

[AZ-024-1330-00]

**Intent To Amend the Phoenix Resource Management Plan and the Safford District Resource Management Plan, Arizona**

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management, Phoenix District, in response to a land exchange proposal, is preparing an Environmental Assessment to amend the Phoenix Resource Management Plan and the Safford District Resource Management Plan (RMPs) in compliance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, and Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environment Policy Act of 1969. The exchange, as proposed, involves trading selected public lands for private lands with high resource values. The public lands selected include 160 non-wilderness acres of the remaining segments of the White Canyon Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC)—most of the ACEC is now managed as the White Canyon Wilderness—and 4,561 acres which were designated as retention lands within the RMPs. Three hundred fifty-five (355) of these selected public lands were transferred from the Safford District to the Phoenix Resource Area (Phoenix District) under a 1991 boundary adjustment. The proposed land exchange will be analyzed under a separate environmental impact statement (**Federal Register** Notice of Intent, December 19, 1994: 65383). Management actions proposed in the Environmental Assessment include altering the ACEC designation and changing the classification of selected public lands from retention to disposal parcels available under an exchange. The Environmental Assessment to amend the two Resource Management Plans will identify a proposed action and no action alternative as well as appropriate alternatives derived through the analysis of planning issues and criteria. Once the Environmental Assessment draft has been completed, a Notice of Availability will be published in the **Federal Register** followed by a 60-day comment period.

Public comment is needed now to identify issues and criteria for consideration during the amendment process. Public open houses/scoping meetings will be held at the following locations and times:

Florence Open House, March 28, 1995, 4-8 p.m. at the Florence Unified School District Office, Administration

Building, 350 S. Main St., Florence, AZ 85232, (602) 868-2300. Mesa Open House, March 30, 1995, 4-8 p.m. at the Rendezvous Center, 263 North Center Street, Mesa, Arizona (602) 644-2178.

**DATES:** Written public comments may be submitted during the open houses or to the address given below. Public comments will be accepted until April 10, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be mailed to, and copies of the scoping documentation are available from: Bureau of Land Management, Phoenix District Office, 2015 West Deer Valley Road, Phoenix, AZ 85027, ATTENTION McFARLIN AMENDMENT.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:** Shela McFarlin, Bureau of Land Management, Phoenix District Office, 2015 West Deer Valley Road, Phoenix, AZ 85027 or telephone (602) 780-8090.

Dated February 28, 1995.

**David J. Miller,**

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**INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION****Release of Waybill Data**

The Commission has received a request from Covington & Burling and Union Pacific Corporation (UP) for permission to use certain data from the 1993 I.C.C. Waybill Sample. A copy of the request (WB468-2/23/95) may be obtained from the I.C.C. Office of Economic and Environmental Analysis.

The waybill sample contains confidential railroad and shipper data; therefore, if any parties object to this request, they should file their objections with the Director of the Commission's Office of Economic and Environmental Analysis within 14 calendar days of the date of this notice. The rules for release of waybill data are codified at 49 CFR 1244.8.

Contact: James A. Nash, (202) 927-6196.

**Vernon A. Williams,**

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[Docket No. AB-43 (Sub-No. 166X)]

**Illinois Central Railroad Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Smith County, MS**

Illinois Central Railroad Company (IC) has filed a notice of exemption under 49

CFR part 1152 subpart F—Exempt Abandonments to abandon its 3-mile line of railroad (known as the Taylorsville, MS line) between milepost MB-128.50 and MB-131.50 in Taylorsville, Smith County, MS.

IC has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) overhead traffic on the line has been rerouted over other lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a State or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Commission or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in complainant's favor within the last 2 years; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental report), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic report), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to use of this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10505(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective April 5, 1995, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,<sup>1</sup> formal expressions of intent to file offers of financial assistance under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),<sup>2</sup> and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29<sup>3</sup> must be filed by March 16, 1995. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by March 27, 1995, with: Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, Interstate Commerce Commission, Washington, DC 20423.

A copy of any petition filed with the Commission should be sent to

<sup>1</sup> The Commission will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Commission in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See Exemption of Out-of-Service Rail Lines, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Commission may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

<sup>2</sup> See Exempt. of Rail Abandonment—Offers of Finan. Assist., 4 I.C.C.2d 164 (1987).

<sup>3</sup> The Commission will accept late-filed trail use requests so long as the abandonment has not been consummated and the abandoning railroad is willing to negotiate an agreement.