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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### **Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Jamul Indian Village 101 Acre Fee-to-Trust Transfer and Casino Project, San Diego County, CA**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), in cooperation with the Jamul Indian Village and the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC), intends to file a draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for the proposed approval of a 101-acre fee-to-trust transfer, a gaming management contract and the construction of associated casino and support facilities. Details on the proposed action, location and areas of environmental concern addressed in the DEIS are provided in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section. This notice also announces a public hearing to receive comments on the DEIS.

**DATES:** Written comments on the DEIS must arrive by March 2, 2003. The public hearing will be held on February 6, 2003, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., or until the last public comment is received.

**ADDRESSES:** You may mail or hand carry written comments to Ronald Jaeger, Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pacific Regional Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California 95825-1846. Please include your name, return address and the caption, "DEIS Comments, Jamul Indian Village 101 Acre Fee-to-Trust and Casino Project, San Diego County, California," on the first page of your written comments.

The public hearing will be at the El Cajon Community Center, 195 East Douglas, El Cajon, California 92020. This meeting will be co-hosted by the BIA and Jamul Indian Village.

To obtain a copy of the DEIS, please write or call William Allan, Environmental Protection Specialist, Pacific Region, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California 95825-1846, telephone (916) 978-6043. Copies of the DEIS are also available for review at the Jamul Indian

Village Tribal Administration Office, 14191 Highway 94, Jamul, California 91935, and at the following two public libraries: San Diego County Library—El Cajon Branch, 201 East Douglas Avenue, El Cajon, California 92020; and San Diego County Library—Fletcher Hills Branch, 576 Garfield Avenue, El Cajon, California 92020.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William Allan, (916) 978-6043.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Jamul Indian Village is located in eastern San Diego County, California, approximately one mile south of the community of Jamul. The project area is bordered by Melody Road to the north, vacant and residentially developed land to the west, vacant land to the south and State Route 94 to the east. State Route 94 provides direct access to downtown San Diego, approximately 20 miles to the west, where it intersects with Interstate 5.

The Jamul Indian Village proposes that 101 acres of land be taken into trust and that a casino, parking, hotel and other facilities supporting the casino be constructed on the existing Jamul Indian Village site and the 101-acre trust acquisition. The gaming facility will be managed by Lakes Kean Argovitz Resorts-California, LLC, (LKAR-CA) on behalf of the Tribal Government, pursuant to the terms of the management agreement between the Tribal Government and LKAR-CA. The BIA serves as the Lead Agency for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance, with the NIGC, which is responsible for approval of the gaming management contract, acting as a Cooperating Agency.

Alternatives to the proposed project that are considered in the DEIS include: (1) Trust acquisition and casino and hotel construction (the proposed action); (2) trust acquisition, casino and retail development; (3) trust acquisition and retail development; (4) trust acquisition, hotel/casino north of Melody Road; and (5) no action.

Environmental issues addressed in the DEIS include land and water resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, socioeconomic conditions, resource use patterns, public services, environmental justice, growth inducing effects, and cumulative impacts.

#### **Public Comment Solicitation**

Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the BIA mailing address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section, during regular business hours, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.,

Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish us 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 the 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.

#### **Authority**

This notice is published in accordance with section 1503.1 of the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR part 1500 through 1508) implementing the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4371 *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.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### **Notice of Intent To Prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Flood Control Master Plan, Clark County Regional Flood Control District**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas Field Office.

**COOPERATING AGENCY:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare a supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the Flood Control Master Plan, Clark County Regional Flood Control District (CCRFGD).

**SUMMARY:** This document provides notice that the BLM intends to prepare an SEIS of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Flood Control Master Plan, Clark County Regional Flood Control District, approved on June 4, 1991, by record of decision. The project area is located in Clark County,

Nevada, hydrographic basins 212 and 167. This activity encompasses private and public lands within the Las Vegas Valley and Boulder City, Nevada. The SEIS will fulfill the needs and obligations set forth by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), and BLM management policies. The BLM will work collaboratively with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Sacramento District and interested parties to identify any local concerns. The public scoping process will help identify issues and concerns including an evaluation of the existing Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Flood Control Master Plan in the context of the needs and interests of the public.

**DATES:** This notice initiates the public scoping process. Comments and concerns on issues can be submitted in writing to the address listed below and will be accepted throughout the 30-day scoping period. All public meetings will be announced through the local news media, newsletters, and the BLM web site at [www.blm.nv.gov](http://www.blm.nv.gov) at least 15 days prior to the event. The minutes and list of attendees for each meeting will be available to the public and open for 30 days to any participant who wishes to clarify the views they expressed.

**Public Participation:** Public meetings will be held throughout the SEIS scoping and preparation period. Public scoping meetings will be held from 6–8 p.m. Pacific standard time on January 22, 2003, at the CCRFCD, RTC Building, Room 108, 600 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada 89106; and on January 23, 2003, from 6–8 p.m. Pacific standard time at the Henderson Convention Center and Visitors Bureau, 200 Water Street, Henderson, Nevada 89015. Early participation is encouraged and will provide guidance and suggestions for the future management of flood control facilities within the Las Vegas Valley. In addition to the ongoing public participation process, formal opportunities for public participation will be provided upon publication of the BLM draft SEIS.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to the Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas Field Office, 4701 North Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89130–2301; Fax (702) 515–5023. Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the Las Vegas Field Office or the CCRFCD. The CCRFCD is located at 600 S. Grand Parkway, Suite 300, Las Vegas, NV 89106–4511.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the Las Vegas Field Office during regular business hours (7:30 a.m. through 4:15 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays, and may be published as part of the SEIS. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street 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. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information and/or to have your name added to our mailing list, contact Jeffrey Steinmetz, BLM, Las Vegas Field Office, Telephone (702) 515–5097; e-mail [jsteinme@blm.gov](mailto:jsteinme@blm.gov), or Anna Wharton, at (702) 515–5095; e-mail [awharton@blm.gov](mailto:awharton@blm.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The changing needs and interests of the public and the growth within the Las Vegas Valley necessitates a revision to the Flood Control Master Plan FEIS published in 1991 for the Las Vegas Field Office and CCRFCD. Preliminary issues and management concerns have been identified by BLM and CCRFCD personnel, their consultant, and other agencies. They represent the BLM's knowledge to date on the existing issues and concerns with current management. The major issue themes that will be addressed in the SEIS include: Impacts to surface water hydrology and water quality; protection of federally-listed species, state-listed species, and BLM sensitive species; minimizing impacts to air quality; minimizing visibility impacts; balancing conflicting and compatible land uses; protection of cultural and paleontological resources; cumulative impacts of the project; and the creation of a new project-specific analysis procedure for future flood control facilities.

After gathering public comments on what issues the SEIS should address, the suggested issues will be placed in one of three categories:

1. Issues to be resolved in the SEIS;
2. Issues resolved through policy or administrative action; or
3. Issues beyond the scope of the SEIS.

Rationale will be provided in the SEIS for each issue placed in category two or

three. In addition to these major issues, a number of management questions and concerns will be addressed in the SEIS. The public is encouraged to help identify these questions and concerns during the scoping phase. An interdisciplinary approach will be used to develop the SEIS in order to consider the variety of resource issues and concerns identified. Disciplines involved in the SEIS process will include specialists with expertise in soils, minerals and geology; hydrology; botany; wildlife and fisheries; transportation; visual resources; air quality; lands and realty; outdoor recreation; archaeology; paleontology; and sociology and economics.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Lake Management Plan/Final Environmental Impact Statement, Lake Mead National Recreation Area

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to § 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Pub. L. 91–190, as amended), and the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR part 1500–1508), the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, has prepared a Lake Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement identifying and evaluating four alternatives for Lakes Mead and Mohave within Lake Mead National Recreation Area. The foreseeable potential for environmental impacts, and appropriate mitigation, are identified and assessed for each alternative. When approved, the plan is intended to guide management actions during the next 15–20 years.

**DATES:** Notice of an approved record of decision will be published in the **Federal Register** not sooner than 30 days after the final document has been distributed.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the Final Environmental Impact Statement/Lake Management Plan may be obtained by writing to Superintendent, Lake Mead National Recreation Area, 601 Nevada Highway, Boulder City, Nevada, 89005, or it may be viewed on the Internet at [www.nps.gov/lame/planning](http://www.nps.gov/lame/planning).