

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Environmental Assessment for the
Shingle Springs Rancheria Project
10.18-Acre Fee-to-Trust Transfer
El Dorado County, California

May 9, 2016

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior

ACTION: Notice of Availability

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the BIA, in cooperation with the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians (Tribe), had prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed 10.18± acre trust acquisition project to be located within unincorporated El Dorado County, California.

The purpose of the proposed fee-to-trust action would be to facilitate Tribal self-determination and allow the Tribe to exercise sovereignty over lands currently owned in fee-title. Following fee-to-trust action, the Tribe would extend a roadway onto the Project site and construct up to 10 single family modular homes. Details of the Proposed Action, location, and areas of environmental concern addressed in the EA are provided below in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section. This notice also announces the availability of copies of the document, the comment period, and the date, time and location of a public hearing to receive comments on the EA.

PUBLIC REVIEW: The EA will be available for public comment beginning May 9, 2016. Written comments on the EA must arrive by June 8, 2016.

The EA will be available for review at the following location: the El Dorado County Library, 345 Fair Lane, Placerville, CA 95667. General information for the El Dorado County Library can be obtained by calling (530) 621-5540. Additionally, the document can be viewed online at: <http://www.shinglespringsrancheria.com/news/>.

If you would like to obtain a copy of the EA, or for further information, please provide your name and address in writing or by voicemail to Chad Broussard, Environmental Protection Specialist, Division of Environmental and Cultural Resources Management, and Safety, Pacific Region, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California, 95825, telephone (916) 978-6165.

You may mail, e-mail or hand-carry written comments to John Rydzik, Chief, Environmental Protection Specialist, Division of Environmental and Cultural Resources Management, and Safety, Pacific Region, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California, 95825 (e-mail john.rydzik@bia.gov). Please include your name, return address, and the caption: "EA Comments, Shingle Springs Residential Project", on the first page of your written comments.

Written 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, 8 a.m. to 4:30 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 law. Anonymous comments will not, however, be considered. 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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Tribe has asked the BIA to take 10.18± acres of land into trust on behalf of the Tribe, on which the Tribe proposes to subdivide the property into 10 parcels and develop each parcel with single-family residential modular homes. The Project site is located immediately east of the existing Shingle Springs Rancheria north of Highway 50, approximately two miles northeast of the town of Shingle Springs, California. Local access to the Project site is via Honpie Road, while regional access is provided by Highway 50. The BIA serves as the Lead Agency for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance.

In addition to the Proposed Action described above, the No Project Alternative is also considered in the EA. Environmental issues addressed in the EA include land resources, water resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural and paleontological resources, socioeconomic conditions, transportation and circulation, land use, public services, noise, hazardous materials, visual resources, environmental justice, cumulative effects and mitigation measures.