibility to ensure that there are no duplication of FCIC crop insurance or multi-peril crop insurance and FSA actual loss Emergency loan benefits for the same losses. Following the guidelines of Exhibit A of FmHA Instruction 2000-N, this will be accomplished by requiring Emergency loan applicants to sign an "Assignment of Indemnity" or Form FCI-20 or other acceptable form, authorizing the issuance of any loss claim settlement check on an insured crop to be made payable jointly to FSA and the policyholder. An exception would be when the amount of the loss claim or settlement on the insured crop is known and it is deducted from the amount of the FSA actual loss emergency loan.

### B Filing Instructions

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Preceding FmHA Instruction 1945-A and Operational File 14-1.