

compliance, would protect springflow for the covered species. Minimum required springflows equivalent to historical conditions would be ensured under Alternative 3. However, this alternative would employ the most severe regulatory measures to achieve the level of pumping reductions needed and would require one or more sources of replacement water for some indeterminate fraction of the amount curtailed to meet residual demand.

Alternative 4: Water Supply Augmentation and Substitution. Under Alternative 4 BSEACD would propose an HCP and seek a 5 year ITP. Alternative 4 would involve the development of other alternative water supplies that would augment the amount of water pumped from the Aquifer, substitute for Aquifer withdrawals, or involve a combination of both to achieve the goal of substantially reducing Aquifer pumping to a level below 1 cfs in order to provide for a minimum average monthly springflow of 11 cfs during drought of record conditions. As additional water supplies become available, the amount of Aquifer pumping would be reduced in direct proportion to the amount of water augmented or substituted. BSEACD currently does not have the regulatory authority to develop alternative water supplies. Use of augmented or substituted water supplies would have to be implemented voluntarily as is currently being done by some users within the permit area. There are also current limitations on the amount of alternative water supplies that could economically be made available to groundwater users within the region.

Section 9 of the Act and its implementing regulations prohibit “take” of fish and wildlife species listed as threatened or endangered under section 4 of the Act. However, section 10(a) of the Act authorizes us to issue permits to take listed wildlife species where such take is incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities and where the applicant meets certain statutory requirements.

Public Meeting

The Service will hold a public meeting during the public comment period. The date, time, and location of the meeting will be noticed in local newspapers at least two weeks before the meeting and will also be posted on the following Web site: <http://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/AustinTexas/>. The public meeting will be physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for reasonable accommodations (e.g., auxiliary aids or

sign language interpretation) should be directed to Charlotte Kuchera, 512/490-0057, ext. 224, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

EPA’s Role in the EIS Process

In addition, EPA is publishing a notice announcing the dEIS, as required under section 309 of the Clean Air Act. The publication date of EPA’s notice of availability is the official start of the public comment period for the dEIS. Under the Clean Air Act, EPA also must subsequently announce the final EIS via the **Federal Register**. The EPA is charged under section 309 of the Clean Air Act to review all Federal agencies’ EISs and to comment on the adequacy and the acceptability of the environmental impacts of proposed actions in the EISs.

EPA also serves as the repository (EIS database) for EISs prepared by Federal agencies and provides notice of their availability in the **Federal Register**. The EIS database provides information about EISs prepared by Federal agencies, as well as EPA’s comments concerning the EISs. All EISs are filed with EPA, which publishes a notice of availability on Fridays in the **Federal Register**.

The notice of availability is the start of the 60-day public comment period for draft EISs. For more information, see <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/eisdata.html>. You may search for EPA comments on EISs, along with EISs themselves, at <https://cdxnodengn.epa.gov/cdx-enepa-public/action/eis/search>.

Public Availability of Comments

Written comments we receive become part of the public record associated with this action. 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 request in your comment that we withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. We will not consider anonymous comments. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety.

Authority

We provide this notice under section 10(c) of the Act and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.22 and 17.32)

and NEPA and its implementing regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

Joy E. Nicholopoulos,

Acting Regional Director, Southwest Region, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

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Land Acquisitions; The Chickasaw Nation

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice informs the public that the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs proclaimed approximately 30.03 acres, more or less, of land near the Town of Willis, Marshall County, Oklahoma (Willis Site) in trust for the Chickasaw Nation for gaming and other purposes on January 19, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Paula L. Hart, Director, Office of Indian Gaming, Bureau of Indian Affairs, MS-3657 MIB, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240, telephone (202) 219-4066.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 Departmental Manual 8.1, and is published to comply with the requirements of 25 CFR 151.12(c)(2)(ii) that notice of the decision to acquire land in trust be promptly provided in the **Federal Register**.

On January 19, 2017, the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs issued a decision to accept the Willis Site, consisting of approximately 30.03 acres, more or less, of land in trust for the Chickasaw Nation (Nation), under the authority of the Indian Reorganization Act, 25 U.S.C. 5108. The Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs determined that Nation’s request also meets the requirements of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act’s “Oklahoma exception,” 25 U.S.C. 2719(a)(2)(A)(i), to the general prohibition contained in 25 U.S.C. 2719(a) on gaming on lands acquired in trust after October 17, 1988.

The Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior, will

immediately acquire title to the Willis Site in the name of the United States of America in trust for the Nation upon fulfillment of Departmental requirements.

The 30.03 acres, more or less, are located in Marshall County, Oklahoma, and are described as follows:

A parcel or tract of land in the Southeast Quarter of Section 1, Township 8 South, Range 4 East, of the Indian Meridian, Marshall County, Oklahoma, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Southeast Quarter;

THENCE South 89°30'30" West, along the South line of said Southeast Quarter, a distance of 787.65 feet to a point on the easterly right of way line of State Highway 99 (U.S. Highway 377) as shown on Federal Aid Secondary Project No. S-896 (2) (3)-S Plans (SWO 2294 (1)), said point being North 89°30'30" East 1857.50 feet from the Southwest Corner of said Southeast Quarter;

THENCE along said easterly right of way line, the following eight (8) courses:

1. North 04°26'00" West a distance of 50.12 feet;
2. North 86°03'31" West a distance of 323.45 feet;
3. North 04°26'00" West a distance of 237.02 feet;
4. North 06°52'36" East a distance of 305.94 feet;
5. North 04°26'00" West a distance of 580.00 feet;
6. North 15°44'36" West a distance of 9.87 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING;
7. continuing North 15°44'36" West, a distance of 372.55 feet;
8. North 04°26'00" West a distance of 940.17 feet;

THENCE North 89°29'14" East, parallel with the North line of said Southeast Quarter, a distance of 1078.65 feet;

THENCE South 00°39'14" East, parallel with the East line of said Southeast Quarter, a distance of 135.71 feet;

THENCE South 89°20'46" West a distance of 30.00 feet;

THENCE South 00°39'14" East, parallel with the East line of said Southeast Quarter, a distance of 552.00 feet;

THENCE South 03°47'57" East a distance of 330.34 feet;

THENCE South 04°34'12" East a distance of 280.92 feet;

THENCE South 89°30'30" West, parallel with the South line of said Southeast Quarter, a distance of 927.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Said described tract of land contains an area of 1,036,772 square feet or 29.9994 acres, more or less. SURFACE ONLY.

As surveyed in True North bearings, more particularly described as follows:

A tract of land in the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section One (1), Township Eight (8) South, Range Four (4) East, Indian Meridian, Marshall County, Oklahoma, being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 1; Thence N89°49'51" W, along the South line of the Southeast Quarter, a distance of 791.92 feet to a point on the East Right-of-Way line of State Highway No. 99 as filed in Book 233 on Page 646 and Book 232 on Page 100 in the Office of the County Clerk, Marshall County, Oklahoma;

THENCE along said East Right-of-Way line for the following Eight (8) courses:

1. Thence N03°46'26" W., a distance of 49.96 feet;
2. Thence N85°24'26" W., a distance of 319.80 feet;
3. Thence N03°46'26" W., a distance of 237.30 feet;
4. Thence N07°32'34" E., a distance of 306.00 feet;
5. Thence N03°46'26" W., a distance of 580.00 feet;
6. Thence N15°04'26" W., a distance of 9.87 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING;

7. Thence continuing N15°04'26" W., a distance of 372.63 feet;

8. Thence N03°46'26" W., a distance of 940.17 feet; Thence S89°53'31" E. along the North line of a Tract as filed in Book 1003 on Page 08 in the Office of the County Clerk and being parallel with the North line of the Southeast Quarter, a distance of 1079.22 feet to a point on the West line of a tract of land as filed in Book 606 on Page 237 in the office of the County Clerk; Thence S00°00'21" W., along the West line of said aforementioned tract, a distance of 136.49 feet to the Southwest Corner thereof; Thence N89°59'39" W., along the North line of a tract of land as described and filed in Book 853 on Page 26 in the Office of the County Clerk, a distance of 30.00 feet to the Northwest Corner thereof; Thence S00°00'21" W., along the West line of said tract as filed in Book 853 on Page 26 and along the West line of a tract of land as filed in Book 780 on Page 166 in the Office of the County Clerk, a distance of 552.00 feet to the Southwest Corner of the aforementioned Tract; Thence S03°08'23" E., along the West line of a tract of land as filed in Book 679 on Page 178 in the Office of the County Clerk, a distance of 330.27 feet to the Southwest Corner thereof; Thence S03°54'49" E., along the West line of a tract of land as filed in Book 358 on

Page 231 in the Office of the County Clerk, a distance of 281.05 feet;

THENCE N89°49'51" W., parallel with the South line of the Southeast Quarter, a distance of 927.64 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, having an area of 30.03 Acres. All bearings contained in this legal description were based upon True North by GPS Observation. Prepared on this date, DECEMBER 27, 2013 by Obert D. Bennett, RPLS No. 1471 Oklahoma. SURFACE ONLY.

Dated: June 21, 2017.

Michael S. Black,

Acting Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

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Land Acquisitions; The Cherokee Nation

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs made a final agency determination to acquire 51.35 acres, more or less, located in Sequoyah County, Oklahoma (the Parcels) in trust for the Cherokee Nation for gaming and other purposes on January 19, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Paula L. Hart, Director, Office of Indian Gaming, Bureau of Indian Affairs, MS-3657 MIB, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240, telephone (202) 219-4066.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 Departmental Manual 8.1, and is published to comply with the requirements of 25 CFR 151.12 (c)(2)(ii) that notice of the decision to acquire land in trust be promptly provided in the **Federal Register**.

On January 19, 2017, the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs issued a decision to accept the Parcels, consisting of approximately 51.35 acres, more or less, of land in trust for the Nation, under the authority of the Indian Reorganization Act, 25 U.S.C. 5108. The Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs determined that the Nation's request also meets the requirements of the Indian Gaming