

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

AGENCY: BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, EASTERN OKLAHOMA REGION

ACTION: NOTICE

SUMMARY: This Notice advises the public that a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed fee-to-trust acquisition of a 14.993-acre property, for the purpose of developing a casino, hotel, and gas station/convenience store, located in Section 28, Township 26 North, Range 13 East of the Indian Base and Meridian in Washington County, Oklahoma, is available for final public review. Based on the EA, it has been determined that the action will not result in significant impacts to the quality of the human environment; therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. This Notice is furnished as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations, Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 1506.6(b), to provide public notice and to inform those persons and agencies who may be interested or affected. The FONSI is a finding on environmental effects and not a decision to proceed with an action; therefore, it cannot be appealed. 25 CFR 2.203 requires a 30-day appeal period, after the decision to proceed with the action is made, before the action may be implemented. Appeal information will be made publicly available when the decision to proceed is made.

DATES: The EA is available for public review beginning July 10, 2024. Written comments should be received on or before August 9, 2024. Comments are solicited and should be directed to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Eastern Oklahoma Regional Office (EORO), at the address provided below. Individuals wishing copies of this EA for review should immediately contact the BIA at (918) 781-4660. A copy of the EA is also available online at <http://www.cncasinoea.com>.

ADDRESS: Comments and written requests for the EA should be addressed to: Regional Director, BIA, EORO, P.O. Box 8002, Muskogee, Oklahoma 74402-8002, Telephone Number: (918) 781-4600.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Mosby Halterman, Division Chief, Division of Environmental, Safety and Cultural Resources Management, BIA, EORO, P.O. Box 8002, Muskogee, Oklahoma 74402-8002, Telephone Number: (918) 781-4660.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: The BIA is considering approval of an EA for the proposed fee-to-trust acquisition located in Section 28, Township 26 North, Range 13 East of the Indian Base and Meridian in Washington County, Oklahoma. Project activities under the preferred alternative will include the fee-to-trust acquisition, for the purpose of developing a 54,391 sq. ft. casino, 29,902 sq. ft. hotel, and a 4,000 sq. ft. gas station/convenience store. This Notice is furnished as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations, Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 1506.6 and 1506.6(b), to provide public notice and to inform those persons and agencies who may be interested or affected. Approval of the proposed project constitutes a Federal action under the governing regulations for compliance with Section 102(2) of NEPA and requires a concise public document to be prepared that analyzes environmental impacts to the human environment. The EA has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of NEPA, as amended, (Title 42 U.S.C. 4321), the U.S. Department of the Interior Manual, (516 DM 10), and other applicable environmental statutes and regulations.

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