

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
FOR THE TULE RIVER INDIAN TRIBE OF THE TULE RIVER RESERVATION
SHAN KING-HWY 190-HARTSELL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
FEE-TO-TRUST PROJECT
TULARE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Notice is hereby given that the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Pacific Region (PR), has released an Environmental Assessment (EA) dated August 2026 prepared for the Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation (Tribe) Shan King-Hwy 190-Hartsell Economic Development Fee-To-Trust Project. The EA has been prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA; 42 United States Code [USC] §4321 et seq.) and evaluates the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed acquisition by the BIA of an approximately 109.57-acre property into federal trust status for the benefit of the Tribe (Proposed Action). Following the trust acquisition, the Tribe proposes to develop a small commercial area, with the existing uses—including citrus grove operations, grazing land, and open space—continuing on the remainder of the property (Proposed Project). The Proposed Action and the No Action alternatives were evaluated in the EA.

The 109.57-acre proposed trust property is located in unincorporated Tulare County, California and consists of six (6) parcels identified with Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs) 284-760-001, 284-760-003, 284-760-006, 284-770-005, 284-770-006, and 284-770-007.

The BIA certifies that it has considered the factors mandated by NEPA; that the EA represents the bureau's good-faith effort to prioritize documentation of the most important considerations required by the statute within the congressionally mandated page limits; that this prioritization reflects the bureau's expert judgment; and that any considerations addressed briefly or left unaddressed were, in the bureau's judgment, comparatively not of a substantive nature that meaningfully informed the consideration of environmental effects and the resulting decision on how to proceed. Based on the analysis and impacts in the EA, any input received during this public review period, and the entire administrative record, the BIA, PR will decide whether to issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), direct further work on the EA, or initiate the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

The EA will be available for a 30-day review period from August 21, 2026, to September 21, 2026. The EA can be accessed online at: <https://nepa-review.org/tulerivershanking/>. Written comments should be emailed to Jennifer.Hayden@bia.gov or mailed to the following address:

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