

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE EWIIAAPAYP TRIBAL COMMUNITY AND FEE-TO-TRUST PROJECT

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Department of the Interior (DOI), has signed a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and issued a Final Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Ewiiapaayp Tribal Community and Fee-to-Trust Project. The EA has been prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA; 42 USC § 4321 et seq.) and assesses the potential environmental impacts from the acquisition of an approximately 48.7-acre property located in San Diego County, California (Project Site) into federal trust for the benefit of the Tribe (Proposed Action). Following acquisition of the Project Site into federal 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 comprised of three parcels (Assessor Parcel No. 4040802600; 4040901300; and 4040900700) located off Kumeyaay Highway (Interstate 8), south of Alpine Boulevard and west of Star Valley Road. The Project Site is mostly undeveloped with the exception of a rural residence as well as outbuildings and associated infrastructure.

The Draft EA, dated December 2025, was released to the public for a 30-day public comment period that ended on January 21, 2026. The Final EA consists of the December 2025 EA as amended by Errata sheets included in Attachment 2 of the FONSI. Based on the analysis and impacts discussed in the EA, comments received during the public review period, and the full administrative record, the BIA has determined that the Proposed Action will not result in significant adverse effects to the quality of the human environment with mitigation.

A FONSI has been signed by the Acting Regional Director, Pacific Region, Bureau of Indian Affairs. The FONSI and EA are available at the following website address: <https://nepa-review.org/ebki>.

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