



Rural Development

Oregon AN No. 1405 (3550 & 1980)

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SUBJECT: Determination of Rural Areas Rural Housing Programs

**PURPOSE/INTENDED OUTCOME:**

The purpose of this Administrative Notice (AN) is to provide Rural Housing Employees and Single Family Housing Program Participants with updated information regarding Rural Area Designations based on the 2010 census, the Agricultural Act of 2014, H.R. 2642 (Farm Bill), and as defined in HB-1-3550, Chapter 5, paragraph 5.3.

**COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS AN:**

This Administrative Notice replaces Oregon AN 1391 (3550 & 1980) dated September 4, 2014.

**IMPLEMENTATION RESPONSIBILITIES:**

USDA Rural Development officially implemented the following changes to Oregon's Rural Area Designations in order to accommodate the new Rural Area Definition as amended by the Agricultural Act of 2014, H.R. 2642 (Farm Bill). As of May 6, 2014 two new communities were identified eligible as the communities were eligible prior to October 1, 1990 and the area population does not exceed 35,000. In accordance with the above mentioned instructions McMinnville and Grants Pass, Oregon became eligible rural areas on May 6, 2014.

The Secretary has temporarily suspended work through September 30, 2015, on determinations and any designations that would make a place

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January 31, 2016

FILING INSTRUCTIONS:  
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ineligible solely based on “rural in character” criteria. This temporary suspension only applies to currently eligible areas slated to lose eligibility October 1, 2014 due to “rural in character” criteria. Areas slated to lose eligibility because of population will do so effective October 1, 2014 (none identified).

While no additional Oregon communities will be added or removed as eligible for Rural Housing Programs, **minor changes to the margins of some eligible areas will become effective on February 2, 2015.** These changes account for any formerly eligible areas having been annexed into ineligible communities of 35,000 or more. As such, effective February 2, 2015, stakeholders may notice variations to the eligibility map in small areas on the fringes of communities of 35,000 or more, including Hillsboro, Salem, Keizer, Albany, Corvallis, Bend, Eugene/Springfield, and Medford. Until further notice, we anticipate no further changes to eligible rural areas for Rural Housing Programs until after September 30, 2015, according to the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act of 2015.

Based on the current available data from the 2010 census and the Rural Area Definition amended by the Agricultural Act of 2014, H.R. 2642 (Farm Bill) the following areas were ineligible as of October 1, 1990 and have never been made eligible under any other provision of law as further defined by the Agricultural Act of 2014, H.R. 2642 (Farm Bill) and updated Housing Act requirements for USDA Rural Development Housing Programs:

City:

- Albany
- Aloha
- Beaverton
- Bend
- Central Point
- Clackamas
- Corvallis
- Durham
- Eugene-Springfield
- Fairview
- Gladstone
- Gresham
- Happy Valley
- Hillsboro
- Johnson City
- King City
- Lake Grove
- Lake Oswego
- Maywood Park
- Medford
- Milwaukie
- Oregon City
- Portland
- Reedville
- Rivergrove
- Salem-Keizer
- Tigard
- Troutdale
- Tualatin
- West Linn
- Wood Village

The non-rural areas in Oregon, for Rural Housing Programs can be obtained from the following website: <http://eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov>. In accordance with HB-1-3550, Paragraph 5.3, C.3, the maps for ineligible areas are to be posted in the offices, which have jurisdiction for each of these respective non-rural areas.

For further questions regarding this Administrative Notice (AN), please contact Rod Hansen at 503-414-3353 and/or Kate Bateman at (503) 414-3393.

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