

For: State and County Offices

**Acreage Allocation Review for Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)
State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE)**

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

Notice CRP-560 announced the new SAFE initiative allocating 500,000 acres of CRP for wildlife habitat enhancement and provided guidance for preparing SAFE project proposals.

On January 19, 2008, 45 approved SAFE projects in 18 States were announced. On February 14, 2008, an additional 30 approved SAFE projects in 16 States were announced. A SAFE proposal submitted by Puerto Rico after the initial submittal deadline is being reviewed.

Note: A total of 38,600 SAFE acres were initially allocated to 17 States that have not submitted proposals (see Exhibit 1).

B Purpose

Some State Offices have requested an additional allocation of SAFE acres. Therefore, State Offices with SAFE allocations that did not submit proposals are requested to indicate all or, if any, portion of those acres could be returned to the national reserve.

This notice:

- provides SAFE Allocations for State Offices Without Submitted Proposals (Exhibit 1)
- establishes December 31, 2008, as the deadline for State Offices to submit a report to CEPD concerning SAFE allocations
- establishes March 31, 2009, as the deadline for State Offices to submit SAFE proposals to CEPD for approval.

Disposal Date May 1, 2009	Distribution State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices and NRCS State Offices
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2 SAFE Acreage Allocations

A SAFE Proposal Report

By December 31, 2008, SED of State Offices listed in Exhibit 1 shall notify CEPD in writing of their decision about whether the State Office will submit SAFE proposals, including the expected acres and the number of acres to be released, if any. Negative reports are required.

State Offices listed in Exhibit 1 that intend to submit a SAFE proposal, shall submit the proposal to CEPD by March 31, 2009. State Offices shall follow Notices CRP-560 and CRP-576 for submitting SAFE proposals for approval.

B State Office Action

State Offices shall:

- follow the provisions of this notice
- consult with the State Technical Committee, as appropriate.

SAFE Allocations for State Offices Without Submitted Proposals

State Offices listed in the following table shall submit a SAFE Proposal Report to CEPD according to subparagraph 2 A.

State	Acres
Alaska	1,000
Arizona	1,300
California	11,200
Connecticut	1,000
Delaware	1,000
Florida	3,800
Hawaii	1,000
Maryland	1,500
Massachusetts	1,000
Nevada	1,000
New Hampshire	1,000
Oregon	5,500
Rhode Island	1,000
Utah	2,100
Vermont	1,000
West Virginia	1,200
Wyoming	3,000