

4. Section 12(d)(1)(J) of the Act provides that the Commission may exempt any person, security, or transaction, or any class or classes of persons, securities, or transactions, from any provision of section 12(d)(1) if the exemption is consistent with the public interest and the protection of investors. Section 17(b) of the Act authorizes the Commission to grant an order permitting a transaction otherwise prohibited by section 17(a) if it finds that (a) the terms of the proposed transaction are fair and reasonable and do not involve overreaching on the part of any person concerned; (b) the proposed transaction is consistent with the policies of each registered investment company involved; and (c) the proposed transaction is consistent with the general purposes of the Act. Section 6(c) of the Act permits the Commission to exempt any persons or transactions from any provision of the Act if such exemption is necessary or appropriate in the public interest and consistent with the protection of investors and the purposes fairly intended by the policy and provisions of the Act.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, pursuant to delegated authority.

Robert W. Errett,
Deputy Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #15406; MONTANA Disaster Number MT-00115 Declaration of Economic Injury]

Administrative Declaration of an Economic Injury Disaster for the State of MONTANA

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of an Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) declaration for the State of Montana, dated 12/11/2017.

Incident: Rice Ridge Fire.

Incident Period: 07/24/2017 through 10/20/2017.

DATES: Issued on 12/11/2017.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 09/11/2018.

ADDRESSES: Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-6734.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that as a result of the Administrator's EIDL declaration, applications for economic injury disaster loans may be filed at the address listed above or other locally announced locations. The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

Primary Counties: Missoula

Contiguous Counties:

Montana: Flathead, Granite, Lake, Mineral, Powell, Ravalli, Sanders
Idaho: Clearwater, Idaho

The Interest Rates are:

Businesses and Small Agricultural Cooperatives without Credit Available Elsewhere.

Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere.

The number assigned to this disaster for economic injury is 154060.

The States which received an EIDL Declaration # are Montana, Idaho.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

Dated: December 11, 2017.

Linda E. McMahon,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 10201]

Notice of Issuance of a Presidential Permit to the State of North Dakota

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Acting Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, acting pursuant to delegated authorities, issued a Presidential permit to the State of North Dakota on October 24, 2017, authorizing the State of North Dakota to construct, connect, operate, and maintain the existing POE border-crossing facilities at the U.S.-Canada border in Pembina County, North Dakota. In accordance with Executive Order 11432 (August 16, 1968) as amended, the Acting Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs determined that issuance of this permit would serve the national interest.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bryan Koontz, 202-647-3030, koontzbbk@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additional information concerning the Pembina-Emerson POE border crossing facilities and documents related to the Department of State's review of the application for a Presidential permit can be found at <https://www.state.gov/documents/organization/259783.pdf>. Following is the text of the permit, as issued:

**PRESIDENTIAL PERMIT
AUTHORIZING THE STATE OF
NORTH DAKOTA TO CONSTRUCT,
CONNECT, OPERATE, AND
MAINTAIN THE PEMBINA-EMERSON
PORT OF ENTRY AT THE
INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND
CANADA**

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Acting Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, including those authorities under Executive Order 11423, 33 Fed. Reg. 11741 (1968); as amended by Executive Order 12847 of May 17, 1993, 58 Fed. Reg. 29511 (1993), Executive Order 13284 of January 23, 2003, 68 Fed. Reg. 4075 (2003), and Executive Order 13337 of April 30, 2004, 69 Fed. Reg. 25299 (2004); 25299 (2004); and Department of State Delegation of Authority 118-2 of January 26, 2006 and Delegation 415 of January 18, 2017; having considered the environmental effects of the proposed action consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (83 Stat. 852, 42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), and other statutes relating to environmental concerns; having considered the proposed action consistent with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (80 Stat. 917, 16 U.S.C. 470f et seq.); and having requested and received the views of various of the federal departments and other interested persons; I hereby grant permission, subject to the conditions herein set forth, to the State of North Dakota (hereinafter referred to as "permittee"), to construct, connect, operate, and maintain the Pembina-Emerson Port of Entry (hereinafter referred to as the "POE").

The term "facilities" as used in this permit means the port of entry, its approaches and any land, structures, or installations appurtenant thereto, including all structures as described in the May 2, 2016 for a Presidential permit (the "Application") submitted by the permittee to the Department of State.

The term "U.S. facilities" as used in this permit means those parts of the facilities in the United States, as described in the Application.

This permit is subject to the following conditions:

Article 1. (1) The U.S. facilities herein described, and all aspects of their operation, shall be subject to all the conditions, provisions, and requirements of this permit, and any amendment thereof. This permit may be terminated at the will of the Secretary of State or the Secretary's delegate or may be amended by the Secretary of State or the Secretary's delegate at will or upon proper application therefore. The permittee shall make no substantial change in the U.S. facilities, the location of the U.S. facilities, or in the operation authorized by this permit until such changes have been approved by the Secretary of State or the Secretary's delegate.

(2) The construction, connection, operation, and maintenance of the facilities shall be in all material respects as described in the Application.

Article 2. The standards for, and the manner of, the construction, connection, operation, and maintenance of the U.S. facilities shall be subject to inspection and approval by the representatives of appropriate federal, state, and local agencies. The permittee shall allow duly authorized officers and employees of such agencies free and unrestricted access to said facilities in the performance of their official duties.

Article 3. The permittee shall comply with all applicable federal, state, local, and tribal laws and regulations regarding the connection, construction, operation, and maintenance of the U.S. facilities and with all applicable industrial codes. The permittee shall obtain all requisite permits from the relevant Canadian authorities as well as from the relevant state and local government entities and relevant federal agencies.

Article 4. Upon the termination, revocation, or surrender of this permit, and unless otherwise agreed by the Secretary of State or the Secretary's delegate, the U.S. facilities in the immediate vicinity of the international boundary shall be removed by and at the expense of the permittee within such time as the Secretary of State or the Secretary's delegate may specify, and upon failure of the permittee to remove, or to take such other appropriate action with respect to this portion of the U.S. facilities as ordered, the Secretary of State or the Secretary's delegate may direct that possession of such facilities be taken and that they be removed or other action taken, at the expense of the

permittee; and the permittee shall have no claim for damages by reason of such possession or removal or other action.

Article 5. All construction, connection, operation and maintenance of the U.S. facilities under this permit shall be subject to the limitations, terms, and conditions issued by any competent agency of the U.S. Government, including but not limited to the Department of Homeland Security and the General Services Administration. This permit shall continue in force and effect only so long as the permittee shall continue the operations hereby authorized in accordance with such limitations, terms, and conditions.

Article 6. When, in the opinion of the President of the United States, the national security of the United States demands it, due notice being given by the Secretary of State or the Secretary's delegate, the United States shall have the right to enter upon and take possession of any of the U.S. facilities or parts thereof; to retain possession, management, or control thereof for such length of time as may appear to the President to be necessary; and thereafter to restore possession and control to the permittee. In the event that the United States shall exercise such right, it shall pay to the permittee just and fair compensation for the use of such U.S. facilities upon the basis of a reasonable profit in normal conditions and the cost of restoring said facilities to as good condition as existed at the time of entering and taking over the same, less the reasonable value of any improvements that may have been made by the United States.

Article 7. Any transfer of ownership or control of the U.S. facilities or any part thereof shall be immediately notified in writing to the Department of State for approval, including identification of the transferee. In the event of such transfer of ownership or control, this permit shall remain in force and the U.S. facilities shall be subject to all the conditions, permissions, and requirements of this permit and any amendments thereof unless subsequently terminated or amended by the Secretary of State or the Secretary's delegate.

Article 8. (1) The permittee shall acquire such right-of-way grants or easements, permits and other authorizations as may be necessary and appropriate.

(2) The permittee shall hold harmless and indemnify the United States from any claimed or adjudged liability arising out of the construction, connection, operation or maintenance of the facilities.

(3) The permittee shall maintain the U.S. facilities and every part thereof in a condition of good repair for their safe operation, and in compliance with prevailing environmental standards and regulations.

Article 9. The North Dakota Department of Transportation shall provide the General Services Administration an adequate Federal inspection facility at the United States terminal of the port of entry.

Article 10. The permittee shall take all appropriate measures to prevent or mitigate adverse impacts on or disruption of the human environment in connection with the construction, operation and maintenance of the U.S. facilities, including those mitigation measures set forth in the Final Environmental Assessment dated February 17, 2016 and any additional measures that may be required as result of any reevaluation of the foregoing consistent with 23 C.F.R. Sec. 771.129(b).

Article 11. The permittee shall not begin construction until it has been informed that the Government of the United States and the Government of Canada have exchanged diplomatic notes confirming that both governments authorized the commencement of a proposed expansion of the port of entry.

Article 12. The permittee shall provide information upon request to the Department of State with regard to the U.S. facilities. Such requests could include, for example, information concerning current conditions or anticipated changes in ownership or control, construction, connection, operation or maintenance of the U.S. facilities.

Article 13. The permittee shall provide written notice to the Department of State at such time as the construction authorized by this permit is begun and again at such time as construction is completed, interrupted, or discontinued.

Article 14. The permittee shall file with the appropriate agencies of the U.S. government such statements or reports under oath with respect to the U.S. facilities, and/or the permittee's actions and operations in connection therewith, as are now, or may hereafter be, required under any laws or regulations of the U.S. government or its agencies.

Article 15. This permit shall expire ten years from the date of issuance of this permit in the event that the permittee has not commenced construction of the expansion of the port of entry as described in the Application by that deadline. The

remaining provisions of this permit shall remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Judith G. Garber, Acting Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, have hereunto set my hand this 24th day of October, 2017 in the City of Washington, District of Columbia.

Judith G. Garber,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs.

End of permit text.

Mark Cullinane,

Acting Director, Office of Canadian Affairs, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 10235]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Training/Internship Placement Plan

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment and submission to OMB of proposed collection of information.

SUMMARY: The Department of State has submitted the information collection described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this Notice is to allow 30 days for public comment.

DATES: Submit comments directly to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) up to January 19, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Direct comments to the Department of State Desk Officer in the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). You may submit comments by the following methods:

- *Email:* oir_submission@omb.eop.gov. You must include the DS form number, information collection title, and the OMB control number in the subject line of your message.
- *Fax:* 202-395-5806. Attention: Desk Officer for Department of State.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documents, to G. Kevin Saba, Director, Office of

Policy and Program Support, Office of Private Sector Exchange, ECA/EC, SA-5, Floor 5, Department of State, 2200 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20522-0505, who may be reached on 202-632-3206 or at JExchanges@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- *Title of Information Collection:* Training/Internship Placement Plan.
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0170.
- *Type of Request:* Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.
- *Originating Office:* Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, ECA/EC.
- *Form Number:* DS-7002.
- *Respondents:* Entities designated by the Department of State as sponsors of exchange visitor programs in the trainee or intern categories and U.S. businesses that provide the training or internship opportunity.

• *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 120.

• *Estimated Number of Responses:* 30,000.

• *Average Time per Response:* 2 hours.

• *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 60,000 hours.

• *Frequency:* On occasion depending on the number of exchange participants annually.

• *Obligation to Respond:* Required to Obtain or Retain Benefits.

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

Abstract of proposed collection: The collection is the continuation of information collected and needed by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs in administering the Exchange Visitor Program (J-NONIMMIGRANT) under the provisions of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act

of 1961, as amended. Trainee/Internship Placement Plans are to be completed by designated program sponsors. A Training/Internship Placement Plan is required for each trainee or intern participant. It will set forth the training or internship program to be followed, methods of supervision, the skills the trainee or intern will obtain, and trainee or intern remuneration. The plan must be signed by the trainee or intern, sponsor, and the third party placement organization, if a third party organization is used in the conduct of the training or internship. Upon request, trainees or interns must present a fully executed Trainee/Internship Placement Plan on Form DS-7002 to any Consular Official interviewing them in connection with the issuance of J-1 visas.

G. Kevin Saba,

Director, Office of Policy and Program Support, Office of Private Sector Exchange, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. AB 55 (Sub-No. 776X)]

CSX Transportation, Inc.— Abandonment Exemption—in Greenbrier County, W. Va.

CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR pt. 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon an approximately 0.42-mile rail line on its Florence Division, Sewell Valley Subdivision, between milepost CAF 20.58 to the end of track at milepost CAF 21.0, near Rainelle, Greenbrier County, W. Va. (the Line). The Line traverses United States Postal Zip Code 25962, and includes no stations.

CSXT has certified that: (1) No local freight traffic has moved over the Line for at least two years; (2) because the Line is not a through line, no overhead traffic has operated, and, thus, none needs to be rerouted over other lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of a 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 is either pending with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of a complainant within the two-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR