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Subject: CRP options for Laura Carol Cummings land auction

Spencer,

This email is a follow-up to our phone conversation this morning regarding the CRP contract on the land sale for Laura Carol Cummings on Friday, April 12, 2024 in Westmoreland, KS.

First of all thank you for listing the CRP contract on your website. Secondly I want to clarify CRP policy when the only individual listed on the CRP contract is deceased.

William L Cummings is the **only** individual listed on CRP contract #11205. He died on November 10, 2023. The buyers of the land have two options:

1. The CRP contract may be revised to the new owners. New owners need to meet the USDA Farm Service Agency payment limitation requirements in order to receive the CRP payment. If the payment limitations are met, then the new owners would receive the 2024 annual CRP payment prorated to the date of William's death. Annual payments are issued in October of each year. The new owners need to understand that they are now responsible for the contract from the date that the contract started on 10/01/2022 through the end of the contract on 09/30/2032. There are a few areas of *Sericea lespedeza*, a noxious weed that is required to be controlled by state law, that need to be sprayed each year. There are also a few cedars that need to be controlled with a burn. The new owners need to be willing to put forth the effort and dollars required to maintain the CRP.
2. The new owners decline to assume the CRP contract. Since there is no "successor-in-interest" our office will terminate the CRP contract effective on the date of William L Cummings death and no refunds will be due from either the new owners or from the estate.

Make sure individuals that are interested in the property understand that these CRP rules only exist because William was the only individual listed on the contract. If there was another individual listed on the contract, then that person would be responsible for fulfilling the contract or paying to terminate the contract.

Following the auction, the new owners need to contact this FSA office with their decision on the CRP. If they choose to assume the CRP contract, a deed showing the new ownership is required.

I have tried to explain the choices plainly but yet cover everything so that the individuals who purchase the property are aware of the rules. Please do not hesitate if you have additional questions or need further explanation.

Thank you.

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