NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
FOR THE EWIIAAPAAYP TRIBAL COMMUNITY
AND FEE-TO-TRUST PROJECT

Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) as lead agency has released an Environmental Assessment (EA) dated December 2025 for the Ewiiaapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians (Tribe) Tribal Community and Fee-to-Trust Project. The EA has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA; 42 United States Code §4321 et seq.) and assesses the environmental impacts that could result from the acquisition by the BIA of approximately 48.7 acres (Project Site) into federal trust status for the benefit of the Tribe (Proposed Action). Following acquisition of the Project Site into trust, the Tribe proposes to develop a Tribal office, library/community center, and two single-family houses, to maintain an existing re-purposed single-family residence as an emergency Tribal center, and to establish a conservation area along Viejas Creek (Proposed Project).

The Project Site is located in unincorporated San Diego County, California off Kumeyaay Highway (Interstate 8). The Project Site is comprised of three parcels (Assessor Parcel No. 4040802600; 4040901300; and 4040900700) located south of Alpine Boulevard and west of Star Valley Road and is largely undeveloped land surrounded by residences. A rural residence is present on the Project Site as well as outbuildings and associated infrastructure.

The public comment period for the EA will be open for 30 days (excluding federal holidays), beginning on December 19, 2025 and ending on January 21, 2026. Public comments will be considered by the BIA, and either a Finding of No Significant Impact will be prepared or additional environmental analysis will be conducted. After the NEPA process is complete, the BIA may issue a determination on the Proposed Action. For additional information, please contact Jacilyn Snyder, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pacific Region, at (916) 978-6051, or by email at Jacilyn.Snyder@bia.gov. Written comments should be emailed to Jacilyn.Snyder@bia.gov or mailed to the following address by end of day January 21, 2026:

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The EA is available for public review online at http://www.EBKIEA.com