

exploration, and lack of land use planning that recognizes panther needs. Public opinion is critical to attainment of recovery goals and reintroduction efforts. Addressing social opposition to panthers will be the most difficult aspect of panther recovery and must be resolved before reintroduction efforts are initiated.

The Service issued the first Florida Panther Recovery Plan in 1981. The plan was revised in 1987 and 1995. In 2001, the Service initiated the current process to revise the plan a third time. Section 4(f) of the Act requires that a public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment be provided during recovery plan development. Accordingly, the Technical/Agency Draft of the Third Revision of the Florida Panther Recovery Plan is being made available for public review and comment before a decision is made on its approval.

The strategy for Florida panther recovery sets an intermediate goal of downlisting from endangered to threatened with the ultimate goal of delisting. To achieve both the intermediate and ultimate goals, the recovery plan identifies three objectives which, collectively, describe the conditions necessary to achieve recovery. These objectives are:

1. Maintain, restore, and expand the Florida panther population and its habitat in south Florida and, if feasible, expand the known occurrence of Florida panthers north of the Caloosahatchee River to maximize the probability of the long-term persistence of this metapopulation.
2. Identify, secure, maintain, and restore habitat in potential reintroduction areas within the panther's historic range, and establish viable populations of the panther outside south and south-central Florida.
3. Facilitate panther conservation and recovery through public awareness and education.

To realize these objectives for downlisting and delisting, this plan presents objective, measurable criteria that when met would result in a determination that delisting is warranted. These criteria are based on the number of individuals and number of populations that provide for demographically and genetically viable populations as determined by several population viability analyses to ensure resilience to catastrophic events. The threats to the Florida panther will need to be addressed to attain these criteria.

Downlisting of the Florida panther should be considered when:

1. Two viable populations of at least 240 individuals (adults and subadults)

each have been established and subsequently maintained for a minimum of 14 years (or two generations).

2. Sufficient habitat quality, quantity, and spatial configuration to support these populations is retained/protected or secured in the long term.

Delisting of the Florida panther should be considered when:

1. Three viable, self-sustaining populations of at least 240 individuals (adults and subadults) each have been established and subsequently maintained for a minimum of fourteen years.

2. Sufficient habitat quality, quantity, and spatial configuration to support these populations is retained/protected or secured in the long-term.

A viable population, for purposes of Florida panther recovery, has been defined as one in which there is a 95 percent probability of persistence for 100 years. This population may be distributed in a metapopulation structure composed of subpopulations that total the appropriate number of individuals. There must be exchange of individuals and gene flow among subpopulations. For downlisting, exchange of individuals and gene flow can be either natural or through management. If managed, a commitment to such management must be formally documented and funded. For delisting, exchange of individuals and gene flow among subpopulations must be natural (*i.e.*, not manipulated or managed). Habitat should be in relatively unfragmented blocks that provide for food, shelter, and characteristic movements (*e.g.*, hunting, breeding, dispersal, and territorial behavior) and support each metapopulation at a density of 2 to 3 animals per 100 square miles (259 square kilometers), resulting in a minimum of 8,000 to 12,000 square miles (20,720 to 31,080 square kilometers) per metapopulation of 240 panthers.

#### Public Comments Solicited

We solicit written comments on the recovery plan described. We will consider all comments received by the date specified above prior to a decision on final approval of the revised recovery plan.

Our practice is to make all comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home addresses from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. In some circumstances, we would withhold also from the record a respondent's identity,

as allowable by law. If you wish for us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

#### Authority

The authority for this action is section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f).

Dated: January 11, 2006.

**Cynthia K. Dohner,**

*Acting Regional Director, Southeast Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### Land Acquisitions; Snoqualmie Tribe of Washington

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of final agency determination to take land into trust under 25 CFR Part 151.

**SUMMARY:** The Associate Deputy Secretary made a final agency determination to acquire approximately 55.84 acres of land into trust for the Snoqualmie Tribe of Washington on January 13, 2006. This notice is published in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Associate Deputy Secretary.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** George Skibine, Office of Indian Gaming Management, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary—Policy and Economic Development, MS-4600 MIB, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240; Telephone (202) 219-4066.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is published to comply with the requirement of 25 CFR Part 151.12(b) that notice be given to the public of the Secretary's decision to acquire land in trust at least 30 days prior to signatory acceptance of the land into trust. The purpose of the 30-day waiting period in 25 CFR Part 151.12(b) is to afford interested parties the opportunity to seek judicial review of final administrative decisions to take land in trust for Indian tribes and individual Indians before transfer of title to the property occurs. On January 13, 2006, the Associate Deputy Secretary decided

to accept approximately 55.84 acres of land into trust for the Snoqualmie Tribe of Washington under the authority of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, 25 U.S.C. 465. The 55.84 parcel is located in King County, Washington. The parcel will be used for the purpose of construction and operation of a class III gaming facility.

The real property consists of a 55.84 acre tract located in King County, Washington. The legal description of the property is as follows:

Lot 1, Block 3 of the unrecorded plat of Si-View acre tracts, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point on the south line of the NW quarter of section 31, Township 24 North, Range 8 East, Willamette Meridian, in King County, Washington, 750.75 feet South 88 degrees 51'11" West of the SE corner of said NW quarter, thence South 88 degrees 51'11" West, 660.36 feet; thence North 3 degrees 02'25" West 308.18 feet; thence North 86 degrees 57'35" East, 660.00 feet to the west line of a 60.0 foot street; thence South 3 degrees 02'25" East along said street, 330.0 feet to the point of beginning;

Except that portion of Lot 1, Block 3 of the unrecorded plat of Si-View acre tracts, in Section 31, Township 24 North, Range 8 East, Willamette Meridian, in King County, Washington, described as follows: Beginning at the NE corner of the above described Lot 1; thence South 86 degrees 57'35" West a distance of 311.14 feet along the north boundary of said Lot 1; thence South 3 degrees 02'25" East a distance of 140.00 feet; thence North 86 degrees 57'35" East a distance of 311.14 feet to the east boundary line of said Lot 1; thence North 3 degrees 02'25" West a distance of 140.00 feet along the east boundary of said Lot 1 to the point of beginning.

And, all of Government Lot 3 and that portion of Government Lot 4, lying northerly of the north margin of SR 90 (State Highway Number 2); section 31, township 24 North, Range 8 East, Willamette Meridian, King County, Washington.

Containing a total of 55.84 acres, more or less.

Dated: January 13, 2006.

**James E. Cason,**

*Associate Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### Indian Gaming

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of class III gaming compact taking effect.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is given that the Tribal-State compact between the Forest County Potawatomi Community of Wisconsin and the State of Wisconsin is considered to have been approved and is in effect.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* January 31, 2006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** George T. Skibine, Director, Office of Indian Gaming Management, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary—Policy and Economic Development, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219-4066.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under section 11 (d)(7)(D) of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA), Pub. L. 100-497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior must publish in the **Federal Register** notice of any Tribal-State compacts that are approved, or considered to have been approved, for the purpose of engaging in class III gaming activities on Indian lands. The Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority did not approve or disapprove this compact before the date that is 45 days after the date this compact was submitted. This compact authorizes this Indian tribe to engage in certain class III gaming activities, provides for certain geographical exclusivity, limits the number of gaming machines at existing racetracks, and prohibits non-tribal operation of certain machines and covered games. Therefore, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 2710(d)(7)(C), this compact is considered to have been approved, but only to the extent it is consistent with IGRA.

Dated: January 18, 2006.

**Michael D. Olsen,**

*Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### Indian Gaming

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of approved tribal-state class III gaming compact.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice Publishes an Approval of the Economic Development Amendment for the Tribal-State Compact for the Regulation of Class III Gaming between the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe and the State of Louisiana.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* January 31, 2006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** George T. Skibine, Director, Office of Indian Gaming Management, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary—Policy and Economic Development, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219-4066.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under Section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA), Pub. L. 100-497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish in the **Federal Register** notice of the Economic Development Amendment to the Tribal-State compacts for the purpose of engaging in class III gaming activities on Indian lands. This Economic Development Amendment provides for a grant of presumptive suitability for certain lenders solely in connection with and strictly limited to that certain offering of unsecured senior notes dated November 8, 2005. The Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, is publishing notice that the Economic Development Amendment to the Tribal-State compact between Tunica-Biloxi Tribe and the State of Louisiana is hereby approved and in effect.

Dated: January 20, 2006.

**Michael D. Olsen,**

*Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Cancellation of February Resource Advisory Council Meeting in Twin Falls District, ID

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Cancellation of February Resource Advisory Council Meeting in Twin Falls District, Idaho.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the cancellation of the Resource Advisory Council (RAC) meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 7, 2006, in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Native American tribes or individuals who request acquisition of real property into trust status. The Secretary also requests additional information necessary to satisfy those pertinent factors listed in 25 CFR 151.10 or 151.11. The information is used to determine whether or not the Secretary will approve an applicant's request. No specific form is used, but respondents supply information and data, in accordance with 25 CFR 151, so that the Secretary may make an evaluation and determination in accordance with established Federal factors, rules and policies.

*Frequency of Collection:* One Time.

*Description of Respondents:* Native American tribes and individuals desiring acquisition of lands in trust status.

*Total Respondents:* 1,000.

*Total Annual Responses:* 1,000.

*Total Annual Burden Hours:* 59,300 hours.

*Reason for Response:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs solicits comments in order to:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the bureau, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the bureau's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond.

Any public comments will be addressed in the Bureau of Indian Affairs' submission of the information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget.

We will not sponsor nor conduct a request for information, and you need not respond to such a request unless there is a valid OMB Control Number.

Please note that comments are open to public review; if you wish to have your name and address withheld from the reviewing public, you must state so prominently at the beginning of your comments. We will honor your request to the limit of the appropriate laws. All comments from businesses or their representatives will be available for public review. We may decide to withhold information for other reasons.

Dated: December 8, 2006.

**Michael D. Olsen,**

*Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### Land Acquisitions; Jicarilla Apache Tribe of New Mexico

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of final agency determination to take land into trust under 25 CFR part 151.

**SUMMARY:** The Associate Deputy Secretary made a final agency determination to acquire approximately 31,777.066 acres, more or less, of land into trust for the Jicarilla Apache Tribe of New Mexico on December 4, 2006. This notice is published in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Associate Deputy Secretary by 209 DM 8.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ben Burshia, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Chief, Division of Real Estate Services, Mail Stop 4639-MIB, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240, Telephone No. (202) 208-7737.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is published to comply with the requirement of 25 CFR 151.12(b) that notice be given to the public of the Associate Deputy Secretary's decision to acquire land in trust at least 30 days prior to signatory acceptance of the land into trust. The purpose of the 30 days waiting period in 25 CFR 12(b) is to afford interested parties the opportunity to seek judicial review of final administrative decisions to take land in trust for Indian tribes and individual Indians before transfer of title to the property occurs. On December 4, 2006, the Associate Deputy Secretary decided to accept approximately 31,777.066 acres, more or less, of land into trust for the Jicarilla Apache Tribe of New Mexico pursuant to the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat., 986; 25 U.S.C. 467). The Associate Deputy Secretary shall acquire title in the name of the United States in trust for the Jicarilla Apache Tribe of New Mexico for the following parcel of land described below no sooner than 30 days after the date of this notice.

New Mexico Principal Meridian, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

All of the following described tracts, pieces, or parcels of land comprising a

net area of 31,777.066 acres of land, more or less (including PARCEL ONE, minus its seven exceptions, plus PARCEL TWO), situated within the Tierra Amarilla Grant, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, to wit:

#### Parcel One

The following described land in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico:

Beginning at the point of intersection of the North bank of Canones Creek and the (1913) East right of way line of the Chama-Tierra Amarilla Wagon road, a granite stone 12" x 5" x 15" in a pile of stones marked

"S.W.C.J.T." on East side, whence a cottonwood 18 inches in diameter and marked "B.T." bears South 3 feet distant and running along the East right of way line of the road aforesaid by courses and distances as follows: N. 10°31' W., 504.7 feet to a stone marked "V.J.1"; thence N. 24°02' W., 1370 feet to a stone marked "V.J.2"; thence N. 2°13' W., 912.7 feet to a stone marked "V.J.3"; thence N. 3°37' W., 1800 feet to a stone marked "V.J.4"; thence N. 0°15' W., 1200 feet to a stone marked "V.J.5"; thence N. 4°57' E., 1050 feet to a stone marked "V.J.6"; thence N. 11°29' W., 730 feet to a stone marked "V.J.7"; thence N. 15°35' E., 540 feet to a stone marked "V.J.8"; thence N. 14°23' W., 1030 feet to a stone marked "V.J.9"; thence N. 1°17' E., 1032 feet to a stone marked "V.J.10"; thence N. 20°20' W., 430 feet to a stone marked "V.J.11"; the point of intersection of the (1913) East right of way line of the said Chama-Tierra Amarilla wagon road and the East boundary line of the "old" Chama-Tierra Amarilla wagon road as used prior to the year 1912, whence a pine 30 inches in diameter and marked "B.T." bears S. 76° W., 422.5 feet distant; thence Northerly along the East boundary line of the "old" Chama-Tierra Amarilla wagon road last above described by courses and distances as follows: N. 13°46' E., 520 feet to a stone marked "V.J.12"; thence N. 23°43' W., 1150 feet to a stone marked "V.J.13"; thence N. 1°06' W., 1105 feet to a stone marked "V.J.14"; thence N. 25°26' W., 1020 feet to a stone marked "V.J.15"; thence N. 23°29' W., 1658 feet to a stone marked "V.J.16"; thence N. 36°57' W., 1330 feet to a stone marked "V.J.17"; thence N. 29°08' W., 940 feet to a stone marked "V.J.18"; thence N. 15°49' W., 630 feet to a stone marked "V.J.19"; thence N. 29°53' W., 1150 feet to a stone marked "V.J.20"; thence N. 8°16' W., 462 feet to a pine 8 inches in diameter marked "V.J.21"; thence N. 6°07' E., 2250 feet to a stone marked "V.J.22"; thence N. 4°05' W., 1400 feet to a stone marked "V.J.23"; thence N. 14°46' W., 410 feet to a stone marked "V.J.24";

thence N. 6°06' W., 600 feet to a stone marked "V.J.25"; thence N. 43°13' W., 352 feet to the point of intersection of the Easterly line of the said Chama-Tierra Amarilla wagon road as used prior to 1912, and the Easterly bank of the Chama River, a sandstone 4" x 12" x 24" in a mound of stone and marked "V.J.26", whence a cottonwood 20 inches in diameter bears N. 24°15' E., 29 feet, and another cottonwood 20 inches in diameter bears S. 73°45' E., 13.5 feet, each marked "B.T."; thence Northerly following meanders of the said Chama River as nearly as may be practicable, but crossing and recrossing the same, by courses and distances as follows: N. 7°22' E., 1136 feet to a stone on the West bank of said river bed marked "V.J.27"; thence N. 80°28' E., 540.8 feet, intersecting the South boundary line of a tract of land deeded in the deed given by Charles C. Catron to The Chama Valley Land Company, dated June 12, 1909, and of record in Book 4, pages 119-150 in the office of the Recorder of Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, and designated as "Lands in Chama Valley", at a point whence the Southeast corner of said tract bears South 76°00' E., 1423.1 feet distant, at which point of intersection is placed a sandstone on the East bank of said river 16" x 12" x 10" and marked "V.J.28", whence a pine 12 inches in diameter bears S. 85° E., 89.5 feet and a cottonwood 12 inches in diameter bears S. 17°30' E., 83 feet distant, each marked "B.T.V.J.28"; thence following the boundary lines of the said "Lands of Chama Valley" by courses and distances as follows: S. 76° E., 1423.1 feet to the Southeast corner thereof, a stone marked "S.E.C.F.B." on West side and "V.J." on East side; thence, coincident with the East line of said "Lands in Chama Valley", N. 13°15' E., 8279.9 feet to the Southwest corner of a tract of land excluded for the Chama Cemetery, a stone marked "S.W.C. Cem." on East and "F.B." on West side; thence following the boundary lines of said Cemetery S. 78°43' E., 268.5 feet to the Southeast corner thereof, a stone marked "S.E.C. Cem."; thence N. 13°30' E., 192.7 feet to the Northeast corner thereof, a stone marked "N.E.C. Cem."; thence N. 78°43' W., 286.3 feet to the Northwest corner thereof, a stone marked "N.W.C. Cem." on East and "F.B." on West, which point also is on the East boundary line of the aforesaid tract "Lands in Chama Valley" and 748.8 feet, S. 13°15' W., from the Northeast corner thereof; thence N. 13°15' E., 748.8 feet along the East boundary line of said "Lands in Chama Valley" to the Northeast corner thereof, a stone marked "N.E.C.F.W.B."

on South side and "V.J." on North side; thence following the North boundary line of said "Lands in Chama Valley" N. 71°03' W., 1862 feet to the Northwest corner thereof, a stone marked "N.W.C.B." on East and "D.&R.R.G." on West side, whence a cottonwood 5 inches in diameter bears S. 39° W. 22.2 feet, marked "B.T.N.W.C.B. 2 D.&R.G." which point also is the Northeast corner No. 2 of a tract of land excluded in the deed of Catron to The Chama Valley Land Company hereinbefore mentioned and designated as "Depot Grounds of the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad at Chama"; thence following the North line of the said Depot grounds, N. 71°03' W., 62 feet to an intersection with the East bank of the Chama River aforesaid, a sandstone 4" x 8" x 10" marked "D. & R. G." on South side and "V. J." on North side; thence Northerly following the meanders of the said Chama River as nearly as practicable by courses and distances as follows: Thence N. 9°03' W., 475 feet; thence N. 32°24' E. 598 feet; thence N. 6°27' W., 357 feet; thence N. 83°58' W., 360 feet; thence N. 18°05' E., 315 feet; thence N. 65°01' E., 290 feet; thence N. 15°14' E., 780 feet; thence N. 31°36' E., 300.8 feet; thence N. 31°03' W., 603.4 feet; thence N. 17°34' W., 337.8 feet; thence N. 37°57' E., 1511.8 feet to the Northwest corner of tract herein conveyed (the point of intersection of the West bank of the Chama River and the South line of a tract of land deeded to one T.D. Burns by the grantor herein mentioned), a conglomerate stone 8" x 14" x 20" marked "T.B.D." on North side and "N.W.C.V.J." on South side, whence a cottonwood 6 inches in diameter marked "B.T.N.W.C.V.J." bears N. 43°30' W., 89 feet; thence Easterly, coincident with the South boundary line of the said T.D. Burns tract, by courses and distances as follows: S. 44°27' E., 1453.4 feet; thence N. 74°17' E., 150 feet; thence N. 62°25' E., 9058 feet to a point on the summit of Baldy Mountain; thence N. 5°45' E., 2946 feet to a point on a crest of divide between a tributary of the Chama River and South branch of Wolfe Creek; thence Easterly along the crest of said divide as nearly as may be practicable to a point on the summit of "Slide Rock" Mountain (the course and distances on a direct line, however, being S. 74°21' E., 17135 feet), a stone marked "T.D.B." on North side which point also is on the crest of the watershed between Brazos and Chama Rivers; thence Southerly following the crest of the divide between the watershed of the Brazos River and the Chama River and of the Brazos River and Canones Creek as

nearly as practicable, by courses and distances as follows: S. 23° 23' E., 2040.7 feet to a stone marked "V.J.1E."; thence S. 61°51' E., 796 feet to a stone marked "V.J.2E."; thence S. 79°45' E., 600 feet to a stone marked "V.J.3E."; thence S. 64°23' E., 600 feet to a stone marked "V.J.4E."; thence S. 20°23' E., 820 feet to a stone marked "V.J.B.5E."; thence S. 27°12' E., 1130 feet to a stone marked "J.6"; whence a spruce 12 inches in diameter bears S. 60°15' W., 69 feet, and a spruce 5 inches in diameter bears N. 10° W., 9 feet, each marked "B.T.V.J.6E."; thence S. 33°57' E., 975 feet to a stone marked "V.J.7E."; thence S. 60°24' E., 700 feet to a stone marked "V.J.8E."; thence S. 45°05' E., 547 feet to a spruce stump 4 inches in diameter marked "V.J.9E."; thence S. 29°16' E., 1861.4 feet to a stone marked "V.J.10E."; thence S. 50°20' E., 200 feet to a stone marked "V.J.11E."; thence S. 28°41' E., 270 feet to a stake marked "V.J.12E."; thence S. 43°44' E., 400 feet to a stake marked "V.J.13E."; thence S. 18°19' E., 238 feet to a stake marked "V.J."; thence S. 28°17' E., 445 feet to a stake marked "V.J."; thence S. 76°01' E., 254 feet to a stake marked "V.J."; thence S. 56°39' E., 250 feet to a stake marked "V.J."; thence S. 71°03' E., 275 feet to a stake marked "V.J."; thence N. 59°13' E., 668 feet to a stake marked "V.J.", whence a spruce 8 inches in diameter marked "B.T.V.J.A." bears N. 28°30' W., 12 feet; thence S. 70°32' E., 668 feet to a stake marked "V.J."; thence N. 82°02' E., 360 feet to a stake marked "V.J."; thence N. 80°21' E., 203.5 feet to a stake marked "V.J."; thence S. 66°04' E., 214 feet to a stake marked "V.J."; thence S. 80°55' E., 220 feet to a stake marked "V.J."; thence N. 82°53' E., 210 feet to a stake marked "V.J."; thence S. 81°37' E., 265 feet to a stake marked "V.J."; thence N. 46°26' E., 226 feet; thence N. 84°40' E., 265.5 feet; thence S. 85°35' E., 594.7 feet to a stone marked "V.J.", whence a spruce 18 inches in diameter bears N. 63° E., 12 feet and another spruce 18 inches in diameter bears S. 64°30' W., 26 feet, each marked "B.T.V.J."; thence S. 49°21' E., 412.6 feet; thence S. 55°48' E., 258 feet; thence S. 42°33' E., 252.2 feet; thence S. 63°55' E., 254 feet; thence S. 25°45' E., 274.3 feet; thence S. 14°13' E., 225 feet to a stone 2" x 10" x 18" marked "V.J.3M", whence a spruce 10 inches in diameter bears S. 78°30' E., 19 feet and a spruce 18 inches in diameter bears N. 6°30' W., 65 feet, each marked "V.J.3M.B.T."; thence S. 36°27' E., 505 feet to an iron pipe, ¾ inch diameter, marked "VJ 36", as shown on the plat of the 1998 survey of the Mossman Tract, by William H. Albert, New Mexico Professional

Surveyor No. 7241, filed in the Office of the County Clerk, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, on July 9, 1998, in Plat Book P-980, page 5719, as Document No. RA 98-256A, from which point New Mexico State Engineer's Office (N.M.S.E.O) brass cap control station "CABLE", bears S. 86°18'56" W. (true mean geodetic bearing converted from state plane grid bearing), 43990.84 feet distant (at mean elevation of 7772 feet) (Note: Control station "CABLE" has New Mexico State Plane Coordinate System Central Zone (NAD27), U.S. survey feet coordinates of  $y = 2,142,009.14$  and  $x = 400,496.13$ ; and the combined grid to ground factor used in the above-described 1998 Albert survey is 1.0004620520 and was computed at N.M.S.E.O. "CABLE" using the mean elevation of 7772 feet.); thence following the meander line of the divide between the Brazos River and Canones Creek watersheds as shown on the above-described 1998 Albert plat, S. 27°31'04" E. (true mean geodetic converted from state plane grid), 598.42 feet; thence continuing on the meander line of the divide as shown on the above-described 1998 Albert plat, S. 4°00'11" E. (true mean geodetic converted from state plane grid), 2405.07 feet; thence continuing on the meander line of the divide as shown on the above-described 1998 Albert plat, S. 16°41'26" E. (true mean geodetic converted from state plane grid), 757.48 feet to a rebar, ½ inch diameter, with cap marked "PS 7241"; thence continuing on the meander line of the divide as shown on the above-described 1998 Albert plat, S. 47°32'26" E. (true mean geodetic converted from state plane grid), 1043.01 feet to a rebar, ½ inch diameter, with cap marked "PS 7241"; thence continuing on the meander line of the divide as shown on the above-described 1998 Albert plat, S. 13°58'23" E. (true mean geodetic converted from state plane grid), 983.46 feet to a rebar, ½ inch diameter, with cap marked "PS 7241"; thence continuing on the meander line of the divide as shown on the above-described 1998 Albert plat, S. 5°43'44" E. (true mean geodetic converted from state plane grid), 1823.47 feet; thence continuing on the meander line of the divide as shown on the above-described 1998 Albert plat, S. 7°37'00" W. (true mean geodetic converted from state plane grid), 1704.80 feet to a fence post, 2½ inches diameter; thence continuing on the meander line of the divide as shown on the above-described 1998 Albert plat, S. 65°11'27" E. (true mean geodetic converted from state plane grid), 1195.81 feet to a rebar, ½ inch

diameter, with cap marked "PS 7241"; thence continuing on the meander line of the divide as shown on the above-described 1998 Albert plat, S. 87°12'14" E. (true mean geodetic converted from state plane grid), 818.09 feet to a rebar, ½ inch diameter, with cap marked "PS 7241"; thence continuing on the meander line of the divide as shown on the above-described 1998 Albert plat, S. 64°04'44" E. (true mean geodetic converted from state plane grid), 369.69 feet to a rebar, ½ inch diameter, with cap marked "PS 7241"; thence continuing on the meander line of the divide as shown on the above-described 1998 Albert plat, S. 41°35'26" E. (true mean geodetic converted from state plane grid), 539.50 feet to a stone marked "VJ"; thence continuing on the meander line of the divide as shown on the above-described 1998 Albert plat, S. 70°33'44" E. (true mean geodetic converted from state plane grid), 239.47 feet to a rebar, ½ inch diameter, with cap marked "PS 7241"; thence S. 31°21' E., 1340 feet to a stone marked "V. J."; thence S. 47°12' E., 370 feet to a stone marked "V.J."; thence S. 36°31' E., 150 feet to a stone marked "V.J."; thence S. 63°19' E., 710 feet to a stone marked "V.J."; thence S. 34°59' E., 689 feet to a ledge rock marked "V.J.", whence a spruce 12 inches in diameter bears N. 49°15' E., 18.7 feet and a spruce 10 inches in diameter bears N. 22°30' E., 59.5 feet, both marked "B.T.V.J."; thence S. 8°10' E., 7589 feet to a stone marked "V.J."; thence S. 15°36' E., 2025.8 feet to the Southeast corner of tract herein conveyed, a sandstone 3" x 8" x 18" marked "S.E.V.J.", whence a spruce 14 inches in diameter bears S. 3° E., 19 feet and a spruce 10 inches in diameter bears N. 72° W., 42 feet, each marked "B.T.S.E.V.J."; thence leaving the crest of the divide as aforesaid, following Westerly along the South boundary of what is known as "El Poso Park" by courses and distances as follows: N. 86°57' W., 1200 feet to a stone marked "V.J.1S."; thence S. 73°33' W., 168 feet to a stone marked "V.J.2S."; thence S. 25°45' W., 4038 feet to a stone marked "V.J.3S."; thence N. 39° 32' W., 3847 feet to a stone marked "V.J.4S."; thence N. 65°48' W., 6360 feet to a stone marked "V.J." thence N. 77°12' W., 3070 feet to the head of the Box Canyon of Canones Creek a point on a granite stone located on Northwesterly side of said creek 3 ft. x 3 ft. x 2 ft. and marked "V.J." on top; thence Southwesterly following the meanders of the said Canones Creek, as nearly as practicable, but crossing and recrossing same, an approximate distance of 3.85 miles to the mouth of said box canyon, a point

on the North bank of said creek, at which point is placed a sandstone 6" x 9" x 8" marked "N.E.A.B.B.T.", whence a cottonwood 18 inches in diameter bears N. 58°30' W., 35 feet, and a pine 30 inches in diameter bears S. 68°30' E., 74 feet; thence Southwesterly, following the meanders of the Canones Creek as nearly as practicable, but crossing and recrossing same, by courses and distances as follows: S. 66°28' W., 48.3 feet; thence S. 55°38' W., 286 feet; thence S. 77°18' W., 448.5 feet; thence S. 78°08' W., 320 feet; thence S. 87°27' W., 106.9 feet; thence N. 67°09' W., 223.6 feet; thence S. 82°21' W., 420.1 feet; thence S. 76°59' W., 24.8 feet; to a 2½ inch iron pipe set in ground, the point of intersection with the East line of the tract of land deeded to Charles A. Daggett by the grantor herein mentioned and 1562.4 feet South from the Northeast corner thereof; thence coincident with the boundary lines of the said Daggett tract by courses and distances as follows: North, 1562.4 feet to the Northeast corner thereof, a stone 14" x 10" x 6" marked "N.E.C.D.T."; thence West, 8220 to the Northwest corner, a granite stone 14" x 12" x 7" marked "N.W.C.D.T."; thence South, 5280 feet to the Southwest corner thereof, a sandstone 12" x 14" x 16" in mound of stone and marked "S.W.C.D.T.", whence corner No. 1 of a tract of reserved land designated in the deed of Catron to The Chama Valley Land Company, hereinbefore mentioned, as "Tract No. 1 or Canones Tract" bears S. 60°18' W., 7014 feet; thence along said creek N. 87°32' W., 1200 feet to a point on the North bank thereof; thence with meanders of said creek by crossing and recrossing same, S. 59°02' W., 2247 feet to the point of beginning of PARCEL ONE, containing a gross area of 32,133.67 acres, more or less (32,075.8 acres + 57.87 acres additional as indicated on the above-described 1998 Albert survey plat)—before the exceptions listed below are subtracted out. All courses true, 1913 magnetic variation 14°30' East, as obtained by solar observation. Subject however to all exceptions and reservations and also all warranties, defenses and recourses provided for by the Arlington Land Company in its Warranty Deed to Venceslao Jaramillo under date of May 1st, 1913, and recorded in the office of the County Clerk and ex-officio County Recorder of Rio Arriba County, State of New Mexico, under date of October 1st, 1913, in vol. No. 19-A, pages 331-344 inclusive.

*Less and Excepting* from the above-described *Parcel One*, the following seven tracts of land.

*Less and Excepting Tract One*

All that portion of the above-described *Parcel One* (formerly known as the Venceslao Jaramillo Tract) lying West of the centerline of the Santa Fe-Chama Highway as now constructed, which centerline is described as follows, but subject to the easement of way of varying width for said highway: Beginning at centerline Sta. 826+07 of FAP 34-B Reo., Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, a point on the right of way of the present road; thence N. 5° 34' W., a distance of 3182.1 feet to Sta. 857+89.1, point of curve; thence Northerly on a 0° 30' curve (radius = 11460 feet) through an arc of 4° 45' to the right a distance of 950 feet to Sta. 867+39.1, point of tangent; thence N. 0° 49' W., a distance of 5076.2 feet to Sta. 918+15.3, point of curve; thence Northwesterly on a 1° curve (radius = 5730 feet) thru an arc 20° 17' to the left a distance of 2028.3 feet to Sta. 938+43.6, point of tangent; thence N. 21° 06' W., a distance of 1794 feet to Sta. 956+37.6 Back = 955+53.5 ahead; thence continuing N. 21° 06' W., a distance of 5986.7 feet to Sta. 1015+40.2, point of curve; thence Northerly on a 1° curve (radius = 5730 feet) thru an arc of 9° 47' to the right a distance of 978.3 feet to Sta. 1025+18.5, point of tangent; thence N. 11° 19' W., a distance of 1776.5 feet to Sta. 1042+95, a point on the line between the properties of the grantor and Mrs. John Reddington, containing 95.324 acres, more or less.

(Note: TRACT ONE, described above, is a parcel of land that was originally excepted in the Warranty Deed from Edward Sargent and Estelle B. Sargent to Chama Land and Cattle Company, recorded in the Office of the County Clerk, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, on May 29, 1950, in Book 40, page 160.)

*Less and Excepting Tract Two*

All that certain parcel of land, known as the Sargent Canones Ranch, described as follows: Beginning at the southwest corner of the Charles A. Daggett tract as described in the deed from the Arlington Land Company to Venceslao Jaramillo, dated May 1, 1913, as recorded in the records of the County Clerk of Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, in Book 19-A, at pages 331-344, inclusive; thence along Canones Creek, N. 87° 32' W., a distance of 1200 feet to a point on the North bank thereof; thence with meanders of said creek by crossing and recrossing same, S. 59° 02' W., a distance of 2247 feet to the point described as the beginning point of the survey description of the Jaramillo tract as contained in the deed from The Arlington Land Company to

Jaramillo, as described above, which point is located at the intersection of the North bank of Canones Creek and the East right of way line of the Chama-Tierra Amarilla wagon road as the same existed May 1, 1913; thence running along the East right of way line of the road, as above, (the West boundary of the Jaramillo tract), by courses and distances as follows: N. 10° 31' W., a distance of 504.7 feet; thence N. 24° 02' W., a distance of 1370 feet; thence N. 2° 13' W., a distance of 615 feet to the Northwest corner of the tract being described here, which point is on the West boundary of the Jaramillo tract and is located S. 89° 00' W., (distance omitted) from the fence corner on the North side of the fenced private lane running Easterly from the present (1948) State Highway, and which corner is also on the East boundary of the said fenced Highway; thence N. 89° E., to, and following the fence line on the North side of the said private lane to a point which is 646 feet from the said fence corner; thence again following the said fence in the North side of the said lane, to a point which is N. 83° E., 2100 feet distant; thence again following the said fence line to a point which is N. 71° 30' E., 821 feet distant and which point is also on the West boundary of the said Charles A. Daggett tract, and is also the Northeast corner of the tract being described here; thence 31 feet South to the fence corner on the South side of the said private lane; thence South, along the boundary between the Daggett tract and the Jaramillo tract, a distance of 1726 feet to the point of beginning of the survey of the tract being described here. The above described tract contains 125.4 acres, more or less.

(Note: TRACT TWO, described above, is a parcel of land that was originally excepted in the Warranty Deed from Edward Sargent and Estelle B. Sargent to Chama Land and Cattle Company, recorded in the Office of the County Clerk, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, on May 29, 1950, in Book 40, page 160. The distance from the Northwest corner of this tract, on the West boundary of the Jaramillo tract, to the fence corner on the North side of the fenced private lane and on the East boundary of the fenced highway, was omitted from the above deed description.)

*Less and Excepting Tract Three*

All that certain parcel of land, containing 99.79 acres, more or less, as described in that certain Warranty Deed from Chama Land and Cattle Company, Inc. to D.I.C. Kelly, recorded in the Office of the County Clerk, Rio Arriba

County, New Mexico, on February 28, 1955, in Book 51, page 51.

*Less and Excepting Tract Four*

All of that certain parcel of land, containing 2.59 acres, more or less, as described in that certain Quitclaim Deed from Chama Land and Cattle Company, Inc. to Raymond E. Reddington, recorded in the Office of the County Clerk, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, on January 24, 1957, in Book 55, page 165.

*Less and Excepting Tract Five*

All of that certain parcel of land containing 4.83 acres, more or less, described in Exhibit "B" of that certain Warranty Deed from Chama Land and Cattle Company, Inc. to O. A. Washburn, recorded in the Office of the County Clerk, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, on September 23, 1956, in Book 53, page 353.

*Less and Excepting Tract Six*

All of that certain parcel of land, containing 2.360 acres, more or less, as described in that certain Quitclaim Deed from Chama Land and Cattle Company, Inc. to the New Mexico State Highway Department, recorded in the Office of the County Clerk, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, on March 17, 1969, in Book 101, page 271.

*Less and Excepting Tract Seven*

All of that certain parcel of land, containing 26.5 acres, more or less, as described in that certain Corrected Warranty Deed from Chama Land and Cattle Company, Inc. to Newt McCain and Mary Anne McCain, recorded in the Office of the County Clerk, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, on February 1, 1971, in Book 107, page 453.

The above legal description of *Parcel One* and its seven exceptions (*Tracts One through Seven*), is intended to describe all the land, not previously excluded or sold, known as Chama Land and Cattle Company (now known as the Jicarilla Apache Nation's Lodge at Chama), being and intended to be all of the property described in that certain Trustee Deed to The Jicarilla Apache Tribe, recorded in the Office of the County Clerk, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, on June 5, 1995, in Book 183, page 103. The net area of *Parcel One* after the seven exceptions are subtracted is 31,776.876 acres, more or less.

**Parcel Two**

Lot Fifty-Two (52), BUREC Subdivision, Unit A, containing 0.19 acres, more or less, as shown on the plat filed in the Office of the County Clerk, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, on

June 11, 1971, in the Book of Plats, pages 460–461.

Dated: December 4, 2006.

**James E. Cason,**

*Associate Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[AK–964–1410–KC–P; F–14990–A, F–14990–A2]

#### Alaska Native Claims Selection

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of decision approving lands for conveyance.

**SUMMARY:** As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an appealable decision approving lands for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act will be issued to The Kuskokwim Corporation, Successor in Interest to Kipchaughpuk Limited. The lands are in the vicinity of the Native village of Crooked Creek, Alaska, and are located in:

Lot 4, U.S. Survey No. 4125, Alaska.

Containing 1.04 acres.

#### Seward Meridian, Alaska

T. 21 N., R. 47 W.,  
Sec. 33.

Containing approximately 302 acres.

T. 23 N., R. 48 W.,  
Secs. 5 to 8, inclusive.

Containing 2,498.51 acres.

T. 22 N., R. 49 W.,  
Secs. 4 to 9, inclusive;  
Secs. 17 to 21, inclusive.

Containing 6,967.68 acres.

T. 23 N., R. 49 W.,  
Secs. 1, 11, and 12.

Containing 1,920 acres.

T. 21 N., R. 50 W.,  
Secs. 2 to 11, inclusive.

Containing 6,381.87 acres.

T. 22 N., R. 50 W.,  
Secs. 1, 12, and 13;  
Secs. 34 and 35.

Containing 3,200 acres.

Aggregating approximately 21,271 acres.

The subsurface estate in these lands will be conveyed to Calista Corporation when the surface estate is conveyed to The Kuskokwim Corporation. Notice of the decision will also be published four times in the Tundra Drums.

**DATES:** The time limits for filing an appeal are:

1. Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by

the decision shall have until January 12, 2007 to file an appeal.

2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the decision may be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513–7599.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Bureau of Land Management by phone at 907–271–5960, or by e-mail at [ak.blm.conveyance@ak.blm.gov](mailto:ak.blm.conveyance@ak.blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunication device (TTD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to contact the Bureau of Land Management.

**Kara Marciniac,**

*Land Law Examiner, Branch of Adjudication II.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of an information collection (1010–0114).

**SUMMARY:** To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), MMS is inviting comments on a collection of information that we will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The information collection request (ICR) concerns the paperwork requirements in the regulations under 30 CFR Part 250, Subpart A, “General.”

**DATES:** Submit written comments by February 12, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods listed below. Please use the Information Collection Number 1010–0114 as an identifier in your message.

- E-mail MMS at [rules.comments@mms.gov](mailto:rules.comments@mms.gov). Identify with Information Collection Number 1010–0114 in the subject line.
- Fax: 703–787–1093. Identify with Information Collection Number 1010–0114.

• Mail or hand-carry comments to the Department of the Interior; Minerals Management Service; Attention: Cheryl Blundon; 381 Elden Street, MS–4024; Herndon, Virginia 20170–4817. Please reference “Information Collection 1010–0114” in your comments.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cheryl Blundon, Regulations and Standards Branch at (703) 787–1607. You may also contact Cheryl Blundon to obtain a copy, at no cost, of the regulations and the forms that require the subject collection of information.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* 30 CFR Part 250, Subpart A, “General”.

*Form(s):* MMS–132, MMS–1123, and MMS–1832.

*OMB Control Number:* 1010–0114.

*Abstract:* The Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lands Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.* and 43 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to prescribe rules and regulations to administer leasing of the OCS. Such rules and regulations will apply to all operations conducted under a lease. Operations on the OCS must preserve, protect, and develop oil and natural gas resources in a manner that is consistent with the need to make such resources available to meet the Nation’s energy needs as rapidly as possible; to balance orderly energy resource development with protection of human, marine, and coastal environments; to ensure the public a fair and equitable return on the resources of the OCS; and to preserve and maintain free enterprise competition. Section 1332(6) states that “operations in the [O]uter Continental Shelf should be conducted in a safe manner by well trained personnel using technology, precautions, and other techniques sufficient to prevent or minimize the likelihood of blowouts, loss of well control, fires, spillages, physical obstructions to other users of the waters or subsoil and seabed, or other occurrences which may cause damage to the environment or to property or endanger life or health.”

The Independent Offices Appropriations Act (31 U.S.C. 9701), the Omnibus Appropriations Bill (Pub. L. 104–133, 110 Stat. 1321, April 26, 1996), and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A–25, authorize Federal agencies to recover the full cost of services that confer special benefits. Under the Department of the Interior’s (DOI) implementing policy, the Minerals Management Service (MMS) is required to charge fees for services that provide special benefits or privileges to an identifiable non-Federal recipient

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Indian Affairs****Land Acquisitions; Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of final agency determination to take land into trust under 25 CFR part 151.

**SUMMARY:** The Associate Deputy Secretary made a final agency determination to acquire approximately 3.519 acres of land into trust for the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma on February 9, 2007. This notice is published in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 Departmental Manual 8.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** George Skibine, Office of Indian Gaming, 1849 C Street, NW., Mail Stop 3657—MIB, Washington, DC 20240; Telephone (202) 219—4066.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is published to comply with the requirement of 25 CFR part 151.12(b) that notice be given to the public of the Secretary's decision to acquire land in trust at least 30 days prior to signatory acceptance of the land into trust. The purpose of the 30-day waiting period in 25 CFR part 151.12(b) is to afford interested parties the opportunity to seek judicial review of final administrative decisions to take land in trust for Indian tribes and individual Indians before transfer of title to the property occurs. On February 9, 2007, the Associate Deputy Secretary decided to accept approximately 3.519 acres of land into trust for the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma under the authority of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, 25 U.S.C. 465. The 3.519 parcel is located within the former reservation boundaries of the Cherokee Nation near the City of Roland, Sequoyah County, Oklahoma. The parcel will be used as additional parking for the Cherokee Casino facility.

The 3.519 acre parcel is located near the City of Roland, Sequoyah County, Oklahoma is described as follows:

Part of the SW ¼ SW ¼ of Section 23, Township 11 North, Range 26 East, Sequoyah County, Oklahoma, being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Southwest corner of the N ½ SW ¼ SW ¼ of said Section 23; thence East along the South line of N ½ SW ¼ SW ¼ of, 660.00 feet; thence North 00°52'00" East 454.22 feet to the North line of the SW ¼ SW ¼; thence South 89°45'59" East along said North line, 334.64 feet; thence

South 452.78 feet; thence South 89°59'47" West 341.52 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 3.519 acres, more or less, Less and Except minerals.

Dated: February 9, 2007.

**Michael D. Olsen,**

*Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****National Park Service****Draft General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for Pipestone National Monument, Minnesota; Notice of Availability**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service announces the availability of the draft General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (GMP/EIS) for Pipestone National Monument.

**DATES:** The GMP/EIS will remain available for public review for 60 days following the publishing of the notice of availability in the **Federal Register** by the Environmental Protection Agency. Public meetings will be held in the cities of Pierre and Yankton, South Dakota, and Marshall and Pipestone, Minnesota. Meeting places and times will be announced through the local media and on the park Web site at: <http://www.nps.gov/pipe>.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the GMP/EIS are available by request by writing to the Superintendent at Pipestone National Monument, 36 Reservation Avenue, Pipestone, MN 56164. The document is also available to be reviewed in person at the park. Finally, the document can be found at the following Web site: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/>. This Web site allows the public to review and comment directly on this document.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Superintendent, Pipestone National Monument, 36 Reservation Avenue, Pipestone, MN 56164.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pipestone National Monument offers an opportunity to explore American Indian culture and the natural resources of the tallgrass prairie. Established by Congress in 1937 to protect the historic pipestone quarries, the site is considered sacred by many American Indians. Spanning centuries of use, American Indians continue to quarry

pipestone, which they carve into sacred pipes.

The GMP/EIS analyzes the impacts of a no-action and three action alternatives. The no-action alternative describes the existing conditions and trends of park management and serves as a basis for comparison in evaluating the other alternatives. The focus of alternative one is the removal of development from the heart of the national monument. Alternative two focuses on updating the existing facilities and increasing the interpretive emphasis on quarrying. Alternative three was developed to meld the most advantageous features of the other two action alternatives by removing some park operations from the national monument and updating existing facilities.

Persons wishing to comment may do so by any one of several methods. They may attend the public hearing or open houses noted above. They may mail comments directly to Pipestone National Monument. They also may comment via the Web site at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/>. Finally, they may hand-deliver comments to the Pipestone National Monument in Pipestone, Minnesota.

Before including your address, telephone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comments please be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comments to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials or organizations or businesses available for public inspection in their entirety.

The responsible official is Ernest Quintana, Regional Director, Midwest Region.

Dated: November 29, 2006.

**David N. Given,**

*Acting Regional Director, Midwest Region.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****National Park Service****National Register of Historic Places; Notification of Pending Nominations and Related Actions**

Nominations for the following properties being considered for listing



along with existing activities currently undertaken by the Permit Applicants with the potential to affect federally listed species. These activities may include new and existing development activities in upland and riparian areas; ongoing water supply and flood control activities; ongoing agricultural and livestock practices; and the ongoing management of trails, parks, and open spaces. The Permit Applicants intend to request a Permit for incidental take of federally listed threatened or endangered species, as well as other species identified in the VRHCRP.

Section 9 of the Act and Federal regulations prohibit the "take" of wildlife species listed as endangered or threatened (16 U.S.C. 1538). The Act defines the term "take" as: To harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture or collect listed species, or to attempt to engage in such conduct (16 U.S.C. 1532). Harm includes significant habitat modification or degradation that actually kills or injures listed wildlife by significantly impairing essential behavioral patterns, including breeding feeding, and sheltering [50 CFR 17.3(c)]. Pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Act, we may issue permits to authorize "incidental take" of listed species. "Incidental take" is defined by the Act as take that is incidental to, and not the purpose of, carrying out an otherwise lawful activity. Regulations governing permits for threatened species and endangered species, respectively, are at 50 CFR 17.32 and 50 CFR 17.22.

#### Environmental Impact Statement

The EIS will consider the proposed action, no action, and a reasonable range of alternatives. A detailed description of the proposed action and alternatives will be included in the EIS. Alternatives considered for analysis in an EIS may include variations in the scope of proposed activities; variations in the location, amount, and types of conservation measures and/or recovery actions; variations in activity duration; or a combination of these elements. In addition, the EIS will identify potentially significant direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts on biological resources, land use, air quality, water quality, water resources, socioeconomic conditions, and other environmental issues that could occur with implementation of the proposed action or other alternatives. For all potentially significant impacts, the EIS identifies avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures to reduce these impacts, where feasible, to a level below significance.

Environmental review of the EIS will be conducted in accordance with the

requirements of NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), its implementing regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), other applicable regulations, and Service procedures for compliance with those regulations. This notice is being furnished in accordance with 40 CFR Section 1501.7 and 1508.22 to obtain suggestions and information from other agencies and the public on the scope of issues and alternatives to be addressed in the EIS. The primary purpose of the scoping process is to identify important issues raised by the public related to the proposed action. Written comments from interested parties are invited to ensure that the full range of issues related to the permit application is identified. Comments will only be accepted in written form. You may submit written comments by mail, facsimile transmission, or in person (see **ADDRESSES**). All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

Our practice is to make comments, including names, home addresses, home phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of respondents, available for public review. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their names and/or home addresses, etc., but if you wish us to consider withholding this information you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. In addition, you must present a rationale for withholding this information. This rationale must demonstrate that disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy. Unsupported assertions will not meet this burden. In the absence of exceptional, documentable circumstances, this information will be released. We will always make submissions from organization or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives of or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

Dated: September 21, 2007.

#### Ken McDermond,

*Deputy Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office, Sacramento, California.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### Land Acquisitions; Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of final agency determination to take land into trust under 25 CFR part 151.

**SUMMARY:** The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior has made a final determination to acquire real property "in trust" for the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Vicki Forrest, Deputy Director of Trust Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1849 C Street, NW., MS 4620-MIB, Washington, DC 20240; telephone: 202-208-5831.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is published to comply with the requirement of 25 CFR 151.12(b) that notice be given to the public of the decision by the authorized representative of the Secretary of the Interior to acquire land "in trust" at least 30 days prior to signatory acceptance of land "in trust". The purpose of the 30-day waiting period is to afford interested parties the opportunity to seek judicial review of administrative decisions to take land "in trust" for Tribes or individual Indians before transfer of title to the properties occurs. On June 7, 2007, the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs issued a Notice of Decision to accept approximately 752.41 acres of land "in trust" for the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community under the authority of Section 5 of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, 25 United States Code (U.S.C.) 465.

The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior, shall acquire title in the name of the United States of America in trust for Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community no sooner than 30 days after the initial date this notice is published in the **Federal Register**.

The land is referred to as Parcels 1, 2, 3 & 4, herein and is described as:

#### 752.41 Acres—Fourth Principal Meridian, Scott County, Minnesota

SMSC Trust Acquisition  
PARCEL NUMBER 1  
Legal Description excluding land transferred to Scott County.  
Containing 569.01 acres more or less.

*Parcel 1:* The West Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 15, Township 115, Range 22, Scott County, Minnesota.

Also

Those parts of Government Lots 4 and 5, and that part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, all in Section 15, Township 115, Range 22, Scott County, Minnesota, lying southerly of the centerline of County Road 16, EXCEPT those parts lying northerly of a line 75.00 feet southerly of the following described line:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 16, Township 115 North, Range 22 West; thence South 89 degrees 29 minutes 40 seconds East on an assumed bearing along the North line of said Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter a distance of 1128.54 feet, to the point of beginning of said line to be described; thence easterly and southeasterly for a distance of 1794.93 feet along a non-tangential curve concave to the South, having a radius of 4107.00 feet and a central angle of 25 degrees 02 minutes 26 seconds, the chord of said curve bears South 69 degrees 10 minutes 09 seconds East a chord distance of 1780.68 feet; thence South 56 degrees 38 minutes 56 seconds East a distance of 494.50 feet, thence easterly and southeasterly for a distance of 879.71 feet along a tangential curve concave to the North, having a radius of 3842.72 feet and a central angle of 13 degrees 07 minutes 00 seconds; thence South 69 degrees 45 minutes 56 seconds East for a distance of 1445.00 feet of said line there terminating.

#### Abstract Property

*Parcel 2:* The Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 16, Township 115, Range 22, Scott County, Minnesota, EXCEPT that part which lies northerly of a line 75.00 feet southerly of and parallel with the following described Line A and which lies southerly of the following described *Line B*:

*LINE A:* Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 16; thence South 89 degrees 29 minutes 40 seconds East on an assumed bearing along the North line of said Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter for a distance of 1128.54 feet, to the point of beginning of said line to be described; thence easterly and southeasterly for a distance of 1794.93 feet along a non-tangential curve concave to the South, having a radius of 4107.00 feet and a central angle of 25 degrees 02 minutes 26 seconds, the chord of said curve bears South 69 degrees 10 minutes 09 seconds East a chord distance of 1780.68 feet; thence South 56 degrees 38 minutes 56 seconds East a distance of 494.50 feet; thence easterly and southeasterly for a distance of 879.71 feet along a tangential curve concave to the North, having a radius of 3842.72 feet and a central angle of 13 degrees 07 minutes 00 seconds; thence South 69 degrees 45 minutes 56 seconds East for a distance of 1445.00 feet and said line there terminating.

*LINE B:* Commencing at the northeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 16, thence on an assumed bearing of South 00 degrees 41 minutes 40 seconds West along the east line of said Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, a distance of 343.57 feet

to its intersection with the northerly right of way line of County Road 16, the point of beginning of the line to be described; thence northwesterly along a non-tangential curve, concave to the south, a distance of 274.52 feet, radius of 1764.54 feet, delta angle of 8 degrees 54 minutes 50 seconds, a chord bearing of North 69 degrees 33 minutes 24 seconds West, a chord distance of 274.52 feet, along said northerly right of way line of County Road 16, thence North 74 degrees 00 minutes 50 seconds West, a distance of 397.14 feet, along said northerly right of way line of County Road 16, to its intersection with a line that is 75 feet northerly of and parallel with the above described Line A, thence northwesterly along a non-tangential curve, concave to the south, a distance of 499.44 feet, radius of 4182.00 feet, delta angle of 6 degrees 50 minutes 34 seconds, a chord bearing of North 72 degrees 43 minutes 14 seconds West, a chord distance of 499.15 feet, along said parallel line, to its intersection with the north line of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, thence North 89 degrees 29 minutes 40 seconds West, along said north line, a distance of 208.51 feet to the northwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter and there terminating.

Also

The South Half of the Northeast Quarter and the North Half of the Southeast Quarter, except the Westerly 100 feet thereof, and the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, all in Section 16, Township 115, Range 22, Scott County, Minnesota.

#### Abstract Property

*Parcel 3:* The Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 21, Township 115, Range 22, according to the United States Government Survey thereof and situate in Scott County, Minnesota.

#### Abstract Property

*Parcel 4:* The Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 22, Township 115, Range 22, according to the United States Government Survey thereof and situate in Scott County, Minnesota.

#### Abstract Property

*Parcel 5:* The South Three-fourths of the East one-half of the Southwest Quarter (S  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the E  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 15, Township 115, Range 22, according to the United States Government Survey thereof and situate in Scott County, Minnesota.

#### Abstract Property

*Parcel 6:* The Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 22, Township 115, Range 22, Scott County, Minnesota. EXCEPTING THEREFROM, the following described tract: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence South (assumed bearing) along the East line thereof a distance of 621.16 feet to the point of beginning of the tract of land to be described; thence continuing South along said East line a distance of 349.75 feet; thence North 89 degrees 48 minutes 10 seconds West, a distance of 501.20 feet; thence North 4 degrees 18 minutes 10

seconds West, a distance of 326.00 feet; thence North 87 degrees 29 minutes 48 seconds East, a distance of 526.17 feet to the point of beginning, according to the United States Government Survey thereof and situate in Scott County, Minnesota.

#### Abstract Property

##### SMSC Trust Acquisition

###### PARCEL NUMBER 2

Legal Description excluding land transferred to Scott County  
Containing 77.00 acres more or less

The East Half of the Northeast Quarter (E  $\frac{1}{2}$  of NE  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 22, Township 115, Range 22, according to the United States Government Survey thereof and situate in Scott County, Minnesota.

#### Abstract Property

##### SMSC Trust Acquisition

###### PARCEL NUMBER 3

Legal Description excluding land transferred to Scott County  
Containing 104.40 acres more or less

The East half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 33, Township 115, Range 22, according to the United States Government Survey thereof and situate in Scott County, Minnesota.

and

That part of the West 24.00 acres of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 34, Township 115, Range 22, Scott County, Minnesota lying West of the East 16.00 acres of said Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, according to the United States Government Survey thereof and situate in Scott County, Minnesota.

#### SMSC Trust Acquisition

###### PARCEL NUMBER 4

Legal Description excluding land transferred to Scott County  
Containing 2.00 acres more or less

The West 249.00 feet of the South 350.00 feet, as measured along the South and West lines respectively, of Outlot O, The Wilds, according to the recorded plat thereof, and situate in Scott County, Minnesota.

#### Abstract Property

Dated: June 28, 2007.

**Carl J. Artman,**

*Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 332-481]

### Industrial Biotechnology: Development and Adoption by the U.S. Chemical and Biofuel Industries

**AGENCY:** United States International Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Deadline for filing written submissions.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission has set February 1, 2008, as the deadline for filing written submissions in

coordinated and cost efficient manner. Long-range strategic planning, consistent with other government agencies' strategic plans is necessary to address complex invasive species issues. The 2008 Plan establishes five, long-term Strategic Goals that focus Federal efforts in the areas of invasive species work related to:

- (1) Prevention;
- (2) Early Detection and Rapid Response;
- (3) Control and Management;
- (4) Restoration; and
- (5) Organizational Collaboration.

The Strategic Goals are ongoing and serve as guideposts for managing invasive species. Each Strategic Goal has an associated Strategic Action Plan with long-term Objectives and shorter-term Implementation Tasks and Performance Elements. Where practicable, Implementation Tasks define specific Performance Elements that can be used to gauge progress. Work in Research, Information and Data Management and International Cooperation (which were addressed in separate sections in the 2001 Plan) are elements critical to achieving each of the five Strategic Goals and are included in the pertinent sections of the 2008 Plan.

The 2008 Plan is not a comprehensive list of all Federal invasive species actions. It is a targeted set of priority Strategic Action Plans and Objectives that are intended to be completed in the next five years. The accomplishment of specific Implementation Tasks and Performance Elements will be dependent upon agency budgets, and in some cases, legal or regulatory changes.

Invasive species issues cannot be addressed by Federal programs and actions alone. As reflected in EO 13112, State, local, Tribal and private programs and policies are critical to success. Therefore, receiving public comment on this proposed 2008 Plan is an important component of any strategy to address and reduce the harmful impacts of invasive species.

*Submitting Comments:* Text of the 2008–2012 National Invasive Species Management Plan is available in PDF format at <http://www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov>. Printed copies of the Plan may be obtained by mail or e-mail request to the address below. Written comments should be addressed to Lori Williams, NISC Executive Director, U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of the Secretary, National Invasive Species Council (OS/NISC), 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240. Comments can also be e-mailed to [invasivespecies@ios.doi.gov](mailto:invasivespecies@ios.doi.gov). The public comment period for the draft

*Plan has been extended.* Comments must now be received by close of business on March 12, 2008.

Dated: February 6, 2008.

**Lori C. Williams,**

*Executive Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### Land Acquisitions; Elk Valley Rancheria, California

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Final Agency Determination to take land into trust under 25 CFR Part 151.

**SUMMARY:** The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs made a final agency determination to acquire approximately 203.5 acres of land into trust for the Elk Valley Rancheria of California on January 4, 2008. This notice is published in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 Departmental Manual 8.1.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** George Skibine, Office of Indian Gaming, MS–3657 MIB, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240; Telephone (202) 219–4066.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is published to comply with the requirement of 25 CFR 151.12(b) that notice be given to the public of the Secretary's decision to acquire land in trust at least 30 days prior to signatory acceptance of the land into trust. The purpose of the 30-day waiting period in 25 CFR 151.12(b) is to afford interested parties the opportunity to seek judicial review of final administrative decisions to take land in trust for Indian tribes and individual Indians before transfer of title to the property occurs. On January 4, 2008, the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs decided to accept approximately 203.5 acres of land into trust for the Elk Valley Rancheria of California under the authority of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, 25 U.S.C. 465. The 203.5 acre parcel is located in Del Norte County, California. The parcel will be used for construction and operation of a class II and class III gaming facility. The real property situated in the County of Del Norte, State of California, is described as follows:

#### Parcel One

That portion of Section 35, Township 16 North, Range 1 West, Humboldt Meridian, described as follows:

PARCEL 2 as shown on the Parcel Map filed in the office of the County Recorder of Del Norte County, California, on December 28, 1979, in Book 4 of Parcel Maps, page 75.

EXCEPT therefrom those portions thereof conveyed to the County of Del Norte, by deeds recorded October 18, 1979, in Book 237, Official Records, page 609, and May 19, 1986, in Book 310, Official Records, page 444.

#### Parcel Two

A 30-foot wide easement for road and utility purposes lying 30 feet westerly of and adjacent to the following described line:

BEGINNING at a point on the west line of Parcel 3 of the land conveyed to Del Norte County by OWEN W. BAUER by deed dated August 31, 1979, said point being North 185.0 feet from the most southwesterly corner of said Parcel 3, and running; thence northerly along westerly lines of Parcels 3 and 2 of the land conveyed to the County of Del Norte by OWEN W. BAUER to the south line of Parcel 1 as said parcel is shown on the parcel map filed for OWEN W. BAUER on December 28, 1979 in Book 4 of Parcel Maps, pages 75 through 78, in the office of the County Recorder of Del Norte County, California.

#### Parcel Three

An easement for water removal purposes on the following described parcel of land.

BEGINNING at a point S 32 degrees 00 minutes 20 seconds W (equals S 30 degrees 36 minutes 09 seconds W true meridian) a distance of 1607.35 feet from the northeast corner of section 34, Township 16 North, Range 1 West, Humboldt Meridian, and running:

- (1) Thence South 60 degrees East, 45.21 feet;
- (2) Thence South 30 degrees West, 70.00 feet;
- (3) Thence North 60 degrees West, 150.00 feet;
- (4) Thence North 30 degrees East, 70.00 feet;
- (5) Thence South 60 degrees East, 104.79 feet to the point of beginning.

The bearings and distances contained in this easement description are based upon the California Coordinate System, Zone 1, multiply distances by 0.9999742 to obtain ground level distances.

#### Parcel Four

An easement for water pipe lines, said easement to be 20.0 feet in width, lying

10.0 feet on each side of the following described centerline:

BEGINNING at a point S 32 degrees 00 minutes 20 seconds W (equals S 30 degrees 36 minutes 09 seconds W true meridian) a distance of 1607.35 feet from the northeast corner of Section 34, Township 16 North, Range 1 West, Humboldt Meridian, and running:

(1) Thence South 76 degrees 39 minutes 35 seconds East, 153.58 feet;  
 (2) Thence South 76 degrees 46 minutes 42 seconds East, 206.05 feet;  
 (3) Thence South 72 degrees 25 minutes 39 seconds East, 153.79 feet;  
 (4) Thence South 81 degrees 07 minutes 49 seconds East, 162.47 feet;  
 (5) Thence North 84 degrees 03 minutes 26 seconds East, 158.59 feet;  
 (6) Thence North 36 degrees 54 minutes 36 seconds East, 75 feet, more or less, to Parcel "2" as said parcel is shown on the parcel map filed for OWEN W. BAUER on December 28, 1979 in Book 4 of Parcel Maps, pages 75 through 78 inclusive, in the office of the County Recorder of Del Norte County, California. The sidelines of this easement shall coincide with the boundary of the land described in Easement "B" hereinabove described on the west and Parcel 2 of said Bauer map on the east.

The bearings and distances contained in this easement description are based upon the California Coordinate System, Zone 1, multiply distances by 0.9999742 to obtain ground level distances. APN: 115-02-28

Dated: February 1, 2008.

**Carl J. Artman,**

*Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[AA-6671-G, AA-6671-H, AA-6671-C2; AK 964-1410-HY-P]

### Alaska Native Claims Selection

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of decision approving lands for conveyance.

**SUMMARY:** As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an appealable decision approving lands for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act will be issued to Bay View Incorporated. The lands are in the vicinity of Ivanof Bay, Alaska, and are located in:

**Seward Meridian, Alaska**

T. 50 S., R. 66 E.,

Secs. 16, 20, and 21;

Secs. 22, 26, and 27.

Containing 1,443.73 acres.

T. 50 S., R. 67 E.,

Secs. 21, 27, and 28;

Secs. 34, 35, and 36.

Containing approximately 1,615 acres.

T. 50 S., R. 68 W.,

Sec. 23.

Containing 0.43 acres.

Aggregating approximately 3,059 acres.

Notice of the decision will also be published four times in the *Anchorage Daily News*.

**DATES:** The time limits for filing an appeal are:

1. Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision shall have until March 12, 2008, to file an appeal.

2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the decision may be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7504.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:** The Bureau of Land Management by phone at 907-271-5960, or by e-mail at [ak.blm.conveyance@ak.blm.gov](mailto:ak.blm.conveyance@ak.blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunication device (TTD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to contact the Bureau of Land Management.

**Michael Bilancione,**

*Land Transfer Resolution Specialist, Land Transfer Adjudication I.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

[Docket No. MMS-2007-OMM-0013]

### MMS Information Collection Activity: 1010-0170—Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP), Revision of a Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of a revision of an information collection (1010-0170).

**SUMMARY:** To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

(PRA), MMS is inviting comments on a collection of information that we will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The information collection request (ICR) concerns the paperwork requirements in the Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP) State Plan Guidelines. The Energy Policy Act of 2005 gave responsibility to MMS for CIAP by amending section 31 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1356a; Appendix A).

**DATES:** Submit written comments by April 11, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods listed below.

• *Electronically:* go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Under the tab "More Search Options," click Advanced Docket Search, then select "Minerals Management Service" from the agency drop-down menu, then click "submit." In the Docket ID column, select MMS-2008-OMM-0013 to submit public comments and to view supporting and related materials available for this rulemaking. Information on using Regulations.gov, including instructions for accessing documents, submitting comments, and viewing the docket after the close of the comment period, is available through the site's "User Tips" link. The MMS will post all comments.

• Mail or hand-carry comments to the Department of the Interior; Minerals Management Service; Attention: Cheryl Blundon; 381 Elden Street, MS-4024; Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817. Please reference "Information Collection 1010-0170" in your comments.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP).

*OMB Control Number:* 1010-0170.

*Abstract:* With the passage of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct), the Minerals Management Service (MMS) was given responsibility for the Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP) through the amendment of section 31 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1356a, Appendix A).

The CIAP recognizes that impacts from Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) oil and gas activities fall disproportionately on the coastal states and localities nearest to where the activities occur, and where associated facilities are located. The CIAP legislation appropriates money for eligible states and coastal political subdivisions for coastal restoration/improvement projects. The MMS shall disburse \$250 million to eligible producing states and coastal political subdivisions (CPSs) through a grant program. The funds

plan for achieving refuge purposes and contributing to the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System (NWRS), in conformance with the sound principles of fish and wildlife science, natural resources conservation, legal mandates, and Service policies. In addition to outlining broad management direction on conserving wildlife and habitats, CCPs identify wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities available to the public, including wildlife observation, photography, environmental education, and interpretation. The Service will review and update each CCP at least once every 15 years, in accordance with the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

The 1,625-acre Wapack NWR, established by donation in 1972, was the first national wildlife refuge in New Hampshire. Its purpose is for use as an inviolate sanctuary or for any other management purpose for migratory birds. Because it is un-staffed, the Great Bay NWR staff, headquartered in Newington, New Hampshire, administers it. The refuge is located about 20 miles west of Nashua, New Hampshire, and encompasses the 2,278-foot elevation North Pack Monadnock Mountain in the towns of Greenfield and Temple, New Hampshire. The terms of the deed require the Service to manage the refuge in a “wilderness-like” setting for wildlife. Specific deed restrictions prohibit using motorized vehicles, hunting and fishing, trapping, or cutting trees.

Generally, mature northern hardwood-mixed and spruce-fir forest characterizes the refuge. It provides nesting habitat for numerous migratory songbirds, such as the black-capped chickadee, blackburnian warbler, black-throated blue warbler, hermit thrush, myrtle warbler, ovenbird, and red-eyed vireo. The refuge also supports a wide variety of other native wildlife, including deer, bear, coyote, fisher, fox, mink and weasel.

Visitors often engage in wildlife observation and photography on the refuge. It is especially popular for viewing the fall migration of hawks. A 4-mile segment of the 21-mile Wapack Trail traverses it, and rewards hikers with a beautiful view of the surrounding mountains. Two other trails cross the refuge to offer a 6-mile circuit hike.

The Draft CCP/EA evaluates two alternatives, which address eleven key issues identified by the public, State or Federal agencies, other Service programs, and our planning team. The

draft CCP/EA describes those issues in detail. Highlights follow.

*Alternative A (Current Management):* This alternative is the “No Action” alternative required by the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321–4347, as amended). Alternative A defines our current management activities, and serves as the baseline against which to compare the other alternative. The Service would continue to manage the refuge in a “wilderness-like” setting, without actively managing its habitat, thereby allowing natural succession to continue without human interference. The Service would continue to allow only compatible uses that are consistent with a “wilderness-like” setting and adhere to other deed restrictions. We would not allow hunting, fishing, trapping, driving motor vehicles, or cutting trees (except for maintaining trails). In addition, we would continue to prohibit camping, mountain biking, horseback riding and dog walking. This alternative would not improve access to the refuge or the visibility of the Service in the area. We would continue our informal relationships with the Friends of the Wapack and the Mountain View Hiking Club to maintain refuge trails. We would also continue to work under a memorandum of agreement with the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department to resolve inter-jurisdictional issues on the refuge as they arise.

*Alternative B (the Service-preferred alternative):* Alternative B is the alternative we propose as the best means to manage this refuge over the next 15 years. It includes an array of management actions that, in our professional judgment, work best toward achieving the purpose of the refuge, our vision and goals for it and State and regional conservation plans. In our opinion, this alternative would most effectively address the key issues.

We propose to focus on improving our baseline biological database and enhancing visitor services programs by expanding our partnerships with other federal agencies, state agencies, town departments, local conservation organizations, and individuals. One such project is to gather baseline data on the populations of plants and wildlife on the refuge in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service. We would also use partnerships to maintain trails, develop and maintain a new trailhead parking area, and assess and monitor threats to the integrity of refuge habitat. We would also increase our presence on the refuge and its visibility in the local community, and better communicate

refuge regulations, visitor information, and contact information.

Under alternative B, we would manage public uses similar to alternative A by allowing only compatible activities that are consistent with a “wilderness-like” setting and adhere to other deed restrictions. The only differences are that we would allow dog walking on leash and recreational berry-picking.

This alternative does not propose to expand the refuge. However, we would offer our support to partners engaged in other land conservation and protection in the area, work with them to identify lands of high wildlife value in need of protection, and provide them with technical assistance in managing them.

After we evaluate and respond to the public comments on this Draft CCP/EA, we will prepare a final CCP for our Regional Director’s approval. He will determine whether a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is appropriate, and certify whether the final CCP meets agency compliance requirements, achieves refuge purposes, and helps fulfill the mission of the NWRS. With an affirmative FONSI and other positive findings, the Regional Director can approve the final CCP. If he issues a FONSI and approves that final CCP, we will announce its availability in the **Federal Register** and begin its implementation.

Dated: January 18, 2008.

**Wendi Weber,**

*Acting Regional Director, Region 5, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Hadley, Massachusetts.*  
[FR Doc. E8–6043 Filed 3–24–08; 8:45 am]

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### Land Acquisitions; Puyallup Tribe, Washington

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Final Agency Determination to Take Land into Trust under 25 CFR Part 151.

**SUMMARY:** The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs made a final agency determination to acquire approximately 10.2 acres of land into trust for the Puyallup Tribe of Washington on March 14, 2008. This notice is published in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 Departmental Manual 8.1.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** George Skibine, Director, Office of

Indian Gaming, MS-3657 MIB, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240; Telephone (202) 219-4066.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is published to comply with the requirement of 25 CFR 151.12(b) that notice be given to the public of the Secretary's decision to acquire land in trust at least 30 days prior to signatory acceptance of the land into trust. The purpose of the 30-day waiting period in 25 CFR 151.12(b) is to afford interested parties the opportunity to seek judicial review of final administrative decisions to take land in trust for Indian tribes and individual Indians before transfer of title to the property occurs. On March 14, 2008, the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs decided to accept approximately 10.2 acres of land into trust for the Puyallup Tribe of Washington. Pursuant to the Act of May 18, 2006, Public Law 109-224 (120 Stat. 376) Congress directed that the Secretary of the Interior accept the conveyance of certain specifically described tracts of land and hold that land in trust for the Puyallup Tribe. This tract of land is specifically identified in the Section 1(b) (1) and (2) of the statute. The statute specifically mandates that the Secretary "shall" accept the conveyance and hold the land in trust. The 10.2 acre parcel is located in the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington.

The legal description of the property is as follows:

**PARCEL A (0420076005)**

Lots A, Boundary Line Adjustment recorded under recording number 9508150496, according to the map thereof recorded August 15, 1995, records of Pierce County Auditor.

EXCEPT that portion thereof lying North of a line that is 63.00 feet South of the Centerline of SR99 (Old State No. 1) as conveyed by instrument recorded under recording number 689874, records of Pierce County.

**PARCEL B (0420076006)**

Lot B, Boundary line adjustment 9508150496, according to the map thereof Recorded August 15, 1995, records of Pierce County Auditor.

EXCEPT that portion thereof lying North of a line that is 63.00 feet South of the centerline of SR99 (Old State Road No. 1) as conveyed by instrument recorded under recording number 689874, records of Pierce County.

Situate in the City of Fife, County of Pierce, State of Washington.

**PARCEL C (0420076008)**

Lot 4, Pierce County Short Plat No. 8908020412, according to the map thereof recorded August 2, 1995, records of Pierce County Auditor.

Together with portion of SR-5 abutting Lot 4, conveyed by deed recorded under recording no.

9309070433 described as follows:

That portion of Government Lot 1, Section 07, Township 20 North, Range 4 East of the Willamette Meridian, described as follows:

Commencing at Highway Engineer's Station (hereinafter referred to as HES) AL26 6+38.0 P.O.T. on the AL26 line survey of SR 5, Tacoma to King County line; THENCE South 88°54'30" East along the North line of said Lot 1, a distance of 95 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE South 01°05'30" West 87.4 feet; THENCE Westerly to a point opposite HES AL26 5+50.6 P.O.T. on said AL26 line survey and 75 feet Easterly therefrom; THENCE Northwesterly to a point opposite AL26 5+80.6 on said AL 26 line survey and 55 feet Easterly therefrom; THENCE Northerly parallel with said survey to the North line of said lot 1; THENCE North 88°54'30" East to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

EXCEPT that portion of Lot 4 of said short plat No. 8908020412, conveyed to the State of Washington by deed recorded under Recording No. 9308100165 and more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Lot 4; THENCE North 89°53'30" West along the North line of said Lot 4 a distance of 147.44 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING and a point of curvature; THENCE Southwesterly along a curve to the left, the center of which bears South 00°06'30" West, 55.00 feet distant, through a central angle of 89°01'00", an arc distance of 85.45 feet; THENCE South 01°05'30" West, 59.43 Feet; THENCE North 88°54'30" West, 20.00 feet to a point on the Westerly line of said Lot 4; THENCE North 00°57'10" East along said Westerly line 113.15 feet to the Northwest corner of said Lot 4; THENCE South 89°53'30" East along said North line, a distance of 74.34 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

And EXCEPT that portion thereof lying North of a line that is 63.00 feet South of and parallel with the centerline of SR99 (Old State Road No. 1) as conveyed by instrument recorded under recording number 689874, records of Pierce County, Washington.

**PARCEL D (0420076007)**

Lot 3, Pierce County Short Plat No. 8908020412, according to the map thereof recorded August 2, 1989, Records of Pierce County Auditor.

EXCEPT that portion thereof lying North of a line that is 63.00 feet South of the centerline of SR99 (Old State

Road No. 1) as conveyed by instrument recorded under recording number 689874, records of Pierce County.

Situate in the City of Fife, County of Pierce, State of Washington.

Containing 10.2 acres, more or less.

Dated: March 14, 2008.

**Carl J. Artman,**

*Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

[FR Doc. E8-5923 Filed 3-24-08; 8:45 am]

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[WY-957-08-1420-BJ]

#### Notice of Filing of Plats of Survey, Wyoming

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has filed the plats of survey of the lands described below in the BLM Wyoming State Office, Cheyenne, Wyoming, on the dates indicated.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Bureau of Land Management, 5353 Yellowstone Road, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** These surveys were executed at the request of the Bureau of Land Management, and are necessary for the management of resources. The lands surveyed are:

The supplemental plat showing new lottings in sections 8, 17 and 18, Township 18 North, Range 79 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming, was accepted December 6, 2007.

The plat and field notes representing the dependent resurvey of portions of the subdivisional lines, 1909 meanders of the Green River and an island located in sections 14 and 15, and the subdivision of certain sections, and the metes-and-bounds survey of Lot 13 in section 14, Township 23 North, Range 111 West, of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming, Group No. 723, was accepted December 6, 2007.

The plat and field notes representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the east boundary, the west and north boundaries and the subdivisional lines, Township 50 North, Range 78 West, of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming, Group No. 727, was accepted December 6, 2007.

The plat and field notes representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines, and the subdivision of section 21, and the metes and bounds survey of Lot 1, section 21, Township 18 North, Range 80 West,

Dated: March 28, 2008.  
**W. Ralph Basham,**  
*Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection.*  
 [FR Doc. E8-6845 Filed 4-2-08; 8:45 am]  
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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-5187-N-18]

**Requirement for Contractors To Provide Certificates of Insurance for Capital Program Projects**

**AGENCY:** Office of Public and Indian Housing, HUD.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

This collection is fundamental to the ongoing operations of the Congregate Housing Services Program (CHSP). The Department monitors the proper use of grant funds according to statutory, regulatory, and administrative requirements. The Grantees must meet annual requirements.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date:* May 5, 2008.  
**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval Number (2577-0046) and should be sent to: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; fax: 202-395-6974.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lillian Deitzer, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; e-mail Lillian Deitzer at *Lillian\_L\_Deitzer@HUD.gov* or telephone (202) 402-8048. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Deitzer.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice informs the public that the Department of Housing and Urban Development has submitted to OMB a request for approval of the Information collection described below. This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affecting agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate the

accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

This notice also lists the following information:

*Title of Proposal:* Requirement for Contractors to provide Certificates of Insurance for Capital Program Projects.

*OMB Approval Number:* 2577-0046.

*Form Numbers:* None.

*Members of affected public:* Business or other for profit.

*Description of the Need for the Information and Its Proposed Use:* Public Housing Agencies must obtain certificates of insurance from contractors and subcontractors before beginning work under either the development of a new low-income public housing project or the modernization of an existing project. The certificates of insurance provide evidence that worker's compensation and general liability, automobile ability insurance are in force before any construction work is started.

*Frequency of Submission:* Quarterly, semi-annually, annually.

	Number of respondents	×	Annual responses	×	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
Reporting Burden .....	3,200		4		0.47		6,000

*Total Estimated Burden Hours:* 6,000.  
*Status:* Extension of a currency approved collection.

**Authority:** Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 35, as amended.

Dated: March 28, 2008.  
**Lillian L. Deitzer,**  
*Departmental Paperwork Reduction Act Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*  
 [FR Doc. E8-6930 Filed 4-2-08; 8:45 am]  
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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Indian Affairs**

**Indian Gaming**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Approved Tribal—State Gaming Amendment.

**SUMMARY:** This notice publishes an Approval of the Amendment to Interim Compact between the Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation and the State of Montana regarding Class III Gaming on the Rocky Boy's Reservation.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 3, 2008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** George T. Skibine, Director, Office of Indian Gaming, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary—Policy and Economic Development, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219-4066.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under Section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA), Public Law 100-497, 25 U.S.C. § 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish in the **Federal Register** notice of approved Tribal—State compacts for the purpose

of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. This Amendment increases the overall limit of allowable Class III machines and increases the maximum payout per machine. The Amendment is approved.

Dated: March 25, 2008.  
**Carl J. Artman,**  
*Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*  
 [FR Doc. E8-6884 Filed 4-2-08; 8:45 am]  
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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Indian Affairs**

**Land Acquisitions; Skokomish Indian Tribe, Washington**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Final Agency Determination to take land into trust under 25 CFR part 151.

**SUMMARY:** The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs made a final agency determination to acquire approximately 0.94 acres of land into trust for the Skokomish Indian Tribe of Washington on March 14, 2008. This notice is published in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 Departmental Manual 8.1.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** George Skibine, Director, Office of Indian Gaming, MS-3657 MIB, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240; Telephone (202) 219-4066.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is published to comply with the requirement of 25 CFR part 151.12(b) that notice be given to the public of the Secretary's decision to acquire land in trust at least 30 days prior to signatory acceptance of the land into trust. The purpose of the 30-day waiting period in 25 CFR 151.12(b) is to afford interested parties the opportunity to seek judicial review of final administrative decisions to take land in trust for Indian tribes and individual Indians before transfer of title to the property occurs. On March 14, 2008, the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs decided to accept approximately 0.94 acres of land into trust for the Skokomish Indian Tribe of Washington under the authority of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, 25 U.S.C. 465. The 0.94 acre parcel is located within the exterior boundaries of the Skokomish Indian Tribe in Mason County, Washington. The parcel is currently used for the Tribe's gaming facility. No change in the use is anticipated following conveyance of the parcel to the United States in trust for the Tribe. The property is located adjacent/contiguous to the location of the Lucky Dog Casino and its parking lot, which are already held in trust. The legal description of the property is as follows:

All that portion of the Southeast Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of the Southwest Quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of the Northwest Quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ) AND of Indian Lot twenty-three (23), all in Section two (2), township twenty-one (21) North, Range four (4) West, W.M., particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point 16.20 chains East of the quarter Section post on the West line of said Section two (2), which point is a post 30 feet East of the center of US Highway 101; thence North 2° 15' East, 175 feet; thence west 235 feet; thence South 2° 15' West, 175 feet; thence West, 235 feet to the point of beginning.

Excepting therefrom right-of-way for U.S. Highway 101.

Parcel No. 42102 23 00012.

*Together with and subject to a perpetual, non-exclusive easement for ingress, egress, drainage and utilities, 20 feet in width, as described in instrument recorded January 30, 1979, Auditor's File No. 356506. Situated in Mason County, Washington. Containing 0.94 acres, more or less.*

Dated: March 25, 2008.

**Carl J. Artman,**

*Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

[FR Doc. E8-6878 Filed 4-2-08; 8:45 am]

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[ID-110-1610-DG-053D-DBG081008]

#### Notice of Intent To Prepare a Resource Management Plan for the Four Rivers Field Office (Idaho) and Associated Environmental Impact Statement

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 202 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) and Section 102 (2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Four Rivers Field Office (FRFO), Boise, Idaho intends to prepare a RMP with an associated EIS for the Four Rivers Planning Area. Publication of this notice also initiates a public scoping period to extend until 15 days after the last public scoping meeting. RMPs are the basic land use documents used by the BLM that guide land use decisions and management actions on public lands. RMP level decisions establish goals and objectives (i.e. desired future conditions), the measures needed to achieve those goals and objectives and the parameters for resource use on BLM lands. This RMP will replace the 1988 Cascade RMP and portions of the 1983 Kuna Management Framework Plan (MFP) and the 1987 Jarbidge RMP. The Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area (NCA), located in the FRFO, is being addressed in a separate, comprehensive RMP currently available as a Final EIS.

**DATES:** The BLM will announce public scoping meetings pursuant to 43 CFR 1610.2 (BLM Planning Regulations) and 40 CFR 1501.7 (NEPA Regulations) to identify relevant issues. Meetings will be announced through local news

media, newsletters and the Idaho BLM Web site (listed below) at least 15 days prior to the first meeting once specific dates and locations are finalized. Throughout the planning process, the public will be given opportunities to participate through workshops and open house meetings. Workshops will provide the public an opportunity to work with BLM in (1) identifying the full range of issues to be addressed in the RMP/EIS and (2) developing the alternatives to be analyzed in the EIS. BLM will also provide an opportunity for public review upon publication of the Draft RMP/EIS.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- Web site: [http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/fo/four\\_rivers/Planning/four\\_rivers\\_resource.html](http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/fo/four_rivers/Planning/four_rivers_resource.html).

- E-mail: [Four\\_Rivers\\_RMP@blm.gov](mailto:Four_Rivers_RMP@blm.gov).

- Fax: 208-384-3493.

- Mail: Bureau of Land Management, Attn: RMP Project Manager, Four Rivers Field Office, 3948 Development Avenue, Boise, ID 83705.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All submissions from organizations or businesses and individuals identifying themselves as representatives of organizations or businesses will be made available for public inspection in their entirety. Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the Four Rivers Field Office at the above address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** For further information and/or to have your name added to the mailing list, contact Jonathan Beck, FRFO RMP Project Manager, Four Rivers Field Office, at the address above. Telephone: 208-384-3300 or e-mail:

[Four\\_Rivers\\_RMP@blm.gov](mailto:Four_Rivers_RMP@blm.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The planning area is located in southwestern Idaho's Ada, Adams, Boise, Canyon, Elmore, Gem, Payette, Valley and Washington counties, encompassing approximately 783,000 public land acres administered by the BLM. The planning area includes all of the FRFO located outside the Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area (NCA), and encompasses an area extending north of the Snake River from approximately Glens Ferry in the



Office. Please reference Batch IV ITPs for 41 applications in requests for the documents discussed herein.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Aaron Valenta, Regional HCP Coordinator (see **ADDRESSES**), telephone: 404-679-4144, or Mr. Darren LeBlanc, Fish and Wildlife Service Biologist, Daphne Field Office (see **ADDRESSES**), telephone: 251-441-5859.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We announce applications for 41 ITPs, including the HCPs, and the availability of an EA. The EA is a combined assessment addressing the environmental impacts associated with these projects both individually and cumulatively. Copies of these documents may be obtained by making a request, in writing, to the Service's Regional Office (see **ADDRESSES**). This notice advises the public that we have opened the comment period on the ITP applications, the HCPs, and the EA. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10 of the Act and National Environmental Policy Act regulations at 40 CFR 1506.6.

We specifically request information, views, and opinions from the public on the Federal action, including the identification of any other aspects of the human environment not already identified in our EA. Further, we specifically solicit information regarding the adequacy of the HCPs as measured against our ITP issuance criteria found in 50 CFR parts 13.21 and 17.22.

If you wish to comment, you may submit comments by any one of several methods. Please reference Batch IV ITPs for 41 applications for residential development in such comments. You may mail comments to our Regional Office (see **ADDRESSES**). You may also comment via the Internet to [aaron\\_valenta@fws.gov](mailto:aaron_valenta@fws.gov). Please include your name and return mailing address in your Internet message. If you do not receive a confirmation from us that we have received your Internet message, contact us directly at either telephone number listed (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

Finally, you may hand-deliver comments to either Service office listed (see **ADDRESSES**). Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the administrative record. We will honor such requests to the extent allowable by law. There may also be other circumstances in which we would withhold from the administrative

record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. We will not, however, consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

The ITPs would cover 41 discrete lots totaling 23.2 acres on the Fort Morgan Peninsula. Under the preferred alternative, project development would result in the overall loss of 4.25 acres of ABM habitat. Minimization and mitigation of impacts includes: reduced project impacts, maintenance of ABM habitat on-site, prohibition of cats, preservation of dune habitat, and elimination of debris.

We will evaluate the HCPs, applications, and any received comments to determine whether the applications meet the requirements of section 10(a) of the Act. If it is determined that those requirements are met, the ITPs will be issued for the incidental take of the ABM. We will also evaluate whether issuance of the section 10(a)(1)(B) ITPs comply with section 7 of the Endangered Species Act by conducting an intra-Service section 7 consultation. The results of this consultation, in combination with the above findings, will be used in the final analysis to determine whether or not to issue the ITPs.

Dated: April 30, 2008.

**Noreen E. Walsh,**

*Acting Regional Director.*

[FR Doc. E8-10052 Filed 5-6-08; 8:45 am]

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### Land Acquisitions; Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria, California

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Final Agency Determination To Take Land into Trust under 25 CFR Part 151.

**SUMMARY:** The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs made a final agency determination to acquire approximately 254 acres of land into trust for the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria of California on April 18, 2008. This notice is published in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of

the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 Departmental Manual 8.1.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** George Skibine, Director, Office of Indian Gaming, MS-3657 MIB, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240; Telephone (202) 219-4066.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is published to comply with the requirement of 25 CFR Part 151.12(b) that notice be given to the public of the Secretary's decision to acquire land in trust at least 30 days prior to signatory acceptance of the land into trust. The purpose of the 30-day waiting period in 25 CFR 151.12(b) is to afford interested parties the opportunity to seek judicial review of final administrative decisions to take land in trust for Indian tribes and individual Indians before transfer of title to the property occurs. On April 18, 2008, the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs decided to accept approximately 254 acres of land into trust for the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria of California. The Graton Rancheria was restored to federal recognition pursuant to Title XIV of Public Law 106-568 (the Graton Rancheria Restoration Act), 25 U.S.C. 1300n-3, which mandates that, "the Secretary shall accept into trust for the benefit of the Tribe any real property located in Marin or Sonoma County...". The 254 acre parcel is located in Sonoma County, California.

The legal description of the property is as follows:

#### Tract One

Farms 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 124, 125, 126 and 127, as shown upon the Map of Plan of Subdivision of Santa Rosa Farms No. 2, filed March 7, 1910 in the Office of the County Recorder of Sonoma County in Book 21 of Maps, Page 14, Sonoma County Records. Certificate of Compliance recorded January 28, 1998 as Document No.'s 1998 0008588 through 1998 0008596, Sonoma County Records. Being Assessors Parcel No. 045-073-001

#### Tract Two

##### *Parcel One*

Farms 130 and 131 as shown upon the Map of Plan of Subdivision of Santa Rosa Farms No. 2 filed March 7, 1910 in the Office of the County Recorder of Sonoma County in Book 21 of Maps, Page 14, Sonoma County Records. Certificate of Compliance recorded January 28, 1998 as Document No.'s 1998 0008597 and 1998 0008598, Sonoma County Records. Being a portion of Assessor's Parcel No. 045-074-009.

**Parcel Two**

Farm 129 of Santa Rosa Farms No. 2, according to Map thereof filed in the Office of the County Recorder of said County on March 7, 1910 in Book 21 Maps, Page 14, Sonoma County Records.

Being Assessor's Parcel No. 045-074-010.

**Parcel Three**

Farm No. 128 as same is shown upon that certain Map Entitled "Plan of Subdivision of Santa Rosa Farms No. 2, Sonoma Co., Cal., Etc.", filed March 7, 1910 in Book 21 of Maps at Page 14.

*Saving and Excepting Therefrom, the following:*

Commencing at the Southeasterly corner of said Farm No. 128; thence Northerly along the Eastern line thereon, 155 feet and 7 inches to a point, for the actual point of commencement of the tract to be herein described; thence from said point of commencement, South 89° West, 289 feet and 6 inches to a point; thence Northerly, parallel with the Eastern line of said Farm No. 128, a distance of 155 feet and 10 inches to a point; thence North 89° East, 289 feet and 6 inches to the Eastern line of said Farm No. 128; thence Southerly along said Eastern line, 155 feet and 10 inches to the point of commencement.

*Also Saving and Excepting Therefrom, the following:*

Beginning at a point on the center line of Labath Avenue, which point is the Southeast corner of Lot 128 as shown upon the Map entitled "Plan Of Subdivision of Santa Rosa Farms No. 2, Sonoma Co., Cal., Etc.", filed March 7, 1910 in Book 21 of Maps, Page 14, Sonoma County Records; thence North 1° West along the Easterly line of Lot 128, a distance of 155 feet, 7 inches to a point; thence South 89° West, 289.5 feet; thence North 1° West, 77 feet, 10 inches; thence South 89° West, 283.66 feet to the Westerly line of said Lot 128; thence along said line, South 1° East, 233.5 feet to the Southwest corner of said Lot 128; thence along the Southerly line of said Lot, North 89° East, 573.16 feet to the point of beginning.

Being Assessor's Parcel No. 045-073-002.

**Tract Three**

A Portion of Farm No. 128 as shown upon the Map entitled "Plan of Subdivision of Santa Rosa Farms No. 2, Sonoma County, California", filed in the Office of the County Recorder of Sonoma County, California, on March 7, 1910 in Book 21 of Maps, page 14, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Southeasterly corner of said Farm No. 128; thence

Northerly along the Easterly line thereof, 155 feet, 7 inches to a point for the true point of beginning of the tract to be herein described; thence South 89° West 289 feet, 6 inches to a point; thence Northerly parallel with the Easterly line of said Farm No. 128, a distance of 155 feet, 10 inches to a point; thence North 89° East, 289 feet, 6 inches to the Easterly line of said Farm No. 128; thence Southerly along said Easterly line, 155 feet, 10 inches to the point of beginning.

Being Assessor's Parcel No. 045-073-003.

**Tract Four**

Beginning at a point on the center line of Labath Avenue which point is the Southeast corner Lot 128 as shown upon the Map entitled Plan of Subdivision of Santa Rosa Farms No. 2, Sonoma County, California, etc., filed March 7, 1910 in Book 21 of Maps, page 14, Sonoma County Records; thence North 1° West along the Easterly line of Lot 128, a distance of 155 feet 7 inches to a point; thence South 89° West, 289.5 feet; thence North 1° West, 77 feet 10 inches; thence 89° West, 283.66 feet to the Westerly line of said Lot 128; thence along said line South 1° East, 233.5 feet to the Southwest corner of said Lot 128; thence along the Southerly line of said Lot, North 89° East, 573.16 feet to the point of beginning.

Being Assessor's Parcel No. 045-073-004.

**Tract Five**

A tract of land, being a portion of the Rancho Llano de Santa Rosa, and commencing on the boundary line of said Rancho on the line between Section 21 and 22, in Township 6 North, Range 8 West, Mount Diablo Base & Meridian, at a point in the center of the County Road known as the Santa Rosa and Stony Point Road, from which point the post for the railing of the bridge, across the Laguna and standing on the Southeast corner of the same, is North 31° West, 13 links distant; thence from said point of beginning, North 89° 30' East, 11.92 chains, South 39° 05' East, 2.61 chains, South 53° East, 1.36 chains, South 64° East, 1.23 chains, South 77° 15' East, 2.62 chains, South 88° 05' East, 3.94 chains, North 4° 15' East, 1.43 chains, South 88° East, 2.03 chains, South 56° East, 2.44 chains, North 87° 15' East, 22.62 chains to the Northwest boundary line of the Cotati Rancho; thence along said line, North 29° 15' East, 39.44 chains; thence leaving said line, West 67.92 chains to the center of the aforesaid Road and Section line; thence South, 32.18 chains to the point

of beginning. Magnetic Variation 17° East.

Excepting therefrom those portions of land described in the Deeds from Manuel T. Pimentel, *et al*, to the Sonoma County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, recorded August 16, 1961 in Book 1840 of Official Records, page 280, Serial No. G-60050, Sonoma County Records, and recorded September 24, 1963 in Book 1989 of Official Records, page 575, Serial No. H-56600, Sonoma County Records.

Also excepting therefrom that portion of land described in the Deed from Mary C. Pimentel, *et al*, to the Sonoma County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, recorded February 11, 1966 in Book 2187 of Official Records, page 957, Serial No. J-83549, Sonoma County Records.

Also excepting therefrom that portion of land described in the Deed to the City of Rohnert Park, recorded January 11, 1989, as Document No. 89002750 of Official Records of Sonoma County.

Also excepting therefrom that portion of land described in the Deed to the County of Sonoma, recorded May 17, 1996 as Document No. 1996 0044116 of Official Records of Sonoma County.

An easement for cattle and agricultural equipment crossing, as described in the Deed from the Sonoma County Flood Control and Water Conservation District to Manuel L. Pimentel and Mary C. Pimentel, recorded August 15, 1961 in Book 1840 of Official Records, page 284, Serial No. G-60051, Sonoma County Records.

An easement for cattle and agricultural equipment crossing, as described in the Deed from the Sonoma County Flood Control and Water Conservation District to Manuel L. Pimentel and Mary C. Pimentel, recorded August 15, 1961 in Book 1840 of Official Records, page 288, Serial No. G-60052, Sonoma County Records.

Being Assessor's Parcel Nos. 046-021-020 & 021,046-021-039 & 040.

**Tract Six**

All that certain real property situated in the City of Rohnert Park, County of Sonoma, State of California, described as follows: Lot 6, as shown on the map of "Rohnert Business Park Subdivision", filed August 12, 1985 in the office of the County Recorder in Book 375 of Maps, at pages 10 and 11, Sonoma County Records.

Being Assessor's Parcel No. 143-040-068.

Dated: April 18, 2008.

**Carl J. Artman,**

*Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[UT–060–08–1430–EQ; UTU–81536]

#### Notice of Realty Action; Re-Issuance; Noncompetitive Lease of Public Land; Grand County, Utah

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Realty Action; Re-issuance.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the re-issuance of the Notice of Realty Action published in the **Federal Register** on March 14, 2006 and cancelled by notice published on July 21, 2006.

**DATES:** Interested parties may submit comments to the BLM Acting Moab Field Manager, at the address below. Comments must be received by not later than June 23, 2008. Only written comments will be accepted.

**ADDRESSES:** Address all written comments concerning this notice to the BLM Acting Moab Field Manager, 82 East Dogwood Avenue, Moab, Utah 84532. Please send e-mail comments to the following address: [momail@ut.blm.gov](mailto:momail@ut.blm.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mary von Koch, Realty Specialist, Moab Field Office, 435–259–2128.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The decision to cancel the Notice of Realty Action was based on the comments received during the 45-day comment period. Since July of 2006, all the impediments that led to the cancellation of the Notice of Realty Action have been removed. BLM has determined that the following 2,808.67 acres of isolated public lands in Grand County, Utah, are suitable for lease pursuant to Section 302 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) (90 Stat. 2762; 43 U.S.C. 1732) using noncompetitive (direct) lease procedures.

#### Salt Lake Meridian

T. 20 S., R. 16 E.,

Sec. 25, S $\frac{1}{2}$ ;

Sec. 26, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 27, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 28, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 34, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

T. 21 S., R. 16 E.,

Sec. 1, lots 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, and 16.

T. 21 S., R. 17 E.,

Sec. 4, lots 11, 12, 13, 14, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ,

SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 5, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 6, lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, and 10;

Sec. 7, lot 4, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 8, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 9, N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and S $\frac{1}{2}$

Green River Farms, a domestic corporation, has proposed to file with BLM an application to lease the above public lands, located near Green River, Utah. The lands would be used, occupied and developed as a commercial agricultural farm in conjunction with adjoining private lands owned by Green River Farms and lands leased to Green River Farms by the State of Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration.

After review, the BLM has determined that the proposed use of the above described parcels is in conformance with the Grand Resource Area Resource Management Plan, and that the above described land is available for that use. Therefore, pursuant to section 302(b) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1732(b)) and the implementing regulations at 43 CFR part 2920, the BLM will accept for processing an application to be filed by Green River Farms, or its duly qualified designee, for a non-competitive lease of the above described lands, to be used, occupied, and developed as stated above. A non-competitive lease may be employed in this case because all of the subject tracts of public land are adjacent to lands of the same proposed farming project. A detailed description of the negotiated, non-competitive process was provided in the original notice.

On or before June 23, 2008, interested parties may submit comments to the BLM at the address stated above with respect to:

(1) The decision of the BLM regarding the availability of the lands described herein and

(2) The decision of the BLM to accept for processing an application from Green River Farms for a non-competitive lease.

Facsimiles, telephone calls, and electronic mails are unacceptable means of notification. Comments including names and street addresses of respondents will be available for public review at the BLM Moab Field Office during regular business hours, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire

comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the BLM Utah State Director, who may sustain, vacate or modify this realty action. In the absence of any objections, or adverse comments, the proposed realty action will become the final determination of the Department of the Interior.

**Authority:** 43 CFR 2920.4.

Dated: April 30, 2008.

**Selma Sierra,**

*State Director.*

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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Inv. No. 337–TA–565 Consolidated Enforcement Proceeding]

#### In the Matter of Certain Ink Cartridges and Components Thereof; Notice of Institution of Formal Enforcement Proceeding

**AGENCY:** U.S. International Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has instituted a formal enforcement proceeding relating to exclusion orders and cease and desist orders issued at the conclusion of the above-captioned investigation.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Haldenstein, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 205–3041. Copies of all nonconfidential documents filed in connection with this investigation are or will be available for inspection during official business hours (8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436, telephone 202–205–2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>). The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <http://edis.usitc.gov/>. Hearing-impaired persons are advised that information on

restriction under Alternative A. Alternative B would modify existing management agreements and/or plans cooperatively with stakeholders to address non-guided public use; and Alternatives C through E (the Preferred Alternative) would implement a limited permit program.

Under all of the Alternatives, sportfishing guides would be required to have special use permits. Permits would be limited to 20 under Alternatives A and B, reduced to 18 under C and E (the Preferred Alternative), and reduced to 15 under Alternative D. Permits would be reduced through attrition and issued competitively. Each permit would allow 10 starts per week with no more than 4 starts per day—except under Alternative B, which would require additional restrictions on the timing and starts of boats beyond such levels.

State-licensed sportfishing guides not having Refuge special use permits may be issued Incidental Use Permits (IUPs) under all the alternatives except Alternative D, which would eliminate the IUP Program. Alternatives A, C, and E (the Preferred Alternative) would issue up to three IUPs per year subject to quotas and blackout dates; and Alternative B would limit the number of IUPs to one per year.

Dispersed camping would be allowed (except within one-quarter mile of the Sterling Highway) under all of the alternatives but would be limited to 14 days in any 30-day period under Alternative A; limited to 24 hours within any 14-day period within 100 yards of the river under Alternative B; not allowed within 100 yards of the river under Alternatives C and E (the Preferred Alternative); limited to 48 hours within any 14-day period within 100 yards of the river and within one mile of the Kenai River/Skilak Lake inlet/outlet under Alternative D.

For the Middle Kenai River (Skilak Lake downstream to the Refuge boundary), non-guided public use would be allowed without restriction under Alternatives A and B. Such use would be allowed without restriction under Alternatives C and E (the Preferred Alternative) until a Limits-of-Acceptable Change planning process is completed with stakeholders; and Alternative D would implement a limited permit program after a public rulemaking process is conducted.

Sportfishing guides would be required to have special use permits under all of the alternatives, though such permits would be issued without limit under Alternative A. Under Alternative B, the need to implement a permitting process would be evaluated after the conclusion of the ongoing Kenai River-wide guide

process. Under Alternatives C and E (the Preferred Alternative), permits would be limited to the number of existing permittees, and existing permittees would be “grandfathered”; under Alternative D, permits would be limited to 20 through a competitive selection process, and management of the timing and starts of boats would be initiated.

#### Issue 5: Balance Motorized Access With Resource and Visitor-Experience Protection

Under all the alternatives, airplane access would not be allowed May 1 to September 30 on any lake where nesting trumpeter swans and/or their broods are present except on two lakes in designated Wilderness—where the closure would be May 1 to September 10 under Alternatives A through C and E (the Preferred Alternative)—and five lakes in designated Wilderness plus one lake outside of designated Wilderness under Alternative D. Airplane access would be allowed on 46 lakes in designated Wilderness under Alternative A and E (the Preferred Alternative); 45 lakes under Alternative B; 50 lakes under Alternative C; and 59 lakes under Alternative D.

Under all the alternatives, floatplane access to Chickaloon Flats would be allowed on 6.5 miles of the Chickaloon River. Under Alternative A, wheeled airplane access would be allowed year-round within designated areas of the Chickaloon Flats area including three upland landing zones, a designated beach zone, and the unmaintained Big Indian Creek airstrip. Under Alternatives B through E (the Preferred Alternative), wheeled airplane access would be allowed on 21 square miles of unvegetated portions of the Chickaloon Flats area. Access would also be allowed on the unmaintained Big Indian Creek airstrip under Alternatives B and E (the Preferred Alternative). Under Alternatives C and D, access would be allowed on the Big Indian Creek airstrip, which would be maintained by the Service; and under Alternative D, an additional 6.8 square miles of unvegetated portions of the Chickaloon Flats would be accessible September 1 to December 15 (or to coincide with future waterfowl hunting seasons).

Under Alternatives A through C and E (the Preferred Alternative), snowmachines would be allowed in designated areas December 1 to April 30 when the refuge manager determines there is adequate snow cover. Under Alternative C, certain zones within designated areas may be opened earlier (than December 1) or later (than April 30) depending on local snow conditions.

Under Alternative D, the December 1 to April 30 time restriction would be eliminated, and certain zones within designated areas may be opened depending on local snow conditions. Under Alternatives B through E (the Preferred Alternative), research studies would be conducted with stakeholders to evaluate the effects of snowmachine use on Refuge resources and visitor experiences, and the results of those studies would be used to support future management decisions.

**Public Availability of Comments:** Before including your name, address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. We will make all comments from individual persons part of the official public record. We will handle requests for such comments in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, NEPA, and Departmental policies and procedures.

Dated: May 2, 2008.

**Gary Edwards,**

*Acting Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Anchorage, Alaska.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### Land Acquisitions; Mechoopda Indian Tribe, California

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Final Agency Determination to Take Land into Trust under 25 CFR Part 151.

**SUMMARY:** The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs made a final agency determination to acquire approximately 631.05 acres of land into trust for the Mechoopda Indian Tribe of California on March 14, 2008. This notice is published in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 Departmental Manual 8.1.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** George Skibine, Office of Indian Gaming, MS–3657 MIB, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240; Telephone (202) 219–4066.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is published to comply with the requirement of 25 CFR 151.12(b) that notice be given to the public of the Secretary's decision to acquire land in trust at least 30 days prior to signatory acceptance of the land into trust. The purpose of the 30-day waiting period in 25 CFR 151.12(b) is to afford interested parties the opportunity to seek judicial review of final administrative decisions to take land in trust for Indian tribes and individual Indians before transfer of title to the property occurs. On March 14, 2008, the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs decided to accept approximately 631.05 acres of land into trust for the Mechoopda Indian Tribe of California under the authority of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, 25 U.S.C. 465. The 631.05 acres are located in Butte County, California. The parcel will be used for the purpose of construction and operation of a class II and class III gaming facility.

The real property consists of approximately 631.05 acres situated in the State of California, County of Butte. The legal description of the property is as follows:

#### Parcel I

All that portion of the east half of the northeast quarter of Section 1, Township 20 North, Range 2 East, M.D.B. & M., lying easterly of U.S. Highway 99E. Excepting therefrom that portion thereof, heretofore conveyed to the State of California by deed recorded July 27, 1951, in Book 575, Page 326, Official Records, recorded October 9, 1974, in Book 1944, Page 64, Official Records and October 9, 1974, in Book 1944, Page 68, Official Records and Parcel 1 of the Grant Deed recorded January 15, 2004, under Butte County Recorder's Serial No. 2004-0002294. APN 041-190-048 (formerly 038-150-026).

#### Parcel II

The north half of the northwest quarter, the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter and the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 5, and all that portion of Section 6 lying northeasterly of the Oroville Chico Highway, all in Township 20 North, Range 3 East, M.D.B. & M.

Excepting therefrom said Section 6, that portion conveyed to the State of California by Deeds recorded February 8, 1951 in Book 555, Page 329, Official Records, and July 27, 1951, in Book 575, Page 326, Official Records. Also excepting therefrom that portion conveyed to the State of California by Deed recorded October 9, 1974, in Book 1944, Page 64, Official Records and

Parcel 1 of Grant Deed recorded January 15, 2004, under Butte County Recorder's Serial No. 2004-002294. APN 041-190-045 (formerly 041-190-020).

Dated: March 25, 2008.

**Carl J. Artman,**

*Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[F-21870-15, F-21870-16, F21870-19, and F-19154-05; AK-964-1410-KC-P]

#### Alaska Native Claims Selection

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of decision approving lands for conveyance.

**SUMMARY:** As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an appealable decision approving the surface and subsurface estates in certain lands for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act will be issued to NANA Regional Corporation Inc. The lands are in the vicinity of the Native villages of Ambler, Kobuk, and Shungnak, Alaska, and are located in:

#### Kateel River Meridian, Alaska

T. 19 N., R. 3 E.,

Secs. 4 to 9, inclusive;  
Secs. 13 to 36, inclusive.

Containing approximately 18,996 acres.

T. 19 N., R. 7 E.,

Secs. 1 to 36, inclusive.

Containing approximately 22,660 acres.

T. 18 N., R. 10 E.,

Secs. 1 to 16, inclusive;  
Secs. 21 to 28, inclusive;  
Secs. 33 to 36, inclusive.

Containing approximately 17,596 acres.

T. 17 N., R. 11 E.,

Secs. 1 to 36, inclusive.

Containing approximately 20,981 acres.

Aggregating approximately 80,233 acres.

Notice of the decision will also be published four times in *The Arctic Sounder*.

**DATES:** The time limits for filing an appeal are:

1. Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision shall have until June 9, 2008 to file an appeal.

2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43

CFR part 4, subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the decision may be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7504.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Bureau of Land Management by phone at 907-271-5960, or by e-mail at [ak.blm.conveyance@ak.blm.gov](mailto:ak.blm.conveyance@ak.blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunication device (TTD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to contact the Bureau of Land Management.

**Jason Robinson,**

*Land Law Examiner, Land Transfer Adjudication I.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[WY-050-1430-FR; WYW 49773]

#### Notice of Realty Action; Recreation and Public Purposes Act Classification of Public Lands in Fremont County, WY

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has examined and found suitable for classification for conveyance under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act, as amended, approximately 73.42 acres of public land in Fremont County, Wyoming. The Wyoming Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources (WDSPCR), proposes to use the land as part of the South Pass City State Historic Site.

**DATES:** Interested parties may submit comments regarding the proposed conveyance or classification of the lands until *June 23, 2008*.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to the Field Manager, Lander Field Office, 1335 Main Street, Lander, Wyoming 82520.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert B. Ross, Jr., Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Lander Field Office, at (307) 332-8400.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with Section 7 of the Taylor Grazing Act, (43 U.S.C. 315f), and Executive Order No. 6910, the following described public land in Fremont

on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

To comply with the public consultation process, on March 19, 2008, we published a **Federal Register** notice (73 FR 14832) announcing that we would submit this ICR to OMB for approval. The notice provided the required 60-day public comment period, which ended May 19, 2008. We received one comment. The commenter suggested that annual data collection was unnecessary and advocated estimating population size from year to year based upon the assumption that populations are declining 10 percent per year. Additional statements were not specifically relevant to the information collection requirements.

*Response:* Established in 1966, the BBS program has provided scientifically rigorous national estimates of relative abundance and population trends for hundreds of bird species for over four decades. The information collected by the BBS is central to nongame avian conservation and management efforts in North America, informing science-based avian conservation and management actions by Federal and State agencies and private entities. Analyses of BBS data have identified that not all bird species are declining. In fact, over 40 percent of the bird populations monitored by the BBS are increasing or are stable in numbers. Those that are decreasing are not necessarily decreasing throughout their entire ranges or by as much as 10 percent per year. Thus, through collection of actual population data annually, the BBS is able to identify species in areas most in need of intensive research and management efforts, allowing for efficient targeted use of Federal funds for species conservation and management efforts. The BBS also acts as an early warning system, identifying declining species long before they reach critically low levels. Finally, BBS data are collected by USGS volunteers highly skilled in avian identification making the BBS extremely cost-effective.

*USGS Information Collection Clearance Officer:* Alfred Travnicek, 703-648-7231.

Dated: May 20, 2008.

**Susan D. Haseltine,**

*Associate Director for Biology.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Indian Affairs**

**Land Acquisitions; Oneida Indian Nation of New York**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Final Agency Determination to Take Land into Trust under 25 U.S.C. 465 and 25 CFR part 151.

**SUMMARY:** The Deputy Secretary and the Associate Deputy Secretary made a final agency determination to acquire approximately 13,003.89 acres in trust for the Oneida Indian Nation of New York. This notice is published in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Deputy Secretary by 209 Departmental Manual 2.1 and delegated by the Deputy Secretary to the Associate Deputy Secretary under authority of Section 2 of Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1950 (64 Stat. 2162), as amended.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James T. Kardatzke, PhD, Branch Manager, Natural Resources, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Eastern Regional Office, 545 Marriott Drive, Suite 700, Nashville, TN 37214; Telephone (615) 564-6830.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is published to comply with the requirement of 25 CFR 151.12(b) that notice be given to the public of the decision by the authorized representative of the Secretary of the Interior to acquire land in trust at least 30 days prior to signatory acceptance of the land into trust. The purpose of the 30-day waiting period is to afford interested parties the opportunity to seek judicial review of final administrative decisions to take land into trust for Indian tribes and individuals before transfer of title to the property occurs. On May 19, 2008, the Deputy Secretary and the Associate Deputy Secretary issued a Record of Decision documenting the Department's final determination to accept approximately 13,003.89 acres into trust for the Oneida Indian Nation of New York under authority of Section 5 of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, 25 U.S.C. 465. Title to the 13,003.89 acres, described below by the parcel identification numbers assigned by the Oneida Indian Nation of New York and by the tax lot identification numbers assigned by the counties in which the lands are located, shall be acquired in the name of the United States in trust for the Oneida Indian Nation of New York no sooner than 30 days after the date of this notice.

**ONEIDA COUNTY, NY**

Oneida Nation Parcel No.	Oneida County Tax Lot No.
8	298.000-1-30.3
9	298.000-1-38
10	298.000-1-39
11	310.000-1-15.2
12	310.000-1-27
13	323.000-1-1.3
16	323.000-1-2
17	323.000-1-1.1
19	299.000-1-58.1
20	322.000-2-19
22	322.000-2-28
23	284.000-1-30
24	285.000-1-32
25	284.000-1-29
26	285.000-1-2
27	285.000-1-5
28	285.000-1-8.1
29	284.000-1-27
30	284.000-1-28
31	284.000-1-37
32	297.000-1-3.1
34	310.000-2-1
35	285.000-1-6
36	284.000-1-18
37	270.000-1-34
38	269.000-2-47.1
39	310.000-2-6.2
40	310.000-2-9
41	299.000-1-1
42	286.000-2-83.6
43	286.003-3-42
44	299.000-1-57.2
45	299.000-1-57.3
46	299.000-1-58.3
47	310.000-2-6.1
48	284.000-1-23
49	298.000-1-58
50	284.000-1-25.2
51	299.000-1-58.2
53	298.000-1-57
54	284.000-1-22
55	284.000-1-24
56	284.000-1-20
58	298.000-1-3
59	297.000-1-5.1
59	297.000-1-5.2
60	298.000-1-50.2
61	298.000-1-14
62	298.000-1-50.1
63	298.000-1-56.2
64	298.000-1-50.7
65	298.000-1-69
66	298.000-1-41.1
66	298.000-1-41.2
67	310.000-1-61
68	298.000-1-43
69	299.001-1-35.1
70	299.001-1-35.2
71	299.001-1-35.3
72	298.000-1-42.2
73	298.000-1-42.1
74	299.000-1-56.2
86	299.000-1-55.2
88	299.001-1-36
89	298.002-3-15.1
90	284.000-1-21
91	284.000-1-19
99	286.000-2-83.1
101	299.000-1-27
102	312.000-1-52.1
103	297.001-1-8.1

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103	297.001-1-8.2	202	310.000-2-7	316	324.000-1-75.2
104	312.000-1-65	203	298.002-2-1	316	324.000-1-75.4
105	324.013-1-7	203	298.002-2-2	320	310.000-2-12
106	298.000-1-19	220	270.000-1-23	321	284.000-1-32
107	298.000-1-18	221	270.000-1-33.3	323	298.000-1-33
108	299.001-1-37	222	270.000-1-35.5	328	323.000-1-40
109	298.000-1-39	223	285.000-1-9	328	323.000-1-45
110	311.000-1-18	224	285.000-1-10	331	286.003-3-44
112	323.012-2-9	225	285.000-1-11	331	286.003-3-47
113	322.000-1-30	228	271.000-3-55.1	332	284.000-1-17
114	299.000-1-2	230	297.000-1-37.2		
115	299.000-1-23.1	233	299.000-1-50		
116	299.000-1-13	234	310.000-3-48.1		
117	311.000-2-6.1	238	299.000-1-53		
118	311.000-1-32	240	324.000-1-7.1		
118	311.000-2-10.1	240	324.000-1-7.2		
118	311.000-2-11	242	310.000-1-8		
119	312.000-1-2	244	312.000-1-62.1		
122	297.000-1-15	244	312.000-1-63.1		
123	324.000-1-71	247	298.000-1-17		
124	299.000-1-57.1	248	298.002-3-23		
137	332.000-1-19.2	252	298.000-1-20		
137	332.000-1-20.1	253	298.000-1-15		
137	332.000-1-27	254	299.000-1-52		
143	310.000-1-16	257	299.001-1-48.2		
144	298.002-3-15.3	259	297.000-1-2		
144	298.002-3-16	259	297.001-1-5.2		
144	298.002-3-17	260	299.000-1-45		
147	297.000-1-37.1	261	310.000-2-16		
148	311.000-2-24.1	262	310.000-2-26.2		
148	311.000-2-24.12	263	310.000-2-26.1		
148	311.000-2-24.6	263	310.000-2-28		
148	311.000-2-24.7	264	271.000-3-58		
149	310.000-1-7	266	299.000-1-46		
154	311.000-2-26	267	310.000-2-15.1		
156	298.000-1-56.1	268	285.000-1-21		
157	298.000-1-50.3	268	285.000-1-22		
158	312.000-1-62.2	268	298.000-1-12		
164	299.000-1-26	268	298.000-1-13.1		
165	310.000-2-13	268	298.000-1-13.2		
170	324.000-1-70	269	310.000-2-18		
172	361.000-1-1.2	270	310.000-2-27		
172	361.000-1-8	271	299.000-1-5		
175	324.013-1-18	272	311.000-1-14.2		
176	297.000-1-16	273	310.000-2-24		
176	297.000-1-17	273	310.000-3-52		
176	297.000-1-23	274	310.000-3-53.3		
177	310.000-1-22	275	311.000-2-25.2		
177	310.000-1-23	276	311.000-2-24.14		
177	310.000-1-24	277	310.000-2-17		
179	310.000-2-8	278	311.000-2-21.2		
180	298.002-3-22	278	311.000-2-21.8		
181	310.000-2-4	279	299.000-1-22.1		
182	310.000-2-3.2	280	310.000-2-14		
183	323.008-1-1.1	284	299.000-1-49		
183	323.012-1-39	285	310.000-3-53.3		
184	323.000-1-34.3	286	285.000-1-24		
184	323.000-1-34.5	287	310.000-2-15.2		
186	298.000-1-50.11	292	298.000-1-59.1		
186	298.000-1-51	293	297.000-1-27.1		
187	310.000-1-6	294	297.000-1-27.3		
188	310.000-2-5	294	297.000-1-27.4		
189	299.000-1-31.2	295	299.000-1-21		
190	299.000-1-25	296	298.000-1-34.1		
190	299.000-1-31.1	298	311.000-1-13		
192	310.000-2-3.1	300	297.000-1-12.1		
193	298.002-3-4.3	301	298.000-1-16		
194	285.000-1-31	302	299.001-1-48.1		
197	310.000-2-2	303	298.000-1-34.2		
199	284.000-1-26	306	300.000-3-7.3		
201	312.000-1-1	312	311.000-1-13		

  

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2	54.-1-30
3	55.-1-3
4	47.-1-50.1
5	47.-1-50
6	47.-1-46
7	54.-1-14.2
14	47.-1-50.2
15	47.-1-51
18	47.-1-42
21	47.-1-43
126	54.-1-21.11
127	54.-1-32.2
128	54.-1-33
128	55.-1-38
128	55.-1-4.2
128	55.-1-7
129	54.-3-11
129	54.-3-4
130	54.-3-8
131	54.-2-2
131	63.-1-2.1
132	54.-2-5
133	55.-2-5.12
134	55.-2-9
135	55.-2-21.12
151	54.-2-6.1
152	54.-2-3.12
152	54.-2-3.13
152	54.-2-3.62
152	54.-2-6.22
153	54.-2-8.12
155	63.-1-2.2
166	46.-1-4.1
166	46.-1-5.11
167	55.-2-21.11
167	55.-2-22
168	64.-1-17
168	64.-1-18
168	64.-1-2
168	64.-1-24.1
168	64.-1-24.31
168	64.-1-3.1
168	64.-1-3.2
168	64.-1-35
168	64.-1-6
171	74.1-1-17
171	74.-1-16.1
171	74.-1-18
171	74.-1-19
171	74.-1-9
173	83.-1-18
178	54.-1-31
196	63.-1-3
207	54.-1-29.1

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208 .....	54.-1-32.1
209 .....	55.-1-4.1
210 .....	55.-2-5.11
211 .....	55.-2-7
212 .....	55.-2-8.1
213 .....	64.-1-1
214 .....	64.-1-13.1
227 .....	54.-1-29
282 .....	65.-1-10
283 .....	74.-1-16.5
291 .....	46.-1-62.2
304 .....	54.-3-5.11
304 .....	63.-2-2
315 .....	64.-1-15.2
322 .....	47.-1-61

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*Associate Deputy Secretary.*

**P. Lynn Scarlett,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Indian Affairs**

**Office of Federal Acknowledgment; Guidance and Direction Regarding Internal Procedures**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs of the Department of the Interior is providing guidance and direction to Office of Federal Acknowledgment (OFA) staff for managing recurring administrative and technical problems in processing petitions for Federal acknowledgment. This guidance and direction does not amend the acknowledgment regulations at 25 CFR part 83.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* The guidance and direction defined by this notice are effective on May 23, 2008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** R. Lee Fleming, Director, Office of Federal Acknowledgment, MS 34B-SIB, 1951 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20240, telephone (202) 513-7650.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Introduction**

The Department publishes this notice in the exercise of authority under 43 U.S.C. 1457, 25 U.S.C. 2 and 9, 5 U.S.C. 552(a), 5 U.S.C. 301, and under the exercise of authority that the Secretary of the Interior delegated to the Assistant

Secretary—Indian Affairs (Assistant Secretary) by 209 Department Manual 8.

This notice supplements the notice published in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 16513) on March 31, 2005, entitled “Office of Federal Acknowledgment, Reports and Guidance Documents, Availability, etc.”

This notice provides the OFA with guidance and direction regarding management of recurring administrative or technical problems in processing petitions for Federal acknowledgment. This guidance and direction is based on interpretation of the acknowledgment regulations. This guidance and direction does not change the acknowledgment regulations, but will assist in making the process more streamlined and efficient, and improve the timeliness and transparency of the process.

The Department developed its Federal acknowledgment regulations, 25 CFR part 83—Procedures for Establishing that an American Indian Group Exists as an Indian Tribe, after notice and substantial public comment, both as to the original regulations and the amended regulations that became effective in 1994. These regulations establish a uniform procedure and fact-based approach to acknowledgment. The Department subsequently published two notices in the **Federal Register** concerning internal procedures for managing and processing petitions. This notice provides additional guidance and direction.

The Department should direct all groups seeking to be acknowledged as Indian tribes to 25 CFR part 83. OFA will provide copies of the regulations and guidelines to any group or individual to assist them in understanding the Department’s regulatory process for Federal acknowledgment. If a group does not meet the seven mandatory requirements for Federal acknowledgment as an Indian tribe, then the Department will inform the petitioner of “alternatives, if any, to acknowledgment” (such as Congressional legislation) or other means “through which any of its members may become eligible for services and benefits from the Department as Indians” (25 CFR 83.10(n)).

In the more than 29 years that the Department’s acknowledgment regulations have been in effect, the Department has confronted a number of recurring issues in the administration of the regulations including: the emergence of splinter groups; the administration of technical assistance (TA); requests for expedited processing for uniquely qualified groups, requests for a reduction of the time period for

historical evidence; opportunities for streamlining the process through expedited decisions against acknowledgment and decisions against acknowledgment on fewer than all seven criteria; the handling of questionable submissions; and designation of “inactive” status.

**Guidance and Direction**

*I. Emergence of Splinter Groups*

A. Splinter Groups That Arise After a Petitioner Submits a Letter of Intent and Before the Department Determines the Group Is “Ready, Waiting for Active Consideration.”

Conflicts within a petitioning group that result in multiple and conflicting claims to leadership hamper the ability of OFA to communicate and conduct its business with the group when OFA cannot identify a single governing body as the point of contact with the group. OFA should deal with the designated leaders of the group as a whole, not the group’s various members, and should continue to avoid becoming involved in the internal conflicts of a petitioning group. Disputes are matters that must be handled by the group. When OFA finds that conflicting claims to leadership interfere with its ability to conduct its business with the group, OFA should not devote its expertise and resources to the group’s petition.

In order to be able to work with the one duly authorized governing body of a petitioner when these leadership disputes occur, OFA may request the following information from the group:

- (1) The current governing document, and all past governing documents;
- (2) The current membership list that is certified as accurate as of a specific date, and all past membership lists;
- (3) Completed consent forms from every member. A consent form should be signed by each individual and should state that he or she voluntarily wishes to belong to the group. A parent should sign for his or her minor children individually or the legal guardian or representative transacting for that minor child or individual should sign. In the latter instance, the group should submit a copy of the legal document allowing that representation;
- (4) Copies of the all minutes of meetings of the group’s governing body since the filing of the letter of intent;
- (5) Copies of documents reflecting changes in the composition of the governing body since the filing of the letter of intent, such as published election results, minutes, newspaper articles, or newsletters; and
- (6) Any court order determining the legitimate leadership of the group.