

Indian River Area Citrus Best Management Practices Application for C.A.R.E.S. Recognition

County Alliance for Responsible Environmental Stewardship

In order to be considered for recognition by the C.A.R.E.S. Review Committee, grove owners should have already completed the following:

- 1) Complete the Citrus Growers Best Management Practices Checklist and file Notice of Intent to Comply.
- 2) Completely install and implement the BMPs listed on the Checklist submitted with the Notice of Intent to Comply.
- 3) Confirm the training of 75% of their employees on BMPs.
- 4) Complete the Application for C.A.R.E.S. Recognition and return it to the Florida Department of Agriculture, Office of Ag Water Policy, 305 E. North Park St., Suite C, Okeechobee, Florida, 34972.

C.A.R.E.S. signs belong to the C.A.R.E.S. Review Committee and retention requires re-certification every 2 years. Changes in ownership or grove management require grove re-certification. Signs will be removed from abandoned groves to maintain the integrity of the program.

Upon receipt of the application by the Florida Department of Agriculture, Office of Ag Water Policy, the following steps will be taken:

- 1) Application, Checklist and Notice of Intent to Comply are reviewed by C.A.R.E.S. Review Committee to assure that adopted BMPs are in place and employees are trained on BMPs.
- 2) Upon approval by C.A.R.E.S. Review Committee, C.A.R.E.S. sign and certificate will be ordered and awarded at the next C.A.R.E.S. award event.

Property Owner _____

Grove Name _____

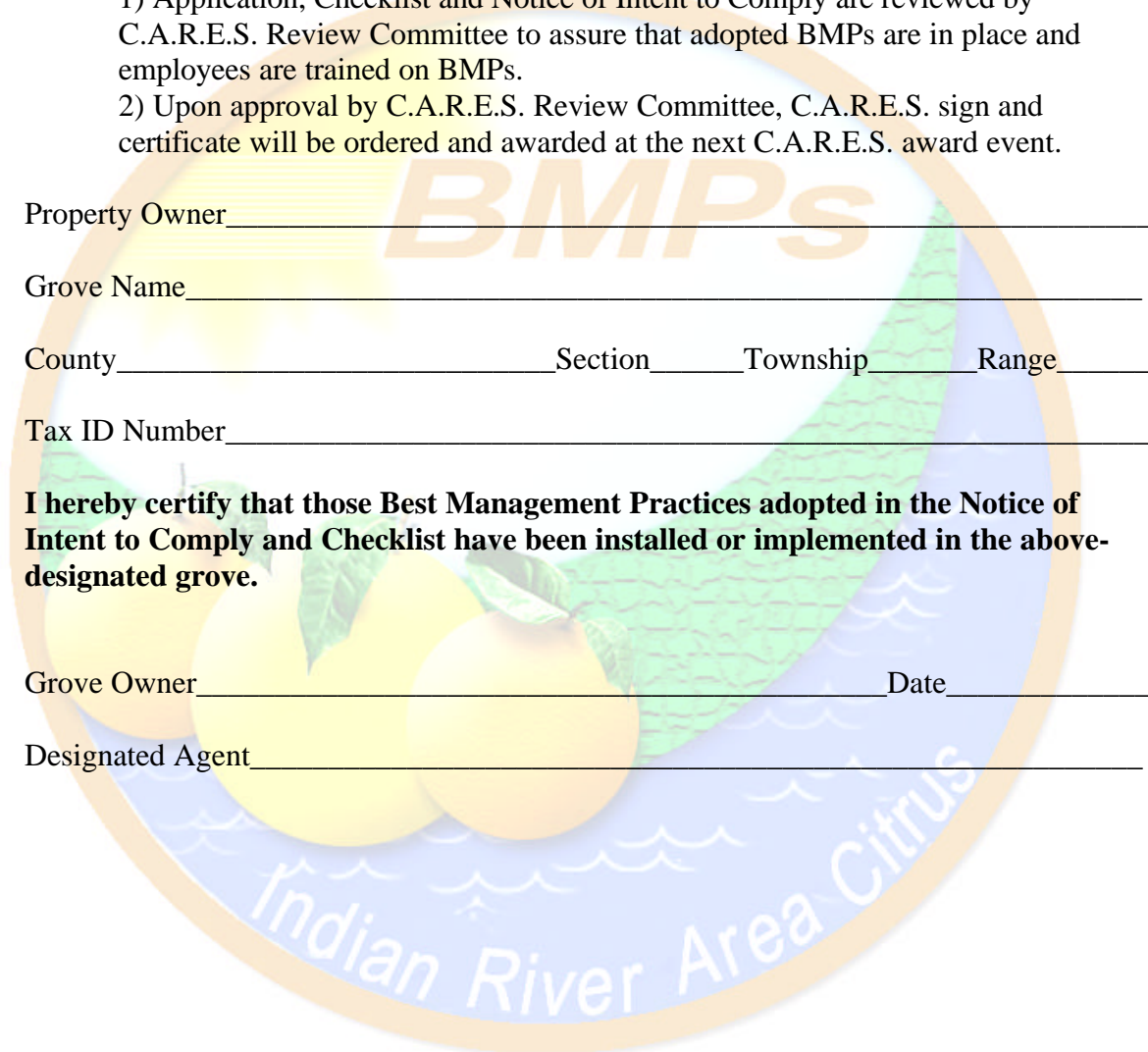
County _____ Section _____ Township _____ Range _____

Tax ID Number _____

I hereby certify that those Best Management Practices adopted in the Notice of Intent to Comply and Checklist have been installed or implemented in the above-designated grove.

Grove Owner _____ Date _____

Designated Agent _____



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C.A.R.E.S. Review Committee makeup-

Florida Department of Agriculture- Ag Water Policy
Implementation Team

Agencies distributing cost share funds- NRCS, Soil & Water or other agency

Certification and Re-certification-

- 1) Each site will be approved individually (**site** is defined as that area covered by a Notice of Intent to Comply)
- 2) Re-certified by the CARES Review Committee every 2 years to retain the CARES sign and certification.
- 3) Change in ownership or grove management will require re-certification by the CARES Review Committee.
- 4) Signs will be removed from abandoned groves to maintain the integrity of the program.

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