

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR**Geological Survey****Request for Public Comments on Guidelines for Providing Appropriate Access to Geospatial Data in Response to Security Concerns**

AGENCY: Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The guidelines provide procedures to identify sensitive information content of geospatial data sets. Should such content be identified, the guidelines help organizations decide what access to provide to such data and still protect sensitive information content. The geospatial data community's use of a common, standardized approach to identify data sets that have sensitive content and to restrict such information will increase the effectiveness of individual organization's actions.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 2, 2004.

ADDRESSES: The proposed guidelines are available through <http://www.fgdc.gov/fgdc/homeland/index.html>. All comments concerning these proposed guidelines should be submitted by electronic mail to guidelines@fgdc.gov or by postal mail to FGDC HSWG Guidelines Review, 511 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Domaratz, Co-chair, Federal Geographic Data Committee Homeland Security Working Group, 703-648-4434

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Many public, private, and non-profit organizations originate and publicly distribute geospatial data sets. It is conceivable that the content of some of these data sets could prove useful to an adversary of the United States. The guidelines help organizations decide on reasonable access to sensitive data and avoid unnecessary restrictions. They do so by helping organizations identify content that might be sensitive. They then guide organizations to take appropriate actions by evaluating the sensitive content in the context of other available information, the benefits lost by restricting data access, and the options for restricting data.

Additional instructions for comment accompany the guidelines. The working group will use the comments to improve the guidelines and to plan ways to encourage their adoption. It will summarize major or recurring themes from the comments and the working group's responses, and post the information through the working

group's home page at <http://www.fgdc.gov/fgdc/homeland/index.html>.

The Federal Geographic Data Committee will issue the guidelines under the authority provided by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-16 to establish procedures necessary and sufficient to carry out interagency coordination and the implementation of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure. The U.S. Geological Survey, which houses the committee's secretariat, provides this notice on behalf of the committee.

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Staff Director, Federal Geographic Data Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Indian Affairs****Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin and the Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians' Proposed 26 Acre Fee-to-Trust Transfer and Casino Project in the City of Beloit, Rock County, Wisconsin**

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) as lead agency, with the St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin and the Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians (the Tribes) as cooperating agencies, intends to gather the information necessary for preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a proposed 26 acre fee-to-trust land transfer and casino project in Rock County, Wisconsin. The purpose of the proposed action is to help meet the economic development needs of the Tribes.

DATES: Written comments on the scope and implementation of this proposal must arrive by June 3, 2004. We estimate that the EIS will be ready for a Record of Decision by February 2005. This estimate includes public comment periods of 30 days for this notice, 60 days for the Draft EIS and 30 days for the Final EIS, plus time for notice issuance, a public hearing, response to comments, document revision and legal review.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Terrance L. Virden, Director, Midwest Region, Bureau of

Indian Affairs, Bishop Henry Whipple Federal Building, One Federal Drive, Room 550, Ft. Snelling, Minnesota 55111.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Herb Nelson, (612) 713-4400 extension 1143.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The BIA proposes to take 26 acres of land into trust on behalf of the Tribes, on which the Tribes propose to build a resort and casino complex. The property is located along the west side of Interstate 90 (I-90) in the City of Beloit, Rock County, Wisconsin. The project design contemplates a 100,000 square foot casino and support area, a 35,000 square foot conference/convention center, several restaurants, a 7,000 square foot child care facility and a gift shop, to be located on the 26 acres to be taken into trust. A 500 unit hotel, a 2,000 seat theater, a 68,000 square foot water park, and parking facilities would be located on an adjacent, fee parcel. An Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared for this project under the direction of the BIA and the Tribes by Environmental Resource Group. The BIA independently evaluated, revised and approved the EA's scope and contents. The BIA released the EA to the public for comment on September 17, 2003. Upon consideration of the EA and the comments received on it during the comment period, the BIA concluded that the potential environmental impact of the proposed action was significant enough to warrant an EIS. The BIA proposes to use the EA and the comments received on it as a substantial part of the scoping process for the EIS.

Issues identified to date to be addressed in the EIS include the following:

- Traffic (how the traffic generated by the casino development may effect the existing transportation system);
- Air quality (possible additive impacts of project-induced traffic on air quality);
- Socio-economics (how the project may affect employment and income, housing, schools, and infrastructure);
- Cumulative effects (environmental impacts of the project together with those of other reasonably foreseeable development projects in the area); and
- Alternatives to the preferred alternative.

The range of issues and alternatives addressed in the EIS may be expanded based on comments received in response to this notice.

Public Comment Availability

Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be