# NRLCA MINI MAIL SURVEY PRESENTATION

February 24 - March 8, 2024



### **IMPORTANT DATES**

#### **Important Dates MMS**

Complete By:	Action:				
02/10/2024 - 03/15/2024	Delivery Units enter Office Walk, Route Settings and Daily Volume data into the Rural Management Support System (RMSS) web application				
02/24/2024	A 12-day Mini Mail Survey of stated items begins on all rural routes				
02/24/2024  - Data entry must be made daily by COB for all routes 03/08/2024					
03/01/2024	DPM / LTM Mapping Deadline Date. No mapping changes will be reflected post this date in Eval 3				
All Mini Mail Survey entries to include Office Walk, Route Settings and Daily Volume must be finalized by 17:00 CT. No additional changes will be accepted post this date.					
04/06/2024 Effective date of the RRECS Evaluation; Update the Rural Carrier schedules in RMSS Scheduling tool URL: https://blue.usps.gov/delret/L3do/rural/timekeeping/rural_schedule_tool_v19.1.01.xlsx					

02/24/2024

03/08/2024

- A National Mini Mail Survey will be conducted for twelve (12) working days beginning Saturday, February 24 and ending on Friday, March 8, 2024.
- A stand-up talk will be given prior to the mail survey. This will be your opportunity to ask questions and confirm procedures.
- All routes are included in the Mini Mail Survey
- Effective date of the RRECS Evaluation will be April 6, 2024

- The mini mail survey is one component used to determine the route evaluation under RRECS
- It is used in conjunction with other data gathered from automated processes
  - MDD Scanner
  - Route Mapping Data





- EAS employees will conduct the mini mail survey
- 12 RRECS Office Walk Distances will be measured round trip jointly by the manager and the assigned carrier.
- Data will be entered daily and in a timely manner no later than COB current business day.





# ONLY the following Items will be Measured and/or Counted and Entered into RMSS:

- Random Letters
- Random Flats
- » PARS 3982 labels
- ☼ Office Walk Distances
- Miscellaneous Office Activity

#### **SURVEY FORMS**

Three Forms are used to Collect Survey Data

- RRECS Office Walking Distance-Data Collection Form
- Daily Volume Worksheet
- Miscellaneous Activity Worksheet



## Walk Distance Form

#### RRECS Office Walking Distances: Data Collection Form

FACILITY, ST, ZIP			FINANCE #		RR#	
MANAGER NAME: (Printed)			MANAGER NAME: (Signature)		DATE:	
CARRIER NAME: (Printed)			CARRIER NAME: (Signature)  Is this route assigned a Left Hand Drive Government Vehicle?		DATE:	
Does this route receive Yes or No Withdrawal Credit? (Circle One)					Yes or No (Circle One)	
For Non-W Do not me	asure Segment 6 if t		vned Vehicle (	POV) to service the route (Enter		
Segment Number	From	То	Distance (Footage)	Instruction		
01	Scanner Storage Area	Carrier's Case		From the point the where the carrithe scanner to the point where the casing mail.	carrier stands when	
02	Carrier's Case	Raw Letter or Raw Flats Distribution Case		From the point where the carrier s the point where the carrier stands letters or raw flats, whichever is fu distance to obtain a conveyance i	when retrieving raw irther. Include walking f typically required.	
оз	Carrier's Case	DPS Letters Distribution rack		From the point where the carrier stands when casing mail the point where the carrier normally stands when retrieving the first tray from the DPS Letter rack. Include walking distance to obtain a conveyance if typically required.		
<del>04</del>	Carrier's Case	DPS Flate (FSS) Distribution rack	N/A	From the point where the carrier of the point where the carrier normal the first tray from the DPS Flats (f distance to obtain a conveyance i Note: This segment enly applie Privately Own Vehicle (POV) or Hand Drive (LHD) Government	ly stands whon retrieving SS) rack. Include walking f typically required, s to routes that use a are assigned a Loft	
05	Carrier's Case	Parcel hamper Retrieval		From the point where the carrier s the location where the carrier norr grasping the handle of the parcel their case.	tands when casing mail to maily stands when	
06	Carrier's Case	Assigned location or typical location for inspection of Government vehicle		From the point where the carrier stands when casing mathe point where the carrier stands when opening the driv door of the parked vehicle. Use the assigned parking if there is one or the typical location if there is none.		
07	Carrier's Case	CFS / Markup / MMM /Centralized Hold Mail to the Carrier's Case		From the point where the carrier stands when casing mail and follows their normal path to the CFS, the Markup case the MMM location, Centralized Hold and back to the carrier's case.  Note: The order of the locations may vary according to local practices.		
08	Carrier's Case	Accountables Distribution point		From the point where the carrier s the point where the carrier receive the clerk in the morning.		
09	Carrier's Case	Hot case		From the point where the carrier s the point where the carrier stands mail		
10	Carrier's Case	Obtain additional conveyance for loading mail in vehicle		From the point where the carrier s the average point where the addit transporting mail to the vehicle is	ional conveyance for stored.	
11	Carrier's Case	Storage location for excess trays, tubs		From the point where the carrier s the location where excess trays, to has been loaded for conveyance to	ubs are stored after mail to the vehicle.	
12	Carrier's Case	Location of where the Safety/Service talk is given		From the point where the carrier s the designated Safety/Service Tal		

#### **Walking Distance Data Collection Form**

The RRECS Office Walking Distance Data Collection Form is used to record the walking distance data for each route as indicated. The data recorded on this form will then be entered into RMSS.

**Note:** The user must download the Data Collection Form found in the *RMSS Survey Instructions*Zip File to view and print.



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#### Once the worksheet is retrieved:

- Input necessary route information in each field at the top of the worksheet. Ensure the manager prints/signs their name along with the date of entry
- Confirm route withdrawal credit (Circle "Yes" or "No")
- Confirm if the route is assigned a POV or Left Hand Drive or Gov Vehicle (Circle "Yes" or "No")
- 4 Confirm walking distance measurement for each segment.

Note: Both the manager and assigned carrier must be present to confirm walking distance measurement. Both must sign when completed





## ROUTE SETTINGS

Route Settings Confirmed by Manager on the RRECS Office Walking Distance Data Collection Form

- Confirm Left Hand Drive Government Vehicle or POV
- Carrier Withdrawal Allowance

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### Walk Distance

#### Office Walk Measurements:

- 1. Scanner Storage Area
- 2. Letters/Flats Distribution Case\*\*\*
- 3. DPSL Distribution Case\*\*\*
- 4. FSS Distribution Case\*\*\*
- 5. Parcel Hamper
- 6. Location of Vehicle Inspection 6.
- 7. CFS Markup/Centralized Hold
- 8. Accountable Distribution Point
- 9. Hot Case Location
- 10. Location of Hamper/Conveyance
- 11. Location of Excess Trays/Tubs
- 12. Safety/Service Talk Location
- \*\*\*not measured for Non-Withdrawal Routes
- ^^not measured for POV Routes



The round-trip distances recorded on the Office Walking Distance Data Collection Form are entered into RMSS accordingly.

Shared with the carrier



### Daily Volume Worksheet

**Rural Route - Daily Volume** 

**Survey Period:** 

Finance:

Date:

Route	3982 PARS Label	Letters Manual (Pieces)	Flats Manual (Pieces)	Miscellaneous Activity Reason	Misc. Activity Actual Time (Mins:Secs)

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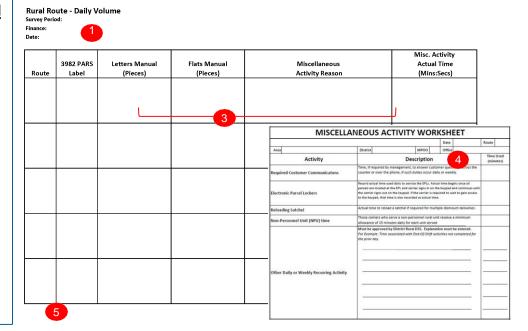
#### Daily Volume Worksheet

Prior to the actual survey period, users should download and **print** the **Daily Volume Worksheet**.

The daily volume worksheet will be used to record volume and miscellaneous activity time daily.

### Once the worksheet is open; Print the worksheet and conduct the following:

- 11 Confirm that the Finance Number and date are correct.
- For Majority DPS Letters Cased, enter "Y" for Yes, or enter "N" for No.
- Record the data for each category of mail: PARS 3982 Labels, Letters Manual (Pieces), Flats Manual (Pieces), Misc. Activity time
- Use Miscellaneous Activity Worksheet for recording actual time
- Use the correct tab for each day



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#### **Random Letters and Flats**

#### **Random Letters Include:**

- A. Letters that have not been run on any type of automation
- B. Letters from manual distribution cases
- C. DPS letter mail errors (3M)

Note: Do not include Walk Sequence Saturation mailings or Boxholders

#### Random Flats Include:

- A. Flats that have not been run on automation.
- B. Flats from manual distribution cases
- C. DPS flat mail errors
- D. Flat-sized mailings not received in white tubs or from local distribution cases.

Note: Do not include Walk Sequence Saturation mailings or Boxholders



# Daily Volume Worksheet

- Postmaster or manager who conducts the count should sign every day.
- Carrier should receive a copy each day
- Disagreements and disputes should be documented and dealt with as soon as possible.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS TIME**

#### **Entry Steps:**

- 1. Print out enough copies for each route for each day of survey (#rtes x 12)
- 2. Enter Area, District, MPOO and Office Name
- 3. Enter 3-digit route number
- 4. Complete each day for each route. If no activities occur on any day, enter N/A on sheet for the day.

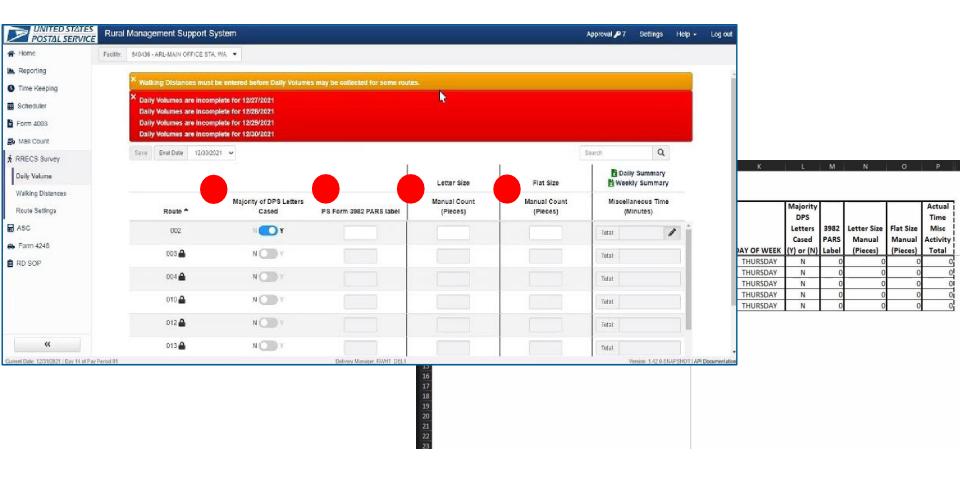
			Date	Route	
Area	District	MPOO	Office		
Activity	Description			Time Use (minutes	
Required Customer Communicatons	Time, if required by management, to answer customer questions across the counter or over the phone, if such duties occur daily or weekly.				
Electronic Parcel Lockers	Record actual time used daily to service the EPLs. Actual time begins once all parcels are located at the EPL and carrier signs in on the keypad and continues until the carrier signs out on the keypad. If the carrier is required to wait to gain access to the keypad, that time is also recorded as actual time.				
Reloading Satchel	Actual time to reload a	satchel if required for mu	ltiple dismount deli	veries.	
Non-Personnel Unit (NPU) time	Those carriers who serve a non-personnel rural unit receive a minimum allowance of 15 minutes daily for each unit served				
Other Daily or Weekly Recurring Activity	Must be approved by District Rural DSS. Explanation must be entered.  For Example: Time associated with End-Of-Shift activities not completed for the prior day				



# Miscellaneous Activity Worksheet

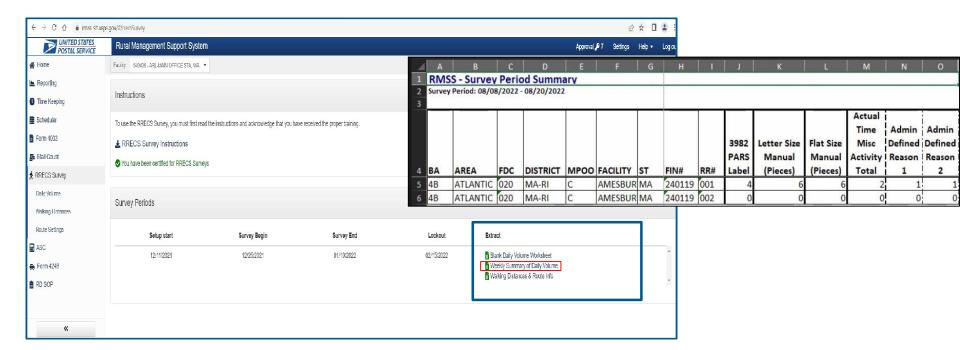
- Reasonable time allowance for recurring duties
- Must be:
  - Authorized or required by management
  - Recurring Duties (Daily or Weekly)
    - Required Customer Communication
    - Electronic Parcel Lockers
    - Reloading Satchel
    - Non-Personnel Unit
  - All other Activity must be pre-approved by DSS
  - Not covered in any other allowance
- Actual Time Rounded to Nearest Minute

#### **Verification Daily Summary**



#### Mini Mail Survey Summary

At the conclusion of Daily Volume data collection in RMSS each week, managers should **print** the **Weekly Summary of Daily Volume** excel sheet and provide to carriers for confirmation. Managers and carriers should work together to verify Daily Volume data entries displayed on the worksheet. If necessary, managers and carriers should identify any discrepancies and make adjustments as needed daily.



### Mini Mail Survey Summary (By Route)

At the conclusion of Mini Mail Survey, after all data is entered, managers should **print** the Mini Mail Survey Summary excel sheet and provide to carriers for confirmation. If any discrepancies still remain, they should be corrected immediately. The Detail Route Summary will include confirmation by the assigned carrier and the manager that the information is correct. This file will also provide the opportunity for the carrier to commit to take sufficient annual leave to avoid exceeding 2080 hours in the guarantee period if selected.

#### Rural Route Mini Mail Survey Summary

Survey Period (Date Range):

Area:	District:		MP00:	-
Finance:	Facility:		ZIP:	RR:
Date	3982 PARS LABEL	Letter Size Manual (Pieces)	Flat Size Manual (Pieces)	Misc. Activity Actual Time Total (MM:SS)
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Survey Data Certif	ied To Be Correct:			
Carrier's Signature	:		Date (MM/DD/YY	YY):
Manager's Signatu	ire:	Date (MM/DD/YYYY):		

RRECS PS Form 4241, Jan 2023



## Conclusion of Mail Survey

High-Low Option (If qualified)

Carrier Commits to Take Sufficient Annual

Leave to Avoid Exceeding 2080 Hours

Carrier's Signature Certifying the Survey to be

Correct

# COUNTING YOUR MAIL

# Counting your mail

Carrier may count their own mail as a verification of management's counts.

No compensation
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 No compensation

# COUNTING YOUR MAIL

### Intermediate Office

- - RRECS Office Walking Distance-Data Collection Form
  - Daily Volume Worksheet
  - Miscellaneous Activity Worksheet
- Edit Book updates performed at the Intermediate Office are entered on the Miscellaneous Activity Worksheet



Credit for Inverted DPS Letters

Credit one Random Letter for every 4 inverted DPS Letters



- Normal flow of mail should be ensured
  - No extra efforts to clear out mail before count
  - No curtailment of clerk hours on the last day of count

Mailer-requested delivery dates should be honored

# WITHDRAWAL OF MAIL

- If carriers perform any withdrawal functionsallowance is added
- No change from remainder of year
- Number of withdrawals required
  - Upon Reporting
  - Two additional in morning
  - Final withdrawal of Hot Case
  - Upon return from route



## Carriers who DO NOT get withdrawal allowance

- Final withdrawal of Hot Case in conjunction with loading
- All other mail should be placed at case or on ledge
- ≫No dumping of sacks
- Everyone can be required to cut straps and remove plastic. It is not part of Withdrawal.
- Everyone can be required to retrieving Parcel Hampers. It is not part of Withdrawal



ALL OR NOTHING No provision for partial credit



- - Majority of regular carriers must vote to accept the change
  - Change applies to ALL carriers

# OPTION ELECTIONS & LEAVE AGREEMENTS

- Manager must meet with each regular carrier to discuss options:
  - High Higher pay, but less time off
     (J or H route)
  - Low Lower pay, but more time off (K or J route)



## Requirements for High Option

- Route's evaluation must fall in more than one route classification (standard hours between 44:11 and 50:43)
- In order to be eligible for high option the regular carrier must have a minimum of ten (10) years of service from his/her retirement computation date.
- Demonstrated no 2080 problems previous year
- Commit in writing to use sufficient annual leave (not LWOP) so as not to exceed 2080 hrs.



# Attempt to resolve disagreements at the local level

- Disputed items must be brought to managers attention prior to casing and delivery
- Agreed corrections may be made prior to sending up the forms



- - Carrier and Manager will fill out the appropriate part of Dispute Form 1
  - Include any documentation necessary to prove what you are saying is incorrect and what the credit should be



# REMEMBER THIS IS YOUR PAYCHECK!

# IF YOU HAVE PROBLEMS LET SOMEONE KNOW AS SOON AS THEY OCCUR AND THOROUGHLY DOCUMENT ALL DISPUTED ITEMS!



## THE END

QUESTIONS?





