

UPDATE: June 3, 2021

With the original signing of the COVID MOUs the NRLCA agreed that regular rural carriers could volunteer to perform duties on routes other than their own and on Sunday.

Effective June 3, 2021, this MOU is no longer in effect and all relevant contractual and handbook/manual provisions are now in effect. In accordance with Article 30.1.P, "A regular rural carrier shall not be required to serve all or part of any rural route other than his or her assigned route..." A regular rural carrier may no longer volunteer for these duties.

It is past time for the USPS to start hiring leave replacements so that all routes are fully covered, for relief days and leave requests, without resorting to extraordinary means such as having regular rural carriers work on routes/duties other than their own.