

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT  
FOR THE  
PIT RIVER TRIBE  
FOUR CORNERS FEE-TO-TRUST PROJECT**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pacific Region

**ACTIONS:** Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)

**SUMMARY**

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Pacific Region, has reviewed the Environmental Assessment (EA) prepared for the Pit River tribe (Tribe) fee-to-trust application to place approximately 40.24 acres of land into federal trust (Proposed Action). The Tribe seeks this acquisition to support future economic opportunities.

After evaluating the EA, the BIA determined that the project will not significantly impact the human environment. Therefore, in accordance with Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42 U.S.C § 4321 et seq. an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required. This action supports Tribal self-sufficiency and aligns with federal land acquisition policies under C.F.R Part 151.

**PROJECT LOCATION**

The project site is located within Section 35, Township 35 North, Range 3 East on the southeastern side of the Four Corners intersection of State Route 299 and 89 (SR-299 and SR-89), Shasta County, California. There are six (6) parcels identified with Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs).

**PURPOSE AND NEED**

The purpose of the Proposed Action is for the acquire fee land and convert it to Tribal trust status to enable economic development opportunities consistent with Tribal goals and federal policy.

**ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED**

Two alternatives were analyzed in the EA:

1. Alternative 1 – No Action Alternative: The site would remain vacant under fee ownership, limiting funding opportunities and keeping the parcels undeveloped in line with existing conditions.
2. Alternative 2 – Proposed Alternative: Transferring the site to Tribal trust status would enable future economic development, including the construction of a truck stop, restaurant, hotel, commercial spaces, RV park, and parking lot. Such development is expected to create jobs, stimulate the local economy, and provide essential services to travelers.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

A Notice of Availability for the EA and draft unsigned FONSI were posted announcing a 30-day public comment period (excluding federal holidays). Comments received will be reviewed and considered in the final determination.

## ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS

The EA evaluated potential impacts on land resources, water resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, socioeconomics, transportation and circulation, land use, public services, noise, hazardous materials, and visual resources.

- **Land Resources:** No significant impacts anticipated to the Proposed Action.
- **Water Resources:** No impact anticipated to the Proposed Action.
- **Air Quality:** No significant impacts anticipated to the Proposed Action.
- **Biological Resources:** The Regional Biologist determined there are no suitable habitats for other special status species is present in the project area. Therefore, BIA has determined that there will be “no effect” to federal listed species or critical habitat because of the Proposed Action.
- **Cultural Resources:** There are no effects to historic properties (National Historic Preservation Act, as amended 16 U.S. 470) because no cultural resources meeting the criteria for listing on the National Register of Historic Places were identified within the project area. The BIA Archaeologist completed consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) in April 2024. If archaeological remains or other cultural resources are found during ground-disturbing activities, work will cease in that area and follow 36 C.F.R 800.13(b).
- **Socioeconomics:** No significant impacts anticipated to the Proposed Action.
- **Transportation and Circulation:** No significant impacts anticipated to the Proposed Action.
- **Noise:** No significant impacts anticipated to the Proposed Action.
- **Land Use:** No significant impacts anticipated to the Proposed Action.
- **Public Services:** No significant impacts anticipated to the Proposed Action.
- **Hazardous Materials:** No significant impacts anticipated to the Proposed Action.
- **Visual Resources:** No significant impacts anticipated to the Proposed Action.

## DETERMINATION

Based on the EA and public comments, the BIA concludes that the Proposed Action does not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. This determination complies with NEPA (42 U.S.C. § 4321 et seq.), the Department’s NEPA procedures (43 C.F.R. Part 46), and 516 DM 1 – U.S. Department of the Interior Handbook of NEPA Implementing Procedures.

**Approved:**

**Date:**

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Acting Regional Director  
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