

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY**  
**FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR**  
**PROPOSED TRUST ACQUISITION OF FIVE PARCELS KNOWN AS THE CAMP 4**  
**PROPERTY**

**SANTA YNEZ BAND OF CHUMASH INDIANS**

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Pacific Regional Office, has prepared a Final Environmental Assessment (Final EA), dated May 2014, for the proposed trust acquisition of 5 parcels encompassing a total of approximately 1,433 acres (the site), by the United States for the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians (Tribe). The proposed trust parcels are located east of State Route 154 and north of Armour Ranch Road in an unincorporated area of Santa Barbara County, east of the Town of Santa Ynez, 3.95 miles east of the City of Solvang, and 22.2 miles northwest of the City of Santa Barbara, California. The project site is within the "Santa Ynez Valley Planning Area" of Santa Barbara County and occurs in Section 8, Township 6 North, Range 30 West on the "Santa Ynez," California U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5-Minute Topographic Quadrangle. An EA for this project was released for public comment on August 20, 2013 (2013 EA). This Final EA includes all substantive comments on the 2013 EA received during the comment period and associated responses. The Final EA also includes revisions to address comments received on the 2013 EA and the Tribe's rescinding of the Tribal Consolidation Area. Based on the analysis and impacts in the Final EA, comments received during this public review period, and the entire administrative record, the BIA will decide whether to reach a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), direct further work on the Final EA, or initiate the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

The proposed Federal action is the fee-to-trust transfer of 5 parcels totaling 1,433± acres, which would result in the development of up to 143 residential units. The purpose of the proposed action is to provide necessary housing in close proximity to the existing Reservation for the Tribe's current members and future generations, ensuring existing and future members are afforded the ability to live under Tribal governance as a community within the Tribe's ancestral and historic land holdings. The Tribe proposes to provide housing assignments to Tribal members who do not currently have assignments on the existing Reservation. Additional supporting infrastructure is also planned including access roads, a centralized wastewater treatment plant, and on-site water supply facilities. Alternative site configurations and a "No Project" alternative were also evaluated.

Public comments regarding the Final EA will be accepted until June 30, 2014. The Final EA is available on the internet at [www.ChumashEA.com](http://www.ChumashEA.com). For more information, please contact Chad Broussard, Environmental Protection Specialist, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pacific Regional Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825, phone (916) 978-6165, email [chad.broussard@bia.gov](mailto:chad.broussard@bia.gov). Written comments should be mailed to Amy Dutschke, Regional Director, at the above address.

Copies of the Final EA are also available for public review at the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians Tribal Office located at 100 Via Juana Lane, Santa Ynez, CA 93460; the Solvang Public Library located at 1745 Mission Drive, Solvang, CA 93463; and the Santa Ynez Branch of the Santa Barbara Public Library located at 3598 Sagunto, Santa Ynez, CA 93460.