

Office of the Sheriff Cochise County



Mark J. Dannels
Sheriff

Thad J. Smith
Chief Deputy

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Ann English
Cochise County Board of Supervisors

Reference: USDA/Wildlife Services
Cooperative Service Agreement
14-73-04-0228-RA

Dearest Ann,

Attached are three (3) original agreements between Cochise County and USDA, for the Wildlife Services for FY 14/15; Terry Bannon has already perused and approved; We are now in need of your approval, please.

The cost of Services for FY1415 is less (\$4,629.00) than previous years, due to the retirement of Jim Schmidt.

If I can enlighten you in any way, please call me.

Many Thanks,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rea Anne Servia".

Rea Anne Servia,
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United States
Department of
Agriculture

Subject: Pooled Cost

Date: March 5, 2014

Marketing and
Regulatory
Programs

To: All AZ Cooperators

Animal and
Plant Health
Inspection
Service

I am writing this letter to inform you that our Agency has mandated that we add a new cost to our agreements. Effective August 23, 2013 our Agency issued a new Directive stating that a pooled cost of 11 % will be added to all agreements upon renewal of the agreement. This is on top of the already mandated 16.15% for overhead (Indirect Costs). This was done for standardization and consistency of financial control, cost management, and risk management processes across all WS program accounts.

Wildlife
Services

These costs are explained below:

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Pooled cost: charges include Supervision, severance pay, accrued annual leave payments, compensatory time, accrued sick time, employee relocation expenses, employee retirement expenses, hired services. It also includes vehicle usage, gasoline, supplies and equipment that are used on multiple projects.

Overhead (Indirect Charges): Telecommunications, utilities, tort claims (accidents), training, building lease and maintenance of facilities, equipment upkeep and maintenance (computer, printers, copier, security systems etc.).

I hope this helps answer any questions you may have, if not, please feel free to call or email me.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Williams
Budget Analyst
AZ State Office



United States Department of Agriculture
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Safeguarding American Agriculture

WORK AND FINANCIAL PLAN
between
COUNTY OF COCHISE
and
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE
WILDLIFE SERVICES

Pursuant to Cooperative Service Agreement No. 13-73-04-0228-RA between County of Cochise (Cooperator) and the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services (APHIS-WS), this Work Plan defines the objectives, plan of action, resources and budget for the Wildlife Damage Management program to be conducted from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

I. OBJECTIVES/GOALS

During the term of this Plan, WS will direct its efforts toward managing damage caused by wild and feral animals to livestock, other agriculture commodities, the public health and other property within the limitation of the funds provided by the Cooperator, the Arizona Department of Agriculture (ADA), and those allocated by WS to the program within Arizona.

According to Arizona Revised Statutes (ARS) § 3-2401 and § 3-2405, and in cooperation with APHIS-WS and other government agencies, the objectives of the work to be performed by the Wildlife Specialist(s) assigned to the Cooperator are listed below in order of priority:

- a. Direct efforts will be made to reduce the probability of transmission of zoonotic diseases to livestock, poultry, wildlife, and human populations through collection of diagnostic samples, and management of wildlife and feral animal populations that are vectors of zoonotic diseases.
- b. Direct efforts will be made to manage losses to livestock, poultry, and crops from damage and predation caused by wild and feral animals.
- c. Direct efforts will be made for the protection of residential areas and property, other industries, and wildlife from damage and predation by wild and feral animals.

II. PLAN OF ACTION

The funds provided by the Cooperator will pay for approximately one staff year (FTE) of effort by WS employees toward these objectives.

As identified in ARS § 3-2401 and § 3-2405, WS and the Cooperator shall cooperate in the control and destruction or relocation of predatory wildlife, noxious rodents and related animals that are injurious to livestock, poultry, game, agriculture, other industries and the public health in accordance with organized and systematic work plans.

In addition to above, WS will conduct feral, free-ranging and hybrid dog management to protect agriculture and animal Husbandry (e.g. Livestock, poultry) and natural resources in both rural and urban settings. Where applicable; WS will coordinate dog management with the Sheriff's office.

Protection of wildlife (i.e., game) will be in cooperation with the US Fish and Wildlife Service (migratory birds and threatened and endangered species) and/or Arizona Game and Fish Department. Annual work plans are developed through consultations with the US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and Arizona

State Land Department with participation by the Arizona Game and Fish Department, and ADA. Wildlife Services is also an active participant in the Arizona Livestock Incident Response Team.

Efforts will be made to increase cooperative funding by entering into Cooperative Service Agreements with additional interested counties (ARS § 3-2401) and by entering into cost share agreements with organizations and individuals within the State who require intensive and/or specialized wildlife damage management that is beyond the capability of the existing funding.

III. REPORTS

APHIS-WS will provide a report of activities at the request of the Cooperator.

IV. COST ESTIMATE FOR SERVICES

The cooperator will reimburse APHIS-WS for expenses incurred, not to exceed **\$35,190**. WS shall submit quarterly bills for actual costs incurred to WS for performance of work as delineated in the Work Plan. Such costs may include, but are not limited to, salary/benefits, vehicle use, supplies/equipment and APHIS overhead. An estimated itemization of expenses is listed below; however funds may be distributed between itemized categories as needed. Any equipment and supplies purchased under the terms of this agreement will remain the property of APHIS-WS.

Salary/Benefits	43,100
Travel/Per Diem	3,500
Vehicle Use	14,000
Dog and Horse Hire	252
Supplies	500
Less AZ Dept of Ag Contribution	-3,000
Less WS Contribution	-30,676
Sub Total	27,676
APHIS Overhead (16.15%)	4,470
Pooled Cost (11.0%)	3,044
COCHISE COUNTY TOTAL	\$35,190

NOTE: In accordance with the Debt Collection Improvement Act (DCIA) of 1996, bills issued by WS are due and payable within 30 days of receipt. The DCIA requires that all debts older than 120 days be forwarded to debt collection centers or commercial collection agencies for more aggressive action. Debtors have the option to verify, challenge and compromise claims, and have access to administrative appeals procedures which are both reasonable and protect the interests of the United States.

V. AUTHORIZATION

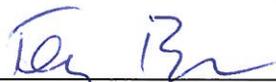
Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-511, the provisions of which are incorporated herein by reference, all parties are hereby put on notice that this Agreement is subject to cancellation by Cochise County or its departments or agencies, if any person significantly involved in initiating, negotiating, securing, drafting, or creating the contract on behalf of the County or its departments or agencies is, at any time while the contract or any extension of the contract is in effect, an employee or agent of any other party to the contract in any capacity or a consultant to any other party of the contract with respect to the subject matter of the contract.

Changes to this Annual Work/Financial Plan will be accomplished through a written amendment, agreed to by the parties.

APHIS-WS has advised the Cooperator that other private sector service providers may be available to provide wildlife management services and notwithstanding these other options, the Cooperator requests that APHIS-WS provide wildlife management services as stated under the terms of this agreement.

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COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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APPROVED AS TO FORM

 3-10-14
Cochise County Attorney Date
Terry Bannon

Chairman, Cochise County Board of Supervisors
Ann English

Date

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE
WILDLIFE SERVICES
Tax Identification Number: 41-0696271

State Director, Arizona

Date

Director, Western Region

Date

Mark J. Dannels, Sheriff

Date