DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians Fee-to-Trust Transfer for Tribal Village and Casino, City of South Bend, St. Joseph County, Indiana

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), in cooperation with the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians (Tribe), intends to file a draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the Tribe’s application requesting a fee-to-trust transfer of land located within the municipal limits of the City of South Bend, Indiana, for the construction of a tribal housing, government facilities, and a Class III gaming facility. This notice also announces that the DEIS is available for public review and that a public hearing will be held to receive comments.

DATES: The date of the public meeting will be announced at least 15 days in advance through a notice in the South Bend Tribune and on the following Web site: www.pokagonsouthbendeis.com. Written comments on the DEIS must arrive within 45 days after EPA publications its Notice of Availability in the Federal Register.

ADDRESSES: The public hearing will be held at the South Bend Century Center, 120 S. St. Joseph Street, South Bend, IN 46601. You may send comments to Mr. Scott Doig, Environmental Protection Specialist, Midwest Regional Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 5600 West American Blvd. Suite 500, Bloomington, MN 55437 or via email to Scott.Doig@bia.gov. See the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this notice for addresses where the DEIS is available for review.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Scott Doig, Environmental Protection Specialist, at (612) 725–4514.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and public review of the DEIS are part of the administrative process for the evaluation of the Tribe’s application under the Pokagon Restoration Act, 25 U.S.C. 1300j et seq., and the Department’s land-into-trust regulations at 25 CFR part 151. Under the Council on Environmental Quality 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.

The Tribe has requested that the Secretary of the Interior accept in trust status for the benefit of the Tribe certain real property consisting of 18 parcels of land totaling 165.81 acres, more or less, that are located in within the municipal limits of the City of South Bend in St. Joseph County, Indiana. The purpose of the proposed action is to improve access to essential tribal government services, and provide housing, employment opportunities, and economic development for the tribal community residing in northern Indiana. The Tribe proposes to develop 44 housing units, a multi-purpose facility, health service and other tribal government facilities. The Tribe also proposes to develop a Class III gaming facility with a hotel, restaurants, meeting space, and a parking garage.

The BIA held a public scoping meeting on September 27, 2012. Alternatives considered in the DEIS include: (1) Preferred alternative—South Bend tribal housing government facilities and casino, (2) Elkhart site with same uses as the preferred alternative, (3) South Bend site with government facilities and commercial development, and (4) no action. Environmental issues addressed in the DEIS include land resources, water resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, socioeconomic conditions, resource use, public services, noise, hazardous materials, visual resources, environmental justice, cumulative effects, indirect effects, unavoidable adverse effects, and mitigation.

Directions for Submitting Comments: Please include your name, return address and the title “DEIS Comments, Pokagon Tribal project” on the first page of your written comments.

Locations where the DEIS is Available for Review: The DEIS will be available at the South Bend Public Library, main branch-304 S. Main St., South Bend, IN 46601, and the Elkhart Public Library main branch-300 S 2nd St, Elkhart, IN 46516. An electronic version of the DEIS can be viewed at the following Web site: www.pokagonsouthbendeis.com. If you would like to obtain a compact disc copy of the DEIS, please provide your name and address in writing or by voicemail to Scott Doig. His contact information is listed in the ADDRESSES section of this notice. Individual paper copies of the DEIS will be provided only upon payment of applicable printing expenses by the requestor for the number of copies requested.

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, during regular business hours, 8:00 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 section 1503.1 of the Council of Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR 1500 et seq.) and the Department of the Interior Regulations (43 CFR part 46) implementing the procedural requirements of the NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), and in accordance with the exercise of authority delegated to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by part 209 of the Department Manual.


Kevin K. Washburn,
Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Notice of filing of plats of survey; Arizona

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of filing of plats of survey; Arizona.

SUMMARY: The plats of survey of the described lands were officially filed in the Arizona State Office, Bureau of Land Management, Phoenix, Arizona, on dates indicated.
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of portions of Mineral Survey No. 1787, unsurveyed Township 15 North, Range 2 East, accepted October 17, 2014, and officially filed October 20, 2014, for Group 1124, Arizona.

This plat was prepared at the request of the United States Forest Service. The plat representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines, the subdivision of section 14, and the survey of a portion of the meanders of the left bank of the Verde River in section 14, Township 14 North, Range 4 East, accepted February 13, 2015, and officially filed February 13, 2015, for Group 1138, Arizona.

This plat was prepared at the request of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The plat representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines, the subdivision of section 14, and the survey of the meanders of the thread of the present natural channel of the Verde River in front of lot 6, section 32, Township 14 North, Range 5 East, accepted February 13, 2015, and officially filed February 17, 2015, for Group 1137, Arizona.

This plat was prepared at the request of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The plat representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines, and metes-and-bounds surveys, partially surveyed Township 11 North, Range 11 East, accepted December 11, 2014, and officially filed December 16, 2014, for Group 1130, Arizona.

This plat was prepared at the request of the United States Forest Service. The plat representing the amended protraction diagram of partially surveyed Township 11 North, Range 11 East, accepted December 11, 2014, and officially filed December 16, 2014.

This plat was prepared at the request of the Bureau of Land Management. The plat representing the dependent resurvey of the east boundary of Township 24 North, Range 21 East, the survey of the south boundary and the subdivisional lines, and the subdivision of certain sections, Township 24 North, Range 22 East, accepted January 23, 2015, and officially filed January 26, 2015, for Group 1126, Arizona.

This plat was prepared at the request of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The plat representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the north boundary, a portion of the subdivisional lines, a portion of the subdivision lines within sections 11 and 14, the subdivision of sections 3 and 10, Township 5 North, Range 30 East, accepted February 20, 2015, and officially filed February 24, 2015, for Group 1108, Arizona.

This plat was prepared at the request of the United States Forest Service. The plat representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines, and a metes-and-bounds survey in section 28, Township 13 North, Range 4 West, accepted February 20, 2015, and officially filed February 24, 2015, for Group 1140, Arizona.

This plat was prepared at the request of the Bureau of Land Management. The plat representing the subdivision of section 23, and the metes-and-bounds survey of the center line of certain existing roads within the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter, and the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 23, Township 18 North, Range 13 West, accepted January 6, 2015, and officially filed January 7, 2015, for Group No. 1131, Arizona.

This plat was prepared at the request of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The plat representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the west and north boundaries, a portion of the subdivisional lines and a portion of Homestead Entry Survey No. 263, and the subdivision of sections 5 and 6, Township 10 South, Range 16 East, accepted December 11, 2014, and officially filed December 12, 2014, for Group 1109, Arizona.

This plat was prepared at the request of the United States Forest Service. The plat representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the west boundary and a portion of the subdivisional lines, and the subdivision of sections 31 and 32, Township 17 South, Range 19 East, accepted December 9, 2014, and officially filed December 10, 2014, for Group 1115, Arizona.

This plat was prepared at the request of the Bureau of Land Management. The plat representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines, the subdivision of section 29, Township 6 South, Range 28 East, accepted October 17, 2014, and officially filed October 20, 2014, for Group 1134, Arizona.

This plat was prepared at the request of the Bureau of Land Management. A person or party who wishes to protest against any of these surveys must file a written protest with the Arizona State Director, Bureau of Land Management, stating that they wish to protest. A statement of reasons for a protest may be filed with the notice of protest to the State Director, or the statement of reasons must be filed with the State Director within thirty (30) days after the protest is filed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: These plats will be available for inspection in the Arizona State Office, Bureau of Land Management, One North Central Avenue, Suite 800, Phoenix, Arizona 85004–4427. 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.

Gerald T. Davis, Chief Cadastral Surveyor of Arizona.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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Proposed Collection of Information on Wild Horses and Burros; Request for Comments

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: 60-day notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the information collection (IC) described below, and invites public comments on the proposed IC.

DATES: Please submit comments on the proposed information collection by May 11, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by mail, fax, or electronic mail. Mail: U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street NW., Room 2134LM, Attention: Jean Sonneman, Washington, DC 20240. Fax: to Jean Sonneman at 202–245–0050. Electronic mail: jean_sonneman@blm.gov. Please indicate “Attn: 1004–NEW” regardless of the form of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sarah Bohl at (202) 912–7263. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf may call the Federal