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Omar S. Gonzalez, Coordinator

Dear Mr. Gonzalez,

This letter is an informational notice of the intent of the U.S. Postal Service to conduct an Area Mail Processing (AMP) study of the mail processing at the Butte, MT, Customer Service Mail Processing Center (CSMPC) for possible consolidation of operations into the Great Falls, MT, Customer Service Mail Processing Facility.

The U.S. Postal Service is facing one of the most difficult challenges in its history. The current economic downturn and continued Internet diversion has led to a drastic 20 percent decline in mail volume since 2007, resulting in historically large deficits. As a result, the Postal Service is not receiving enough revenue to sustain the cost of its processing and delivery network.

The fact is we have more equipment, personnel and facilities than we need to process a declining volume of mail. The Postal Service must realign its network to match its resources with mail volume. Consolidating some postal operations and placing our people where we need them makes logical business sense given the economic realities. It would be fiscally irresponsible not to do so.

This letter is solely intended to provide you with information that we plan to conduct the study. If the business case supports consolidation, a public meeting will be held to allow members of the community to ask questions and provide feedback. Community input will be considered before a decision is made as to whether or not the proposed consolidation should be implemented.

This letter is not intended as notice of future changes in mail processing and is not a notice of impact on employees. I will provide you with the appropriate notice, if any is required, when a decision is made.

If you have any questions concerning this AMP feasibility study please contact Scott Sutton at 303-313-5449.

Sincerely,

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