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SUBJECT: LTP—Grassland Reserve Program—Schedule of Deadlines

Action required by field offices: April 1, 2013

Purpose: To announce the fiscal year (FY) 2013 Grassland Reserve Program (GRP) schedule of events deadlines

Expiration Date: September 30, 2014

The GRP notice of fund availability allows program applications to be accepted continuously throughout the year. Application evaluation periods will be used to accumulate applications for subsequent ranking.

One application evaluation period is currently planned for FY 2013.

FY 2013 GRP APPLICATION EVALUATION PERIOD

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| April 1 | All GRP easement applications are to be entered in the Conservation Programs Geographic Information System Interface (CPGI) tool |
| April 5 | Microsoft Office Access county GRP databases (generated by CPGI) pulled electronically by state office (SO)—no action required by field offices (FO) |
| April 12 | Tentative funding decisions concurred by the Farm Service Agency (FSA) State Executive Director and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) State Conservationist and reported to service centers |
| April 19 | Application packets for all new easement and tentatively approved applications due to the SO (see attached application checklist) |
| April/May | SO Easement Programs Team conducts field checks to ground truth tentatively approved applications |

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- May 3 GRP Management Plans for tentatively approved applications due
- May 3 FSA State Executive Director and NRCS State Conservationist make final funding decisions
- May 10 SO sends approved applicants a financial offer
- May 31 FSA and NRCS obligate GRP funds

If action has not already been taken, FSA county offices and NRCS FOs need to announce the FY 2013 GRP application period. Outreach efforts need to ensure that all potential program participants, including underserved, are made aware of the program.

FOs will forward application packets through appropriate channels to Steven M. Ramsey, Economist, 760 South Broadway, Salina, Kansas 67401, no later than April 19, 2013.

Please share this information with your FSA counterpart.

Contact: Please forward feedback and questions to Lynn E. Thurlow, Acting Assistant State Conservationist for Water Resources, at 785-823-4548, or Steve M. Ramsey, Economist, at 785-823-4517.

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Attachment