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| **Postdoctoral Research Associate – Extension Request** |
| Name of Selectee: | Title, Series and Grade: |
| Mentor: | Location (city, state): |

 **Authority**

Section 213.3213 – Department of Agriculture – (b) General. (1) Temporary positions of professional Research Scientists, GS-15 or below, in the Agricultural Research Service, Economic Research Service and the Forest Service, when such positions are established to support the Research Associates Program and are filled by persons having a doctoral degree in an appropriate field of study for research activities of mutual interest to appointees and the agency. Appointments are limited to proposals approved by the appropriate Administrator. **Appointments may be made for initial periods not to exceed 2 years and may be extended for up to 2 additional years. Extensions beyond 4 years, up to a maximum of 2 additional years, may be granted, but only in very rare and unusual circumstances**, as determined by the Human Resources Officer for the Research, Education and Economics Mission Area, or the Human Resources Officer, Forest Service.

**Describe Reason for Extension:**

**Describe Funding Availability:**

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I have reviewed the request and find it necessary to extend the Postdoctoral Research Associate appointment.

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Human Resources Specialist’s Signature Date

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HRD, Team Leader’s Signature Date

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