

For the period 1936–1967, the RFD reevaluated the state relationship and concluded that it did not provide additional evidence of the exercise of political influence or authority within the Schaghticoke. The RFD concluded that the remaining evidence was insufficient to meet criterion 83.7(c) for the period 1936–1967.

The STN FD conclusion that STN exercised political influence or authority between 1967 and 1996 was affirmed. No arguments or new evidence were submitted regarding this conclusion.

STN did not meet criterion 83.7(c) for the period after 1996, in light of the known continued refusal of most of the 42 individuals to be members of the STN. STN's membership list does not reflect a significant portion of the political system. STN did not meet criterion 83.7(c) for the periods 1800–1875, 1885–1967, and 1997–present. Therefore, STN did not meet criterion 83.7(c).

STN met criteria 83.7(a), petitioner was identified as an American Indian group from 1900 to present; 83.7(d), petitioner has submitted its governing documents; 83.7(e), petitioner's membership has descent from an historical tribe; 83.7(f), petitioner does not have membership with any federally recognized tribes; and 83.7(g), petitioner has no Congressional legislation prohibiting the Federal relationship. No new arguments, evidence, or analysis merited revision of the STN FD evaluations of these criteria. The conclusions of the STN FD on these criteria were affirmed.

The Associate Deputy Secretary denied to acknowledge that STN was an Indian tribe as it failed to satisfy all of the seven mandatory criteria for Federal acknowledgment under the regulations. The STN petitioner did not submit evidence sufficient to meet criteria 83.7(b), community, and 83.7(c), political influence or authority, and, therefore, does not satisfy the requirements to be acknowledged as an Indian tribe.

Upon the date of publication of this notice, pursuant to 25 CFR 83.11(h)(3), the RFD is final and effective for the Department.

Dated: October 11, 2005.

**James E. Cason,**

*Associate Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

#### Notice of Availability of the Hollister Draft Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Hollister Field Office (California).

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of the Hollister Draft Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Draft Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (RMP/EIS) for the Hollister Field Office.

**DATES:** Written comments on the Draft RMP/EIS will be accepted for 90 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. Future meetings or hearings and any other public involvement activities will be announced at least 15 days in advance through public notices, media news releases, and/or mailings.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments at the public meetings or by any of the following methods:

- Web Site: <http://www.ca.blm.gov/hollister> (subject to change).
- Fax: (831) 630–5000.
- Mail: 20 Hamilton Court, Hollister, California 95023.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sky Murphy, (831) 630–5039.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The planning area covers approximately 278,000 surface acres and approximately 443,806 acres of subsurface mineral estate within the following California counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, Monterey, San Benito, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, and portions of Fresno, Merced, and San Joaquin counties. The Hollister RMP, when completed, will provide management guidance for use and protection of the resources managed by the Hollister Field Office. The Hollister Draft RMP/EIS has been developed through a collaborative planning process and considers four alternatives. The primary issues addressed include: Recreation; protection of sensitive natural and cultural resources, livestock grazing; guidance for energy and mineral development; land tenure adjustments; and other planning issues raised during the scoping process.

The Draft RMP/EIS also includes consideration of the designation of

Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs). The preferred alternative includes the following ACECs: Panoche-Coalinga ACEC—29,604 acres (existing); Panoche-Coalinga ACEC Expansion—40,514 acres (proposed); Joaquin Rocks ACEC/RNA—7,327 acres (proposed); Fort Ord Public Lands ACEC—approximately 15,200 acres (proposed); and Santa Cruz Coast Dairies ACEC—approximately 6,770 acres (proposed). Two additional ACECs, Joaquin Ridge ACEC—19,215 acres and Panoche-Coalinga ACEC—42,123 acres, were considered but not included in the preferred alternative. Use of public lands within these ACECs would vary, depending on the resources and/or values identified (see Chapter 2 of the Draft RMP/EIS), but would likely include limitations on motorized-vehicle use and other surface disturbing activities.

Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety. CD and paper copies of the Hollister Draft RMP/EIS are available at the Hollister Field Office at the above address; CD copies are available at the California BLM State Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California 95825.

**Robert Beehler,**

*Hollister Field Office Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

#### Notice of Availability of the Proposed Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area (SCNCA)

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

**COOPERATING AGENCIES:** Nevada Department of Wildlife, Nevada State Historic Preservation Office, Clark County Department of Comprehensive Planning, City of Henderson, City of Boulder City, Las Vegas Paiute Tribe,