

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

PROPOSED MOORETOWN RANCHERIA OF MAIDU INDIANS FEE-TO-TRUST AND HOUSING, AG, AND COMMERCIAL 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) dated April 29, 2025, for the transfer of six parcels (Assessor Parcel Numbers 079-230-002, 079-230-003, 079-230-004, 079-230-005, 079-230-006, 079-260-001) comprised of approximately 360.60- acres of tribally owned land approximately 6 miles southeast of downtown Oroville in Butte County, California (Project Site), into federal trust status for the Mooretown Rancheria of Maidu Indians (Tribe) for future development of 164 housing and apartment units, an event center/tasting room for agricultural products, a parking structure, an approximately 77-acre agricultural area, and conversion of an existing metal shop building for use by the Tribe's housing department; additionally, an emergency access route from the eastern end of Phase 1 to Windfall Way may also be constructed (Proposed Action). The purpose of the Proposed Action is to meet tribal self-sufficiency, self-determination, and economic development.

Based on the analysis and impacts in a previously released Environmental Assessment (EA) and the entire administrative record, the BIA is issuing a FONSI. This finding ends the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) environmental review process.

The FONSI is available for review on the internet at mooretown-robinson-ranch-ea.com and at <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/2025010010> for the Mooretown Rancheria of Maidu Indians 360.60-acre Fee-To-Trust and Housing, Ag, and Commercial Project. Copies of the FONSI are also available for public review at the Butte County Library Oroville Branch at 1820 Mitchell Avenue, Oroville, CA 95966.

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