

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE
SHINGLE SPRINGS BAND OF MIWOK INDIANS – 295.7-ACRE FEE-TO-TRUST PROJECT
FEE-TO-TRUST AND ARENA, HOUSING, COMMERCIAL, EMERGENCY SHELTER, AND
MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS BUILDING PROJECT

Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Department of the Interior has released an Environmental Assessment (EA) dated October 2025 for the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians 295.7-acre Fee-to-Trust 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 National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (43 CFR 46), and the U.S. Department of the Interior Handbook of National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures (516 DM 1) and assesses the environmental impacts that could result from the acquisition by the BIA of a 295.7-acre property (Project Site) into federal trust status for the benefit of the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians (Tribe) for non-gaming purposes (Proposed Action), and subsequent development by the Tribe of a 5,000-seat 80,000-square-foot arena with a parking garage, 132 tribal housing units including an elders community center, a 30,000-square-foot commercial space, a 5,300-square-foot multipurpose emergency shelter, and a maintenance operations building (Proposed Project).

The Project Site consists of 29 parcels (Assessor Parcel Numbers: 319-020-005; 319-020-006; 319-020-007; 319-020-017; 319-020-027; 319-020-036; 319-020-037; 319-020-023; 319-020-025; 319-020-014; 319-020-028; 319-020-031; 319-030-030; 319-030-012; 319-030-019; 319-030-020; 319-030-021; 319-030-052; 319-030-054; 319-081-006; 319-081-017; 319-081-018; 319-081-031; 319-110-009; 319-110-013; 319-110-014; 319-110-018; 319-110-019; and 319-210-016) comprised of approximately 295.7 acres of tribally owned land approximately 2 miles northeast of the town of Shingle Springs in El Dorado County, California (Project Site). Local access to the Project Site is provided by Koto Road, Red Hawk Parkway, Green Valley Road, and Shingle Springs Drive. Koto Road and Red Hawk Parkway provide access to the existing Reservation, giving access to the lower parcels, including the arena and commercial development. Tribal homes would be provided access primarily through the existing Rancheria and Green Valley Road. Traffic on Shingle Springs Drive directly from the Project Site would be limited to emergency access only. The parcels are largely vacant and undeveloped, except for 11 single-family homes.

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 10/08/2025 and ending on 11/07/2025.

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Copies of the EA are available for public review on the Tribe's website at www.shinglespringsrancheria.com.