

will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: By Federal law, all lands within the National Wildlife Refuge System are to be managed in accordance with an approved comprehensive conservation plan. These plans will guide management decisions and identify refuge goals, long-range objectives, and strategies for achieving refuge purposes. The planning process will consider many elements, including habitat and wildlife management, habitat protection and acquisition, public use, and cultural resources. Public input into this planning process is essential. Plans will provide other agencies and the public with a clear understanding of the desired conditions for the refuge and how the Service will implement management strategies.

The Service will solicit information from the public via open houses, meetings, and written comments. Special mailings, newspaper articles, and announcements will inform people in the general refuge area of the time and place of such opportunities for public involvement. Review of this project will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), National Environmental Policy Act Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), other appropriate Federal laws and regulations, including the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, Executive Order 12996, and Service policies and procedures for compliance with those regulations.

We estimate that the draft environmental documents will be available in March 2002.

Dated: April 20, 2000.

H. Dale Hall,

Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Denial of Permit for Marine Mammals

On December 17, 1999, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 64, No. 242, Page 70723, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Leviathan Legacy, Inc., for a permit (PRT–020346) for a permit to conduct scientific

research with West Indian Manatees (*Trichechus manatus*).

Notice is hereby given that on April 18, 2000, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service denied the requested permit.

Documents and other information submitted for these applications are available for review by any party who submits a written request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Rm 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203, phone (703) 358–2104 or Fax (703) 358–2281.

Dated: April 25, 2000.

Kristen Nelson,

Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Request for Public Comments on Information Collection To Be Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

A request extending the collection of information listed below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of the proposed collection of information and related forms may be obtained by contacting the USGS Clearance Officer at the phone number listed below. Comments and suggestions on the requirement should be made within 60 days directly to the USGS Clearance Officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 807 National Center, Reston, VA 20192. As required by OMB regulations at 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), the U.S. Geological Survey solicits specific public comments regarding the proposed information collection as to:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the USGS, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of the USGS estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. The utility, quality, and clarity of the information to be collected; and,
4. How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who

are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Title: Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty.

Current OMB approval number: 1028–0059.

Abstract: The information, required by the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT), will provide the CTBT Technical Secretariat with geographic locations of sites where chemical explosions greater than 300 tons TNT-equivalent have occurred. Respondents to the information collection request are U.S. nonfuel minerals producers.

Bureau form number: 9–4040–A.

Frequency: Annual.

Description of respondents:

Companies that have conducted in the last calendar year, or that will conduct in the next calendar year, explosions with a total charge size of 300 tons of TNT-equivalent, or greater.

Annual Responses: 3,000.

Annual burden hours: 750.

Bureau clearance officer: John Cordyack, 703–648–7313.

John H. DeYoung, Jr.,

Chief Scientist, Minerals Information Team.

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DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA–610–5101–ER–G032; CACA–40467]

Proposed Right-of-Way for an AT&T Corp. Buried Fiber Optic Telecommunications System and Plan Amendment

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, California Desert District, DOI.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment and an Amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area Plan.

SUMMARY: The Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management (“BLM”) will prepare an Environmental Assessment for a right-of-way proposed by AT&T Corp. for a buried fiber optic telecommunications line and associated facilities. This system, running from Lamesa, Texas to Los Angeles, California, is called the AT&T-NexGen Project (“Project”). The proposed action, which crosses federal lands in the States of California, Arizona and New Mexico, will also include a proposed plan amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) Plan, since it specifically involves rights-of-way outside of designated utility corridors

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. 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.

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