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April 12, 2011

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Chris M. Gonzalez, Coordinator

Dear Mr. Gonzalez,

On March 18, we notified you that we were beginning an Area Mail Processing (AMP) feasibility study at the Miles City, MT, Customer Service Mail Processing Center. The Big Sky 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 April 28, 6:15 p.m. at the Custer County High School, 20 South Center, in Miles City.

Attached please find a summary brief of the AMP proposal. We will post presentation materials along with the summary brief on our website, *usps.com*, one week prior to the meeting.

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

Consumer Affairs Manager
 Big Sky District
 841 South 26th Street
 Billings, MT 59101-9631

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

Sincerely,

For: Chris A. Jordan
 Manager, Labor Relations
 Western Area

cc: Area Vice President
 HQ Vice President, Labor Relations

Attachment

AREA MAIL PROCESSING (AMP) FEASIBILITY STUDY
Miles City, MT CSMPC to Billings, MT P&DC

April 12, 2011

Area Mail Processing (AMP) is the consolidation of mail processing operations from one or more postal facilities to other facilities to improve operational efficiency and/or service.

An AMP study was initiated to evaluate the transfer of mail processing from the Miles City, MT Customer Service Mail Processing Center (CSMPC) to the Billings, MT 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, April 28, 2011, at the Custer County High School, 20 South Center Miles City, MT 59301 at 6:15 P.M. Below are preliminary highlights from the study:

1. Business Case:

Proposed annual savings in the draft AMP feasibility study are approximately \$95,000.

2. Postal Employees:

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

3. Local Customer Considerations:

- Collection box pick-up times will not change as a result of the AMP.
- Retail services will remain the same.
- Business mail acceptance will remain the same.
- A local postmark will be available for stamped First-Class Mail.
- Delivery of mail to residences and businesses will not change as a result of the AMP.

4. Commercial Mailers:

- Mailers who presort mail will continue to receive appropriate postage discounts.

Written comments may be sent to:

MANAGER CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BIG SKY DISTRICT
841 S 26TH ST
BILLINGS MT 59101-9631

All comments must be postmarked by May 13, 2011.