

by EEO counselors in all instances except for three which were processed through the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service. The cost and time savings were significant with the avoidance of expenditures in connection with EEO investigations, hearings, transcripts, and staff time.

The program Department-wide thus far has focused on EEO and related personnel matters. Only MMS, among the bureaus, has concentrated on resolving conflicts with outside groups. The interim policy signed by the Secretary in June 1994, upon which the final policy is based, made clear that the program is to be broader based. The IDRC will continue to encourage other bureaus to adopt the MMS model for resolving conflicts with constituents, customers and outside groups.

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Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of approved tribal-state compact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 2710, of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-497), 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 (casino) gambling on Indian reservations. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through her delegated authority, has approved the Tribal-State Class III Gaming Compact between the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Indian Nation and the State of Washington, which was executed on June 9, 1996.

DATES: This action is effective August 2, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George T. Skibine, Director, Indian Gaming Management Staff, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C. 20240, (202) 219-4068.

Dated: July 26, 1996.
Ada E. Deer,
Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.
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Indian Gaming, Walker River Paiute Tribe

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of approved Tribal-State Compact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 2710, of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-497), 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 (casino) gambling on Indian reservations. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through her delegated authority, has approved the Slot Route Compact between the Walker River Paiute Tribe and the State of Nevada, which was executed on March 25, 1996.

DATES: This action is effective August 2, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George T. Skibine, Director, Indian Gaming Management Staff, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219-4068.

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Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement Analyzing the Impacts of a Proposed Public Land Exchange and an Associated Mining Plan of Operations for the Dos Pobres/San Juan Copper Ore Bodies near Safford, AZ

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

Cooperating Agency: Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Safford District, in cooperation with the Army Corps of Engineers (COE) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze impacts of a proposed land exchange and the Mining Plan of Operations (MPO) for the Dos Pobres/San Juan copper ore bodies.

1. Identification of the geographic area involved: The proposed land exchange involve approximately 17,000 acres of public lands currently managed by the Safford District, Bureau of Land Management that are located near the city of Safford, Graham County, Arizona. The MPO addresses the development of the San Juan and Dos Pobres ore bodies and involves approximately 3,900 acres of public lands in the same area. The

approximately 5,000 acres of private lands offered for exchange are located in southern Arizona.

2. Analysis of alternatives: The Proposed Action is an exchange of Federal land for private land between the BLM and Phelps Dodge Corporation, Inc. The No Action alternative and alternatives that consider various combinations of selected and offered lands as well as various aspects of the MPO will be analyzed. COE will utilize the analysis presented in the EIS to decide whether or not to issue a Clean Water Act 404 permit to Phelps Dodge, Inc., for operation of the Dos Pobres/San Juan mining operation.

3. General types of issues anticipated: The proposed land exchange and MPO involves issues related to the natural resource values and uses of the public lands in question. These issues are expected to involve impacts on waters of the United States, riparian habitats, threatened and endangered species, drainage and erosion impacts, surface and groundwater quality and quantity, water rights, Gila River impacts, air quality, cultural resources, transportation, access to recreation areas, socioeconomic resources, Indian trust lands and assets, mineral rights, and other issues that may be identified during public scoping.

4. Disciplines to be represented and used to prepare the environmental impact statement: Hydrology, botany, wildlife, recreation, realty, range, economics, geology, and archaeology.

DATES: The kind and extent of public participation: Three public open house meetings have been scheduled to inform the public of this project and to obtain public input on the issues to be analyzed in the EIS. These meetings will be held in Safford, Tucson, and Phoenix at the following times and locations:

September 5, 1996, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m., BLM District Office, 711 14th Avenue, Safford, Arizona 85546

September 10, 1996, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m., Tucson Main Public Library, 101 North Stone Avenue, Tucson, Arizona 85701

September 11, 1996, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m., BLM State Office, 3707 North 7th Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85014.

Public input may be submitted during the public meetings or in writing to the address in the address section. Public comments will be accepted until October 12, 1996.

Complete records of all phases of the NEPA process will be maintained for public review at the Safford District Office, 711 14th Avenue, Safford, Arizona 85546.