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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION - WYOLINK RECEIVES FREQUENCY USE CERTIFICATION

CHEYENNE - On February 5, 2009, Wyoming's emergency communications system became the first in the nation to be awarded space on the federal spectrum.

The Public Safety Communications Commission (PSCC) has been working closely with the Departments of Interior and Homeland Security to secure this certification from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA).

This certification represents a shift in policy by the NTIA in allowing frequency use by a state.

"This is a huge accomplishment," said Robert Symons. "This will finally allow Wyolink to work effectively across all agencies."

Wyoming will still be required to obtain Federal Communications Commission (FCC) licenses to operate on the frequencies at all 58 WyoLink radio sites. According to Symons, it will take some time to secure the licenses but there are no foreseeable obstacles.

"I am encouraged with the cooperation and coordination from our Federal partners," Governor Dave Freudenthal said. "This action will result in improving public safety and essential coordination and communications among all law enforcement entities. Gaining this certification allows the State to take full advantage of the WyoLink system that we have worked so hard to establish."

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