

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE
PIT RIVER TRIBE BURNEY FEE-TO-TRUST AND
HOUSING/TRIBAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS/OFFICES/MEETING SPACE PROJECT

Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Department of the Interior has released an Environmental Assessment (EA) dated December 2024 for the Pit River Tribe Burney Fee-to-Trust and Housing/Tribal Council Chambers/Offices/Meeting Space Project. The EA has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA 42 United States Code [USC] §4321 et seq.), the Council on Environmental Quality Guidelines for Implementing NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and the BIA NEPA guidebook (59 Indian Affairs Manual 3-H) and assesses the environmental impacts that could result from the acquisition by the BIA of a 65.25-acre property (Project Site) into federal trust status for the benefit of the Pit River Tribe (Tribe) for non-gaming purposes (Proposed Action), and subsequent development by the Tribe of housing, Tribal Council chambers, offices, and meeting space and associated parking and infrastructure on the Project Site (Proposed Project).

The Project Site consists of seven parcels (Assessor Parcel Numbers 028-170-015, 028-410-014, 028-410-015, 028-410-016, 028-410-018, 028-410-025, 028-450-033) in the town of Burney in Shasta County, California. The Project Site is bordered by California State Route-299 (SR-299) to the northwest, adjacent to Tamarack Road, and Bartel Street to the east. The parcels are mostly undisturbed, with the exception of a few small, existing structures and access roads.

The purpose of the Proposed Action is to facilitate tribal self-sufficiency, self-determination, and economic development, thus satisfying the Department of Interior's (Department) land acquisition policy as articulated in the Department's trust land regulations at 25 CFR Part 151. Based on the analysis and impacts discussed in the EA and comments received during the public review period, the BIA will decide whether to reach a Finding of No Significant Impact, direct further work on the EA, or initiate the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement.

The public comment period for the EA will be open for 30 days, beginning on December 4, 2024 and ending on January 3, 2025.

For additional information, please contact Jennifer Bonhome, Environmental Protection Specialist, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pacific Region, at (916) 936-6220 or by email at jennifer.bonhome@bia.gov. Written comments should be mailed to the following address:

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Copies of the EA are available for public review on the internet at pitriver-burney-ea.com and at the Burney Public Library at 37116 Main Street, Burney, CA 96013.