

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT FOR THE 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) has issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), determining that 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) will not result in significant effects to the quality of the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. The BIA's determination is based upon the analysis in the Environmental Assessment and Final Environmental Assessment, consideration of comments received during the public review periods, and the implementation of mitigation measures. To allow for public review, no decision will be made during a period of 30-days beyond the signing of the FONSI.

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. The proposed trust parcels are located east of State Route 154 and north of Armour Ranch Road 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. The purpose of the proposed action is to provide necessary housing in close proximity to the existing Reservation for the Tribe's current members and future generations, ensuring existing and future members 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 infrastructure is also planned including access roads, a centralized wastewater treatment plant, and on-site water supply facilities.

The FONSI is a finding on environmental effects, not a decision to proceed with an action, therefore it cannot be appealed. 25 C.F.R. Part 2.7 requires a 30-day appeal period after the decision to proceed with the action is made before the action may be implemented. Appeal information will be made publicly available when the decision to proceed is made.

Copies of the FONSI are also available for review 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, phone (916) 978-6165, email chad.broussard@bia.gov.