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This office has received an application from the Los Coyotes Band of Cahuilla & Cupeno Indians of the Los Coyotes Reservation, California to conduct off-reservation gaming activities on property in the City of Barstow, in San Bernardino County, under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA), 25 U.S.C. §§ 2701-2721. Implementing regulations for the IGRA can be found at 25 CFR Part 292 (www.gpoaccess.gov/cfr). The IGRA requires consultation by the Bureau of Indian Affairs on the proposed acquisition with appropriate State and local officials, including officials of other nearby Indian tribes.

We are providing the following information regarding this application:

1. The proposed site is located at the outskirts of the City near Interstate 15. To the south are undeveloped and vacant lands. To the east is the Stoddard Valley Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) area, which comprises of 33,500 acres and is under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). To the north and west, commercially developed areas surround the Interstate-15 and Lenwood Road interchange. The businesses at the interchange include outlet malls, restaurants, and hotels. Immediately north of the Barstow site and south of Mercantile Way are several fast food restaurants and a few undeveloped parcels. The Barstow site consists of three undeveloped parcels, APN# 0428-171-66, 0428-171-67, and 0428-171-68 comprising approximately 23.1 acres of land in the southwestern portion of the city. Regional access is provided via Interstate 15. Local access to the site is provided by Lenwood Road.
2. The casino gaming floor would encompass an area of approximately 57,070 square feet of gaming floor, a 100-room hotel, and associated facilities (e.g. restaurants, bars, retail space, banquet/meeting space and administrative space). The casino will have 1,325 Class III machines and 57 table games (including 7 poker tables).
3. Prior to taking off-reservation fee land into trust for gaming, the Secretary must complete a two-part determination required in Section 20 of the IGRA. This determination must address the following questions:

Part 1: Would a gaming establishment on newly acquired land be in the best interest of the Los Coyotes Band and its members?

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Part 2: Would a gaming establishment on the newly acquired land not be detrimental to the surrounding community?

In order to analyze the second part of Section 20, we are requesting your input whether the gaming establishment on newly acquired land would not be detrimental to the surrounding community. Please indicate your position on this matter by providing this Office with your findings and supporting data on items including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Information regarding environmental impacts on the surrounding community and plans for mitigating adverse impacts;
2. Anticipated impacts on the social structure, infrastructure, services, housing, community character, and land use patterns of the surrounding community;
3. Anticipated impact on the economic development, income, and employment of the surrounding community;
4. Anticipated costs of impacts to the surrounding community and identification of sources of revenue to mitigate them;
5. Anticipated costs, if any, to the surrounding community of treatment programs for compulsive gambling attributable to the proposed gaming establishment; and
6. Any other information than may assist the Secretary in determining whether the proposed gaming establishment would or would not be detrimental to the surrounding community.

This information will be used by this Office to develop proposed findings of fact. You should not feel prevented from commenting on the above items even if you lack extensive information or documented proof. The Secretary of the Department of the Interior will make a two-part determination based on these findings of fact. The Governor of California will be contacted for concurrence if a favorable determination is made by the Secretary.

Your response to this letter is requested to be addressed to this office and received within 60 days from the date of this letter.

Sincerely,



Regional Director

cc: Los Coyotes Band

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