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November 15, 2011

Omar Gonzalez
 Western Regional Coordinator
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Omar M. Gonzalez, Coordinator

Dear Mr. Gonzalez,

On September 15, 2011, we notified you that we were beginning an Area Mail Processing (AMP) feasibility study at the Kalispell, MT, CSMPC. The Dakotas District office has completed its review and submitted it to the Western Area Office for consideration.

We welcome public input and will hold a meeting to explain the proposal on Thursday, December 1, 2011, at 7 p.m., at the Red Lion Inn, 20 North Main, in Kalispell.

Attached please find a summary brief of the AMP proposal. One week prior to the meeting, we will post presentation materials along with the summary brief on our website, <http://about.usps.com/streamlining-operations/area-mail-processing.htm>.

We also will accept any public comment on the study up to 15 days after the meeting. Comments may be mailed to:

Manager, Consumer and Industry Contact
 Dakotas District
 PO Box 7570
 Sioux Falls, SD 57117-7570

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

Sincerely,

Chris A. Jordan
 Manager, Labor Relations
 Western Area

Attachment

cc: Area Vice President
 HQ Vice President, Labor Relations

**AREA MAIL PROCESSING (AMP) FEASIBILITY STUDY
Kalispell, MT, CSMPC to Spokane, WA, P&DC**

November 15, 2011

An Area Mail Processing (AMP) study was initiated to evaluate moving the mail processing operations from the Kalispell, MT, Customer Service Mail Processing Center (CSMPC) to the Spokane, WA, Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC). The initial results of the study support the business case for consolidation. This study, currently in review at United States Postal Service Headquarters and its Area Office, is subject to change.

A public meeting will be held to share the initial results of the study and allow members of the community to ask questions and provide feedback. The public's input will be considered prior to a final decision. The meeting will be held on Thursday, December 1, at 7 p.m., at the Red Lion Inn, 20 North Main, in Kalispell. Below are preliminary highlights from the study:

Business Case:

Proposed annual savings in the draft AMP feasibility study are approximately \$575,412. Below is a breakdown of this savings estimate:

Annual Mail Processing Saving	\$707,865
Annual Management Saving	\$76,626
Annual Maintenance Saving	\$413,815
Annual Transportation Cost	\$622,894

Postal Employees:

Due to the consolidation, a net decrease of approximately 12 positions is projected. All bargaining employee reassignments will be made in accordance with the respective collective bargaining agreements.

Local Customer Considerations:

- Retail and other services currently available at the Kalispell facility will not change at this time.
- Business mail acceptance will remain the same.
- Local collection box pick-up times may change as a result of the AMP.
- A local postmark will be available for stamped First-Class Mail.
- Delivery times of mail to residences and businesses will not change as a result of the AMP.
- The proposed consolidation would support a 2- to 3-day service standard for First-Class Mail.

Commercial Mailers:

- Mailers who presort mail will continue to receive appropriate postage discounts.
- Mailers who drop ship to Destination Sectional Center Facility (DSCF) for ZIP(s) 599 can expect changes if the AMP is approved.

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All comments must be postmarked by December 16, 2011