NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

TRINIDAD RANCHERIA NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION PROJECT FOR THE CHER-AE HEIGHTS INDIAN COMMUNITY OF THE TRINIDAD RANCHERIA HUMBOLDT COUNTY, CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION AND FONSI

Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Pacific Region, Division of Environmental, Cultural Resource Management and Safety (DECRMS) has reviewed an Environmental Evaluation (EE) for the potential effects for the Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria Nonpoint Source Pollution Project.

The proposed project will contribute to enhanced nonpoint source (NPS) pollution management within the Community of the Trinidad Rancheria. The proposed action will address concerns for critical infrastructure improvements, which will include replacing an inadequate 12-inch culvert with an 18-inch diameter corrugated metal pipe (CMP) and installing a 30-inch anchored CMP along with two new stormwater junction boxes. These measures are designed to effectively channel stormwater, reduce erosion risks, and protect land and water resources from degradation, thereby contributing to the overall environmental health and resilience of the community. The BIA and the Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria prepared an (EE) in support of federal requirements for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42 United States Code §4321 *et seq.*) and the BIA NEPA Guidebook 59 IAM 3-H. The (EE) assesses the environmental effects that may result from the proposed project.

Based on the analysis and impacts detailed in the (EE), the DECRMS prepared a draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for public notice. The public review for the EE and FONSI will begin on July 10, 2024, and end on July17, 2024.

The EE and FONSI are available for public review at one (1) virtual location:

1. BIA NEPA Tracking System website: https://bianepatracker2.doi.gov/ (Search: NEPA Tracker ID# 59816).

The FONSI is a finding on environmental effects, not a decision to proceed, therefore it cannot be appealed. 25 CFR 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 is made.

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