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PUBLIC NOTICE:

30 Day Inspection Period and Comments Received from USDA Rural Development's Periodic Review of Rural Areas in Nevada (Housing Programs)

USDA Rural Development has concluded the 90 Day Public Notice and Comment Period, for Washoe County and Clark County to determine if Las Vegas, Henderson, North Las Vegas, Reno and Sparks should expand ineligible classifications to include all areas within city limits for Rural Development's Housing Programs. In accordance with 7 CFR 3550.56 and HB-1-3550, Section 5.3 (C)(1), Rural Development must conduct periodic reviews to identify areas that qualify, or no longer qualify as rural. The last rural area reviews were performed in 2018 using the 2010 census data. 2023 rural area reviews were performed using 2020 census data.

"Rural" and "rural area" for the purpose of establishing eligibility to participate in USDA housing programs is defined in Section 520 of the Housing Act of 1949 (as amended) (Act). The definition can also be found in HB-1-3550, Chapter 5, Section 5.3 (A). Current housing program eligibility maps can be found <u>https://eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov/eligibility/welcomeAction.do</u>

Nevada Rural Development received and reviewed (0) comments submitted in writing.

For any questions, please contact Single Family Housing Program Director, Kara Blake at (702) 407-1400 x6000 or via email at kara.blake@usda.gov.

Based on this rural area review conducted and rural area guidance located in Handbook <u>HB-1-</u> <u>3550</u>, <u>Chapter 5</u>, the ineligible designation is proposed to change for the following areas:

Las Vegas, Henderson, North Las Vegas, Reno and Sparks and Pahrump. All eligible and ineligible areas can be viewed at:

The updated rural area map can now be viewed on our eligibility website: https://eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov/eligibility/welcomeAction.do

Users will need to click on the program, for example "Single Family Housing Direct" or "Single Family Housing Guaranteed," and then click on the "Accept" button on the disclaimer page, if presented, and then click on the "Proposed Eligibility Areas" tab.



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