

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.

Authority: Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35.

Dated: September 14, 2015.

Merrie Nichols-Dixon,

Deputy Director, Office of Policy, Programs and Legislative Initiatives.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Native American Policy for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Draft policy for public notice and comment; reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: We, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), are reopening the comment period for the draft Native American Policy, which we announced for public comment in the **Federal Register** on August 2, 2015. The purpose of this Policy is to further the United States' trust responsibility to Indian tribes by establishing a framework on which to base our continued interactions with federally recognized tribes and Alaska Native Corporations. The Policy recognizes the sovereignty of federally recognized tribes; states that the Service will work on a government-to-government basis with tribal governments; and includes guidance on co-management, access to and use of cultural resources, capacity development, law enforcement, and education.

DATES: The Service will accept public comment through October 21, 2015.

ADDRESSES: The draft Native American Policy is available at www.fws.gov/policy/draft510fw1.pdf. The existing Policy is available in the Fish and Wildlife Service Manual at <http://www.fws.gov/policy/native-american-policy.pdf>. To submit comments, please mail or email them to Scott Aikin (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Aikin, Native American Programs Coordinator, by mail at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 911 NE 11th Avenue, Portland, OR 97232; or via email at scott_aikin@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We are reopening the comment period for the

draft Native American Policy, which we made available for public comment from August 2, 2015 (80 FR 46043), through September 2, 2015. The purpose of this Policy is to further the United States' trust responsibility to Indian tribes by establishing a framework on which to base our continued interactions with federally recognized tribes and Alaska Native Corporations. The Policy recognizes the sovereignty of federally recognized tribes; states that the Service will work on a government-to-government basis with tribal governments; and includes guidance on co-management, access to and use of cultural resources, capacity development, law enforcement, and education.

The draft Native American Policy is available for review and comment at www.fws.gov/policy/draft510fw1.pdf. For the overview we provided in our August 2, 2015, **Federal Register** notice, see 80 FR 46043.

Open Comment Period

This publication opens a new 30-day comment period, during which we invite and encourage tribes and Alaska Native Corporations (ANCs) to continue to review and submit comments. The Service's invitation to federally recognized tribal governments to consult on a government-to-government basis regarding development of this updated Native American Policy continues until 30 days after this **Federal Register** notification. Comments from local, State, and Federal government agencies; federally recognized tribal governments; non-federally recognized tribal governments; ANCSA corporations; and the general public are welcome. If you submitted comments or information during the initial open comment period, which ended on September 2, 2015 (80 FR 46043), you need not resubmit them. They will be reviewed and considered.

Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, 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.

Dated: September 4, 2015.

James W. Kurth,

Acting Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

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Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Fruitport Casino Project, Fruitport Township, Muskegon County, Michigan

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), as lead agency, intends to gather information necessary for preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in connection with the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (Tribe) application for a proposed 60-acre fee-to-trust transfer and casino project to be located in Fruitport Township, Muskegon County, Michigan. This notice also announces the beginning of the public scoping process to solicit public comments and identify potential issues and content for inclusion in the EIS.

DATES: Written comments on the scope of the EIS must arrive by October 21, 2015. The date and location of a public scoping meeting will be announced at least 15 days in advance through a notice to be published in the local newspaper, the Muskegon Chronicle, and posted at www.littlrivereis.com.

ADDRESSES: You may mail, hand carry, or fax written comments to Ms. Diane Rosen, Midwest Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Midwest Region, Norman Pointe II Building, 5600 West American Boulevard, Suite 500, Bloomington, Minnesota 55437; Fax: (612) 713-4401. Additionally, you may email comments to the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice. Please include your name, return address, and "NOI Comments, Little River Casino Project" on the first page of your written comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Scott Doig, Acting Regional Environmental Scientist, Bureau of

Indian Affairs, Midwest Region, Norman Pointe II Building, 5600 West American Boulevard, Suite 500, Bloomington, MN 55437; Phone (612) 725-4514; email scott.doig@bia.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Tribe has submitted an application to BIA requesting that approximately 60 acres of land be transferred from fee to trust status upon which the Tribe would develop a casino, hotel, parking, and other supporting facilities. In order for the Department to fully consider and either grant or deny the Tribe's application, the Department must first comply with NEPA. The property is located within Fruitport Township, Muskegon County, Michigan, approximately 5 miles south of the City of Muskegon. It is bounded by Interstate 96 to the northeast and Ellis Road to the south. Areas of environmental concern identified for analysis in the EIS include land resources, water resources, air quality, noise, biological resources, cultural resources, resource use patterns, traffic and transportation, public health/environmental hazards, public services and utilities, socioeconomic, environmental justice, and visual resources/aesthetics. Alternatives identified for analysis include the proposed action, a non-gaming alternative, a reduced-intensity alternative, and an alternative site location. The range of issues and alternatives are open to revision based on comments received in response to this notice. Other related approvals may be required to implement the project, including approval of the Tribe's fee-to-trust application, determination of the site's eligibility for gaming, compliance with the Clean Water Act, and local service agreements. To the extent applicable, the EIS will identify and evaluate issues related to these approvals. The purpose of the Tribe's proposed action is to improve the economic status of the Tribal government so it can better provide housing, health care, education, cultural programs, and other services to its members. Additional information, including a map of the project site, is available by contacting the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice.

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 of this notice, during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Before including your address, phone number,

email 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 in your comment that your personal identifying information be withheld from public review, BIA cannot guarantee that this will occur.

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 Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321-4345 *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: September 14, 2015.

Kevin K. Washburn,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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San Juan Islands National Monument Advisory Committee Meeting

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, the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) San Juan Islands National Monument Advisory Committee (MAC) will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The MAC will meet on October 6, 2015, from 8:30 a.m.—3:45 p.m. at Brickworks, 150 Nichols St, Friday Harbor, Washington 98250.

Meeting discussion will include an update on the planning process and a brief review of the scoping report (which is currently available to the public). The committee will then discuss the BLM's progress on developing preliminary draft management alternatives based on scoping comments, MAC input, and internal discussions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marcia deChadenèdes, San Juan Islands National Monument Manager, P.O. Box 3, 37 Washburn Ave., Lopez Island,

Washington 98261, (360) 468-3051, or mdechade@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1(800) 877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The twelve member San Juan Islands MAC was chartered to provide information and advice regarding the development of the San Juan Islands National Monument's RMP. Members represent an array of stakeholder interests in the land and resources from within the local area and statewide. All advisory committee meetings are open to the public. At 12 p.m. members of the public will have the opportunity to make comments to the MAC during a one-hour public comment period. Persons wishing to make comments during the public comment period should register in person with the BLM by 12 p.m. that meeting day, at the meeting location. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment, the length of comments may be limited. The public may send written comments to the MAC at San Juan Islands National Monument, Attn. MAC, P.O. Box 3, 37 Washburn Ave., Lopez Island, Washington 98261. The BLM appreciates all comments.

Dennis Strange,

Spokane District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Steens Mountain Advisory Council; Meeting

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, and the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the Steens Mountain Advisory Council (SMAC) will meet as indicated below:

DATES: October 22, 2015, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and October 23, 2015 from