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Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Fee-to-Trust Conveyance of Property for the Cayuga Indian Nation of New York in Cayuga and Seneca Counties, New York

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is making available for public review the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed conveyance of 125± acres of land that is currently held by the Cayuga Indian Nation of New York in fee status into trust status. The purpose of the proposed action is to create a tribal land base and to help meet the Nation's socio-economic needs. This notice also announces a public hearing for receiving comments on the DEIS analysis.

The currently proposed alternatives are: (A) The Proposed Action. This is the action proposed by the Cayuga Indian Nation, to take all 125 +/- acres into trust; (B) No Action Alternative; and (C) Enterprise Properties into Trust. This alternative includes a single section of contiguous parcels in Seneca County and a single section of contiguous parcels in Cayuga County. This alternative was proposed in order to analyze whether there were any specific impacts related to the contiguity of the parcels.

The proposed Federal Action is to approve and adopt the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), dated May 2009, as a Final Environmental Impact Statement for the purposes of compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

NOTICE: This is a Notice Of Availability, that the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for accepting these properties into trust is available for public review.

DATES: Written comments on the DEIS must arrive by July 6, 2009. The public hearing will be held June 17, 2009, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., or until the last public comment is received.

ADDRESSES: You may mail, hand carry or telefax written comments to Franklin Keel, Regional Director, Eastern Regional Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 545 Marriott Drive, Suite 700, Nashville, Tennessee 37214, Telefax (615) 564-6701. Please include your name, return address and the caption, "DEIS Comments, Cayuga Indian Nation of New York Trust Acquisition Project," on the first page of your written comments. The public meeting will be held at the New York Chiropractic College, 2360 State Route 89, Seneca Falls, NY 13148.

Copies of the DEIS will be available for viewing at the following locations during normal business hours:

Lakeside Trading
2552 Route 89,
Seneca Falls, NY 13148

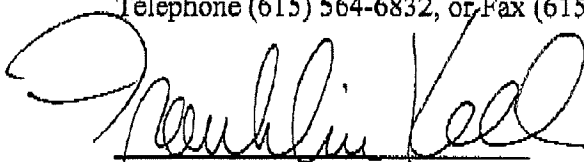
Lakeside Trading
299 Cayuga Street,
Union Springs, NY 13160

Seneca Falls Library
47 Cayuga St.
Seneca Falls, NY 13148

Springport Free Library
171 Cayuga St.
P.O. Box 501
Union Springs, NY 13160

PUBLIC COMMENT AVAILABILITY: Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the mailing address for the BIA Eastern Regional Office shown in the ADDRESSES section during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (unless otherwise shown), Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. We will not, however, consider anonymous comments. All submissions from organizations or businesses and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

For further information please contact Kurt G. Chandler, Regional Environmental Scientist, Eastern Region, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 545 Marriott Drive, Suite 700, Nashville, TN 37214. Telephone (615) 564-6832, or Fax (615) 564-6571.



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