

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

PROPOSED RESIGHINI RANCHERIA AGGREGATE EXTRACTION PROJECT
EA AND DRAFT FONSI

Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Pacific Regional Office, has adopted the Department of the Army Permit Evaluation and Decision Document (PEDD), signed February 07, 2018, for the approval of a business lease (Proposed Action). The Tribe proposes to mechanically excavate aggregate from select Klamath River overflow channel(s) in Del Norte County, California (project site). The project site is located on Section(s) 13 and 23, Township 13 North, Range 1 East. The purpose of the Proposed Action is to support and advance the social and economic independence of the Tribe. The Proposed Action, "No Action Alternative" and two additional alternatives were evaluated in the PEDD.

Based on the analysis and impacts in the PEDD, any input received during this public notice, and the entire administrative record; the BIA will decide whether to reach a Finding of No Significance Impact (FONSI), direct further work on the EA, or initiate the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement. A draft unsigned FONSI has been prepared and is available for review along with the PEDD.

The PEDD and unsigned FONSI are available for review on the internet at <http://resighinirancheria.com/category/tribal-news/> and on the BIA NEPA Tracker website: <https://bianepatracker2.doi.gov/> (Search: TR-4314b-P5 J52 556T Aggregate Extraction Project EA-FONSI Notice). Copies of the EA and unsigned FONSI are available for public review at two (2) physical locations including: 1) the Resighini Rancheria Tribal Administration Office located at 177 Nepuey Road Klamath CA 95548; and 2) the Lena Reed McCovey Community Center located at 176 Nepuey Road Klamath CA 95548. These documents are available for public review at the above-referenced locations from September 25, 2020 to close of business October 09, 2020.

No further action will be taken on the environmental process for at least 30-days after the publication of this notice. The FONSI is a finding on environmental effects, not a decision to proceed, therefore the FONSI can not be appealed. 25 CFR 2.7 requires a 30-day appeal period after the decision to proceed with an action is made before the action may be implemented. Appeal information will be made publicly available when the decision to proceed is made.

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