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## Sweetwater/Sublette/Uinta County FSA Updates

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Shirley DeLambert  
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Wes Lupher (UIN)  
Kirk Eyre (UIN)  
Vance Broadbent (UIN)  
L'Nette Iorg (UIN)

**Next County**

**Committee**

**Meeting:** TBD

### CLIFF CREEK & TOKEWANNA FIRES

If you have lost grazing and/or livestock to wildfires in Sublette or Uinta County, please contact the office. Losses may be eligible for assistance under the 2014 Farm Bill Livestock Disaster Programs.

**LFP (Livestock Forage Program)** assistance may be available for grazing losses sustained on federally managed land. The applicant must provide documentation that grazing was prohibited or lessened by the Federal Agency. Applications must be filed no later than January 30, 2017.

**ELAP (Emergency Livestock Assistance Program)** assistance may be available for grazing losses sustained on non-federally managed land (owned, leased, State) or additional feed purchases to replace lost feed. The applicant must provide proof that livestock was removed from affected acreage and/or receipts from additional feed purchases. Notice of loss may be made by phone, fax, email or in person. Notice of loss must be filed in the County office within 30 days of losses becoming apparent.

Assistance may be available for livestock death losses from *man-made* fire. Notice of loss may be made by phone, fax, email or in person. Notice of loss must be filed in the County office within 30 days of losses becoming apparent.

**LIP (Livestock Indemnity Program)** assistance may be available for livestock death losses from *natural caused fire*. Notice of loss may be made by phone, fax, email or in person. Notice of loss must be filed in the County office within 30 days of losses becoming apparent.

Please call the office to find out more about these programs and how they may assist you!

## 2016 COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

County Committees provide a grassroots approach to how FSA conducts business. Committees are elected by peers in the agricultural community. Successful candidates are charged with representing producers' interests from their Local Administrative Area (LAA). County Committees are an integral part to keeping decisions affecting FSA programs as local as possible.

Sweetwater County has one position up for election this year (LAA 1-2) as shown on the map below. The position is currently represented by Shirley DeLambert of Eden, WY. 2016 nominations are:

- Kaye Goicolea
- James (Jim) Hodder

Uinta County has one position up for election this year (LAA 1-3) as shown on the map below. The position is currently represented by Kirk Eyre of Lyman, WY. 2016 nominations are:

- Dustin Condos

### *Election Dates to Remember*

**November 7, 2016** – Ballots mailed to voters in LAAs holding elections

**December 5, 2016** – Final date for ballots to be received by the County Office (or postmarked)

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## USDA EXPANDS MICROLOANS

The microloan program, which celebrates its third anniversary the week, has been hugely successful, providing more than 16,800 low-interest loans, totaling over \$373 million to producers across the country. Microloans have helped farmers and ranchers with operating costs, such as feed, fertilizer, tools, fencing, equipment and living expenses since 2013. Seventy percent of loans have gone to new farmers.

Now, microloans will be available to help with farm land and building purchases and soil and water conservation improvements. FSA designed the expanded program to simplify the application process, expand eligibility requirements and expedite smaller real estate loans to help farmers strengthen their operations. Microloans provide up to \$50,000 to qualified producers and can be issued to the applicant directly from USDA-FSA.

To learn more about the microloan program visit [www.fsa.usda.gov/microloans](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/microloans) or contact the Fremont County FSA office.

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