

health and safety standards and regulatory requirements. Adequate space is needed to conduct research into wildlife disease detection, enhance animal-care conditions, and strengthen other programs that support the NWHC mission. In addition, modernized infrastructure and mechanical systems are needed to efficiently implement the latest operating and management approaches for facility operations. These modernizations would further enhance the NWHC's capability to safely conduct research and diagnostics.

On September 5, 2023, the USGS initiated the NEPA process for the proposed action with publication in the **Federal Register** of a notice of intent (NOI) to prepare an EIS. The NOI began a 45-day public scoping period.

The USGS hosted an in-person public scoping meeting in Madison, Wisconsin, on September 21, 2023, and a virtual scoping meeting on September 28, 2023. On June 14, 2024, the draft EIS notice of availability was published in the **Federal Register**, initiating the 45-day public comment period. During this time, the USGS hosted both a virtual and in-person public meeting on July 18, 2024. On November 22, 2024, the final EIS was issued.

Throughout the NEPA process, the USGS invited Federal, State, county, and local agencies; federally recognized Tribes; officials; organizations; and the public to participate in the public involvement process. The USGS also published information about how to participate during public comment periods in the Wisconsin State Journal and Capital Times, posted information on the project website, and emailed such information to all elected and appointed officials; Federal, State, county, and local agencies; federally recognized Tribes; organizations; and individuals on the project contact list. Additionally, USGS committed to an expansive public outreach process that included engagement with the local community to gain insight into community context.

Alternatives considered in the EIS were identified by the USGS during previous studies, internal evaluations, and the public scoping process. The preliminary alternatives were refined based on information gained through the public scoping process. The preferred alternative in the EIS is the development of a new NWHC on the existing property in Madison, Wisconsin. The EIS also considered the no action alternative, under which no updates would be completed to the existing facilities and no new facilities would be developed. Other alternatives identified during internal and public

scoping were considered as outlined in section 2.2 of the final EIS and eliminated because they did not substantially meet the purpose of, and need for, the proposed action.

Decision and Rationale for Decision

The USGS decided to implement the preferred alternative, development of a new NWHC on the existing NWHC property in Madison, Wisconsin, as identified in the EIS. This selection was based on the following detailed in the EIS:

- Consultations with Federal, State of Wisconsin, county, and local agencies; Tribes, public officials, organizations, and the public;
- Consideration of potential environmental consequences;
- Need for modernized facilities with sufficient space and modern technologies to support the NWHC's mission of providing essential national research;
- Public comments on received for the draft and final EISs; and
- Material and information contained in previous planning and technical studies.

Development of the new NWHC in Madison, Wisconsin, is contingent on the availability of funding sufficient to proceed.

Authority: We provide this notice in accordance with the requirements of NEPA, as amended and the Department's regulations and procedures implementing NEPA at 43 CFR part 46 and part 516 of the Departmental Manual.

Anne Barrett,

Acting Deputy Director for Administration and Policy, U.S. Geological Survey.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

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Receipt of Documented Petition for Federal Acknowledgment as an American Indian Tribe

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Interior (Department) gives notice that the group known as the Salyersville Indian Community has filed a documented petition for Federal acknowledgment as an American Indian Tribe with the Assistant Secretary—

Indian Affairs. The Department seeks comment and evidence from the public on the petition.

DATES: Comments and evidence must be postmarked by January 28, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the narrative portion of the documented petition, as submitted by the petitioner (with any redactions appropriate under 25 CFR 83.21(b)), and other information are available at the Office of Federal Acknowledgment's (OFA) website: www.bia.gov/as-ia/ofa. Submit any comments or evidence to: Department of the Interior, Office of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Attention: Office of Federal Acknowledgment, Mail Stop 4071 MIB, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240, or by email to: Ofa_Info@bia.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Nikki Bass, OFA Director, Office of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, by phone: (202) 513-7650; or by email: Ofa_Info@bia.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 31, 2015, the Department's revisions to 25 CFR part 83 became final and effective (80 FR 37861). A key goal of the revisions was to improve transparency through increased notice of petitions and providing improved public access to petitions. Today the Department informs the public that a complete documented petition has been submitted under the current regulations, that portions of that petition are publicly available on the website identified above for easy access, and that we are seeking public comment early in the process on this petition.

Under 25 CFR 83.22(b)(1), the OFA publishes notice that the following group has filed a documented petition for Federal acknowledgment as an American Indian Tribe to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs: Salyersville Indian Community. The contact information for the petitioner is Ms. Joleena Pesenti, P.O. Box 1359, East Jordan, Michigan 49727.

Also, under 25 CFR 83.22(b)(1), OFA publishes on its website the following:

- i. The narrative portion of the documented petition, as submitted by the petitioner (with any redactions appropriate under 25 CFR 83.21(b));
- ii. The name, location, and mailing address of the petitioner and other information to identify the entity;
- iii. The date of receipt;
- iv. The opportunity for individuals and entities to submit comments and evidence supporting or opposing the petitioner's request for acknowledgment within 120 days of the date of the website posting; and

v. The opportunity for individuals and entities to request to be kept informed of general actions regarding a specific petitioner.

Authority

The Department publishes this notice and request for comment in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by Department Manual part 209, chapter 8.

Janel C. Broderick,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Exercising the delegated authority of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

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Receipt of Documented Petition for Federal Acknowledgment as an American Indian Tribe

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Interior (Department) gives notice that the group known as the Affiliated Ute Citizens of the State of Utah has filed a documented petition for Federal acknowledgment as an American Indian Tribe with the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs. The Department seeks comment and evidence from the public on the petition.

DATES: Comments and evidence must be postmarked by October 30, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the narrative portion of the documented petition, as submitted by the petitioner (with any redactions appropriate under 25 CFR 83.21(b)), and other information are available at the Office of Federal Acknowledgment's (OFA) website: www.bia.gov/as-ia/ofa. Submit any comments or evidence to: Department of the Interior, Office of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Attention: Office of Federal Acknowledgment, Mail Stop 4071 MIB, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240, or by email to: Ofa_Info@bia.gov.

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Under 25 CFR 83.22(b)(1), the OFA publishes notice that the following group has filed a documented petition for Federal acknowledgment as an American Indian Tribe to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs: Affiliated Ute Citizens of the State of Utah. The contact information for the petitioner is Ms. Dora Van, P.O. Box 836, Fort Duchesne, UT 84026.

Also, under 25 CFR 83.22(b)(1), OFA publishes on its website the following:

- i. The narrative portion of the documented petition, as submitted by the petitioner (with any redactions appropriate under 25 CFR 83.21(b));
- ii. The name, location, and mailing address of the petitioner and other information to identify the entity;
- iii. The date of receipt;
- iv. The opportunity for individuals and entities to submit comments and evidence supporting or opposing the petitioner's request for acknowledgment within 120 days of the date of the website posting; and
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Authority

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Janel C. Broderick,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Exercising the delegated authority of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Application and Reports for Paleontological Permits

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the Office of the Secretary, are proposing to revise an information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 30, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. Please provide a copy of your comments to the Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer (ICCO), 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240; or by email to DOI-PRA@ios.doi.gov. Please reference Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Control Number 1093–0008 in the subject line of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeffrey Parrillo, Departmental ICCO, 1849 C Street, NW Washington, DC 20240; by telephone at 202–208–7072, or by email to DOI-PRA@ios.doi.gov. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations at 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), all information collections require approval under the PRA. We may not conduct or sponsor and you are not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number.