

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

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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. 8 E., Section 14 S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, 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.

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Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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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