

Federal Interagency Broadband Permitting Summit Hosted by BLM and NTIA

On Tuesday, July 23 and Wednesday, July 24, 2024, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) co-hosted a multi-agency broadband permitting summit at the BLM National Training Center in Phoenix, Arizona. Over 150 participants registered to hear 13 federal agencies explain in detail how to successfully apply for the right-of-way and special use permits that grant recipients will need to deploy NTIA's broadband grant programs.

The Summit included key permitting information from representatives from NTIA, BLM, the Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council, the US Army Corps of Engineers, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the US Forest Service, the Federal Highway Administration, the Bureau of Reclamation, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Park Service, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the Rural Utilities Service, and the Appraisal and Valuation Services Office. NTIA also reviewed National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance requirements for the Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) and other NTIA grant programs.

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BLM National Training Center
Phoenix, AZ July 23 – 24, 2024



PRESENTATION AND SESSION RECORDING LINKS

Day 1: Tuesday, July 23

NTIA: Internet For All Funding Overview – Jill Springer & Lukas Pietrzak
([Presentation](#)/[Session Recording](#))

Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council (Permitting Council): Best Practices in Permitting – Angie Colamaria ([Presentation](#)/[Session Recording](#))

U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE): Resource Permit Requirements – Rodney Huffman & Bonnie Jennings & Joseph A. McMahan ([Presentation](#)/[Session Recording](#))

U.S. Forest Service (USFS): Broadband Proposal Submission – Joey Perry
([Presentation](#)/[Session Recording](#))

Bureau of Reclamation (BOR): Permitting Process – Courtney Cobb & Alex Morgan
([Presentation](#)/[Session Recording](#))

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS): USFWS and NTIA Broadband – Jessica Gwinn & Mary Fugate ([Presentation](#)/[Session Recording](#))

National Park Service (NPS): Permitting Process – Kevin McKay & Brian Pederson
([Presentation](#)/[Session Recording](#))

Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA): Permitting Process/Tribal Coordination – Susan Brave & Myles Lytle ([Presentation](#)/[Session Recording](#))

BLM: Right-of-Way Process – Kerri-Anne Thorpe ([Presentation](#)/[Session Recording](#))

BLM: Broadband Rule – Steve Fusilier ([Presentation](#)/[Session Recording](#))

Day 2: Wednesday, July 24

Appraisal Valuation Services Office (AVSO): Obtaining appraisals needed for permitting – James Green & Andrea Sylvester ([Presentation/Session Recording](#))

NTIA: Overview of NTIA National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Process, Categorical Exclusions, and Extraordinary Circumstances – Josh Fitzpatrick & Elaine Moran ([Presentation/Session Recording](#))

NTIA: Permitting and Environmental Information Application Demonstration – Kelly Stone ([Presentation/Session Recording](#))

NTIA: Programmatic NEPA Reviews: Validating and Tiering off the First Responder Authority Network Programmatic Environmental Impact Statements – Amanda Pereira ([Presentation/Session Recording](#))

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) AND NTIA: Applying the Program Comment for Federal Communications Projects (National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 Reviews) – Jaime Loichinger & Jill Springer & Suzanne Derrick ([Presentation/Session Recording](#))

NTIA: Tribal Notification via the FCC's Tower Construction Notification System (TCNS) – Chris Baird ([Presentation/Session Recording](#))

Federal Highway Administration: How to Obtain an Authorization within a Federal Aid Highway – Carolyn James & Julie Johnston ([Presentation 1/Presentation 2/Session Recording](#))

Rural Utilities Service – Environmental Requirements – Daric Burr ([Presentation/Session Recording](#))