

## **NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY**

### **FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT FOR PROPOSED TRUST ACQUISITION OF FOURTEEN FEE PARCELS**

#### **LYTTON RANCHERIA OF CALIFORNIA**

#### **SONOMA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) has issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) dated June 5, 2012, determining that the proposed trust acquisition of fourteen parcels comprising approximately 124 acres, by the United States for the Lytton Rancheria of California (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 in the initial Environmental Assessment (EA) and Final EA, consideration of comments received during the public review periods, the mitigation adopted in the FONSI, and the entirety of the administrative record.

The proposed federal action involves the fee-to-trust transfer of fourteen parcels totaling approximately 124 acres. This includes the 92 acres which were identified in the initial EA dated July 2009, plus an additional 32 acres which were added to the project in the Final EA dated May 2011 to address site plan concerns raised by EA comments. The land proposed for trust acquisition and development is located approximately two miles west of Highway 101 near the Town of Windsor, California, one mile east of the Russian River, and approximately ten miles north of the City of Santa Rosa. The project site occurs in Sections 14, 15, and unsectioned areas of Molinos, Township 8 North, Range 9 West, on the "Healdsburg" California U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-Minute Topographic Quadrangle. The purpose of the proposed action is to improve the quality of life for Tribal members through adequate housing and community facilities, to provide a place for Tribal members to congregate for governmental, cultural, and social purposes, and to assist the Tribe in meeting a long-term, viable, and sustainable solution to the Tribe's lack of a tribal land base.

The FONSI is a finding on environmental effects, not a decision to proceed with an action, therefore it cannot be appealed. 25 C.F.R. Part 2.7 requires a 30 day appeal period after the decision to proceed with the action is made before the action may be implemented. Appeal information will be made publicly available when the decision to proceed with the action is made.

For more information or to obtain a copy of the FONSI, please contact the Lead Agency: John Rydzik, Chief, Division of Environmental, Cultural Resource Management and Safety, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pacific Regional Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, Rm W-2820, California 95825, telephone (916) 978-6051, e-mail [john.rydzik@bia.gov](mailto:john.rydzik@bia.gov).

Copies of the FONSI are available for public review at the Lytton Rancheria Tribal Administration Office located at 437 Aviation Blvd., Santa Rosa, CA 95403, telephone (707) 575-5917, or at the Windsor Public Library located at 9291 Old Redwood Highway #100, Windsor, California 95492, telephone (707) 838-1020. The FONSI is also available online at [www.LyttonHousingEA.com](http://www.LyttonHousingEA.com).