

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

PROPOSED FEE-TO-TRUST POTTER VALLEY ER14 14.7-ACRE FEE-TO-TRUST PROJECT FONSI

Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Pacific Regional Office, has made a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the proposed transfer of three parcels (APNs 171-200-13, 171-200-15, and 171-210-12) comprised of approximately 14.7 acres of tribally owned land into federal trust status for the Potter Valley Tribe (Tribe) for future development of a hardware/camp retail store (Proposed Action). The proposed fee-to-trust property is in unincorporated Mendocino County along Eel River Road, four miles north of the town of Potter Valley and adjacent to the Eel River. The purpose of the Proposed Action is to provide increased long-term socioeconomic security and self-determination for the Tribe through land acquisition and economic development. The Proposed Action and a No Action Alternative were evaluated in a February 2022 Environmental Assessment (EA). This EA was made available for public review for at least 30 days starting April 9, 2022.

Based on the analysis and impacts in the EA and the entire administrative record, the BIA has determined that the proposed action will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Therefore, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (42 USC 4321 et seq), an Environmental Impact Statement is not required and a FONSI has been signed. The FONSI is available for review on the internet on the BIA NEPA Tracker website: <https://bianepatracker2.doi.gov/> (Search: TR-4314b-P5 J51 537T Eel River FTT) and at <https://www.qfirst.net/environmentalScienceAndReviews.html>. 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.