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This is an appeal to keep the Ruth MS Post Office open.

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The final determination letter to Ruth Post Office stated Ruth only had 10 signatures on the petition. Residents volunteered nights and weekends, went door to door to get petitions signed, 504 of the 581 residents signed this petition. This petition was sent June 27, 2011 priority confirmation to the attention of Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, district manager. This was done so there would be no confusion in the final decision. Someone in that office lost all but two sheets of the packet sent. Enclosed again is the full packet and delivery confirmation sent to Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson on June 27, 2011.

Topisaw Creek Water Association is more than 8 miles from Jayess Post Office more like 15 or 20 miles, they mail 1800 + water bills every month with approximately 400 late notices. This will impact them tremendously. Denbury Resources is a big company in Ruth which services and drills oil wells in Mississippi. These two companies will be tremendously impacted.

Pam Lowery Manager of Post Office Operations was unable to tell customers at the meeting at Topisaw Water on June 13 2011 how their mail would be addressed. Will it be Ruth Ms 39662 or Jayess Ms 39641?

Of all the Post Offices proposed for closure Ruth Ms 39662 is the only one on a main highway, all others are tucked away on a road to nowhere. Ruth captures revenue from Tylertown, Jayess, Monticello, Bogue Chitto, Summit and Brookhaven. This is the only Post Office people actually pass on the way to town.

Over the past 19 years Ruth has grown with an average of 12 customers per year. In the last 5 year span average growth has been 12 new customers per year. The mail volume at Ruth has grown not declined. These other offices proposed to close are not showing growth.

Before the final decision was made the facts were hidden. Instead of closing efficient working Post Offices, you might close down people who cannot keep a petition packet in it's envelope until the hearing was performed. This was valuable information and important to keep the community from losing their Post Office.

Again this is an appeal to keep the Ruth Post Office open. Residents of Ruth do care as shown by the petition.

*Bonnie Ard*

Signature

Date 10-6-11

Bonnie Ard  
3479 Orchard Ln SE  
Ruth MS 39662

Received

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Enc: copy petition packet, original sent to District Manager June 27 2011 (41 sheets enclosed)

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FINAL DETERMINATION TO CLOSE  
THE RUTH, MS POST OFFICE  
AND CONTINUE TO PROVIDE  
SERVICE BY RURAL ROUTE SERVICE

DOCKET NUMBER 1438090 - 39662

## I. RESPONSIVENESS TO COMMUNITY POSTAL NEEDS

The Postal Service is issuing the final determination to close the Ruth, MS Post Office and provide delivery and retail services by rural route service under the administrative responsibility of the Jayess Post Office, located eight miles away.

The postmaster position became vacant when the postmaster retired on May 01, 2011. Since the postmaster vacancy an OIC has been installed to operate the office. Postmaster level and office service hours are determined by a workload analysis which includes the number of deliveries and revenue.

The office was studied for possible closing or consolidation due to the following reasons: To streamline operations to create efficiencies and cost savings to balance the Postal Service's business needs against the needs of its customers. The Jaycees Post Office is approximately eight miles from this facility and could meet the postal needs of customers in this community and can provide an equal or better level of service.

The Ruth Post Office, an EAS-13 level, provides service from 7:00 to 12:00 , 1:00 to 3:45 Monday - Friday , Closed Saturday and lobby hours of 7:00 to 3:45 on Monday - Friday and 7:00 to 9:15 on Saturday to 39 post office box or general delivery customers and 573 delivery customers. Retail services included the sale of stamps, stamped paper, and money orders; special services such as Registered Mail, Certified Mail, Insured Mail, COD Mail, and Express Mail services; and the acceptance and dispatch of all classes of mail.

The retail window averaged 20 transaction(s) accounting for 21 minute(s) of retail workload daily. With minimal workload, the Postal Service feels that effective and regular service will be provided by rural route service. Office receipts for the last 3 years were: \$26,061 ( 68 revenue units) in FY 2008; \$25,607 ( 67 revenue units) in FY 2009; and \$23,371 ( 61 revenue units) in FY 2010. There were one permit mailer(s) or postage meter customer(s).

On June 13, 2011, representatives from the Postal Service were available at Topsaw Creek Water Department, 2190 Mallalieu Dr. to answer questions and provide information to customers. 50 customer(s) attended the meeting.

On June 02, 2011, 50 questionnaires were distributed to delivery customers of the Ruth Post Office. Questionnaires were also available over the counter for retail customers at the Ruth Post Office. 13 questionnaires were returned. Responses regarding the proposed alternate service were as follows: 0 favorable, 9 unfavorable, and 4 expressed no opinion.

A petition supporting the retention of the Ruth Post Office was received on June 28, 2011, with 10 signatures.

When this final determination is implemented, delivery and retail services will be provided by the Jayess Post Office, an EAS-16 level office. Window service hours at the Jayess Post Office are from 8:00 to 11:30, 12:30 to 4:00, Monday through Friday, and 8:00 to 10:00 on Saturday. There are 52 post office boxes available.

The proposal to close the Ruth Post Office was posted with an invitation for comment at the Ruth Post Office and Jayess Post Office from June 30, 2011 to August 31, 2011. The following additional concerns were received during the proposal posting period:

1. **Concern:** Customers expressed concern for those customers with disabilities who are not able to go to administrative Post Office to pick up their mail.

**Response:** Customers are not required to travel to another Post Office to receive mail or obtain retail services. These services will be provided by the carrier to a roadside mailbox located close to customers' residences. In hardship cases, delivery can be made to the home of a customer. Changes in the type of delivery are considered where service by existing methods would impose an extreme physical hardship for an individual customer. Any request for a change in delivery method must be submitted in writing to the administrative postmaster.
2. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about having to travel to another Post Office for service.

**Response:** Services provided at the Post Office will be available from the carrier, and customers will not have to travel to another Post Office for service. Most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Stamps by Mail and Money Order Application forms are available for customer convenience. Stamps are also available at many stores and gas stations where customers may already shop, online at usps.com, or by calling 1-800-STAMP-24.
3. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about mail security.

**Response:** Customers may place a lock on their mailboxes. The mailbox must have a slot large enough to accommodate the customer's normal daily mail volume. The Postal Service does not open mailboxes which are locked and does not accept keys for this purpose.

4. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about senior citizens.
- Response:** Carrier service is beneficial to many senior citizens and those who face special challenges because the carrier can provide delivery and retail services to roadside mailboxes or Centralized Box Units. Customers do not have to make a special trip to the Post Office for service. Special provisions are made for hardship cases or special customer needs. To request an exception for hardship delivery, customers may contact the administrative postmaster for more information.
5. **Concern:** Customer expressed a concern about package delivery and pickup.
- Response:** Rural carriers will deliver packages that fit in your rural mail box, if the package does not fit in the mail box, the carrier will deliver the package up to ½ mile off of the line of travel, at a designated place, such as on your porch or under a carport. For carrier pick up of packages, you can contact the administrative Post Office, letting the carrier know that you have a package available for pick up. The carrier can deviate from the line of travel in order to receive packages. The rural carrier will accept letters, flats or packages up to 13 ounces for mailing. The carrier will estimate the cost and provide a receipt for any money received. On the following delivery day the carrier will provide change or a bill for the amount over the estimate. Packages over 13 ounces may be picked up if the postage was printed online or with a traceable meter.
6. **Concern:** Customers expressed concern over the dependability of rural route service.
- Response:** Rural letter carriers perform a vital function in the United States Postal Service serving thousands of families and businesses in rural and suburban areas while traveling millions of miles daily. Rural letter carriers are highly respected by the American public. This respect has been earned by many years of dedication to the Postal Service and to postal customers. During national and local emergencies, including prolonged periods of extreme weather conditions, rural carriers have demonstrated great responsibility in providing mail service to postal customers. Rural carriers are required to serve the route expeditiously each day.
7. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about later delivery of mail.
- Response:** Mail delivery times will remain the same.

**Some advantages of the proposal are:**

1. The rural and contract carriers may provide retail services, alleviating the need to go to the post office. Stamps by Mail order forms are provided for customer convenience.
2. Customers opting for carrier service will have 24-hour access to their mail.
3. Savings for the Postal Service contribute in the long run to stable postage rates and savings for customers.
4. CBU's can offer the security of individually locked mail compartments. Parcel lockers provide convenient parcel delivery for customers.
5. Customers opting for carrier service will not have to pay post office box fees.
6. Saves time and energy for customers who drive to the post office to pick up mail.

**Some disadvantages of the proposal are:**

1. The loss of a retail outlet. Retail services may be provided by the rural or contract delivery carrier.
2. Meeting the rural or contract delivery carrier at the box to transact business. However, it is not necessary to be present to conduct most Postal Service transactions.
3. A change in the mailing address. The community name will continue to be used in the new address. A carrier route address will be assigned.

Taking all available information into consideration, the Postal Service concludes this final determination will provide a maximum degree of effective and regular postal services to the community.

## II. EFFECT ON COMMUNITY

Ruth is an unincorporated community located in LINCOLN County. The community is administered politically by Lincoln County. Police protection is provided by the Lincoln County . Fire protection is provided by the Ruth Volunteer Fire Department. The community is comprised of Geographic/economic make-up of the community is predominately retirees and farmers with some commuters. and those who commute to work at nearby communities and may work in local businesses.

Businesses and organizations include: RUTH BAPTIST CHURCH, UNION PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH, SPRING BEULAH CHURCH OF CHRIST, NEW ZION MISSIONARY MB, NEW ZION TMBC, TOPISAW MB CHURCH,, DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REV MASONIC LODGE, & BOGUE CHITTO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION , MATHIS LOGGING, GABE BURKE JUICE PLUS, G&B DAIRY, BRISTER FARMS,, ISIAH ARD TIMBER F&R STEEL ERECTORS, A&E PHOTAGRAPHY, PAULK ENGINEERING AND SURVEYING, TINA ADAMS JUICE PLUS, COLEMAN LUMBER, FELDER'S HEATING AND COOLING, RELIABLE OXYGEN, BOYD'S DEER PROCESSING, AMY THAMES MARY KAY SALES, CHOCTAW RIDGE ANIMAL RESCUE, GREER ENVIROMENTAL RESOURCES, DENBURY RESOURCES, TRIPLE J FARMS, DOWN SOUTH EXTERMINATORS, REID'S DOZER, BOYD'S STEEL BARTON'S COUNTRY GROCERY, THAMES FARMS, JK SERVICES, RBC CEMETARY ASSOCIATION, JOHNSONS FENCING, PAT MCCULLOUGH ATTORNEY AT LAW, RUTH FIRE DEPARTMENT, MANNING PHOTAGRAPHY, NEW DAWN RETIREMENT CENTER TOPISAW CREEK WATER ASSOCIATION, BRADY AND ASSOCIATES, JIM ARD LOGGING, QUINNS BRIDGE HUNTING CLUB, & IT'S SERENDITY . Residents may travel to nearby communities for other supplies and services.

Nonpostal services provided at the Ruth Post Office will be available at the Jayess Post Office. Government forms normally provided by the Post Office will also be available at the Jayess Post Office or by contacting your local government agency.

The following nonpostal concerns were expressed from questionnaires, the community meeting, on the petition, and on the congressional inquiry:

1. **Concern:** Customer expressed a concern about nonpostal services.

**Response:** Nonpostal services provided at the Post Office will be available at the administrative Post Office. Government forms normally provided by the Post Office will also be available at the administrative Post Office or by contacting your local government agency.
2. **Concern:** Customer expressed a concern about the loss of the community bulletin board at the Post Office.

**Response:** Many retail outlets and grocery stores are now displaying a public bulletin board in which items can be posted for sale, and/or lost and found items can be posted, and a variety of other information. The administrative Post Office may have a public bulletin board which may be used to post the same information.
3. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about senior citizens.

**Response:** Carrier service is beneficial to many senior citizens and those who face special challenges because the carrier can provide delivery and retail services to roadside mailboxes or Centralized Box Units. Customers do not have to make a special trip to the Post Office for service. Special provisions are made for hardship cases or special customer needs. To request an exception for hardship delivery, customers may contact the administrative postmaster for more information.
4. **Concern:** Customer stated that the number of miles listed between the offices on the customer notification letter was incorrect.

**Response:** Information was taken from an internet mapping site. If this information is incorrect, the record will be changed to reflect the correct distance.
5. **Concern:** Customers expressed concern for loss of community identity.

**Response:** A community's identity derives from the interest and vitality of its residents and their use of its name. The Postal Service is helping to preserve community identity by continuing the use of the Community name and ZIP Code in addresses.

Based on the information obtained in the course of this discontinuance study, the Postal Service concludes this final determination will not adversely affect the community.

### III. EFFECT ON EMPLOYEES

The postmaster position became vacant when the postmaster retired on May 01, 2011. The noncareer postmaster relief (PMR) may be separated from the Postal Service. No other Postal Service employee will be adversely affected. Since the postmaster vacancy an OIC has been installed to operate the office.

### IV. ECONOMIC SAVINGS

The Postal Service estimates an annual savings of \$ 50,609 with a breakdown as follows:

Postmaster Salary (EAS-13, No COLA)	\$ 36,381
Fringe Benefits @ 33.5%	\$ 12,188
Annual Lease Costs	<u>+ \$ 2,040</u>
Total Annual Costs	\$ 50,609
Less Annual Cost of Replacement Service	<u>- \$ 0</u>
Total Annual Savings	<u>\$ 50,609</u>

### V. OTHER FACTORS

The Postal Service has identified no other factors for consideration.

## VI. SUMMARY

This is the final determination to close the Ruth, MS Post Office and provide delivery and retail services by rural route service under the administrative responsibility of the Jayess Post Office, located eight miles away.

The postmaster retired on May 01, 2011. If the office has a noncareer PMR(s), they may be separated from the Postal Service; however, attempts will be made to reassign the employee(s) to a nearby facility. No other employee(s) will be adversely affected. The workload has declined. Effective and regular service will continue to be provided by rural route service.

The Ruth Post Office provided delivery and retail service to 39 PO Box or general delivery customers and 573 delivery route customers. The daily retail window transactions averaged 20. There are one permit mailers or postage meter customers.

There will no longer be a retail outlet in the community. However, delivery and retail services may be available from a rural or contract delivery carrier, which could alleviate the need to travel to a Post Office for service. The Postal Service will save an estimated \$50,609 annually. A disadvantage to some will be in meeting the rural or contract delivery carrier to transact business. However, it is not necessary to be present to conduct most Postal Service transactions with rural or contract delivery carrier.

Taking all available information into consideration, the Postal Service has determined that the advantages outweigh the disadvantages and this final determination is warranted.

## VII. NOTICES

- A. Support Materials. Copies of all materials upon which this final determination is based are available for public inspection at the Ruth Post Office and Jayess Post Office during normal office hours.
- B. Appeal Rights. This final determination to close the Ruth Post Office may be appealed by any person served by that office to the Postal Regulatory Commission at 901 New York Ave NW, Suite 200, Washington DC 20268-0001. Appeals must be received by the Commission within 30 days of the date this final determination is posted. If an appeal is filed, copies of appeal documents prepared by the Postal Regulatory Commission or the parties to the appeal will be made available for public inspection at Ruth Post Office and Jayess Post Office during normal office hours.



09/26/2011

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Dean J Granholm  
Vice President of Delivery and Post Office Operations

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Date

PATRONS OF THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE  
RUTH, MISSISSIPPI POST OFFICE SYSTEM

Josh Davis, Patron Spokesman

3037 Glenwood

Ruth, MS 39662

June 27, 2011

U.S. Postal Service  
Ms. Elizabeth Johnson  
District Manager  
P.O. Box 99990  
Jackson, MS 39205-9990

**SUB: CLOSURE STUDY/ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING  
THE RUTH, MS POSTAL OFFICE SYSTEM**

Dear Ms. Johnson:

On June 2, 2011 a notice letter, initiated by one Pamela Lowery (Manager, Post Office Operations), was posted in the U.S. Postal Office at Ruth, Mississippi. The letter, among other things, announced a public comment forum scheduled for June 13, 2011 whereupon comments would be posed and accepted for/against the closure of the U.S. Postal office at Ruth, Mississippi. At the referenced meeting, all Patrons present of the Ruth Post Office system were unanimously opposed to the closing for various reasons, including by example and not by limitation, as follows:

1. Hardships worked on the re-addressing of the businesses currently addressed at Ruth;
2. Inconvenience imposed on all Ruth addressed Post Office patrons;
3. Elimination of the Identity pride of the Ruth Post Office community;
4. Failure of the U.S. Postal Service to provide supporting criteria for the closure;
5. Failure of the U.S. Postal Service to properly notice the public meeting; and
6. etc.

The U.S. Postal Office at Ruth, Mississippi serves an exclusively rural community consisting of 570 rural mail boxes and 40 P.O. Boxes. The suggested U.S. Postal Office at Jayess, MS (which it is proposed Ruth be merged with) is 7.8 Miles East of the present post office system at Ruth. This direction is 180° away from all towns that the Ruth Post Office Patrons patronize. Therefore, all Patrons of the Ruth Post Office system, when

traveling to trade centers, do not pass any existing Post Office system. Accordingly, the imposition of Jayess as the Postal system serving Ruth will work a continuous inconvenience on all the present Ruth patrons.

Accordingly, please be advised that the Patrons of the present Ruth Postal system are 100% opposed to merging the Ruth system with Jayess. And in support thereof, with the limited time allowed, the attached signature-list of persons (all being presently addressed at Ruth, Mississippi) are on record as being adamantly opposed to the closure of the Ruth Post Office, or its merger with Jayess Post Office.

Your kind response is solicited.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Josh Davis".

JOSH DAVIS, Patron Spokesman

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Article Sent To: (to be completed by mailer)

*Elizabeth Johnson District Manager*  
*P.O. Box 99990*  
*Jackson MS 39205*

DELIVERY CONFIRMATION NUMBER: 0310 1230 0000 2296 8159



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**Tracking Label: 0310 1230 0000 2296 8159**

<b>Destination</b>	<b>ZIP Code:</b> 39205-9990	<b>City:</b> JACKSON	<b>State:</b> MS
<b>Origin</b>	<b>ZIP Code:</b> 39662	<b>City:</b> RUTH	<b>State:</b> MS

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**Class/Service:** Priority Mail Delivery Confirmation

Service Calculation Information

**Service Performance Date**  
Scheduled Delivery Date: 06/28/2011

**PO Box?:** N

<b>Special Services</b>	<b>Associated Labels</b>	<b>Amount</b>
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	<b>Input Method:</b> Scanned		
ACCEPT OR PICKUP	06/27/2011 14:36	RUTH, MS 39662	030SHM1558
	<b>Input Method:</b> Scanned		
	<b>Finance Number:</b> 270923		

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NAME	Address	Date
Francisco	39652	
Family & Rudy Use		6/20/11
Chris Myrley		6-20-11
David Lawrence		6-20-11
Wynne Matthey		6-21-11
David Smith		6-21-11
Doris Smith		6-21-11
James D. Hafford		6-21-11
Primo Mingo		6-21-11
Mauda Thompson		6-21-11
Geneva Welch		6-21-11
Rachel Raykorn		6-21-11
Bessie R. Arton		6-21-11
ABE BURKE		6.21.11
Arah Burke		6.21.2011
Bladya Grimes		6-23-2011
Earl T. McCullough		6-23-2011
Jan Endhold		6/23/11
Bob Grubel		6/23/11
W. H. ...		6/23/11

John Thomas

June 2011

# COPY

We, the citizens and customers of the Ruth Post Office hereby protest any change in the present status of our Post Office.

It is our desire to retain our Post Office at its present status – a United States post office operated by a Postmaster and career postal employees.

The Postal Reorganization Act of 1970 calls for providing a maximum degree of effective and regular postal service to rural areas, communities and small towns where post offices are not financially self-sustaining.

We do not feel your proposal meets these criteria.

The undersigned customers are signing this petition against closing the Ruth Post Office.

Name	address	date
1. <u>LaWanda Welch</u>		<u>6/17/11</u>
2. <u>Mike Ferguson</u>		<u>6/17/11</u>
3. <u>Wanda Bishop</u>		<u>62 6/17/11</u>
4. <u>Jamellea Kenic</u>		<u>is-39662</u>
5. <u>Boston's County 6-3000</u>		<u>0-39662</u>
6. <u>James A. Manning</u>		<u>with 39662</u>
7. <u>Rhonda Reaves</u>		<u>Boque Clith</u>
8. <u>William Reaves</u>		<u>6/18/11</u>
9. <u>Angela Green</u>		<u>6/18/2011</u>
10. <u>Curtis Green</u>		<u>to 6/18/2011</u>

Name  
John Pratt

Address

Date  
6-27-11

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Name	address	date
<u>Al Herrington</u>		<u>6/19/11</u>
<u>Allison Tate</u>		<u>6/19/11</u>
<u>Nita Herrington</u>		<u>6/19/11</u>
<u>Wagner Tate</u>		<u>6-19-11</u>
<u>John Herrington</u>		<u>6-19-11</u>
<u>Stacie Kayford</u>		<u>6-19-11</u>
<u>Angie Tate</u>		<u>6-19-11</u>
<u>Heidi Herrington</u>		<u>6-19-11</u>
<u>Taylor</u>		<u>6-19-11</u>
<u>Lisa Herrington</u>		<u>6-19-2011</u>



NAME	Address	Date
Justin Buteman		8-24-11
Daniela Rangel		6-24-11
Isiah Brown		6-24-11
Dorothy Allen		Ma 6-24-11
Bonnie Brady		Ma 6-24-11
Tennie Castilaw		ms 6-25-
John Castilaw		ms 6-25-
Steve Castilaw		ms 6-25-
Celeste Castilaw		ms 6-25-
Tommy Castilaw		ms 6-25-11
Glen Castilaw		ms 6-25-11
Cynthia Carithers		6-25-11
Michael Carithers		6-25-11
Jeanette Carithers		6-25-11
AL Carithers		6-25-11
Josh Simmons		MS 6-25-
Robert Edinman		MS 6-25-
Lydia Gordon		MS 3466
Andrew Gordon		MS
Keith L. Herd		662 Ruth, 1
Jim Williams		662 Ruth, 1
Allison Williams		59662 Ruth
Amanda Merritt		7662
Brian Merritt		662
Robert Woolley		662
Jack Foltz		9662

June 2011

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Name	address	date
<del>Walter B. Burt</del>	<del>4017 State St Ruth MO</del>	<del>6-18-11</del>
Jared Budry		6-19-11
Alice Wesley		6-19-11
Rickey Woolley		11
Shirley HEDDEN		6-19-11
Bill HEDDEN		6-19-11
Chris Close		6-19-11
J. L. Thamer		6-19-11
Gloria Thamer		6-19-11
WM COLLISON		39662 6-19-11
William Henry		39662-6-19-11
Marie Wallace		39662-6-19-

NAME	Address	Date
Walter Warner	Ma	6-19-11
Elva Baker	VE	
Walter Baker		
Jemima Lambert	E Ruth, Ms	6-19-11
Jimmy Lambert	" "	"
Lucy Hines	6-19-11	39662
Lucy Smith	6-19-11	39662
Kathy Crows	62	6-19-11
Anthony Tate	2	6-19-11
Carl Tate SR.	2, 39662	6-19-11
Jimmy HERRIN	2	6-19-11
Jeanette HERRIN	16	39662
Brady Ford	6-20-11	39662
Vernice Boyd	6-20-11	39662
Angele Miles Bartholomew		6-20-11
Ray Mason	68	6-20-11 39662
Tim Boyd	62	6-20-11
Rhoda Boyd	9662	6-20-11
Keith Boyd	9662	6-20-11
Nathan Davis		6-20-11
Jennifer Davis		6-20-11
Dickie Davis	1	6-20-11
ANGIE Davis	2	6-20-11
Walter Miller	1	6-20-11
Walter Miller	1	6-20-11
James Foreer	2	6-20-11
Betty Foreer	2	6-20-11
James Bishop	2	6-20-11

Name	Address	Date
Irene Davis		6-20-11
Marty Davis		6-20-11
Anna Hennan		MS 6-20-11
Charles Hennan		MS 6-20-11
Bobby White		6-20-11
Atherine White		6-20-11
Marcia Covington		6-20-11
Ray Covington		5 6-20-11
Robert Bailey		13 6-20-11
Vince Pratt		39662
Amy Newell		10-39662
Dorothy L. Featherly		2 39662
Rosie Clark		7662

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Name	address	date
<u>Ward R. Kuma</u>		<u>6-18-11</u>
<u>Janet Jenkins</u>		<u>Ms 39662</u>
<u>Elizabeth Jenkins</u>		<u>Ms 39662</u>
<u>Edward Jenkins</u>		
<u>Tyler Nunnery</u>		<u>6/14/11</u>
<u>Walter Jenkins</u>		<u>6/19/2011</u>
<u>Alicia Jenkins</u>		<u>Ms 39662</u>
<u>Angela Jenkins</u>		<u>6/19/11</u>
<u>Etzel Martin</u>		<u>MS 39662</u>
<u>James Martin</u>		<u>Ms 39662</u>



NAME

Address

Date

Wesley Rutland

6-19-11

Kenneth Hebert

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Jordan Rutland

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Novella Rutland

MS 6-19

Tom H

6-19-11

HARRY RUTLAND

MS 6-19-11

Barbara White

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K. H. W.

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Adie Wilton

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Sammy Jenkins

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James B. Jenkins Sr.

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D.M. Daley

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Sheila Gunnell

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Nick Gunnell

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Josh Gunnell

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Lacy Gunnell

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Clance Daley

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Valley Daley

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Shelly King

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Billyett Cothran

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<u>Josh Davis</u>		<u>6-18-11</u>
<u>Annie Davis</u>		<u>no. 39641 6-18-11</u>
<u>Merle B Reid</u>		<u>6-18-11</u>
<u>John M. Reid</u>		<u>6-18-11</u>
<u>Thomas Foster</u>		<u>no. 39662 6-19-11</u>
<u>Steve Foster</u>		<u>6-18-11</u>
<u>Jimmy Davis</u>		<u>39662/6A-1</u>
<u>Jonathan Morgan</u>		<u>39662 6-19-11</u>
<u>Brian McDavid</u>		<u>39662 6-19</u>
<u>Stacey McDavid</u>		

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Tom Corn		6-19-11
June Corn		6-19-11
Jeirny Sumner		6-19-11
Oma Jean Sumner		6-19-11
Peggy Thamer		6-19-11
Ethel Thamer		6-18-11
Monica Regouffe		6-18-11
RICK REGOUFFE		6-18-11
Ann Peden		6-19-11
Clara Hockett		6-18-11
Robert Peden		6-19-11
Susan Hodges		6-20-11
Greg Hodges		6-20-11
Athena McDonald		6-20-11
Will Montgomery		6-20-11
Melissa Montgomery		6-20-11
BRAD White		
Erik Clark		6-20-11
Eldon Greer		6-20-11
Bonita Britt		6-20-11
Joyce Smithie		6-20-11
Stuart Britt		6-20-11
Ashlee Britt		6-20-11
Wanda Rutland		6-20-11
Richard Rutland		6-20-11
Melane Williams		6-20-11
Andrew Williams		6-20-11

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Sylvia Williamson 2		6-20-
Wynne Williamson		6-20-11
Julie Sandhu		6-20-11
Mike Sandhu 2		6-20-
Nest Sandhu 2		6-20-
Ryan Kyzar 271		6-20-
Nicole Kyzar		6-20-
Chamir Bonke		6-20-11
J. LeBunke 6		6-20-11
Holly Daw 1		6-20-11
Michael N. Tunnell		MS 6/23/11
Mary N. Teasley		6/24/11
Diane Myers		396626
Randal B. Myer		9662 6/2
Phillip May		39662 6/2
Rosa Lee Harney		MS 39662 6/25/11
Mitzi Rutland		6/25/11
Larry Rutland		39662
Bennell Jackson		9662
Michele Morgan		39662
Billy Wells 1		9662
Grant Winters		9662
J. C. Winters		9662

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<u>Yvonne L. Blum</u>		<u>6/18/11</u>
<u>Cathy Rutland</u>		<u>6/18/11</u>
<u>Thomas R. Smith</u>		<u>6/18/11</u>
<u>Chitra</u>		<u>6/18/11</u>
<u>Jolie Henagan</u>		<u>th 6/18/11</u>
<u>Claudia Trotter</u>		<u>with MSD 6-18-11</u>
<u>Mary Mac Clark</u>		<u>6-18-11</u>
<u>Mark W. Bailey</u>		<u>31662 6-18-11</u>
<u>Shirley Rayburn</u>		<u>Rd Auth m: 39662</u>

P.A.M.E	Address	Date
Robert Rayson		6-18-11
Rebecca Rayson		6-18-11
Wade Isaac <del>Clark</del>		JSE 6-18-
Jessie Ray Clark Jr		MS 6-18-11
JERRY CLARK		JMS 6-18-
SHIRLEY CLARK		RLTH 6-18-1
JIM & PAM JAWR		ROTH 6-18-
CHRIS JAWR		" 6-18-11
Fannie Bullock		6-18-
Sharon Bullock		6-18-
Alfa Bullock		6-18-
Arion CLOSE (PI USMC)		6-18-1
Denise Clark		6-18-11
Steve Smith		6-18-11
Kathy Smith		6-18-11
Pete Reid		6-18-11
Betty Reid		6-18-11
Todd Johnson		6-18-11
Dianna Johnson		6-18-11
Evelyn Rossett		6-18-11
Rose Clark		6-18-11
Kathy Clark		6-18-11
Phedra Dunn		6-18-11
Michelle Dunn		6-18-11
Jeannie Boyd		6-18-11
Wayne Boyd		6-18-11
Amy Close		6-18-11
is Close		6-18-11

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Danya Thomas		6/18/11
Miki Thomas		6/18/11
Kay Davis		6/18/11
Alice Davis		6-18-11
John Smith		6-18-11
Stephanie Smith		6-18-11
Anita Pickett		6-18-11
Nathan Pickett		6-18-11
Sally & Trudy Pickett		6-18-11
Ertrude M. Clark		6-18-11
Dana Rutland		6-18-11
Kay Hall		6-18-11
Jacob Acuna		6-18-11
McCallister		6-18-11
Tony Smith		6-18-11
Elaine Lewis		6-18-11
Mrs. David		6-18-11
John R. Olin		6-18-11
Carl Rayburn		6-18-11
Marion Rayburn		6-18-11
Jolly Carter		6-18-11
Frank Equid Pitts		6-18-2011
Remona Rutland		6-18-2011
Milton Larry Miffin		6-18-2011
Sherry Miffin		6-18-2011
Charra Coleman		6/18/2011
Brod Coleman		6-18-2011



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Maria Attwood		6-18-11
Randy Cotton		6-18-11
Kathy Robertson		6-18-11
Long Case		6-18-11
Mignonne Thame		6-18-11
Richard Howe		6-18-11
Candy McCloed		MS 6-18-11
Paul V. McLeod		MS 6-18-11
BRITNY McLeod		MS 6-18-11
Johnnie Boyles		6-18-11
Stephanie McCormick		662 6-18-11
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Bonnie Ard		ms. 6-19-11
Pat Ard		6-19-11
Margaret Ard		6-19-11
Essiah Ard		2 6-19-11
John Ard		5 6-19-11
Jason Ard		ms. 6-20
Wendy E. McCullough		RLT 621
Leslie Cook		62 6-21-11
<del>Pat H. McCullough</del> (Pat H. McCullough)		5 39662
Bonnie B. McCullough		38662-94 6-21

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Address

Date

~~Steve Jones~~

Clara M. Cullough

John M. Cullough

Don M. Cullough Jr.

Richard Saily

Jane Saily

Walter Saily

Wm Daniels

Rachel Varshator

Adam Ballard

Sydney Ballard

Christine Simpson

Cindy Casley

Elna C. Young

Ray Morgan

Gene + Barbara Morgan

Anna Sterling

Cody Roney

Andra Peltor

Ale Coleman

James M. Coleman

Jessica Lambert

Pessy McGowan

Patrick McGowan

Kimberly Felder

Ellie Busby

Angela Boyd

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Name	Address	Date
Veda Alyne Dunaway		6-21-11
Dean D Summers		6-22-11
Patsy Nelson		MS 6-21-
JONATHAN L BROWN		6-21-11
MARTIN WALLACE		62 6-21-11
LINDA B. WALLACE		2 6-21-11
Cwoy Mack		12 6-21-20
Angela Lambert		62-6-21-
John Lambert		62-6-2-
Elsie Lambert		62.6.21

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Jessie L. Turner,  
5894 D.F. Jay Rd.  
Ruth, mo. 36662  
6-20-11

Date

Address

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June 15-20-11

June 30-11

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New Zion Baptist Church

William H. Allen Sr

Maria Singletary

Walter Morgan Sr

Jesse J. Moore

George Moore  
Walter A. Moore

Trade Union

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6/26/11

① Thomas & Alberta Love

2. Marcia Magee.

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③ Derrick Taylor

④ Catherine Smith

⑤ Eliza Morgan

⑥ Walter Morgan

⑦ Henrietta Adams



(15) John H. Dobbs 6/26/11  
Mable Manning Dobbs

(16) YAMICKA YOUNG 6/26/11

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(17) MARY S BROWN 6/22/11

(18) RONNIE BROWN 6/26/11

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<i>Denbury</i>		<i>6-21-2011</i>
<i>William S. RIGGERS</i>		<i>6/24/2011</i>
<i>Huey Hess</i>		
<i>Wm Rm</i>		
<i>Tom Cole</i>		
<i>Bill Borth</i>		
<i>Bill Borth</i>		
<i>Ky Kabeel</i>		
<i>Eddie Smith</i>		
<i>Kama Crawford</i>		
<i>Lisa Ballard</i>		



### Postal Service Customer Questionnaire

1. Please check the appropriate box to indicate whether you use the RUTH Post Office for each of the following.

**Postal Services**

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Never
a. Buying Stamps	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Mailing Letters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Mailing Parcels	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Pick up Post Office box mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Pick up general delivery mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Buying money orders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
g. Obtaining special services, including Certified Mail, Registered Mail, Insured Mail, Delivery Confirmation, or Signature Confirmation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Sending Express Mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
i. Buying stamp-collecting material	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Other Postal Services**

- a. Entering permit mailings  YES  NO
- b. Resetting/using postage meter  YES  NO

**Nonpostal Services**

- a. Picking up government forms (such as tax forms)  YES  NO
- b. Using for school bus stop  YES  NO
- c. Assisting senior citizens, persons with disabilities, etc.  YES  NO

If yes, please explain:

- d. Using public bulletin board  YES  NO

- e. Other  YES  NO

If yes, please explain:

2. Do you pass another Post Office during business hours while traveling to or from work, or shopping, or for personal needs?

- YES  NO

If yes, please explain:



3. If you have carrier delivery, there will be no change to your delivery service — proceed to question 4. If you currently receive Post Office box service or general delivery service, complete this section. How will the proposed service compare to current service?

Better

Just as Good

No Opinion

Worse

If yes, please explain:

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4. For which of the following do you leave your community? (Check all that apply.) Where do you go to obtain these services?

Shopping

\_\_\_\_\_

Personal needs

Banking

\_\_\_\_\_

Employment

Social needs

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

Yes  No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?

Yes   No

### Mailing Address

Name:

Denbury Onshore

Address:

391662

Telephone

Date:

6-24-11

Please add any additional comments on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form. Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.

NAME

ADDRESS

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James D. ...

6/24/2011

Wesley Allen

6/24/2011

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3. <u>Melissa Lester</u>		<u>6/21/11</u>
4. <u>PANDY REGOUFFRE</u>		<u>6-21-11</u>
5. <u>BETH REGOUFFRE</u>		<u>6-21-11</u>
6. <u>Gloria Wall</u>		<u>6-21-11</u>
7. <u>Marian H. Porsin</u>		<u>6-21-11</u>
8. <u>Tony Lester</u>		<u>6-21-11</u>
9. <u>Billy Ray Cooper</u>		<u>6-21-11</u>
10. <u>Peyton Greene</u>		<u>6-22-11</u>

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1. Ashley Greene		6-22-11
2. Randy Boyd		6-22-11
3. Belinda Boyd		6-22-11
4. Nicole Jester		6-22-11
5. Ryan Jester		6-22-11
6. Susan Jester		6-22-11
7. Randy Boyd		6-22-11
8. Jerry Boyd		6-22-11
9. Angie Davis		6-22-11
10. Dickie Davis		6-22-11
11. Lisa Esten		6-22-11
12. Bob Farrington		6-22-11
13. Joey W. McGraw		6-23-11
14. Elizabeth A. McGraw		6-23-11
15. Robert Bryant		

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<u>Ky Burke</u>		<u>6-22-11</u>
<u>Helen Funk</u>		<u>6-22-11</u>
<u>Elmer Funk</u>		<u>6-22-11</u>
<u>James + ...</u>		<u>ns 6-22-11</u>
<u>Stan Morgan</u>		<u>39662</u>
<u>Missy Morgan</u>		<u>ns. 39662</u>
<u>Erin Johnson 337</u>		<u>39662 6-23-11</u>
<u>Sarah Johnson 33</u>		<u>39662 6-23-11</u>

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Alice Johnson		2 6/23/11
R. Nathan Johnson		62 6/23/11
Leah Johnson		62 6/23/11
Brandie Johnson		39662 6/11