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**BULLETIN NO.: MGR-08-011**

**TO:** All Approved Insurance Providers  
All Risk Management Agency Field Offices  
All Other Interested Parties

**FROM:** Eldon Gould /s/ *Eldon Gould* 7/11/2008  
Administrator

**SUBJECT:** Termination of the GRP Rangeland Pilot Crop Insurance Program

**BACKGROUND:**

The FCIC Board of Directors (Board) approved a new GRP Rangeland pilot crop insurance program for the 2005 and succeeding crop years for selected counties in Montana and Wyoming. In 2007, the Risk Management Agency (RMA) contracted for an evaluation of the new GRP Rangeland pilot crop insurance program.

The evaluation, along with other information, was considered by the Board, who determined the GRP Rangeland pilot crop insurance program should be terminated. The Pasture, Rangeland and Forage (PRF) Vegetation Index pilot crop insurance program was approved and implemented in all counties in Wyoming for the 2008 crop year. The PRF Rainfall Index pilot crop insurance program was also approved for all Montana counties for the 2008 crop year, but budget constraints have prevented RMA from implementing the program. RMA recently received budgetary approval to implement the PRF Rainfall Index pilot insurance program for Montana, and plans to do so for the 2009 crop year. Program materials should be released within the next few weeks.

**ACTION:**

The GRP Rangeland pilot crop insurance program is being terminated for the 2009 and subsequent crop years. To provide policyholders with an opportunity to review alternate risk management options, cancellation notices should be sent to all producers participating in this program at least 30 days prior to the cancellation date of September 30, 2008. If an Approved Insurance Provider accepts an application or fails to timely cancel the GRP Rangeland pilot policy for the 2009 crop year by September 30, 2008, no reinsurance will be provided.

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Producers who participated in the GRP Rangeland pilot crop insurance program should be advised about the availability of coverage under the existing PRF Vegetation Index pilot program in Wyoming, the impending PRF Rainfall Index pilot program in Montana or coverage under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for which information can be found at the Farm Service Agency Website at:  
<http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

**DISPOSAL DATE:**

This bulletin may be disposed of after December 31, 2008.