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Next Steps

If we decide to issue permits to any of the applicants listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register**.

Authority

We publish this notice under section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Peter Erickson,

Acting Regional Ecological Services Program Manager, Pacific Southwest Region, Sacramento, California.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

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Indian Gaming; Approval of Tribal-State Class III Gaming Compact in the State of Washington

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice publishes the approval of the Fourth Amendment to the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation and the State of Washington Gaming Compact (Amendment) providing for Class III gaming between the Yakama Nation (Nation) and the State of Washington (State).

DATES: The Amendment takes effect on November 25, 2022.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Paula L. Hart, Director, Office of Indian

Gaming, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary—Policy and Economic Development, Washington, DC 20240, paula.hart@bia.gov, (202) 219–4066.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA), Public Law 100–497, 25 U.S.C. 2701 *et seq.*, 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. As required by 25 CFR 293.4, all compacts and amendments are subject to review and approval by the Secretary. The Amendment permits the Nation to establish an additional gaming facility and engage in sports wagering. The Amendment makes technical amendments to update and add various definitions in the compact. The Amendment is approved.

Bryan Newland,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Coquille Indian Tribe Fee-to-Trust and Gaming Facility Project, City of Medford, Jackson County, Oregon

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) as lead agency intends to file a draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the Coquille Indian Tribe fee-to-trust and Gaming Facility Project, City of Medford, Jackson County, Oregon. This notice also announces that the DEIS is now available for public review and that a virtual public hearing will be held to receive comments on the DEIS.

DATES: Comments on the DEIS must arrive within 45 days after the EPA publishes its Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. The date and time of the virtual public hearing on the DEIS will be announced at least 15 days in advance through a notice to be published in a local newspaper (the Medford Mail Tribune) and online at www.coquille-eis.com.

ADDRESSES: You may mail or hand-deliver written comments to:

- *By mail to:* Mr. Bryan Mercier, Northwest Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Northwest Region, 911 Northeast 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232. Please include your name, return address, and the caption: “DEIS Comments, Coquille Indian Tribe Fee-to-Trust and Gaming Facility Project,” on the first page of your written comments.

- *By email to:* Mr. Brian Haug, Bureau of Indian Affairs, at CoquilleCasinoEIS@bia.gov, using “DEIS Comments, Coquille Tribe Medford Gaming Facility Project” as the subject of your email.

The DEIS will be available for public review at:

- Medford Branch Library of Jackson County Library Services, 205 South Central Avenue, Medford, Oregon 97501; and www.coquille-eis.com.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Brian Haug, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Northwest Region, (503) 231–6780 (Office), (503) 231–2201 (Fax), CoquilleCasinoEIS@bia.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public review of the DEIS is part of the administrative process for BIA’s evaluation of the Tribe’s application to acquire approximately 2.4 acres of land in trust in the City of Medford, Jackson County, Oregon, for gaming purposes. Pursuant to Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations (40 CFR 1506.10), the publication of the Notice of Availability by the EPA in the **Federal Register** initiates the 45-day public comment period. A Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement was published in the Medford Mail Tribune on January 16 and 18, 2015, and the **Federal Register** on January 15, 2015 (80 FR 2120). The BIA held a public scoping meeting for the project on February 3, 2015, at the North Medford High School, Medford, Oregon.

Background

The Tribe requested that the Department acquire 2.4 acres of land in trust City of Medford, Jackson County, Oregon, for gaming purposes. The Tribe’s Proposed Project consists of the retrofit and remodel of an existing bowling alley on the proposed trust parcel into a 30,300-square foot gaming facility with class II gaming machines, food and beverage facilities, administrative space, associated parking on adjacent fee land, and ancillary facilities. Access to the site would be provided via two existing driveways along Highway 99.

The following alternatives are considered in the DEIS: (1) Proposed