

Recovery & Resilience, 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 President’s major disaster declaration on 04/13/2024, Private Non-Profit organizations that provide essential services of a governmental nature may file disaster loan applications online using the MySBA Loan Portal <https://lending.sba.gov> or other locally announced locations. Please contact the SBA disaster assistance customer service center by email at disastercustomerservice@sba.gov or by phone at 1-800-659-2955 for further assistance.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

Primary Counties: Benton, Clackamas, Coos, Hood River, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Multnomah, Sherman, Tillamook, Wasco, and the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians.

The Interest Rates are:

| | Percent |
|---|---------|
| <i>For Physical Damage:</i> | |
| Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere ... | 3.250 |
| Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere | 3.250 |
| <i>For Economic Injury:</i> | |
| Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere | 3.250 |

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 202709 and for economic injury is 202710.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

Francisco Sánchez, Jr.,

Associate Administrator, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 12379]

Exchange Visitor Program

ACTION: Notice of a Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) between the Government of the United States and the Government of Japan and waiver of a regulatory requirement.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of the Exchange Visitor

Program regulations, the Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), U.S. Department of State, has waived a regulatory provision to establish an international exchange program to promote closer cooperation between the people of Japan and the people of the United States. The program authorizes an exception under the Specialist category regulations to permit Japanese language and culture specialists to stay up to 36 months in the United States on a J-1 visa.

DATES: This action was effective on April 5, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rebecca Pasini, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Private Sector Exchange at 2200 C Street NW, SA-5, 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20522 via telephone: (202) 826-4364, or via email: JExchanges@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States and Japan have established a new program in accordance with existing Exchange Visitor Program regulations (22 CFR part 62), including regulations applying to the Specialist category (22 CFR 62.26). Through the program, the United States supports the purposes of the Fulbright-Hayes Act by facilitating the exchange of Japanese language and culture specialists to observe U.S. institutions and methods of practice in their educational fields and to share their specialized knowledge of Japanese education with their U.S. colleagues. The Japan Specialist Program will expand educational and cultural exchange opportunities between the people of the United States and Japan, promote the interchange of knowledge and skills among foreign and U.S. specialists, and foster long-term mutual understanding and international cooperation with U.S. communities across the United States. The MOC will authorize an exception under the Specialist category of the Exchange Visitor Program regulations to permit qualifying Japanese specialists to conduct their programs for up to 36 months in the United States on a J-1 visa.

During their program, exchange visitors from Japan will share their specialized knowledge of Japanese language and education in the United States at community based, non-profit organizations, U.S. Government offices, secondary schools, or post-secondary academic institutions offering Japanese, and similar types of institutions to increase U.S. local communities’ understanding of Japan, its culture, and language. Selected experts in Japanese culture and language will gain a better

understanding of U.S. culture and society and promote mutual enrichment by enhancing U.S. knowledge of Japanese culture, language, and educational systems.

Consistent with this program, the Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs waives certain provisions set forth in 22 CFR 62.26. Regulations at 22 CFR 62.26(i) provide that specialists shall be authorized to participate in the Exchange Visitor Program for the length of time necessary to complete the program, which shall not exceed one year. Accordingly, the Department waives subsection (i) of 22 CFR 62.26 with respect to this program to allow participants to conduct their programs for up to 36 months.

Lee A. Satterfield,

Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 12380]

Notice of Public Meeting: International Information and Communications Policy Division Stakeholder Briefing

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The State Department will hold a public meeting at 2 p.m.—3:30 p.m. (ET) on WebEx with the Bureau of Cyberspace and Digital Policy’s International Information and Communications Policy (CDP/ICP) division. The purpose of the meeting is to brief stakeholders on CDP/ICP’s past and upcoming international engagements. These include engagement at the United Nations, International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the Organization of American States Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL), the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Forum Telecommunications and Information Working Group, the Group of Seven (G7) Digital & Tech Working Group, the Group of Twenty (G20) Digital Economy Working Group, and other multilateral processes and bilateral digital and ICT dialogues.

DATES: The meeting will be on May 13, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please contact Daniel Oates, Global Technology Policy Advisor, CDP/ICP, at OatesDM@state.gov or 202-436-5516.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Additional information about the

Bureau of Cyberspace and Digital Policy is accessible at <https://www.state.gov/bureaus-offices/deputy-secretary-of-state/bureau-of-cyberspace-and-digital-policy/>.

We encourage anyone wanting to attend this virtual meeting to register using the following link by 5 p.m. Thursday, May 9: <https://statedept.webex.com/webink/register/r1998313a5baf14626f69e67867736ed1>.

Requests for reasonable accommodation made after April 29 will be considered but might not be able to be accommodated. The public may have an opportunity to provide comments at this meeting.

Agenda

Monday, May 13, at 2 p.m. (ET)

Opening Remarks
Briefings on CDP/ICP's past and upcoming activities
Public Comment
Adjournment

(Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552 and 22 U.S.C. 2707)

Stephan A. Lang,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, International Information and Communications Policy, Bureau of Cyberspace and Digital Policy, Department of State.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36763]

The Lowville & Beaver River Railroad Company—Acquisition Exemption—Lewis County Industrial Development Agency

The Lowville & Beaver River Railroad Company (LBRR) has filed a verified notice of exemption pursuant to 49 CFR 1150.41¹ for authority after-the-fact to acquire approximately 10.61 miles of rail line between milepost 0.0 and milepost 10.57 between the Village of Lowville, N.Y., and the Village of Croghan, N.Y., including a secondary branch line of 0.4 miles extending towards Beaver Falls, N.Y.,² in Lewis County, N.Y. (the Line).

¹ LBRR states that it is seeking an operation exemption pursuant to 49 CFR 1150.31. However, because LBRR is already a Class III carrier, it must seek this authority pursuant to 49 CFR 1150.41. As such, the notice will be considered filed under 49 CFR 1150.41 instead.

² By decision in *The Lowville & Beaver River Railroad Co.—Abandonment Exemption—in Lewis County, N.Y.*, AB 180X (STB served Jan. 22, 2024), the Board directed LBRR to clarify the location of the 1.15-mile branch line at Beaver Falls that was referenced in Docket No. FD 31825. Specifically, the Board directed LBRR to clarify whether that line is the same one as the 0.40-mile rail line shown on

According to LBRR, it had been leasing the Line from the Lewis County Industrial Development Agency (LCID) since 1991 but the lease expired on December 31, 2015. LBRR states that the terms of the lease gave LCID authority to convey title to the Line to LBRR upon expiration of the lease, and when the parties were unable to reach an agreement to extend the lease, a deed was recorded conveying title of the Line to LBRR in July 2016. LBRR now seeks after-the-fact Board authorization for its 2016 acquisition. LBRR states that it intends to abandon the Line and to sell it to Lewis County, which intends to build a recreational trail on the right of way.³

LBRR certifies that it will not be subject to any limitations on its ability to interchange with a third-party connecting carrier. LBRR also certifies that its projected annual revenues are not expected to exceed \$5 million and that the proposed transaction will not result in LBRR's becoming a Class I or Class II rail carrier.

The effective date of this exemption will be May 4, 2024 (30 days after the verified notice was filed).

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the effectiveness of the exemption. Petitions for stay must be filed no later than April 26, 2024 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36763, must be filed with the

the Federal Rail Administration (FRA) Safety Map that branches off from the Lowville-Croghan Line at Deveines Road, extends northward over a bridge on the Beaver River, and then terminates in Beaver Falls. In a supplemental environmental and historic report filed in that docket, LBRR refers to the line shown on the FRA Safety Map as the "Beaver Falls Branch." Although LBRR does not explain the reference in Docket No. FD 31825 to the 1.15-mile branch line, the Board presumes that the lines are the same.

³ On September 11, 2023, the Mohawk, Adirondack & Northern Railroad Corporation filed a verified notice of exemption to abandon a connected line, the Lowville-Croghan Line, as well as a separate segment, the Lyons Falls Track, in *Mohawk, Adirondack & Northern Railroad Corp.—Abandonment Exemption—in Lewis & Jefferson Counties, N.Y.*, AB 768X. The next day, LBRR filed a verified notice of exemption to abandon the Line in *The Lowville & Beaver River Railroad—Abandonment Exemption—in Lewis County, N.Y.*, AB 180X. By decision served on January 22, 2024, those dockets were held in abeyance and the carriers were directed to take certain actions, one of which was for LBRR to seek after-the-fact authority to acquire the Line. The issuance of this notice does not alter the status of either of those abandonment proceedings; both abandonment dockets remain in abeyance pending further Board order in those dockets.

Surface Transportation Board either via e-filing on the Board's website or in writing addressed to 395 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on LBRR's representative, John K. Fiorilla, Esq., Dyer & Peterson PC, 605 Main Street, Suite 104, Riverton, NJ 08077-1440.

According to LBRR, this action is categorically excluded from environmental review under 49 CFR 1105.6(c) and from historic preservation reporting requirements under 49 CFR 1105.8(b).

Board decisions and notices are available at www.stb.gov.

Decided: April 15, 2024.

By the Board, Board Members Fuchs, Hedlund, Oberman, Primus, and Schultz.

Regena Smith-Bernard,

Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No.: FAA-2024-0919; Summary Notice No.—2024-15]

Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received; Moore County Airport

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice contains a summary of a petition seeking relief from specified requirements of Federal Aviation Regulations. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, the FAA's exemption process. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion nor omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of the petition or its final disposition.

DATES: Comments on this petition must identify the petition docket number and must be received on or before May 9, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Send comments identified by docket number FAA-2024-0919 using any of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for sending your comments electronically.
- **Mail:** Send comments to Docket Operations, M-30; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey