

EA identified and evaluated three alternatives for managing the Refuges for the next 15 years. Under Alternative A, the No Action alternative, the Service would manage habitats, wildlife, programs, and facilities at current levels as time, staff, and funds allow. Refuge habitats would continue to be managed on a minimal basis and opportunistic schedule that may maintain, or most likely would result in decline in, the diversity of vegetation and water quality and quantity in the wetlands. The Service would not develop any new management, restoration, or education programs at the Refuges.

Alternative B, the Proposed Action, would increase management activities on the Refuges. Upland habitats would be evaluated and managed for the benefit of migratory bird species. Monitoring and management of invasive species on the Refuges would be increased. With additional staffing, the Service would collect in-depth baseline data for wildlife and habitats. Efforts would be increased in the operations and maintenance of natural resources on the Refuges and to maintain and develop partnerships that promote wildlife and habitat research and management. An emphasis on adaptive management, including monitoring the effects of habitat management practices and use of the research results to direct ongoing management, would be a priority.

Under alternative C, Refuge staff would rely on partnerships to achieve Refuge goals and objectives. Refuge management activities would be increased and enhanced through the use of partnerships. Refuge staff would strive to accomplish Refuge work through partnerships with others. An emphasis on adaptive management, including monitoring the effects of habitat management practices and use of the research results to direct ongoing management, would be a priority.

The Service is furnishing this Notice to advise other agencies and the public of the availability of the Final Plan, to provide information on the desired conditions for the Refuges, and to detail how the Service will implement management strategies. Based on the review and evaluation of the information contained in the EA, the Regional Director has determined that implementation of the Final Plan does not constitute a major Federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment within the meaning of Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

Dated: February 29, 2008.

**Gary Mowad**,  
*Acting Regional Director.*

**Editorial Note:** This document was received in the Office of the Federal Register on July 14, 2008.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### U.S. Geological Survey

#### Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** U.S. Geological Survey.

**ACTION:** Notice of Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Public Law 106-503, the Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee (SESAC) will hold its 18th meeting. The meeting location is the U.S. Geological Survey, 345 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park, California 94025. The Committee is comprised of members from academia, industry, and State government. The Committee shall advise the Director of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) on matters relating to the USGS's participation in the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program.

The Committee will receive updates and provide guidance on Earthquake Hazards Program activities and the status of teams supported by the Program.

Meetings of the Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee are open to the public.

**DATES:** July 31, 2008, commencing at 8:30 a.m. and adjourning at Noon on August 1, 2008.

**Contact:** Dr. David Applegate, U.S. Geological Survey, MS 905, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192, (703) 648-6714, [applegate@usgs.gov](mailto:applegate@usgs.gov).

Dated: July 13, 2008.

**Suzette Kimball**,  
*Associate Director for Geology.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Cowlitz Indian Tribe's Proposed 151.87-Acre Fee-to-Trust Transfer, Reservation Proclamation, and Casino-Resort Project, Clark County, WA

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

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of the date of issuance of the Record of Decision and reopening of the comment period; Republication and Correction.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Indian Affairs is republishing in its entirety a document it published in the July 10, 2008 **Federal Register** to correct a phone number. The document concerns an extension of the date of issuance of the Record of Decision and reopening the comment period originally announced on May 30, 2008 (73 FR 31143) for the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Cowlitz Indian Tribe's Proposed 151.87-acre fee-to-trust transfer, reservation proclamation, and casino-resort project, in Clark County, Washington.

**DATES:** The Record of Decision on the proposed action will be issued on or after August 12, 2008. Any comments on the FEIS must arrive by August 11, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** You may mail or hand carry written comments to Mr. Stanley Speaks, Northwest Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Northwest Region, 911 NE 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232. Please include your name, return address and the caption, "FEIS Comments, Cowlitz Indian Tribe Trust Acquisition and Casino Project," on the first page of your written comments.

The FEIS will be available for public review at the following Fort Vancouver Public Library branches: La Center Community Library, 1402 East Lockwood Creek Road, La Center, Washington 98629; Ridgefield Community Library, 210 North Main Avenue, Ridgefield, Washington 98642. General information for the Fort Vancouver Public Library system can be obtained by calling (360) 659-1561. The FEIS is also available on the following Web site: <http://www.cowlitzeis.org>.

To obtain copies of the FEIS, please provide your name and address in writing or by voicemail to Dr. B.J. Howerton, Environmental Protection Specialist, at the BIA address above or at the telephone number provided below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** B.J. Howerton, (503) 231-6749.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is a republication of a document BIA published in the **Federal Register** on July 10, 2008 at 73 FR 39715. This republication corrects the phone number contained in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. The correct phone number is (503) 231-6749. The BIA published its Notice of the Final Environmental Impact

Statement for the Cowlitz Indian Tribe on May 30, 2008, in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 31143). Please refer to that notice for project details.

#### Public Comment Availability

Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the mailing addresses 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 comments, you should be aware that your entire comments—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 section 1503.1 of the Council on 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.

Dated: July 11, 2008.

**George T. Skibine,**

*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Economic Development—Indian Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Alaska Native Claims Selection

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

**ACTION:** Notice of decision approving lands for conveyance.

**SUMMARY:** As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an appealable decision approving lands for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act will be issued to Kijik Corporation. The lands are in the vicinity of Nondalton, Alaska, and are located in:

U.S. Survey No. 8995, Alaska.

Containing 37.99 acres.

T. 1 N., R. 30 W.,  
Secs. 1 and 31.

Containing 30.21 acres.

T. 2 S., R. 30 W.,  
Secs. 1, 2 and 3.

Containing 1,919.13 acres.

T. 2 S., R. 31 W.,  
Sec. 18.

Containing 551.01 acres.

T. 1 N., R. 32 W.,  
Secs. 29 and 30.

Containing 1,277.48 acres.

T. 1 S., R. 32 W.,  
Secs. 8, 17, 20, and 23.

Containing 1,930.49 acres.

T. 3 S., R. 32 W.,  
Secs. 5 and 8.

Containing 1,181.29 acres.

T. 1 N., R. 33 W.,  
Sec. 36.

Containing 640 acres.

T. 1 S., R. 33 W.,  
Secs. 4, 8 and 9;  
Secs. 16, 17 and 18.

Containing 3,783.58 acres.

T. 3 S., R. 33 W.,  
Secs. 2 and 11.

Containing 1,120 acres.

T. 1 S., R. 34 W.,  
Secs. 13 to 16, inclusive.

Containing 2,392.12 acres.

Aggregating 14,863.30 acres.

The subsurface estate in these lands will be conveyed to Bristol Bay Native Corporation when the surface estate is conveyed to Kijik Corporation. Notice of the decision will also be published four times in the Bristol Bay Times.

**DATES:** The time limits for filing an appeal are:

1. Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision shall have until August 18, 2008 to file an appeal.

2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4, subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the decision may be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7504.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:** The Bureau of Land Management by phone at 907-271-5960, or by e-mail at [ak.blm.conveyance@ak.blm.gov](mailto:ak.blm.conveyance@ak.blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunication device (TTD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a

week, to contact the Bureau of Land Management.

**Barbara Walker,**

*Land Law Examiner, Land Transfer Adjudication I (964).*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[NV-020-5105-NX-SF31; 08-08807; TAS: 14X5017]

#### Notice of Temporary Closures and Prohibitions of Certain Activities on Public Lands in Pershing County, NV

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Temporary Closure.

**SUMMARY:** Certain lands located in northwestern Nevada partly within the Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area will be temporarily closed or restricted and certain activities will be temporarily prohibited in and around the Burning Man event site administered by the Bureau of Land Management Winnemucca Field Office. These closures are authorized under the provisions of 43 CFR 8364.1. The specified closures, restrictions and prohibitions are made in the interest of public safety at and around the public lands location of an event known as the Burning Man Festival. This event is authorized on public lands under Special Recreation Permit #NV-025-06-01 and is expected to attract approximately 50,000 participants.

**DATES:** August 8, 2008 to September 15, 2008.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dave Cooper, National Conservation Area Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Winnemucca Field Office, 5100 E. Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, NV 89445-2921, telephone: (775) 623-1500.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Two areas are proposed for temporary closures during portions of August and September 2008. The smaller of the two areas, the Event Closure Area, is described in Section I and includes about 4,085 acres that will be subject to additional restrictions. During the 38 day period from August 8 through September 15 this area will be closed to public camping, public use, possession of weapons, possession of fireworks, building of fires on the ground, waste water discharge and other restrictions. The second and larger area is the Public