

## **NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY**

### **ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT FOR THE TEJON INDIAN TRIBE TRIBAL COMMUNITY CENTER FEE-TO-TRUST PROJECT**

#### **KERN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is publishing an Environmental Assessment (EA) and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), determining that the proposed trust acquisition of 10.3 acres (the site), by the United States for the Tejon Indian Tribe (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 and mitigation identified in the December 2018 Environmental Assessment.

The proposed Federal action is the fee-to-trust transfer of 10.3 acres at 4941 David Road in unincorporated Kern County, approximately 13.5 miles southeast from the southern limits of the city of Bakersfield (at the corner of David Road and Wheeler Ridge Road). The subject property is located in Sections 28 and 29 of the Mettler, California U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5-minute topographic quadrangle within Township 12 North, Range 19 West, San Bernardino Meridian. If approved by the BIA, the Tribe would continue rehabilitation of the existing infrastructure of the former Meridian School, previously used as an elementary school, at the currently vacant property owned by the Tribe. The site would be rehabilitated and used as Tribal offices and a Tribal community center.

Copies of the EA and unsigned FONSI are available for review at the following locations: <https://www.tejonindiantribe.com/media/>; Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pacific Region, 2800 Cottage Way – Room 2820, Sacramento, CA, 95825; Tejon Indian Tribe, Tribal Office, 1731 Hasti Acres Dr., #108, Bakersfield, CA 93309; and Kern County Public Library, Lamont Branch, 8304 Segrue Road, Lamont, CA 93241. Any comments or requests for more information or for copies of the EA or FONSI should be directed to Chad Broussard, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pacific Region, 2800 Cottage Way – Room 2820, Sacramento, CA, 95825, telephone: (916) 978-6165, email: [chad.broussard@bia.gov](mailto:chad.broussard@bia.gov). The EA and unsigned FONSI are available for a 30-day review period ending July 10, 2019.