

the United States will accept 90.94 acres of land, more or less, in trust for the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe of Indians of South Dakota. It was determined that the acceptance of the 90.94 acres in trust, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 465, would be in the best interest of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe of Indians of South Dakota. On December 14, 2000, the Bureau issued an EA and FONSI for the trust acquisition of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe and the construction of the Native American Scenic Byway. Based on the additional environmental information contained in the EA, the Department ratified its April 6, 2000, decision to take 90.94 acres of land in trust for the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe of Indians of South Dakota.

Dated: January 18, 2001.

**Michael J. Anderson,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### Big Sandy Rancheria Liquor Ordinance

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice publishes the Big Sandy Rancheria Liquor Ordinance. The Ordinance regulates the control of, the possession of, and the sale of liquor on the Big Sandy Rancheria trust lands, and is in conformity with the laws of the State of California, where applicable and necessary. Although the Ordinance was adopted on August 30, 2000, it does not become effective until published in the **Federal Register** because the failure to comply with the ordinance may result in criminal charges.

**DATES:** This Ordinance is effective on January 26, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Kaye Armstrong, Office of Tribal Services, 1849 C Street, NW, MS 4631–MIB, Washington, D.C. 20240–4001; telephone (202) 208–4400.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the Act of August 15, 1953, Public Law 83–277, 67 Stat. 586, 18 U.S.C. 1161, as interpreted by the Supreme Court in *Rice v. Rehner*, 463 U.S. 713 (1983), the Secretary of the Interior shall certify and publish in the **Federal Register** notice of adopted liquor ordinances for the purpose of regulating liquor transaction in Indian country. The Big Sandy Rancheria Liquor Ordinance, Resolution No. 00–14, was

duly adopted by the Big Sandy Rancheria Tribal Council on August 30, 2000. The Big Sandy Rancheria, in furtherance of its economic and social goals, has taken positive steps to regulate retail sales of alcohol and use revenues to combat alcohol abuse and its debilitating effects among individuals and family members within the Big Sandy Rancheria.

This notice is being published in accordance with the authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 Departmental Manual 8.

I certify that by Resolution No. 00–14, the Big Sandy Rancheria Liquor Ordinance was duly adopted by the Big Sandy Tribal Council on August 30, 2000.

Dated: January 19, 2001.

**Michael J. Anderson,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

The Big Sandy Rancheria Liquor Ordinance, Resolution No. 00–14, reads as follows:

#### Big Sandy Rancheria Liquor Ordinance Chapter I—Introduction

**Section 101. Title.** This ordinance shall be known as the Liquor Ordinance of the Big Sandy Rancheria of Mono Indians of California.

**Section 102. Authority.** This ordinance is enacted pursuant to the Act of August 15, 1953 (Public Law 83–277, 67 Stat. 588, 18 U.S.C. 1161) and the Constitution of the Big Sandy Rancheria of Mono Indians of California (Big Sandy Rancheria or Rancheria).

**Section 103. Purpose.** The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate and control the possession and sale of liquor on lands under the control of the Big Sandy Rancheria. The enactment of a tribal ordinance governing liquor possession and sale on the Rancheria will increase the ability of the tribal government to control Rancheria liquor distribution and possession, and at the same time will provide an important source of revenue for the continued operation and strengthening of the tribal government and the delivery of tribal government services.

#### Chapter II—Definitions

**Section 201. Definitions.** As used in this ordinance, the following words shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

**Alcohol** means that substance known as ethyl alcohol, hydrated oxide of ethyl, or spirit of wine which is commonly produced by the fermentation or distillation of grain, starch, molasses, or sugar, or other

substances including all dilutions of this substance.

**Alcoholic Beverage** is synonymous with the term “liquor” as defined in this Chapter.

**Bar** means any establishment with special space and accommodations for sale by the glass, can or bottle and for consumption on the premises of liquor, as herein defined.

**Beer** means any beverage obtained by the alcoholic fermentation of an infusion or decoction of pure hops, or pure extract of hops and pure barley malt or other wholesome grain of cereal in pure water containing not more than 4 percent of alcohol by volume. For the purposes of this title, any such beverage, including ale, stout, and porter, containing more than 4 percent of alcohol by weight shall be referred to as “strong beer.”

**General Membership** means the general membership of the Big Sandy Rancheria, which is composed of the membership of the Tribe as a whole.

**Liquor** includes the four varieties of liquor herein defined (alcohol, spirits, wine and beer), and all fermented spirituous, vinous, or malt liquor or combination thereof, and mixed liquor, or otherwise intoxicating; and every liquor or solid or semisolid or other substance, patented or not, containing alcohol, spirits, wine or beer, and all drinks or drinkable liquids and all preparations or mixtures capable of human consumption and any liquid, semisolid, solid, or other substances, which contain more than 1 percent of alcohol by weight shall be conclusively deemed to be intoxicating.

**Liquor Store** means any store at which liquor is sold and, for the purposes of this ordinance, includes stores only a portion of which are devoted to sale of liquor or beer.

**Malt Liquor** means beer, strong beer, ale stout, and porter.

**Package** means any container or receptacle used for holding liquor.

**Public Place** includes state or county or tribal or federal highways or roads; buildings and grounds used for school purposes; public dance halls and grounds adjacent thereto; soft drink establishment, public buildings, public meeting halls, lobbies, halls and dining rooms of hotels, restaurants, theater, gaming facilities, entertainment centers, store garages, and filling stations which are open to and/or are generally used by the public and to which the public is permitted to have unrestricted access; public conveyances of all kinds of character; and all other places of like or similar nature to which the general public has unrestricted right of access, and which are generally used by the

public. For the purposes of this ordinance, "public place" shall also include any establishment other than a single family home which is designed for or may be used by more than just the owner of the establishment.

*Rancheria* means land held in trust by the United States Government for the benefit of the Big Sandy Rancheria of Mono Indians of California (See also Tribal Land).

*Sale and Sell* include exchange, barter, and traffic; and also include the selling or supplying or distributing by any means whatsoever, of liquor, or of any liquid known or described as beer or by any name whatsoever commonly used to describe malt or brewed liquor or wine by any person to any person.

*Spirits* mean any beverage, which contains alcohol obtained by distillation, including wines exceeding 17 percent of alcohol by weight.

*Tribal Council* means the Tribal Council of the Big Sandy Rancheria of Mono Indians of California.

*Tribal Land* means any land within the exterior boundaries of the Rancheria which is held in trust by the United States for the Tribe as a whole, including such land leased to other parties and lands held in trust under lease to Big Sandy Rancheria.

*Tribe* means the Big Sandy Rancheria of Mono Indians of California.

*Trust Account* means the account designated by the Tribal Council for deposit of proceeds from the tax from the sale of alcoholic beverages.

*Trust Agent* means the Tribal Chairperson or a designee of the Chairperson.

*Wine* means any alcoholic beverage obtained by fermentation of fruits (grapes, berries, apples, etc.) or other agricultural product containing sugar, to which any saccharine substances may have been added before, during or after fermentation, and containing not more than 17 percent of alcohol by weight, including sweet wines fortified with wine spirits such as port, sherry, muscatel, and angelica, not exceeding 17 percent of alcohol by weight.

### Chapter III—Powers of Enforcement

*Section 301. Powers.* The Tribal Council, in furtherance of this ordinance, shall have the following powers and duties:

(a) To publish and enforce the rules and regulations governing the sale, manufacture, and distribution of alcoholic beverages on the Rancheria;

(b) To employ managers, accountants, security personnel, inspectors, and such other persons as shall be reasonably necessary to allow the Tribal Council to perform its functions;

(c) To issue licenses permitting the sale or manufacture or distribution of liquor on the Rancheria;

(d) To hold hearings on violations of this ordinance or for the issuance or revocation of licenses hereunder;

(e) To bring suit in the appropriate court to enforce this ordinance as necessary;

(f) To determine and seek damages for violation of this ordinance;

(g) To make such reports as may be required by the Council;

(h) To collect taxes and fees levied or set by the Tribal Council and to keep accurate records, books, and accounts.

*Section 302. Limitation on Powers.* In the exercise of its powers and duties under this ordinance, the Tribal Council and its individual members shall not accept any gratuity, compensation or other thing of value from any liquor wholesaler, retailer, or distributor or from any licensee.

*Section 303. Inspection Rights.* The premises on which liquor is sold or distributed shall be open for inspection by the Tribal Council or its designee at all reasonable times for the purposes of ascertaining whether the rules and regulations of this ordinance are being complied with.

### Chapter IV—Sales of Liquor

*Section 401. Licenses Required.* No sales of alcoholic beverages shall be made within the exterior boundaries of the Rancheria, except at a tribally licensed or tribally owned business operated on tribal land within the exterior boundaries of the Rancheria.

*Section 402. Sales Only on Tribal Land.* All liquor sales within the exterior boundaries of the Rancheria shall be on tribal land, including leases thereon.

*Section 403. Sales for Cash.* All liquor sales within the Rancheria boundaries shall be on a cash only basis and no credit shall be extended to any person, organization, or entity, except that this provision does not prevent the use of major credit cards such as Visa, American Express, etc.

*Section 404. Sale for Personal Consumption.* All sales shall be for the personal use and consumption of the purchaser. Resale of any alcoholic beverage purchased within the exterior boundaries of the Rancheria is prohibited. Any person who is not licensed pursuant to this ordinance who purchases an alcoholic beverage within the boundaries of the Rancheria and sells it, whether in the original container or not, shall be guilty of a violation of this ordinance and shall be subjected to paying damages to the Tribe as set forth herein.

### Chapter V—Licensing

*Section 501. Application for Tribal Liquor License Requirements.* No tribal license shall be issued under this ordinance except upon a sworn application filed with the Tribal Council containing a full and complete showing of the following:

(a) Satisfactory proof that the applicant is or will be duly licensed by the State of California.

(b) Satisfactory proof that the applicant is of good character and reputation among the people of the Rancheria and that the applicant is financially responsible.

(c) The description of the premises in which the intoxicating beverages are to be sold, proof that the applicant is the owner of such premises, or lessee of such premises, for at least the term of the license.

(d) Agreement by the applicant to accept and abide by all conditions of the tribal license.

(e) Payment of \$250 fee as prescribed by the Tribal Council.

(f) Satisfactory proof that neither the applicant nor the applicant's spouse has ever been convicted of a felony.

(g) Satisfactory proof that notice of the application has been posted in a prominent, noticeable place on the premises where intoxicating beverages are to be sold for at least 30 days prior to consideration by the Tribal Council and has been published at least twice in such local newspaper serving the community that may be affected by the license the Tribal Chairperson or Secretary may authorize. The notice shall state the date, time and place when the application shall be considered by the Tribal Council pursuant to Section 502 of this ordinance.

*Section 502. Hearing on Application for Tribal Liquor License.* All applications for a tribal liquor license shall be considered by the Tribal Council in open session at which the applicant, his attorney, and any person protesting the application shall have the right to be present, and to offer sworn oral or documentary evidence relevant to the application. After the hearing, the Tribal Council shall determine whether to grant or deny the application based on:

(1) Whether the requirements of Section 501 have been met; and

(2) Whether the Tribal Council, in its discretion, determines that granting the license is in the best interests of the Tribe.

In the event that the applicant is a member of the Tribal Council, or a member of the immediate family of a

Tribal Council member, such members shall not vote on the application or participate in the hearings as a Tribal Council member.

*Section 503. Temporary Permits.* The Tribal Council or their designee may grant a temporary permit for the sale of intoxicating beverages for a period not to exceed 3 days to any person applying for the same in connection with a tribal or community activity; Provided, That the conditions prescribed in Section 504 of this ordinance shall be observed by the permittee. Each permit issued shall specify the types of intoxicating beverages to be sold. Further, a fee of \$25 will be assessed on temporary permits.

*Section 504. Conditions of the Tribal License.* Any tribal license issued under this title shall be subject to such reasonable conditions as the Tribal Council shall fix, including, but not limited to the following:

(a) The license shall be for a term not to exceed 1 year.

(b) The licensee shall at all times maintain an orderly, clean and neat establishment, both inside and outside the licensed premises.

(c) The State of California shall have jurisdiction over offenses and civil causes of action committed on the licensed premises to the same extent that it has jurisdiction over offenses and civil causes of action committed elsewhere within California, and the California criminal laws, and civil laws of general applicability to private persons or private property, shall have the same force and effect on the licensed premises as they have elsewhere in California.

(d) The licensed premises shall be subject to patrol by the tribal enforcement department, and such other law enforcement officials as may be authorized under federal, California, or tribal law.

(e) The licensed premises shall be open to inspection by duly authorized tribal officials at all times during the regular business hours.

(f) Subject to the provisions of subsection (g) of this section, no intoxicating beverages shall be sold, served, disposed of, delivered or consumed on the licensed premises except in conformity with the hours and days prescribed by the laws of the State of California, and in accordance with the hours fixed by the Council, provided that the licensed premises shall not operate or open earlier or operate or close later than is permitted by the laws of the State of California.

(g) No liquor shall be sold within 200 feet of a polling place on tribal election days, or when a referendum is held of

the people of the Tribe, and including special days of observation as designated by the Tribal Council.

(h) All acts and transactions under authority of the tribal liquor license shall be in conformity with the laws of the State of California, and shall be in accordance with this ordinance and any tribal license issued pursuant to this ordinance.

(i) No person under the age permitted under the laws of the State of California shall be sold, served, delivered, given, or allowed to consume alcoholic beverages in the licensed establishment and/or area.

(j) There shall be no discrimination in the operations under the tribal license by reason of race, color, or creed.

*Section 505. License Not a Property Right.* Notwithstanding any other provision of this ordinance, a tribal liquor license is a mere permit for a fixed duration of time. A tribal liquor license shall not be deemed a property right or vested right of any kind, nor shall the granting of a tribal liquor license give rise to a presumption of legal entitlement to the granting of such license for a subsequent time period.

*Section 506. Assignment or Transfer.* No tribal license issued under this ordinance shall be assigned or transferred without the written approval of the Tribal Council expressed by formal resolution.

#### **Chapter VI—Rules, Regulations, and Enforcement**

*Section 601. Sales or Possession With Intent to Sell Without a Permit.* Any person who shall sell or offer for sale or distribute or transport in any manner, any liquor in violation of this ordinance, or who shall operate or shall have liquor in his possession with intent to sell or distribute without a permit, shall be guilty of a violation of this ordinance.

*Section 602. Purchases From Other Than Licensed Facilities.* Any person within the boundaries of the Rancheria who buys liquor from any person other than at a properly licensed facility shall be guilty of a violation of this ordinance.

*Section 603. Sales to Persons Under the Influence of Liquor.* Any person who sells liquor to a person apparently under the influence of liquor shall be guilty of a violation of this ordinance.

*Section 604. Consuming Liquor in Public Conveyance.* Any person engaged wholly or in part in the business of carrying passengers for hire, and every agent, servant or employee or such person who shall knowingly permit any person to drink any liquor in any public conveyance shall be guilty of an offense. Any person who shall drink any liquor

in a public conveyance shall be guilty of a violation of this ordinance.

*Section 605. Consumption or Possession of Liquor by Persons Under 21 Years of Age.* No person under the age of 21 years shall consume, acquire or have in his possession any alcoholic beverage. No person shall permit any other person under the age of 21 to consume liquor on his premises or any premises under his control except in those situations set out in this section. Any person violating this section shall be guilty of a separate violation of this ordinance for each and every drink so consumed.

*Section 606. Sales of Liquor to Persons Under 21 Years of Age.* Any person who shall sell or provide liquor to any person under the age of 21 years shall be guilty of a violation of this ordinance for each sale or drink provided.

*Section 607. Transfer of Identification to Minor.* Any person who transfers in any manner an identification of age to a minor for the purpose of permitting such minor to obtain liquor shall be guilty of an offense; Provided, That corroborative testimony of a witness other than the minor shall be a requirement of finding a violation of this ordinance.

*Section 608. Use of False or Altered Identification.* Any person who attempts to purchase an alcoholic beverage through the use of false or altered identification, which falsely purports to show the individual to be over the age of 21 years, shall be guilty of violating this ordinance.

*Section 609. Violations of This Ordinance.* Any person guilty of a violation of this ordinance shall be liable to pay the Tribe a penalty not to exceed \$500 per violation as civil damages to defray the Tribe's cost of enforcement of this ordinance. In addition to any penalties so imposed, any license issued hereunder may be suspended or canceled by the Tribal Council after 10 days notice to the licensee. The decision of the Tribal Council shall be final.

*Section 610. Acceptable Identification.* Where there may be a question of a person's right to purchase liquor by reason of his age, such person shall be required to present any one of the following issued cards of identification which shows his correct age and bears his signature and photograph:

- (a) Driver's license of any state or identification card issued by any State Department of Motor vehicles;
- (b) United States Active Duty Military; or
- (c) Passport.

*Section 611. Possession of Liquor Contrary to This Ordinance.* Alcoholic beverages which are possessed contrary to the terms of this ordinance are declared to be contraband. Any tribal agent, employee, or officer who is authorized by the Tribal Council to enforce this section shall have the authority to, and shall seize, all contraband.

*Section 612. Disposition of Seized Contraband.* Any officer seizing contraband shall preserve the contraband in accordance with the appropriate California law code. Upon being found in violation of the ordinance by the Tribal Council, the party shall forfeit all right, title and interest in the items seized which shall become the property of the Tribe.

#### Chapter VII—Taxes

*Section 701. Sales Tax.* There is hereby levied and shall be collected a tax on each sale of alcoholic beverages on the Rancheria in the amount of 1 percent of the amount actually collected, including payments by major credit cards. The tax imposed by this section shall apply to all retail sales of liquor on the Rancheria and shall preempt any tax imposed on such liquor sales by the State of California.

*Section 702. Payment of Taxes to Tribe.* All taxes from the sale of alcoholic beverages on the Rancheria shall be paid over to the trust agent of the Tribe.

*Section 703. Taxes Due.* All taxes for the sale of alcoholic beverages on the Rancheria are due within 30 days at the end of the calendar quarter for which the taxes are due.

*Section 704. Reports.* Along with payment of the taxes imposed herein, the taxpayer shall submit an accounting for the quarter of all income from the sale or distribution of said beverages as well as for the taxes collected.

*Section 705. Audit.* As a condition of obtaining a license, the licensee must agree to the review or audit of its books and records relating to the sale of alcoholic beverages on the Rancheria. Said review or audit may be done annually by the Tribe through its agents or employees whenever, in the opinion of the Tribal Council, such a review or audit is necessary to verify the accuracy of reports.

#### Chapter VIII—Profits

*Section 801. Disposition of Proceeds.* The gross proceeds collected by the Tribal Council from all licensing provided from the taxation of the sale of alcoholic beverages on the Rancheria shall be distributed as follows:

(a) For the payment of all necessary personnel, administrative costs, and legal fees for the operation and its activities.

(b) The remainder shall be turned over to the Trust Account of the Tribe.

#### Chapter IX—Severability and Miscellaneous

*Section 901. Severability.* If any provision or application of this ordinance is determined by review to be invalid, such adjudication shall not be held to render ineffectual the remaining portions of this title or to render such provisions inapplicable to other persons or circumstances.

*Section 902. Prior Enactments.* All prior enactments of the Tribal Council, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance, are hereby rescinded.

*Section 903. Conformance with California Laws.* All acts and transactions under this ordinance shall be in conformity with the laws of the State of California as that term is used in 18 U.S.C. 1161.

*Section 904. Effective Date.* This ordinance shall be effective on such date as the Secretary of the Interior certifies this ordinance and publishes the same in the **Federal Register**.

#### Chapter X—Amendment

This ordinance may only be amended by majority vote of the Tribal Council.

#### Chapter XI—Sovereign Immunity

Nothing contained in this ordinance is intended to, nor does in any way limit, alter, restrict, or waive the Tribe's sovereign immunity from unconsented suit or action.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

##### Bureau of Land Management

[Docket No. OR-035-01-1220-AB: GP0-01-0075]

##### Notice of Meeting of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center Advisory Board

**AGENCY:** National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, Vale District, Bureau of Land Management, Interior.  
**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is given that a meeting of the Advisory Board for the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2001 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon in the Library Room at the Best Western Sunridge Inn, One

Sunridge Lane, Baker City, Oregon. Public comments will be received from 12:00 noon to 12:15 p.m., February 20, 2001. Topics to be discussed are the Action Plan Development for Advisory Board recommendations for FY2001-2002, Marketing Strategy for NHOTIC, and the Capital Expansion Plan.

**DATES:** The meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. and run to 12:00 Noon, February 20, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David B. Hunsaker, Bureau of Land Management, National Historic Oregon Trail, Interpretive Center, PO Box 987, Baker City, OR 97814, (Telephone 541-523-1845).

**Roy L. Masinton,**

*Acting Vale District Manager.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

##### Bureau of Land Management

[CO-170-1430-00; COC 64613, COC 64614]

##### Notice of Realty Action: Commercial Permit/Lease/Easement on Public Land.

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

**ACTION:** Proposed commercial permit/lease/easement, section 302, Federal Land Policy and Management Act.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management, San Juan Field Office, Durango, Colorado, has for consideration interest in land use authorization(s) under Section 302 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (90 Stat. 2762; 43 U.S.C. 1732), and regulations at 43 CFR Part 2920. There are two proponents for use of BLM managed public lands in the Silverton, Colorado vicinity. Core Mountain Enterprises, LLC proposes to use approximately 1600 acres of public land for a recreation/learning facility. Velocity Peak Inc, proposes to use approximately 3660 acres of public land for recreation development. The respective areas of proposed use overlap in some locations.

Description: An area of federal lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, lying approximately within sections 20-21, 27-34 of protracted Township 42 N., R.7 W., and, also within sections 3-9 of protracted Township 41 N., R.7 W., New Mexico Principal Meridian. Further described as north of Silverton, in San Juan County, Colorado, and bounded as follows: