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Subject: Comments on Docket Number NRCS-IFR-08006



To Whom It May Concern,

I write regarding Docket Number NRCS-IFR-08006.

It's important to increase the flexibility of the Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP). The greater the flexibility, the more our farmlands will benefit. Please address the following concerns:

- Make it clear that the federal government is not purchasing a federal property interest, but rather the right to enforce the terms of an easement when and if necessary;
- USDA should establish a meaningful certification process to reduce cumbersome and unneeded program requirements for experienced entities;
- While well-intentioned, the new forest management plan requirement is burdensome and should be eliminated or significantly revised;
- The rule should follow Congressional intent and give program partners the flexibility to design and implement their own impervious surfaces standards; and,
- The new national ranking criteria do not adequately recognize state and local farmland protection goals; entities that become certified should be allowed to use their own criteria for ranking farmland protection projects.

Please address these concerns.

Sincerely,
Erica Peters

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