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EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the White River Amphitheatre, Muckleshoot Indian Reservation, King County, Washington

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed construction and operation of a 20,000 seat outdoor amphitheatre within the exterior boundaries of the Muckleshoot Indian Reservation, King County, Washington, is now available for public

review and comment. The purpose of the proposed action is to provide an economically competitive performing art center for the greater Seattle-Tacoma concert market and a place for cultural educational and community events and gatherings for the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe (Tribe). Further details on the project and on the environmental issues addressed in the DEIS follow as supplementary information. This notice also announces a public Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/design hearing.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before October 27, 1999. The public EIS/design hearing will be held on September 29, 1999, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments by any one of several methods. You may mail or hand-deliver written comments to Stanley Speaks, Portland Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 911 N.E. 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-4169. You may also comment via the Internet to Jboynton@PORT.BIA.GOV. Please submit Internet comments as an ASCII file, avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Include your name and return address in your Internet message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the system that we have received your Internet message, contact us directly at (503) 231-6749.

Comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the above address during regular business hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name and/or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. We will not, however, consider anonymous comments. 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 inspection in their entirety.

The DEIS is also available for review at the above address. To obtain a copy of the DEIS, you may contact June Boynton, Environmental Coordinator at (503) 231-6749, or via e-mail to Jboynton@PORT.BIA.GOV; or you may contact Dean Torkko, EIS Coordinator, Washington State Department of Transportation, at (206) 440-4527, or via e-mail to torkkod@wsdot.wa.gov.

Copies of the DEIS have already been sent to all agencies and individuals who participated in the scoping process or who previously requested copies.

The public EIS/design hearing will be held at the Auburn Performing Arts Center, Auburn, Washington. This site is accessible to people with disabilities. Anyone requiring written materials in alternative formats, sign language interpreters, physical accessibility accommodations or some other reasonable accommodation may request these by contacting (206) 440-4528, no later than September 8, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: June Boynton, (503) 231-6749.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Three federal actions underlie the proposed construction of a 20,000 seat outdoor amphitheatre in the southeastern portion of the Muckleshoot Indian Reservation, between the cities of Auburn and Enumclaw, King County, Washington. Two of these are Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) actions, the taking into trust of approximately 346 acres of Indian-owned fee lands within the exterior boundaries of the reservation and the approval of a management agreement, under 25 U.S.C. 81, between the Tribe and Bill Graham Presents (BGP), under which the Tribe would own and BGP would manage the facility. The third federal action is the issuance of a wetland fill permit, under section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 *et seq.*), by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The BIA, as lead agency, prepared the DEIS in cooperation with the Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Washington Department of Transportation (WSDOT). Cooperation with WSDOT enables them to use this DEIS to meet the requirements of the State of Washington's Environmental Policy Act.

The DEIS presents a preferred alternative, the no action alternative and three other action alternatives. The preferred alternative calls for developing approximately 73 acres for the 20,000 seat amphitheatre, support facilities and surface parking, plus 17 acres for landscaping and buffers, including a shielding berm along the southern boundary. The amphitheatre will consist of a main stage, 10,000 seat bowl with fixed seating, a grass berm for informal lawn seating and an open air roof over the stage and fixed seating. Support facilities will include a ticket and administrative office, a loading dock, a hospitality area for performers, a restaurant, cafes, concession stands and public rest rooms.

The no action alternative assumes that the proposed amphitheatre will not be built and the proposed site not taken into trust. The partially constructed facilities on the site (see discussion of site restoration alternative below) will not be completed as an amphitheatre, although they may eventually be converted to other uses. At the gravel quarrying site proposed as an alternate location for the amphitheatre, mining operations will continue.

The three action alternatives include (1) an alternate location, where a 20,000 seat amphitheatre like that in the preferred alternative would displace existing gravel quarrying operations; (2) a smaller, 10,000 seat amphitheatre with an open air roof and support facilities similar to those for the preferred alternative, but with about one-half the parking capacity; and (3) site restoration, where partially completed facilities on the site of the preferred alternative will be removed, the site restored to its condition before construction was started, and the amphitheatre not constructed here or anywhere else. This construction, which had occurred out of synchronization with National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) [NEPA] requirements, was halted in response to an April 17, 1998, order by U.S. District Judge, John C. Coughenour, that the BIA prepare an EIS on the proposed action.

The environmental issues addressed in the DEIS include traffic, noise, crime, water quality, wetlands, fish, wildlife and endangered species, geo-technics, sewage disposal, air quality, cultural resources, land use, socio-economics, public safety, range of alternatives, and cumulative impacts. All of these issues were identified during public scoping.

This notice is published in accordance with section 1503.1 of the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500 through 1508), implementing the procedural requirements of NEPA, 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.

Dated: August 25, 1999.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Intent To Prepare a Cascade Siskiyou Ecological Emphasis Area Plan/Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, DOI.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a Cascade Siskiyou Ecological Emphasis Area plan/environmental impact statement and initiation of public scoping.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the National Environmental Policy Act, the Bureau of Land Management, Medford District, Ashland Resource Area will be preparing a Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Cascade Siskiyou Ecological Emphasis Area (CSEEA) located in Jackson County, Oregon and Siskiyou County, California. If the land use allocations and resource uses proposed in the CSEEA are significantly different from those in the Medford and Redding Resource Management Plans (RMP), the analysis and decision-making process will also meet requirements of the Bureau's regulation for RMP amendments found in 43 Code of Federal Regulations 1610.5-5.

DATES: Written comments will be accepted until October 29, 1999, Public scoping meetings have been scheduled which include three field tours and one afternoon meeting. Field tours are planned for 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 28.; Saturday, October 2; and Wednesday, October 6, 1999. Departure for the field tours will be from the parking area of the U.S. Forest Service, Ashland Ranger District at 645 Washington Street, Ashland, Oregon. The afternoon meeting is scheduled for October 9, 1999 at 1:30 p.m. at the science building auditorium of Southern Oregon University, 1250 Siskiyou Blvd., Ashland Oregon. Additional scoping meetings will be considered as appropriate.

The tentative project schedule is as follows:

1. Development of planning criteria, including information to be used, issues to be addressed, and initial alternatives to be considered -fall 1999.
2. File Draft Environmental Impact Statement—March 2000 (90 day public review period).
3. File Final Environmental Impact Statement—July 2000 (30 day public review period).
4. Record of Decision—October 2000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The CSEEA analysis area is located on federal land in southwest Oregon and northern California. The CSEEA encompasses an environmental transition area between the Great Basin, the Siskiyou and Klamath Mountains, and the Cascade Mountains. Higher elevations act as a land bridge between the Cascade and Klamath Mountains. A unique area of rich ecological diversity has developed as a result of the confluence of these different environments.

The CSEEA encompasses the following on Bureau managed lands in Oregon and California:

- Soda Mountain Wilderness Study Area recommended for wilderness designation (5,867 ac.);
- Pacific Crest Trail (National Scenic Trail);
- Five Areas of Critical Environmental Concern, including two Research Natural Areas;
- Portions of one Late-Successional Reserve.

Public participation will be especially important at several points during the analysis. The first point is during the scoping process (40 CFR 1501.7 and 43 CFR 1610.2), which includes:

1. Defining the scope of the analysis and nature of the decision to be made.
2. Identifying the issues and determining the significant issues for consideration and analysis within the environmental impact statement.
3. Defining the proper skills required for the interdisciplinary team.
4. Exploring possible alternatives.
5. Identifying potential environmental effects.
6. Determining potential cooperating agencies.
7. Identifying groups or individuals interested or affected by the decision.

Public participation will be solicited by person-to-person contact, and/or by mail to known interested and affected publics and key contacts. In addition, news releases will be used to give the public general notice. Comments from interested persons and organizations will be used in preparation of the draft environmental impact statement.

Local and regional groups differ over future management within the CSEEA. Opinions range from full protection as a wilderness area to managing the area for recreation including off-highway vehicle, grazing, timber harvest, and other commodity uses. The completed management plan will provide direction for management of the public lands. Several management alternatives covering a wide range of management actions and resource uses will be