

NATIONAL RADIO ASTRONOMY OBSERVATORY  
Socorro, New Mexico

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TO: VLBA Members  
FROM: Cam Wade  
SUBJECT: Site Group Meeting, 860430  
PRESENT: Brundage, Crane, Egler, Mutel, Peery, Porter, Ross,  
Sebring, Wade, Walker

PIE TOWN: Road is complete except for the cattle guard. Back-filling of the antenna foundation excavation with engineered fill is proceeding. Water and electric power are available on site. Contract negotiations for the control building are in progress.

KITT PEAK: Site acquisition is complete. Clearing and rough grading are under way. Pre-bid conference with interested contractors was held on 22 April. Bids for site preparation are due May 16.

LOS ALAMOS: Draft of agreement between NSF and DOE for use of the site has been completed, and negotiation of remaining points of dispute (all minor) is in progress. Call for site preparation bids will be issued during May.

WASHINGTON: Site acquisition is complete in all respects. Site plan is in preparation.

IOWA: It appears likely that NRAO can take over the lease for the present North Liberty Observatory, which is on an excellent site. There is a good alternative site nearby which can be obtained from the Corps of Engineers if necessary.

ST. CROIX: Visited by Peery and Wade during April. Preferred site has been chosen. Negotiations for hiring a local agent have begun.

TEXAS: We have requested permission from NSF to proceed with negotiation of site purchase.

HAWAII, OWENS VALLEY, NORTHEAST: Nothing new.