

For: State and County Offices

Reminder for Tree Thinning Contract Extension

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

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Background

Notice CRP-342 provided that CRP participants with practice CP11, who offered to thin existing tree stands or to thin existing tree stands and create and maintain open areas, will be allowed up to 6 years from the effective date of CRP-1 to complete the required activity provided they agree to extend CRP-1 for 3 years with no overall additional outlays. Eligible participants may also elect to terminate all or a portion of the acreage under CRP-1 without refund of annual rental payments.

CRP participants electing to use the options provided in Notice CRP-342 must do so by COB September 1, 2000.

County Offices were instructed to provide a letter to all applicable CRP participants by August 31, 1999, to inform them of the provisions of Notice CRP-342.

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Purpose

This notice reminds County Offices and requires that applicable participants be reminded that September 1, 2000, is the deadline to request to modify CRP-1 to extend the expiration date.

<p>Disposal Date</p> <p>November 1, 2000</p>	<p>Distribution</p> <p>State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices and NRCS State Offices</p>
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Notice CRP-371

2 Action

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**State Office
Action**

State Offices shall:

- immediately provide County Offices with a copy of this notice
 - ensure that all County Offices follow the instructions in this notice
 - provide the NRCS State Office and State Forester with a copy of this notice.
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**County Office
Action**

County Offices shall:

- immediately inform all applicable producers that the opportunity afforded by Notice CRP-342 will expire COB September 1, 2000
 - provide the NRCS Field Office and Service Forester with a copy of this notice.
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**NRCS
Concurrence**

NRCS National Office has concurred with this notice.

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FS Concurrence

FS National Office has concurred with this notice.
