

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

**Environmental Assessment for the proposed Medicine River Ranch Fee-to-Trust Project,
Nisqually Indian Tribe, Thurston County, Washington**

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs

ACTION: Notice of Availability

SUMMARY: This notice is to advise interested parties that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), as lead federal agency, has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the proposed action located in Thurston County, Washington. This notice also announces the EA and FONSI are now available as described in the address section below.

ADDRESSES: The EA and FONSI may be viewed at the following website address: <http://www.MedicineRiverRanchEA.com>. You may request a hard copy of the EA and FONSI by writing the BIA Northwest Region Office, Division of Environmental & Cultural Resource Management (DECRM), 911 NE 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-4169.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tobiah Mogavero, BIA Regional NEPA Coordinator, at (971) 940-5785.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: The fee-to-trust application includes three parcels - Thurston County Parcel Numbers 21832340002, 21832340003, and 21832340000, which consist of approximately 72.22 acres, located in unincorporated Thurston County, Washington. Access to the northern portion of the property is provided by Saskatoon Lane SE, which connects to Yelm Highway SE east of the property. The property is in Section 32 of Township 18 North, Range 01 East, Willamette Meridian. Project activities include the development and operation of a 20,000 square foot equestrian ranch, including an indoor area with stables, to provide equine therapy to tribal members and the surrounding community.

AUTHORITY: This notice is published pursuant to 43 CFR 46.305 of the Department of Interior Regulations (43 CFR 46 et seq.), the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4371 et seq.), and in accordance with the exercise of authority delegated to the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

April 16, 2025

Kelly Millhouse, Acting Superintendent
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Date

