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FROM:

United States Department of Agriculture December 29, 2015

All Pacific Northwest Approved Insurance Providers

INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

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Ben Thiel /s/ Director

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SUBJECT: 30 Day Extension of Perennial Crop Pre-Acceptance Inspection Report (PAIR)

Deadlines for all Category C Crops – Idaho, Oregon and Washington

Management Agency

Spokane Washington Regional Office

The Spokane Regional office has recently received a number of requests from Approved Insurance Providers (AIP) to extend the standard 30 day timeline for submitting Pre-Acceptance Inspection Reports (PAIRs). Due to the high volume of policies requiring a PAIR, the extension requests are approved.

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The 2016 Crop Insurance Handbook FCIC 18010 (CIH) specifies the applicable situations where a PAIR is required in Paragraph 1838. Furthermore, Paragraph 1840 specifies deadlines for the AIP to complete the PAIR and situations where the RMA RO may grant an extension to the deadline.

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Therefore, the final date for receiving PAIRs (and any subsequent RO Determined Yield requests) will be no later than March 15, 2016, (60 calendar days after the production reporting date) for all Category C crops in accordance with Paragraph 1540.

Supporting records/documentation initially received after the applicable date specified above will not be accepted, unless the RO Determined Yield request results in a lower APH yield in accordance with the 'Exception' noted in Paragraph 1840 [see also, Paragraph 2212 A. (3) (c)] of the CIH.