

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Prairie
Band Potawatomi Nation's Proposed Trust Acquisition and Gaming Facility
Project, DeKalb County, Illinois

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) as lead agency, and the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (Nation) as cooperating agency, intend to gather information necessary to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in connection with the Nation's application for the proposed acquisition in trust by the United States of approximately 129 acres for construction and operation of a gaming facility in DeKalb County, Illinois. This notice also opens public scoping to identify potential issues, concerns and alternatives to be considered in the EIS.

DATES: A scoping meeting will be held on January 26, 2016 in the Jenkins Auditorium at the Kishwaukee College Conference Center from 6:30 p.m. until the last public comment is received. Written comments must be received by February 22, 2016.

ADDRESSES: The public scoping meeting will take place at the Jenkins Auditorium at the Kishwaukee College Conference Center, located at 21193 Malta Road in Malta, IL 60150. You may mail or hand-deliver written comments to Diane Rosen, Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Midwest Region, Norman Pointe II Building, 5600 W. American Blvd., Suite 500, Bloomington, Minnesota 55437. Please include your name, return address, and "NOI Comments, Prairie Band Project" on the first page of your written comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Doig, Acting Regional Environmental Scientist, at the address above, or at telephone (612) 725-4514, e-mail scott.doig@bia.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Nation submitted a request to the Department of the Interior for the placement of approximately 129 acres of fee land in trust by the United States upon which the Nation would construct a class II gaming facility. The property is located in DeKalb County just southeast of the town of Shabbona, IL. The gaming facility would consist of a class II gaming area, restaurants and lounges, a multi-purpose room that could be used for entertainment, meetings, and other purposes, and surface parking for cars and buses. The property is comprised of two parcels: an approximately 128-acre parcel currently used for farming (Parcel ID Index 13-23-200-001), on which the gaming facility would be built, and a 30,020 square foot parcel on which a house sits (Parcel ID Index 13-23-128-002). The purpose of the proposed action is to acquire land in trust that was historically reserved for Chief Shab-eh-nay and his Band of Potawatomis by treaty, and to facilitate economic development so that the Tribal government can better provide housing, health care, education, cultural programs, and other services to its members. The proposed action encompasses the various Federal approvals which may be required to implement the Tribe's proposed economic development project, including approval of the Nation's fee-to-trust application. The EIS will identify and evaluate issues related to these approvals, and will also evaluate a range of reasonable alternatives, including a no action alternative. Other possible alternatives currently under consideration are a reduced-intensity gaming facility alternative, an alternate-use (non-gaming) alternative and an off-site alternative. The range of issues and alternatives may be revised based on comments received during the scoping process. Areas of environmental concern preliminarily identified for analysis in the EIS include land resources; water resources; air quality; noise; biological resources; cultural/historical/archaeological resources; resource use patterns; traffic and

transportation; public health and safety; hazardous materials and hazardous wastes; public services and utilities; socioeconomic; environmental justice; visual resources/aesthetics; and cumulative, indirect, and growth-inducing effects. Additional information, including a map of the project site, is available by contacting the person listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION section of this notice.

PUBLIC COMMENT AVAILABILITY: Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the BIA address shown in the ADDRESSES section, during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Before including your address, telephone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask in your comment that your personal identifying information be withheld from public review, the BIA cannot guarantee that this will occur.

AUTHORITY: This notice is published in accordance with sections 1503.1 and 1506.6 of the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508) implementing the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321-4345 *et seq.*), and the Department of the Interior National Environmental Policy Act Regulations (43 CFR part 46), and is in the exercise of authority delegated to the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

information. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* March 7, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Colette Pollard, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 4176, Washington, DC 20410–5000; telephone 202–402–3400 (this is not a toll-free number) or email at Colette.Pollard@hud.gov for a copy of the proposed forms or other available information. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877–8339.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Arlette Mussington, Office of Policy, Programs and Legislative Initiatives, PIH, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., (L'Enfant Plaza, Room 2206), Washington, DC 20410; telephone 202–402–4109 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number via TTY by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877–8339. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Mussington.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice informs the public that HUD is seeking approval from OMB for the information collection described in section A.

A. Overview of Information Collection

Title of Information Collection: Public Housing Operating Subsidy—Appeals.

OMB Approval Number: 2577–0246.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Form Number: N/A.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: Under the operating fund rule, PHAs that elect to file an appeal of their subsidy amounts are required to meet the appeal requirements set forth in subpart G of the rule. There are four grounds of appeal in 24 CFR 990.245 under which PHAs may appeal the amount of their subsidy. They are: A streamlined appeal; an appeal for specific local conditions; an appeal for changing market conditions; and an appeal to substitute actual project cost data. To appeal the amount of subsidy on any one of these permitted bases of appeal,

PHAs submit a written appeal request to HUD.

Respondents (i.e. affected public):

State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 127.

Estimated Number of Responses: 127.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Hours per Response: 20.

Total Estimated Burdens: 2,489.

B. Solicitation of Public Comment

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the collection of information described in section A on the following:

(1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;

(3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.

Authority: Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35 as amended.

Dated: December 30, 2015.

Danielle Bastarache,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Policy, Programs and Legislative Initiatives.

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DATES: The date and location of the public meeting will be announced at least 15 days in advance through a notice in the Daily Chronicle and the Midweek and on the following Web site: www.prairiebandeis.com. Written comments on the DEIS must arrive within 45 days after EPA publishes its Notice of Availability.

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Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

Dated: December 21, 2015.

Kevin K. Washburn,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Public Meeting; Western Montana Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Public Meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Western Montana Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The Western Montana Resource Advisory Council meeting will be held January 27, 2016 in Butte, Montana. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Butte Field Office conference room, with a 30-minute public comment period starting at 11:30 a.m., and will adjourn at 3:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: BLM's Butte Field Office, 106 N. Parkmont, Butte, MT.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David Abrams, Western Montana Resource Advisory Council Coordinator, Butte Field Office, 106 North Parkmont, Butte, MT 59701, 406–533–7617, dabrams@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This 15-member council advises the Secretary of the Interior through the BLM on a variety of management issues associated with public land management in Montana. During this meeting the council will discuss several topics, including a briefing on weed treatments in the BLM's Western Montana District, and updates from the BLM's Butte, Missoula and Dillon field offices. All RAC meetings are open to the public. The public may present written

comments to the RAC. Each formal RAC meeting will also have time allocated for hearing public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited.

Authority: 43 CFR 1784.4–2.

Richard M. Hotaling,

District Manager, Western Montana District.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Cooperative Research Group on Mechanical Stratigraphy and Natural Deformation in Eagle Ford Formation and Equivalent Boquillas Formation, South-Central and West Texas (Eagle Ford II)

Notice is hereby given that, on December 7, 2015, pursuant to section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* (“the Act”), Cooperative Research Group on Mechanical Stratigraphy and Natural Deformation in Eagle Ford Formation and Equivalent Boquillas Formation, South-Central and West Texas (“Eagle Ford II”) has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, BHP Billiton Petroleum (Americas) Inc., has changed its name to BHP Billiton Petroleum (Deepwater) Inc., Houston, TX.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and Eagle Ford II intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On July 1, 2015, Eagle Ford II filed its original notification pursuant to section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal**