

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR
PROPOSED TRUST ACQUISITION OF FIVE PARCELS KNOWN AS THE CAMP 4
PROPERTY

SANTA YNEZ BAND OF CHUMASH INDIANS

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Pacific Regional Office, has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA), dated August 2013, for the proposed trust acquisition of 5 parcels encompassing a total of approximately 1,433 acres (the site), by the United States for the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians (Tribe). The proposed trust parcels are located east of State Route 154 and north of Armour Ranch Road within the Tribal Consolidation Area in an unincorporated area of Santa Barbara County, east of the Town of Santa Ynez, 3.95 miles east of the City of Solvang, and 22.2 miles northwest of the City of Santa Barbara, California. The project site is within the "Santa Ynez Valley Planning Area" of Santa Barbara County and occurs in Section 8, Township 6 North, Range 30 West on the "Santa Ynez," California U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5-Minute Topographic Quadrangle. Based on the analysis and impacts in the EA, comments received during this public review period, and the entire administrative record, the BIA will decide whether to reach a Finding of No Significance Impact, direct further work on the EA, or initiate the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement.

The proposed Federal action is the fee-to-trust transfer of 5 parcels totaling 1,433± acres, which would result in the development of up to 143 residential units and expansion of the existing agricultural operations (vineyards) by the Tribe. The purpose of the proposed action is to provide necessary housing within the Tribal Consolidation Area for the Tribe's current members and future generations, ensuring existing and future generations are afforded the ability to live under Tribal governance as a community within the Tribe's ancestral and historic land holdings. The Tribe proposes to provide housing assignments to Tribal members who do not currently have assignments on the existing Reservation. Additional supporting infrastructures are planned including access roads, a centralized wastewater treatment plant, and on-site water supply facilities. Alternative site configurations and a "No Project" alternative were also evaluated.

Public comments regarding the EA will be accepted until September 19, 2013. The EA is available on the internet at www.ChumashEA.com. For more information, please contact Chad Broussard, Environmental Protection Specialist, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pacific Regional Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825, telephone (916) 978-6165. Written comments should be mailed to Amy Dutschke, Regional Director, at the above address.

Copies of the EA are also available for public review at the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians Tribal Office located at 100 Via Juana Lane, Santa Ynez, CA 93460; the Solvang Public Library located at 1745 Mission Drive, Solvang, CA 93463; and the Santa Ynez Branch of the Santa Barbara Public Library located at 3598 Sagunto, Santa Ynez, CA 93460.