

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR PROPOSED TRUST ACQUISITION OF FOURTEEN FEE PARCELS

LYTTON RANCHERIA OF CALIFORNIA

SONOMA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Notice is hereby given that a Final Environmental Assessment (EA), dated May 2011 has been prepared for the proposed trust acquisition of fourteen parcels comprising approximately 124 acres, by the United States for the Lytton Rancheria of California (Tribe). The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is the lead agency under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the proposed trust acquisition. The project site is located in Sonoma County, approximately two miles west of Highway 101 near the Town of Windsor, one mile east of the Russian River, and approximately ten miles north of the City of Santa Rosa. The project site is located within Sections 14, 15, and unsectioned areas of Molinos, Township 8 North, Range 9 West, of the "Healdsburg, California" U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute topographic quadrangle. Based on the analysis and impacts discussed in the Final 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 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 original EA dated July 2009, plus an additional 32 acres which have been added to the project to address site plan concerns raised by EA comments. Although the acreage of the proposed project has increased, the intensity of the development (number of residences, community facilities, etc.) remains the same in the Final EA. 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 public comment period for the Final EA will be open for 60 days, beginning on May 10, 2011 and ending on July 8, 2011. For information or to obtain a CD copy of the Final EA, please contact Patrick O'Mallan, Environmental Protection Specialist, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pacific Regional Office, 2800 Cottage Way # W2820, Sacramento, CA 95825, telephone (916) 978-6044. Written comments should be mailed to Amy Dutschke, Regional Director, Pacific Regional Office, at the above address.

Copies of the Final EA 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. An electronic version of the Final EA is also available online at www.LyttonHousingEA.com.