

Mecca. Section 6 is characterized by smooth topography and ranges in elevation from 180 feet below to 146 feet below mean sea level. Section 6 is adjacent to, on its west and south sides, the Coachella Valley Enterprise Zone; a 27,000 acre area established by the California Legislature to create jobs and economic development.

The DEIS addresses the issues identified during scoping. Alternatives to the proposed project that are considered in the DEIS include the no action alternative. The environmental issues addressed in the DEIS include land and water resources, air quality, living resources, cultural and socioeconomic resources, land use, traffic, noise, public safety and health, and visual resources.

Dated: June 4, 1998.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Proposed Southpoint Power Plant Project on the Fort Mojave Indian Reservation, Mohave County, AZ

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of DEIS and public hearing dates.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that a Draft Environmental Statement (DEIS) is available for public review and that public hearings will be held on this document. A lease between the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe (FMIT) and Calpine Corporation was executed on April 28, 1998. Approval of the pending lease by the Bureau of Indian Affairs is a major federal action. Calpine Corporation proposes to construct and operate a natural gas fired, 500 megawatt combined cycle power plant and associated ancillary facilities on leased tribal trust land. The proposed lease is for a term of 50 years, with an option to renew for an additional 15 years. The proposed power plant would provide electrical power for distribution through the Western Area Power Administration grid to meet existing demand. By entering into the proposed lease the FMIT will enhance its tribal sovereignty and self-determination.

This notice is published pursuant to Section 1503.1 of the Council of Environmental Quality Regulations (40

CFR, parts 1500 through 1508) implementing the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C 4321 *et seq.*), and the Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM 1-6), and is in the exercise of authority delegated to the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

DATES: Public hearings on the DEIS will be held on July 15, 1998 at 10:00 AM MST and 7:00 PM MST at the FMIT tribal headquarters, 500 Merriman Street, Needles, California, and on July 16, 1998 at 7:00 PM MST at Mohave High School auditorium, 2251 Highway 95, Bullhead City, Arizona. Written comments must be received on or before August 15, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments and participation at the public hearings are solicited. Please direct written comments to Mr. Allen J. Anspach, Superintendent, Colorado River Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Rt. 1, Box 9-C, Parker, Arizona 85344, or to Mr. Wayne Nordwall, Phoenix Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Phoenix Area Office, P.O. Box 10, Phoenix, AZ 85001.

Persons wishing copies of this DEIS should immediately contact Ms. Goldie Stroup, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Colorado River Agency, Rt. 1, Box 9-C, Parker, Arizona 85344, Telephone (520) 669-7121 or Ms. Amy Heuslein, Area Environmental Protection Officer, Phoenix Area Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 400 North 5th Street, 2 Arizona Center—14th Floor, Phoenix, Arizona 85004. Telephone (602) 379-6750.

Copies of the DEIS have been sent to all agencies and individuals who participated in the scoping process from December 1994 through January 1995, and to all others who have already requested copies of the document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Amy L. Heuslein, 602-379-6750.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, in cooperation with the FMIT, has prepared a DEIS on the proposed construction and operation of a natural gas fired 500 megawatt combined cycle power plant on leased land of approximately 320 acres on the Fort Mojave Indian Reservation in Mohave County, Arizona. In addition to the power plant, there is a proposal for an administrative building and parking areas on a 15 acre compound, a 30 acre evaporation pond, and a storm water retention area of approximately 30 acres. A buffer area would be provided around the development. The power plant would use consumptively approximately 4,000 acre feet of water

per year from the FMIT's allocation of Colorado River water. Natural gas would be supplied to the site in buried lines on new right-of-way across Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land. The power generated by the proposed plant could potentially be wheeled and distributed by facilities of the multi-state federal Western Area Power Administration, and by local distribution facilities such those of Arizona Electric Power Cooperative, Needles Electric Company, Aha Macav Power Services, and others.

The purpose and need for this action is to support tribal economic development on the reservation and augment current power supply sources in the region. By entering into the proposed lease, the FMIT would enhance its tribal sovereignty and self-determination and obtain revenues from this activity.

Under the Preferred Alternative, the proposed natural gas combined cycle 500 megawatt power plant with ancillary facilities would be constructed and operated on 320 acres in the east half Section 8, T17N R21W, Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, Mohave County, Arizona, on the north side of the Davis Dam-Topock Highway. The power plant buildings and equipment, and the retention basins, would be located on the valley floor. The evaporation pond would be located on top of the bluffs. Natural gas would be supplied by new lines in rights-of-way across BLM land.

Under Alternative Two, the proposed power plant would be constructed and operated on 160 acres in the west half of Section 30, T18N, R21W, Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, Mohave County Arizona. This site is approximately two and one-half miles northwest of the Preferred Alternative site. The power plant proposed to be built on the Alternative Two site would be identical in size to that proposed for the Preferred Alternative. All plant facilities, except paved access roads, would be located on top of the bluffs. Natural gas would be available to the plant from the same sources as for the Preferred Alternative and would require construction of two branch lines across BLM land to the reservation boundary.

Under Alternative Three, the proposed power plant would be built on 160 acres in the west half of Section 16, T17N, R21W, Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, Mohave County, Arizona. This site is immediately to the south of the Preferred Alternative site, on the south side of the Davis Dam-Topock Highway. The power plant proposed to be built on the Alternative Three site would be identical in size to that proposed for the Preferred Alternative.

All plant facilities would be located on the valley floor. Natural gas would be available to the site from the same sources as for the Preferred Alternative and would require construction of two branch lines on right-of-way across BLM land to the reservation boundary.

Agencies and individuals are urged to provide comments on this DEIS as soon as possible. All comments received by August 15, 1998 will be considered in preparation of the Final EIS.

Dated: June 4, 1998.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of approved agreements to Tribal-State Compact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, Pub. L. 100-497, 25 U.S.C. § 2710, 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 (casino) gambling on Indian reservations. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, has approved the Agreements between the Crow Indian Tribe and the State of Montana regarding Class III gaming which was executed on March 11, 1998.

DATES: This action is effective June 12, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George T. Skibine, Director, Indian Gaming Management Staff, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C. 20240, (202) 219-4068.

Dated: June 4, 1998.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management, Alaska

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Notice for Publication; AA-6694-A; Alaska Native Claims Selection

In accordance with Departmental regulation 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is

hereby given that a decision to issue conveyance under the provisions of Sec. 14(a) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 18, 1971, 43 U.S.C. 1601, 1613(a), will be issued to Afognak Native Corporation, Successor in Interest to Port Lions Native Corporation, for approximately 20,552 acres. The lands involved are located on or in the vicinity of Afognak, Whale, and Kodiak Islands, Alaska, as follows:

Seward Meridian, Alaska

T. 26 S., R. 21 W.

T. 26 S., R. 23 W.

T. 24 S., R. 22 W.

T. 27 S., R. 23 W.

T. 27 S., R. 22 W.

T. 26 S., R. 24 W.

A notice of the decision will be published once a week, for four (4) consecutive weeks, in the *Kodiak Daily Mirror*. Copies of the decision may be obtained by contacting the Alaska State Office of the Bureau of Land Management, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599 ((907) 271-5960).

Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision, an agency of the Federal government or regional corporation, shall have until July 13, 1998 to file an appeal. However, parties receiving service by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal. Appeals must be filed in the Bureau of Land Management at the address identified above, where the requirements for filing an appeal may be obtained. Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

Sherri D. Belenski,

Land Law Examiner, ANCSA Team, Branch of 962 Adjudication.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Temporary Closure of Certain Roads and Public Lands During the Operation of the 1998 Silver State 300 Off-Highway Vehicle Race: Nevada, Ely and Las Vegas Districts

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of closure order.

SUMMARY: The Assistant District Manager, Nonrenewable Resources of

the Ely Field Office announces the temporary closure of selected roads and public lands under the administration of the Ely Field Office and the Las Vegas Field Office. Approximately 46 miles of a 317 mile vehicle event route are affected by this temporary closure. This action is being taken to comply with provisions of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Biological Opinion for this event (File No. 1-5-98-F-081), to prevent unnecessary environmental degradation of desert tortoise habitat during the official permitted running of the 1998 Silver State 300 Race, and to provide for the safety of racers and members of the public.

EFFECTIVE DATE AND TIMES: Two areas are closed on June 27, 1998 during Pacific Standard Time hours described below.

(1) The first 41 mile long closure segment consists of a road commonly known as the Carp-Elgin Road and another unnamed rural road segment located west and north of Carp, Nevada. This area is located between Interstate Highway 15 and Lyman Crossing, and is closed from 3:00 am through 1:00 pm. This segment begins in section 2, Township 14 South, Range 67 East, and ends in section 16, Township 9 South, Range 67 East. As soon as all race vehicles have completed travel along this segment of the designated route, the area will be progressively opened proceeding from a south to north direction. The area may be opened earlier than 1:00 pm if all race vehicles have passed beyond the closure boundary. (2) The second 5 mile long temporary closure area includes a rural road segment east of Maynard Lake located between section 19 in Township 8 South, Range 63 East and the finish location for the race in section 11, Township 9 South, Range 62 East. This area is closed from 11:00 am through approximately 10:00 pm on June 27, 1998. This area may be opened earlier than 10:00 pm if all race vehicles have passed through the closure.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Bunker, Outdoor Recreation Planner, Ely Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, HC 33 Box 33500, Ely, Nevada 89301-9408. Telephone (702) 289-1800.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Maps of the designated route for this race event which is affected by this closure are available for inspection at the Bureau of Land Management Offices in Caliente, Ely and Las Vegas in Nevada.

Closure Areas

The closure affects a designated route and adjoining lands. The designated route is marked with colorful flagging,