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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

MAINE OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROPOSAL TO UPGRADE THE EXISTING PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO COMMUNICATIONS TOWER AND FACILITIES ON MT. BLUE IN AVON MAINE

PURPOSE: The Bureau of Parks and Lands, Maine Department of Conservation (DOC) will hold a public hearing on a proposal by the Maine Office of Information Technology (OIT) to upgrade the public safety radio communications tower and facilities on Mt. Blue. The purpose of the hearing is to allow the applicant (OIT), interested groups, and the general public the opportunity to present testimony and evidence to the DOC Communication Site Advisory Committee, as to whether the proposal meets the criteria for approval under the Department's Policy on Use and Management of State-Owned Mountaintops for Communication Facilities.

TIME AND PLACE: The hearing will be held on Thursday, May 20, 2010, at the Avon Town Hall (1116 Rangeley Road/ Route 4) Avon Maine 04966, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: All interested persons are invited to attend and offer testimony that has a bearing on this proposal. Written testimony is not required. Members of the public may simply attend the hearing and give oral testimony. The hearing record will remain open for a period of 10 days after the public hearing to allow interested persons to submit written comments. All written comments should be sent to: Bureau of Parks and Lands 22 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04330, ATTN: Mt Blue Public Hearing.

DISABILITIES: Persons with disabilities planning to attend the hearing are requested to inform the Department in advance so that arrangements can be made for services they may require.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: A full copy of the permit application and the department's policy may be viewed at the Bureau of Parks and Lands main office in Augusta (207-287-3821) (TTY 207-287-2213), or, at the Avon Town office. Persons having questions may contact Melissa Macaluso at 287-4960 or melissa.macaluso@maine.gov.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: The hearing will be held in accordance with the Department's (Conservation) Policy on Use and Management of State-Owned Mountaintops for Communication Facilities.