



Subject: ACEP-ALE Increase in Federal Share Modification Request **Date:**

To: Memo to File

Background: Conservation Program Manual (CPM) 440.528.51(A)(6)(ii) states if the final approved fair market value of the agricultural land easement and non-Federal share provided by the eligible entity supports a Federal share amount that is higher than the original estimate, the State Conservationist (STC) has discretion to increase the amount of the Federal share for the individual parcel up to the maximum allowable ACEP-ALE cost-share amount per CPM 440.528.43 (A). Pursuant to the terms of the ALE-agreement, NRCS is under no obligation to increase the Federal share above the original estimated amount. The STC may only authorize an increase in the Federal share amount for an individual parcel that is within the scope of the original ACEP-ALE agreement, and if there are sufficient funds available in the current government fiscal year. NRCS will consider ACEP-ALE funding requests received by application batching date or dates set by national for additional state allocations.

Justification: NRCS recognizes that ALE participants procure appraisals throughout the year. ID NRCS requests that any federal share modification requests be submitted by the participant to tracie.oneill@usda.gov, State Easement Coordinator, for STC review and consideration. These additional federal share match requests will be equitably reviewed and, as appropriate, the approved additional funds requested will be deducted from that federal fiscal year ACEP-ALE allocation prior to any parcel application funding for new projects.

ALE participants must submit a written request to NRCS that provides specific detail and justification for the request including the reason why the eligible or certified entity under estimated the original fair market value; variances that have occurred within the market; details regarding how the ALE participant will support a share in the increased value amount.

Participant:

Easement Program:

Landowner(s):

Contracted Federal Share:

Program Agreement:

Appraised Fair Market Value:

Parcel Contract:

New Total Federal Share Request:

Appraisal Completion Date:

Additional Federal Share Requested:

Appraisal Technical Review Date (NRCS):

APPROVED

DENIED

STC Note, if applicable:

Curtis Elke
State Conservationist

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Lori Kassib, Assistant State Conservationist for Programs, Boise, ID

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**INSERT NRCS DELEGATION OF
AUTHORITY HERE (IF APPLICABLE)**

**INSERT PARTICIPANT REQUEST
FOR INCREASE IN FEDERAL SHARE
MODIFICATION HERE (EMAIL OR
LETTERHEAD)**

**INSERT APPRAISAL VALUATION
PAGE HERE**

**INSERT EXECUTED NRCS CPA-1155
OR CPA-1266 HERE**

**INSERT NRCS FUNDS
AVAILABILITY VERIFICATION
(FAV) HERE**