

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Indian Affairs****Indian Gaming**

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Approved Tribal-State Gaming Compact Amendment.

SUMMARY: This notice publishes an Approval of the Third Amendment to the Wisconsin Winnebago Tribe, now known as the Ho-Chunk Nation and the State of Wisconsin Gaming Compact.

DATES: *Effective Date:* December 12, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paula L. Hart, Acting Director, Office of Indian Gaming, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary—Policy and Economic Development, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219-4066.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under Section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA), Public Law 100-497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish in the **Federal Register** notice of approved Tribal-State compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. This Amendment modifies the existing arbitration provision by requiring that the parties utilize a last best offer format; establishes a term of twenty-five years; provides for the renegotiation of the revenue sharing and allows both parties to propose amendments to the Compact every five years.

Dated: November 28, 2008.

George T. Skibine,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Economic Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Indian Affairs****Indian Gaming**

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Tribal-State Class III Gaming Compact Amendment taking effect.

SUMMARY: This notice publishes the Amendment to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact between the State of California and the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians taking effect.

DATES: *Effective Date:* December 12, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Paula L. Hart, Acting Director, Office of Indian Gaming, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary—Policy and Economic Development, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219-4066.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under Section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA), Public Law 100-497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish in the **Federal Register** notice of approved Tribal-State compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. This Amendment reduces the number of gaming establishments the Tribe may operate; increases the number of gaming machines; and extends the term of the Compact to December 31, 2029. This Amendment is considered to have been approved but only to the extent that the Amendment is consistent with the provisions of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

Dated: November 28, 2008.

George T. Skibine,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Economic Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

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Notice of Intent To Prepare an Amendment to the Mimbres Resource Management Plan (RMPA), and Associated Environmental Assessment (EA), Las Cruces District Office, New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The BLM Las Cruces District Office, New Mexico, intends to prepare an RMPA with an associated EA to analyze the possible disposal by either exchange or sale, of BLM-administered public lands in Grant County in southwestern New Mexico.

DATES: This Notice initiates the 30-day public scoping period to identify relevant issues. The scoping period will also be announced through local news media and on the BLM Web site (<http://www.blm.gov/nm>). The BLM will accept scoping comments for 30 days from the date of the publication of this Notice.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail:*

nm_comments@nm.blm.gov.

- *Fax:* 575-525-4412, Attention: Jennifer Montoya.

- *Mail or personal delivery:* District Manager, BLM Las Cruces District Office, 1800 Marquess Street, Las Cruces, NM 88005.

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the Las Cruces District Office at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jennifer Montoya, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, at the Las Cruces District Office; Telephone 575-525-4316; or e-mail at Jennifer.Montoya@nm.blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document provides notice that the BLM Las Cruces District Office, Las Cruces, New Mexico, intends to prepare an RMPA with an associated EA for the Mimbres Planning Area and announces the beginning of the scoping process and seeks public input on issues and planning criteria.

The BLM is currently considering disposal of public lands in Grant County, New Mexico, and the exact acreage and legal descriptions will be determined by a Cadastral survey. The public lands proposed for disposal are currently identified for retention in Federal ownership in the 1993 Mimbres RMP. Therefore, the RMP must be amended to identify the public lands as suitable for exchange and/or sale. These public lands are a portion of and within the following areas:

New Mexico Principal Meridian

T. 17 S., R. 12 W.,

Secs. 3, 4, 9, 10, 15, 16, 20, 24 and 31.

T. 17 S., R. 11 W.,

Secs. 19 and 20.

T. 19 S., R. 15 W.,

Secs. 8, 16, 17, 21, 27 and 28.

The purpose of the public scoping process is to determine relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis, including alternatives, and guide the planning process. Preliminary issues for the planning area have been identified by the BLM personnel, other agencies, and in meetings with individuals and user groups. These issues are:

1. Should public lands adjacent to the Gila National Forest be identified for disposal? If so, which public lands?

2. What potential impacts would this proposed action have on the Gila National Forest?

3. What effects would this proposed action have on mining in the area?

Proposed planning criteria include the following:

1. The RMPA/EA process will be in compliance with the Federal Land

Policy and Management Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, and applicable laws, regulations, and policies.

2. The land use plan amendment process will be governed by the planning regulations at 43 CFR 1610 and the BLM Land Use Planning Handbook H-1601-1.

3. Lands affected by the proposed plan amendment only apply to public surface and mineral estate managed by the BLM. No decisions will be made relative to non-BLM-administered lands or non-Federal minerals.

4. Public participation will be an integral part of the planning process.

5. The plan amendment will recognize all valid existing rights.

6. The RMPA/EA will strive to be consistent with existing non-Federal plans and policies, provided the decisions in the existing plans are consistent with the purposes, policies, and programs of the BLM and other Federal laws. The RMPA will consider present and potential uses of public lands.

7. The RMPA will consider impacts of uses on adjacent or nearby non-Federal lands and on non-Federal land surface over Federally-owned minerals.

The public may submit comments on issues and planning criteria in writing directly to the BLM using one of the methods listed in the **ADDRESSES** section above. Comments should be submitted within 30 days from the date of the publication of this Notice. 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. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, are available for public inspection in their entirety.

The BLM will evaluate identified issues to be addressed in the plan amendment and will place them into one of three categories:

1. Issues to be resolved in the plan amendment;
2. Issues to be resolved through policy or administrative action; or
3. Issues beyond the scope of this plan amendment.

The BLM will provide an explanation in the plan amendment as to why an

issue was placed in category two or three. The public is also encouraged to help identify any management questions and concerns that should be addressed in the plan amendment.

The BLM will work collaboratively with interested parties to identify the management decisions that are best suited to local, regional, and national needs and concerns. The BLM will use an interdisciplinary approach to develop the plan amendment in order to consider the variety of resource issues and concerns identified. Specialists with expertise in the following disciplines will be involved in the planning process: minerals and geology, outdoor recreation, archaeology, paleontology, wildlife and fisheries, lands and realty, hydrology, soils, water and air.

Linda S.C. Rundell,

State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Public Meeting; Central Montana Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Central Montana Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting will be held January 14 & 15, 2009.

The meetings will be in the First State Bank of Malta conference room, 1 South 1st Street East, in Malta, Montana.

The January 14 meeting will begin at 10 a.m. with a 30-minute public comment period and will adjourn at 5 p.m.

The January 15 meeting will begin at 8 a.m. with a 30-minute public comment period and will adjourn at 3 p.m.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This 15-member council advises the Secretary of the Interior on a variety of management issues associated with public land management in Montana. During these meetings the council will participate in/discuss/act upon:

Administrative details (reviewing the council's charter, a briefing about the consensus process, the council's 2009 work plan, roles and responsibilities and the council's expectations);
Russian olive reduction efforts along the Upper Missouri River;
Field manager updates;
A review of BLM livestock grazing regulations;
A presentation from the Ranchers Stewardship Alliance;
A discussion of riparian information;
A report about the Limekiln Ruby Timber Blow-down;
A discussion of U.S. Forest Service fee proposals;
A presentation by the American Prairie Foundation; and administrative details (next meeting agenda, location, etc.).

All RAC meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the RAC. Each formal RAC meeting will also have time allocated for hearing public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gary L. "Stan" Benes, Lewistown Field Manager, Lewistown Field Office, P.O. Box 1160, Lewistown, Montana 59457, 406/538-1900.

Dated: December 5, 2008.

Gary L. "Stan" Benes,
Lewistown Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Continuation of Visitor Services

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.
ACTION: Public notice.

DATES: *Effective Date:* January 1, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jo A. Pendry, Concession Program Manager, National Park Service, Washington, DC 20240, Telephone, 202/513-7156.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the terms of existing concession contracts, public notice is hereby given that the National Park Service intends to request a continuation of visitor services for a period not-to-exceed 1 year from the date of contract expiration.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The contracts listed below have been extended to maximum allowable under