

**Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000**  
**Certification of Title III expenditures by participating county**

The Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (the Act), reauthorized in Public Law 117-58 and Public Law 117-102, requires the appropriate official of a county that receives funds under Title III of the Act to submit to the Secretary concerned (the Secretary of Agriculture, or the Secretary of the Interior, as appropriate) an annual certification that the funds expended have been used for the uses authorized under section 302(a) of the Act. The Secretary concerned also is requiring the appropriate official to certify the amount of Title III funds received since October 2008 that have not been spent/obligated.

The appropriate official of each participating county may use this form (see page 2) to report information to meet the requirements of the Act. **Certification must be made by February 1 following each year Title III funds are being held or spent/obligated by the county.** Certain counties in Oregon receive Title III payments initiated by both the Department of Agriculture and the Department of the Interior. If the county received Secure Rural Schools Act Title III payments from more than one agency, the county must certify separately to each Secretary regarding the separate payment initiated by that agency. Submit the certification to the appropriate address below for the respective agency.

**All counties** expending Title III funds received from Forest Service payments are to submit the annual certification by one of the following methods:

E-Mail (Preferred)	Mail	FAX:
<a href="mailto:SM.FS.asc_asr@usda.gov">SM.FS.asc_asr@usda.gov</a>	U.S. Forest Service Albuquerque Service Center, B&F Attn: Funds Control/ASR 4000 Masthead St. NE Albuquerque, NM 87109	877-684-1422 ATTN: ASR

**Certain counties in western Oregon** expending Title III funds received from payments from the Department of Interior for lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management are to submit a separate annual certification about the separate Title III funds by one of the following methods:

E-mail:	Mail	FAX:
Kevin Ford <a href="mailto:kford@blm.gov">kford@blm.gov</a>	Secretary of the Interior c/o BLM Oregon State Office State Director Office (OR931) Attn: Secure Rural Schools Coordinator P.O. Box 2965 Portland, OR 97208	503-808-6021

**Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000  
County's Certification of Title III Expenditures and Unobligated Funds  
Required by Law under Section 302(a) of the Act**

<b>2022 Receipt Year/2023 Payment Year</b>
Name of participating <b><u>County and State:</u></b>

<b>TITLE III BALANCE</b>	
Remaining unspent/unobligated balance as of 12/31/23 from payment received in 2023:	\$

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	
Amount of Title III funds spent/obligated this year to conduct authorized activities under the Firewise Communities program:	\$
Amount of Title III funds spent/obligated this year to reimburse the participating county for search and rescue and other emergency services performed on Federal land and paid for by the county, including firefighting and law enforcement patrols:	\$
Amount of Title III funds spent/obligated this year to cover training costs and equipment purchases related to the emergency services:	\$
Amount of Title III funds spent/obligated this year to develop community wildfire protection plans in coordination with the appropriate Secretary:	\$
Amount of Title III funds spent/obligated this year on (A) broadband telecommunications services at local schools; or (B) the technology and connectivity necessary for students to use a digital learning tool at or outside of a local school campus:	\$
<b>Total amount of Title III funds spent/obligated this year for authorized uses:</b>	<b>\$</b>

<b>PRIOR YEAR FUNDS NOT SPENT/OBLIGATED</b>	
Balance of Title III funds received from October 2008 – December 2022 (excluding what has been reported above for 2023):	\$

<b>CERTIFICATION</b>	
<p>The expenditures reported above were for the uses authorized under section 302(a) of the Act. The proposed uses had a publication and comment period and were submitted to the appropriate Secure Rural Schools Act resource advisory committee(s) as required in Section 302(b) of the Act.</p> <p>The amounts reported as unobligated on September 30 are accurate and consistent with the county's accounting practices.</p> <p>Signature of certifying official: _____</p>	
Print or type name and title of certifying official:	Date of certification:
<b>Certifying Official Contact Information</b>	
E-Mail:	
Phone:	
Address, including City, State, Zip:	

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