

on federal lands in Riverside, Imperial, and San Diego Counties, California.

The proposed Project would consist of five links: (1) Lamesa to El Paso, Texas; (2) El Paso, Texas to Tucson, Arizona; (3) Tucson to Phoenix, Arizona; (4) Phoenix, Arizona to San Diego, California; and (5) San Diego to Los Angeles, California. The purpose being to construct, operate and maintain a buried fiber optic telecommunications system, including signal regeneration or optical amplification stations located every 40–50 miles, between Texas and California.

The project configuration, as proposed and including measures to avoid, minimize, or mitigate impacts on the environment, is being considered along with a “No Project” alternative. The BLM has been asked to issue rights-of-way for portions of this fiber optic system that cross federal lands.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The California portion of this Project begins at the Point of Presence (POP) in Blythe, California, and would travel in a southwesterly direction along Highway 78 and Old Highway 80 through the following city jurisdictions: Blythe, Brawley, El Centro, El Cajon, La Mesa, and San Diego. From San Diego north to Los Angeles the route would primarily parallel the coast. In addition, the route would pass through large portions of unincorporated areas in Riverside, Imperial and San Diego Counties, and would also cross Cleveland National Forest, public lands administered by the BLM, as well as the La Posta and Campo Indian Reservations. It would require an urban build through San Diego and Los Angeles, terminating at the POP in Los Angeles, California.

The fiber optic telecommunications system project entails the design and construction of a six-duct conduit system and ancillary facilities to accommodate digital broadband Internet Protocol. Ancillary facilities would include: regeneration stations and Optical Amplification (Op Amp) Stations spaced an average of 50 miles; buried splice boxes placed at 2,500-foot intervals; and market poles placed 500 feet apart. The Project, as proposed, should contribute small to no additional impacts to the environment and would operate entirely within previously disturbed and routinely maintained road rights-of-way. The proposed alignment is shorter and thus could present fewer impacts on the environment than construction entirely within a utility corridor.

DATES: Written comments are requested on this notice concerning the scope of analysis of the Environmental

Assessment. Comments must be received on or before May 30, 2000. It is important that those interested in the management of the BLM properties within the Project area provide input at this time. A Notice of Availability will be published when the Environmental Assessment is complete.

ADDRESSES: Please submit comments concerning the scope of the analysis for the Proposed AT&T Corp. Buried Fiber Optic Telecommunications System and Plan Amendment in writing to Mr. Stephen Johnson, Bureau of Land Management, California Desert District, 6221 Box Springs Boulevard, Riverside, California, 92507.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Mr. Stephen Johnson at the above address or at (909) 697–5233.

Dated: April 24, 2000.

Douglas A. Romoli,
Acting District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO–200–1430–EQ COC–63465]

Notice of Realty Action—Chaffee County, CO

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of realty action COC–63465, Federal Land Policy and Management Act Section 302 Lease, in Chaffee County, Colorado.

SUMMARY: The following public land, northeast of Salida, Colorado is available for lease under Section 302 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 as amended, and the regulations thereunder 43 CFR 2920 for agricultural use.

New Mexico Principal Meridian, Colorado

T. 50 N., R. 8E., Section 14 S½S½SE¼NE¼, an 800 foot by 200 foot portion consisting of approximately 3.67 acres.

Adjacent landowner Chris Nachtrieb would be offered a 20 year lease to allow a center pivot irrigation system that exists on his adjacent private land to cross and irrigate the above described Public land as well as operate a hay production operation thereon.

DATES: Interested parties may submit comments on this action on or before June 15, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Field Officer Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 3170 East Main St., Canon City, CO 81212.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Hallock, BLM Realty Specialist, at the above address, e-mail dave_hallock@CO.BLM.gov, or phone: (719) 269–8536.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The pivot irrigation system is crossing the corner of an isolated 40 acre parcel of Public land that is surrounded by private land and is without legal public access.

Levi D. Deike,

Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR–020–00–1060–PD: GP0–0100]

Notice of Supplementary Rules on Public Land in Oregon

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Burns District, Oregon, DOI.

ACTION: Supplementary rules for public land within the Three Rivers Resource Area, Burns District, Oregon.

SUMMARY: These supplementary rules will apply to the public land within the Wild Horse Corrals facility in the Three Rivers Resource Area, Burns District, Harney County, Oregon. The supplementary rules are needed to protect the area's wild horses and burros, ensure public health and safety, protect resources from damage, and safeguard government property. The Burns Wild Horse Corrals facility is located west of Hines, Oregon, within Section 6 of Township 24 South, Range 30 East of the Willamette Meridian. The supplementary rules serve to limit entry to the regular working hours of the facility, prevent entry on service roads or cross-country travel. This facility is already closed and the main access road gate locked after regular working hours. This notice enables the BLM to limit access to a sensitive facility.

DATES: These supplementary rules will take effect upon the published date of this notice.

Supplementary Rules for the Burns Wild Horse Corrals Facility

Under 43 CFR 8365.1–6, the BLM will enforce the following rules on the public land within the Burns Wild Horse Corrals facility, Three Rivers Resource Area, Burns District, Oregon. You must follow these rules:

1. You must not enter the facility except during regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through

Friday, excluding Federal holidays or during an adoption process.

2. You must not enter the facility through any other location other than the main gate located off Highway 20.

3. You must not drive any vehicle anywhere in the facility except along the main entrance road from the entry gate to the public parking lot.

4. You must obey all posted signs.

Exemptions

Persons who are exempt from these rules include any Federal, State or local officer or employee in the scope of their duties, members of any organized rescue or firefighting force in performance of an official duty, and any person authorized in writing by the BLM.

Penalties

On public land, under Section 303(a) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1733(a)) and 43 CFR 8360.0-7 any person who violates any of these supplementary rules within the boundaries established in the rules may be tried before a United States Magistrate and fined no more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for no more than 12 months, or both. Such violations may also be subject to the enhanced fines provided for by 18 U.S.C. 3571.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cody Hansen, Three Rivers Resource Area Manager, HC 74-12533 Highway 20 West, Hines, Oregon 97738, telephone (541) 573-4400.

Dated: March 17, 2000.

Chuck Wassinger,

Associate, State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-021-00-1220-AF]

Modification of Firearms Closure for the William L. Matthews Wildlife Habitat and Recreation Area, Montana

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Miles City Field Office, Interior.

ACTION: Modification of firearms closure to further restrict the discharge of firearms on the William L. Matthews Wildlife Habitat and Recreation Area, Custer County, Montana.

SUMMARY: On May 31, 1994, the Bureau announced, through the **Federal Register**, a rule to close the William L. Matthews Wildlife Habitat and Recreation Area to discharge of rifles

and pistols year-long. Further analysis and coordination with various interests, landowners and agencies have identified the need to expand the rule as follows to improve visitor safety and reduce conflicts:

The area of public land known as William L. Matthews (formerly Tusler) Wildlife Habitat and Recreation Area is closed to discharge or use of all firearms including archery equipment with the following exceptions: (1) Law enforcement officers in performance of their official duties; and (2) use of shotguns and archery equipment for hunting during the State of Montana's legal upland game bird and waterfowl hunting seasons. For the purpose of this rule, a firearm is a rifle, pistol, shotgun and bow and arrow. Even though seasonal hunting is allowed on site, shooting is not allowed at any time in the picnic area. The intent is to prohibit target shooting to improve safety for non-hunting visitors.

The public land affected by this closure is described as:

Principal Meridian, Montana

T. 9N., R. 48E.,

Sec. 30, lots 5 and 6, and that portion of the W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ lying westerly of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St Paul, and Pacific Railroad right-of-way.

Consisting of 74.38 acres of surface estate.

DATES: Comments on the proposed modification must be submitted on or before May 30, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted to Field Manager, Miles City Field Office, 111 Garryowen Road, Miles City, MT 59301.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dan Bricco, Outdoor Recreation Planner, Miles City Field Office, 111 Garryowen Road, Miles City, MT 59301 or call (406) 233-2827.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Barring any comments that cause BLM to reconsider the modification, this rule becomes effective the day after the comment period ends. Opening this area will require public participation and an opening order published in the **Federal Register**.

Authority for this action is outlined in sections 302, 303, and 310 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of October 26, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1716) Title 43 Code of Federal Regulations subpart 8364 (43 CFR 8364.1). Any person who fails to comply with this closure is subject to a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months.

Dated: April 18, 2000.

Timothy M. Murphy,

Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail Advisory Council; Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, that a meeting of the Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail Advisory Council will be held May 24, 2000 at 9:30 am, at the town hall in Whitehall, Alabama.

The Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail Advisory Council was established pursuant to Public Law 100-192 establishing the Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail. This law was put in place to advise the National Park Service on such issues as preservation of trail routes and features, public use, standards for posting and maintaining trail markers, and administrative matters.

The matters to be discussed include:

A. Update on status of Cultural Resource Inventory.

B. Update of High priority projects.

C. Further define high priority projects as input to ALDOT application for FY 2001 Scenic Byways funds. The application is due June 2000.

D. Update on Welcome Center at the Tent City Site.

The meeting will be open to the public. However, facilities and space for accommodating members of the public are limited and persons will be accommodated on first come, first serve basis. Any member of the public may file a written statement concerning the matters to be discussed with Lee Edwards, Trail Superintendent.

Person wishing further information concerning this meeting, or who wish to submit written statements may contact Lee Edwards, Trail Superintendent, Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail, P.O. Box 5690, Montgomery, AL 36103, telephone 334-353-3744 or 334-727-6390.

Lee Edwards,

Trail Superintendent.

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