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## **FY14 EMERGENCY HAYING / GRAZING APPROVED FOR BANNOCK COUNTY**

Bannock County received approval for landowners to graze established CRP stands from October 18, 2013 to January 17, 2014. Emergency haying is also an available option with this approval if producer feels it would be beneficial. The CRP participant will be assessed a 25% reduction in payment for FY14. Please contact the office to sign up before any cattle are turned out on CRP. A field visit may need to be made under certain circumstances.

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## **FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR PRODUCERS FACING CRITICAL WATER NEEDS THROUGH THE EMERGENCY CONSERVATION PROGRAM (ECP)**

Bannock County has been approved for the Emergency Conservation Program. Signup is from **October 22 to November 22, 2013**.

ECP provides qualified producers the opportunity to request financial assistance during critical shortages. It is unknown if funding will be immediately available, but producers who are interested can begin making their cost-share requests, and they will be notified as funds become available.

Farmers experiencing severe drought conditions may be eligible for cost-share assistance under the Emergency Conservation Program or ECP. This program provides cost-share assistance if the damage is so severe that water available for livestock, orchards, and vineyards has been reduced below normal to the extent that they cannot survive without additional water.

A producer qualifying for ECP assistance may receive cost share not to exceed 50 percent of the cost of installing eligible temporary measures. Cost share for permanent measures is based on 75 percent of the total eligible cost. Cost-share assistance is limited to \$200,000 per person or legal entity per natural disaster. Water source related problems existing prior to the applicable disaster are ineligible for ECP assistance.

Approved practices and measures may include:

- Water hauling – cost share is available for 1) the labor for delivering water; 2) truck rental for delivering water; 3) temporary holding tanks and troughs; and 4) contracted labor for water delivery
- Installing pipelines or other facilities for livestock water or existing irrigation systems for orchards and vineyards
- Constructing and deepening wells for livestock water
- Developing springs or seeps for livestock water.

Producers who have experienced severe drought conditions requiring outside assistance to provide supplemental water should contact their local county FSA office for more information.

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### **Questions?**

Please contact Ben Evans, County Executive Director, at (208) 237-3435, [Ben.Evans@id.usda.gov](mailto:Ben.Evans@id.usda.gov) or for Farm Loans, please contact Todd Tueller, Farm Loan Manager, at (208) 852-0482, [Todd.Tueller@id.usda.gov](mailto:Todd.Tueller@id.usda.gov).

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