§ 428.5 Required information.

(a) We will determine which forms you must use to submit the information required by this section.

(b) You must declare all nonexempt land to which you provide services westwide.

(c) You must give us other information about your compliance with Federal reclamation law, including but not limited to:

1. Identifier information, such as your name, address, telephone number;
2. If you are a legal entity, information concerning your organizational structure and part owners;
3. Information about the land to which you provide services, such as a legal description, and the number of acres;
4. Information about whether you formerly owned, as ineligible excess land or under recordable contract, the land to which you are providing services;
5. Information about the services you provide, such as what they are, who decides when they are needed, and how much control you have over the daily operation of the land;
6. If you provide different services to different land parcels, a list of services that you provide to each parcel;
7. Whether you can use your agreement with a landholder as collateral in any loan;
8. Whether you can sue or be sued in the name of the landholding; and
9. Whether you are authorized to apply for any Federal assistance from the United States Department of Agriculture in the name of the landholding.

§ 428.6 Where to submit required forms and information.

You must submit the appropriate completed RRA form(s) to each district westwide that is subject to the acreage limitation provisions and in which you provide services.

§ 428.7 What happens if a farm operator does not submit required forms.

(a) If you do not submit required RRA form(s) in any water year, then:

1. The district must not deliver irrigation water before you submit the required RRA form(s); and
2. You, the trustee, or the landholder(s) who holds the land (including to whom the land held in trust is attributed) must not accept delivery of irrigation water before you submit the required RRA form(s).

(b) After you submit all required RRA forms to the district, we will restore eligibility.

(c) If a district delivers irrigation water to land that is ineligible because you did not submit RRA forms as required by this part, we will assess administrative costs against the district as specified in §426.20(e) of this chapter. We will determine these costs in the same manner used to determine costs for landholders under §§426.20(a)(1) through (3) of this chapter.

§ 428.8 What can happen if a farm operator makes false statements on the required forms.

If you make a false statement on the required RRA form(s), Reclamation can prosecute you under the following statement:

Under the provisions of 18 U.S.C. 1001, it is a crime punishable by 5 years imprisonment or a fine of up to $10,000, or both, for any person knowingly and willfully to submit or cause to be submitted to any agency of the United States any false or fraudulent statement(s) as to any matter within the agency’s jurisdiction. False statements by the farm operator will also result in loss of eligibility. Eligibility can only be regained upon the approval of the Commissioner.

§ 428.9 Farm operators who are former owners of excess land.

(a) Land held in trust or by a legal entity may not receive irrigation water if:

1. You owned the land when the land was excess, whether or not under recordable contract;
2. You sold or transferred the land at a price approved by Reclamation; and
3. You are the direct or indirect farm operator of that land.