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Authority

This notice is published in accordance with sections 1501.7, 1506.6 and 1508.22 of the Council of Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR, Parts 1500 through 1508) implementing the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4371, *et seq.*), and the Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM 1–6), and is in the exercise of authority delegated to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.1.

Dated: February 15, 2008.

Carl J. Artman,

Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Notice of Cancellation of the Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Stockbridge—Munsee Casino, Sullivan County, NY

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) intends to cancel work on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed taking into federal trust of land in Sullivan County, New York, for the Stockbridge—Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians of Wisconsin (Tribe). The Tribe proposed to develop and operate a Class III gaming facility and associated facilities on the trust property. The EIS is no longer needed because the Department of the Interior has decided not to accept the land into trust, on the basis that the proposed action did not adequately meet criteria in 25 CFR 151.3; 151.10(b); 151.10(c); and 151.11(b) for trust acquisition.

DATES: This cancellation is effective April 8, 2008. Any written comments must arrive by April 7, 2008.

ADDRESSES: You may mail, hand carry or fax written comments to Mr. Franklin

Keel, Regional Director, Eastern Region, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 545 Marriott Drive, Suite 700, Nashville, Tennessee 37214, fax (615) 564–6701.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kurt G. Chandler, (615) 564–6832.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The BIA published its Notice of Intent to prepare the EIS on November 24, 2003, in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 65467). The notice included project details. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency published its Notice of Availability of the Draft EIS for this proposed action on February 11, 2005, in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 7257).

Public Comment Availability

Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the BIA address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section, during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Authority

This notice is published in accordance with sections 1503.1 and 1506.6 of the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508) implementing the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Quality Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), and the Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM 1–6), and is in the exercise of authority delegated to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.1.

Dated: February 22, 2008.

James E. Cason,

Associate Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Trust Acquisition of an Initial Reservation for the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe in the Town of Mashpee, Barnstable County, and Town of Middleboro, Plymouth County, MA, Including a Gaming Facility at the Middleboro Property

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 Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe (Tribe) as Cooperating Agency, will be gathering information needed for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed trust acquisition of approximately 679 acres of land as the Tribe's initial reservation. The proposed acquisition includes approximately 140 acres in the Town of Mashpee, Barnstable County, Massachusetts, and approximately 539 acres in the Town of Middleboro, Plymouth County, Massachusetts. The property in Mashpee would be used for tribal administrative and cultural purposes and housing for tribal members. For the property in Middleboro, the Tribe plans the construction of a gaming facility with related facilities. The purposes of the proposed federal action are to provide a land base for the Tribe and to help meet the economic needs of the Tribe and its members. This notice also announces public scoping meetings to identify potential issues, alternatives and content for inclusion in the EIS.

DATES: Written comments on the scope and implementation of this proposal must arrive by April 9, 2008. The public scoping meetings will be held March 25 and March 26, 2008, starting at 6 p.m. and continuing until all those who register to make statements have been heard.

ADDRESSES: You may mail, hand carry or fax written comments to Franklin Keel, Regional Director, Eastern Regional Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 545 Marriott Drive, Suite 700, Nashville, Tennessee 37214, fax (615) 564–6550.

The March 25, 2008, meeting will be at the Middleboro High School Auditorium, 71 East Grove Street, Middleboro, Massachusetts. The March 26, 2008, meeting will be at the Mashpee High School Auditorium, 500

Old Barnstable Road, Mashpee, Massachusetts.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kurt Chandler (615) 564-6832.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The BIA is considering the Tribe's application for approximately 679 acres of land to be taken into trust as the Tribe's initial reservation as a newly acknowledged Indian tribe. The Tribe's application includes some properties in Mashpee, Barnstable County, Massachusetts, and some properties in Middleboro, Plymouth County, Massachusetts. The properties located in Mashpee amount to approximately 140 acres. Most of these lands have been owned or used by the Tribe or organizations controlled by or related to the Tribe for many years, and are currently used for tribal administrative and cultural purposes (such as the Old Meeting House and tribal museum) and as conservation land. These uses would not change. Some of the Mashpee lands would also be used to build homes for tribal members and their families.

The properties in Middleboro, a number of contiguous parcels totaling approximately 539 acres, are located along Route 44, about 3.5 miles east of exit 6 on Interstate 495. Although the eventual size and scope of the facilities may be modified based on information obtained through the EIS process, the Tribe's current plans for the Middleboro land include the construction of a destination resort and gaming facility, with a 750 to 1500 room hotel, restaurants and food court with a variety of offerings, a 5,000 to 10,000 seat entertainment venue, approximately 80,000 square feet of convention event space, retail shops, a service station, a warehouse and employee services. The project also includes plans for Native American cultural attractions and for recreational facilities, such as a spa, golf course and water park. In addition, there would be approximately 10,000 parking spaces, the majority of which would be in parking garages or under the casino.

The proposed federal action encompasses all of the various federal approvals required to implement the Tribe's fee-to-trust application. Areas of environmental concern identified so far for analysis in the EIS include water resources and wetlands, stormwater management and erosion control, air quality, biological resources, historic properties and other cultural resources, socioeconomic conditions, traffic and transportation, land use, public utilities and services, noise, lighting, hazardous materials, environmental justice, visual resources and aesthetics, and

cumulative impacts. The range of issues and alternatives addressed in the EIS may be expanded or reduced, based on comments received in response to this notice and from the public scoping meetings.

The action the BIA is considering—accepting title to the property in trust, and declaring the land to be the Tribe's reservation—is a federal undertaking with the potential to affect historic properties. As such, it is subject to the requirements of section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 470f.). In accordance with regulations issued by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 36 CFR part 800, the BIA intends to coordinate compliance with section 106 of this Act with the preparation of the EIS, beginning with the identification of consulting parties through the scoping process, in a manner consistent with the standards set out in 36 CFR 800.8(c)(1).

Public Comment Availability

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Authority

This notice is published under authority delegated to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.1 and in accordance with the following:

- The Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR 1503.1 and 1506.6);
- The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et. seq.*); and
- The Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM 1-6).

Dated: February 14, 2008.

Carl J. Artman,

Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Intent to Repatriate Cultural Items: U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, DC, and Arizona State Museum, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

Notice is here given in accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), 25 U.S.C. 3005, of the intent to repatriate cultural items in the control of the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, DC, and in the physical custody of the Arizona State Museum, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ, that meet the definition of "unassociated funerary objects" or "sacred objects" under 25 U.S.C. 3001.

This notice is published as part of the National Park Service's administrative responsibilities under NAGPRA, 25 U.S.C. 3003 (d)(3). The determinations in this notice are the sole responsibility of the museum, institution, or Federal agency that has control of the cultural items. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice.

The 3,134 unassociated funerary objects are 6 awls, 1 bone tube, 2 pieces botanical material, 5 ceramic bowls, 9 ceramic jars, 1 ceramic pitcher, 1 ceramic sherd, 9 clumps of charred botanical material, 67 charred textile fragments, 1 feather cord, 1 fiber belt fragment, 1 fiber net fragment, 1 figurine fragment, 51 fur robe fragments, 38 projectile points, 1 quartz crystal, 7 shells, 487 shell beads, 2 shell bracelets, 1 stone pestle, 2 textile bag fragments, 7 textile fragments, 2,425 turquoise beads, and 8 wooden sticks.

The three sacred objects are two wooden prayer sticks and one wooden peg.

From 1960 to 1961, cultural items were removed from the Bartley site, AZ T:14:11(ASM), on the Gila Bend Indian Reservation, Maricopa County, AZ, during legally authorized excavations conducted by the Arizona State Museum under the direction of William Wasley and Alfred Johnson. The excavations were conducted under contract with the National Park Service as part of the Painted Rocks Reservoir Project. The cultural items were accessioned into the collections of the Arizona State Museum in 1961. The 18 unassociated funerary objects are 4 ceramic bowls, 2 ceramic jars, 1 shell,