

three alternatives: A no-action alternative, the applicant's proposed action, and a more restrictive alternative consisting of feathering turbines at a rate of wind speed that results in less impacts to bats.

### Next Steps

The Service will evaluate the application and the comments received to determine whether the permit application meets the requirements of section 10(a) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). We will also conduct an intra-Service consultation pursuant to section 7 of the ESA to evaluate the effects of the proposed take. After considering the above findings, we will determine whether the permit issuance criteria of section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA have been met. If met, the Service will issue the requested ITP to the applicant.

### Public Comments

The Service invites the public to comment and suggestions from all interested parties on the proposed HCP and draft EA and supporting documents during a 30-day public comment period (see **DATES**). In particular, information and comments regarding the following topics are requested:

1. Whether adaptive management, monitoring and mitigation provisions in the Proposed Action alternative are sufficient;
2. Any threats to the Indiana bat and the northern long-eared bat that may influence their populations over the life of the ITP that are not addressed in the proposed HCP or draft EA;
3. Any new information on white-nose syndrome effects on the Indiana bat and the northern long-eared bat;
4. Whether or not the significance of the impact on various aspects of the human environment has been adequately analyzed;
5. Any other information pertinent to evaluating the effects of the proposed action on the Indiana bat, the northern long-eared bat and the human environment; and
6. The direct, indirect, or cumulative effects that implementation of any alternative could have on the human environment.

You may submit comments by one of the methods shown under **ADDRESSES**. We will post on <http://regulations.gov> all public comments and information received electronically or via hardcopy. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the administrative 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. 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 ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.22) and the NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (40 CFR 1506.6; 43 CFR part 46).

### Lori Nordstrom,

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

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### Land Acquisitions; Kiowa Indian Tribe of Oklahoma

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs made a final agency determination to acquire in trust 11.33 acres, more or less, of land in the City of Hobart, Kiowa County, Oklahoma, (Site) for the Kiowa Indian Tribe of Oklahoma (Tribe) for gaming and other purposes.

**DATES:** This final determination was made on December 11, 2020.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Paula L. Hart, Director, Office of Indian Gaming, Bureau of Indian Affairs, MS-3543 MIB, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240, telephone (202) 219-4066, [paula.hart@bia.gov](mailto:paula.hart@bia.gov).

**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 the date listed in the **DATES** section of this notice, the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs issued a decision to acquire the Site, consisting of 11.33 acres, more or less, of land in trust for the Tribe under the authority of the Indian Reorganization Act, 25 U.S.C. 5108. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs determined that Tribe'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) for gaming on lands acquired in trust after October 17, 1988.

The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior, will immediately acquire title to the Site in the name of the United States of America in trust for the Tribe upon fulfillment of Departmental requirements.

The 11.33 acres, more or less, are located in the City of Hobart, Kiowa County, Oklahoma, and are described as follows:

The surface and surface rights only in a tract of land located in the SE/4 of Section 02, Township 06 North, Range 18 West of the Indian Base and Meridian, Kiowa County, Oklahoma and more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the SE Corner of the said SE/4; thence N 00°06'58" E along the East Line of the said SE/4 a distance of 1414.12 feet; thence N 89°53'02" W perpendicular to the said East Line a distance of 66.30 feet to the East Right-of-Way Line of U.S. Highway No. 183, and the point of beginning; thence N 89°52'41" W a distance of 1304.40 feet; thence N 00°06'58" E a distance of 373.30 feet; thence S 89°52'41" E a distance of 1320.00 feet to the said East Right-of-Way Line; thence S 01°06'35" E along the said East Right-of-Way Line a distance of 307.98 feet; thence S 18°51'28" W a distance of 69.05 feet to the point of beginning, consisting of 11.33 acres, more or less; surface and surface rights only. Basis of bearings: True Meridian.

### Tara Sweeney,

*Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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### Notice of Availability of the Coastal Plain Marsh Creek East Seismic Exploration Environmental Assessment

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