

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Final Environmental Assessment for the DeSmet Water System Improvements, Coeur d'Alene Tribe, Plummer, Idaho

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 finalized an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the DeSmet Water System Improvements on Trust Lands administered for the Coeur d'Alene Tribe. This notice also announces the EA and FONSI are now available in hard copy at the address(s) below.

ADDRESSES: 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: Richard Ferguson, BIA Northern Idaho Agency, at 208-621-4826.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: The improvements consist of replacing up to 8800 feet of 4-, 6-, 8- and 10-inch water mains of the existing distribution system; installation of a new 200,000-gallon water reservoir; demolition of existing reservoirs; mitigation of all existing asbestos cement pipe; improvement of fire protection mains and distribution system; and reconciliation of all other necessary appurtenances. The water system improvements are intended to improve flow and pressure for the fire suppression system as well as for domestic and commercial fresh water supply such that flow and pressure meet current Idaho Fire Code.

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.

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Date