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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Public Notice of Lands Previously Conveyed Into Trust and Proclaimed as Reservation For Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians by Act of Congress

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Indian Affairs is giving public notice of the act of Congress which has conveyed certain fee properties into trust and proclaimed reservation status for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ben Burshia, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Division of Real Estate Services, Mail Stop 4639-MIB, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240, Telephone (202) 208-7737.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The original reservation proclamation establishing the Mississippi Choctaw Indian Reservation was issued December 23, 1944 (9 FR 14907), by virtue of the authority of the Act of June 21, 1939 (53 Stat. 573), and section 7 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 986). Pursuant to section 1(a)(2) of the Act of June 29, 2000, Public Law 106-228 (114 Stat. 228), certain lands then held in fee by the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians were placed into federal trust status. The Act provided:

“All land held in fee by the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians located within the boundaries of the State of Mississippi, as shown in the report entitled “Report of Fee

Lands owned by the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians,” dated September 28, 1999, on file in the Office of the Superintendent, Choctaw Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, is hereby declared to be held by the United States in trust for the benefit of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians; * * *.”

Section 1(a)(1) of Public Law 106-228 also provided that “all lands taken in trust by the United States for the benefit of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians on or after December 23, 1944, shall be part of the Mississippi Choctaw Indian Reservation.” This Act was amended by section 811 of the Act of December 27, 2000, Public Law 106-568 (114 Stat. 2868), which provided:

Section 1(a)(2) of Pub. L. 106-228 (an Act to make technical corrections to the status of certain land held in trust for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, to take certain land into trust for that Band, and for other purposes) is amended by striking “September 28, 1999” and inserting “February 7, 2000.”

The February 7, 2000, report referenced in section 811 of Public Law 106-568 added lands to those originally identified in the September 28, 1999, report referenced in section 1(a)(2) of Public Law 106-228. All of those lands were placed into trust and made a part of the reservation. Revised legal descriptions for some of those lands were approved by Congress by section 107 of the Act of March 2, 2004, Public Law 108-204 (118 Stat. 542), as reflected in a Report of May 17, 2002, on file at the Choctaw Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. Legal descriptions for all parcels initially placed into trust and reservation status for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians by Public Law 106-228, as amended by Public Law 106-568, as amended by Public Law 108-204, are referenced in Appendix I to this Notice.

Additional lands have been taken into trust by the United States for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 465 after December 23, 1944, and before June 29, 2000. All such lands were made part of the Mississippi Choctaw Indian Reservation by section 1(a)(1) of Public Law 106-228. The legal descriptions for those other tracts are not set out in this notice.

Pursuant to section 1(a)(1) of Public Law 106-228, if and when additional lands are taken into trust by the United States for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 465 or by other authority, each such additional land parcel shall automatically become a part of the Mississippi Choctaw Indian Reservation without the need for any other formal declaration to that effect pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 467.

All of the Choctaw reservation lands referenced in this notice constitute Indian Country under 18 U.S.C. 1151(a).

Dated: March 24, 2007.

Carl J. Artman,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

APPENDIX I

Lands placed into trust and reservation status for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians within the State of Mississippi by Public Law 106-228, 114 Stat. 462, Act of June 29, 2000, as amended by Title VIII, Sec. 811 of Public Law 106-568, Act of December 27, 2000, 114 Stat. 2868 and Sec. 107 of Public Law 108-204, Act of March 2, 2004, 118 Stat 542. The reference numbers shown below are from Exhibit A to the report of May 17, 2002, on file at the Choctaw Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Philadelphia, Mississippi, as referenced in Sec. 107 of Public Law 108-204, Act of March 2, 2004, 118 Stat. 542.

Reference Nos.	Choctaw reservation community	Township	Range	Section	County	Book & page from county records
1	Bogue Chitto	14N	15E	16	NOXUBEE	553/503
2	Bogue Chitto	11N	14E	7	KEMPER	268/220
3	Bogue Chitto	11N	14E	18	KEMPER	280/193
4	Bogue Chitto	12N	14E	32	KEMPER	A222/845
5	Bogue Chitto	12N	13E	2	NESHOBA	A223/6
6	Bogue Chitto	11N	14E	17	KEMPER	280/193
7	Bogue Chitto	11N	14E	7	KEMPER	270/71
8	Bogue Chitto	11N	14E	5	KEMPER	A222/845
9	Bogue Chitto	11N	14E	7	KEMPER	274/14
10	Bogue Chitto	11N	13E	10	NESHOBA	A221/258
11	Bogue Chitto	12N	13E	36	NESHOBA	A217/346
12	Bogue Chitto	12N	14E	30	KEMPER	A222/845
13	Bogue Chitto	11N	13E	1	NESHOBA	A217/343
14	Bogue Chitto	11N	13E	2	NESHOBA	A219/269
15	Bogue Chitto	11N	13E	13	NESHOBA	A221/258
16	Bogue Chitto	11N	13E	12	NESHOBA	A217/343
17	Bogue Chitto	11N	13E	1	NESHOBA	A217/346
18	Bogue Chitto	12N	13E	25	NESHOBA	A222/845
19	Bogue Chitto	11N	14E	27	KEMPER	228/47
22	Bogue Chitto	11N	14E	28	KEMPER	228/47

Reference Nos.	Choctaw reservation community	Township	Range	Section	County	Book & page from county records
23	Bogue Chitto	12N	13E	1	NESHOBA	A223/6
24	Bogue Chitto	11N	14E	21	KEMPER	228/47
25	Bogue Chitto	12N	14E	31	KEMPER	A222/845
26	Conehatta	07N	10E	28	NEWTON	262/692
27	Conehatta	07N	10E	3	NEWTON	267/474
28	Conehatta	07N	10E	9	NEWTON	266/167
29	Conehatta	07N	10E	9	NEWTON	252/33
32	Conehatta	07N	10E	10	NEWTON	252/33
35	Conehatta	07N	10E	21	NEWTON	262/692
36	Crystal Ridge	14N	13E	35	WINSTON	218/220
37	Bogue Chitto	12N	13E	3	WINSTON	238/375
38	Bogue Chitto	12N	13E	2	WINSTON	230/206
39	Bogue Chitto	11N	12E	30	NESHOBA	A228/897
41	Bogue Chitto	11N	12E	30	NESHOBA	A93/144
43	Pearl River	11N	10E	28	NESHOBA	A217/90
44	Pearl River	11N	11E	20	NESHOBA	A239/448
45	Pearl River	11N	10E	33	NESHOBA	A239/779
46	Pearl River	11N	11E	29	NESHOBA	A239/270
47	Pearl River	11N	11E	2	NESHOBA	A227/100
48	Pearl River	11N	10E	34	NESHOBA	A226/879
49	Pearl River	11N	10E	33	NESHOBA	A239/777
50	Pearl River	11N	10E	28	NESHOBA	A239/779
51	Pearl River	11N	11E	29	NESHOBA	A230/823
52	Pearl River	11N	11E	1	NESHOBA	A227/100
53	Pearl River	11N	11E	9	NESHOBA	A227/100
54	Pearl River	11N	11E	4	NESHOBA	A227/100
55	Pearl River	11N	11E	3	NESHOBA	A227/100
56	Pearl River	11N	11E	10	NESHOBA	A227/100
57	Pearl River	11N	11E	28	NESHOBA	A230/823
58	Pearl River	11N	10E	14	NESHOBA	A223/650
59	Pearl River	11N	11E	30	NESHOBA	A146/501
60	Pearl River	11N	11E	29	NESHOBA	A238/406
61	Pearl River	11N	10E	18	NESHOBA	A228/465
62	Pearl River	11N	09E	13	LEAKE	A228/465
64	Pearl River	11N	11E	29	NESHOBA	A151/704
65	Pearl River	11N	11E	29	NESHOBA	A150/577
66	Pearl River	11N	11E	6	NESHOBA	A235/124
67	Pearl River	11N	11E	29	NESHOBA	A151/22
68	Pearl River	11N	11E	29	NESHOBA	A151/24
69	Pearl River	11N	11E	20	NESHOBA	A220/842
70	Pearl River	11N	10E	28	NESHOBA	A217/255
71	Pearl River	11N	11E	30	NESHOBA	A216/716
72	Pearl River	11N	11E	30	NESHOBA	A239/270
73	Pearl River	11N	10E	36	NESHOBA	A161/528
74	Pearl River	11N	11E	29	NESHOBA	A150/581
75	Pearl River	11N	11E	29	NESHOBA	A232/764
76	Pearl River	11N	11E	30	NESHOBA	A201/138
77	Pearl River	11N	11E	18	NESHOBA	A140/142
78	Pearl River	11N	11E	19	NESHOBA	A140/142
79	Pearl River	11N	11E	31	NESHOBA	A239/270
80	Pearl River	11N	11E	29	NESHOBA	A231/15
81	Pearl River	11N	11E	29	NESHOBA	A238/408
83	Pearl River	11N	10E	11	NESHOBA	A223/650
84	Pearl River	11N	11E	20	NESHOBA	A219/550
85	Pearl River	11N	11E	30	NESHOBA	A146/221
86	Pearl River	11N	11E	32	NESHOBA	A239/270
87	Red Water	10N	07E	2	LEAKE	228/627
88	Red Water	10N	07E	2	LEAKE	228/630
89	Red Water	11N	07E	36	LEAKE	235/549
90	Red Water	11N	07E	35	LEAKE	235/696
91	Red Water	11N	07E	36	LEAKE	163/440
92	Red Water	11N	07E	26	LEAKE	233/424
93	Red Water	10N	08E	6	LEAKE	235/483
96	Standing Pine	10N	08E	34	LEAKE	154/624
97	Standing Pine	10N	09E	29	LEAKE	221/614
98	Standing Pine	09N	08E	2	LEAKE	143/726
99	Standing Pine	10N	09E	30	LEAKE	221/614
100	Standing Pine	09N	08E	3	LEAKE	221/633
101	Standing Pine	10N	09E	9	LEAKE	221/616
102	Tucker	10N	12E	28	NESHOBA	A229/665
103	Tucker	10N	12E	21	NESHOBA	A229/665
105	Red Water	13N	7E	36	ATTALA	607/612

Reference Nos.	Choctaw reservation community	Township	Range	Section	County	Book & page from county records
106	Red Water	13N	7E	25	ATTALA	607/612
107	Red Water	12N	7E	1	LEAKE	607/612
108	Red Water	12N	7E	2	LEAKE	607/612
109	Red Water	13N	7E	35	ATTALA	607/612
110	Bogue Chitto	11N	14E	5	KEMPER	294/568

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Amendment to the Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation Liquor Ordinance

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice publishes an amendment to the Liquor Ordinance of the Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation of Montana (Tribe). This amendment brings the existing Liquor Ordinance of the Tribe which regulates and controls the possession, sale and consumption of liquor within the Tribe's reservation into conformance with state law. The Liquor Ordinance allows for possession and sale of alcoholic beverages within the Tribe's Indian reservation, and increases the ability of the tribal government to control the Tribe's liquor distribution and possession. At the same time it will provide an important source of revenue for the continued operation and strengthening of the tribal government and the delivery of tribal services.

DATES: *Effective Date:* This Ordinance is effective on April 9, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Louise Reyes, Indian Services Officer, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Rocky Mountain Regional Office, 316 North 26th St., Billings, MT 59101, Telephone: (406) 247-7988, Telefax: (406) 247-7566; or Ralph Gonzales, Office of Indian Services, 1849 C Street, NW., Mail Stop 4513-MIB, Washington, DC 20240; Telephone No. (202) 513-7629.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Act of August 15, 1953, Public Law 83-277, 67 Stat. 586, 18 U.S.C. 1161, as interpreted by the Supreme Court in *Rice v. Rehner*, 463 U.S. 713 (1983), the Secretary of the Interior shall certify and publish in the **Federal Register** notice of adopted liquor ordinances for the purpose of regulating

liquor transactions in Indian country. The Chippewa Cree Business Committee adopted this amendment to their Liquor Ordinance by Resolution No. 27-06 on March 9, 2006. The purpose of this amendment is to bring their current Liquor Control Ordinance into conformance with State law.

This notice is published in accordance with the authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs. I certify that this Amendment to the Liquor Ordinance of the Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation was duly adopted by the Chippewa Cree Business Committee on March 9, 2006.

Dated: March 28, 2007.

Michael D. Olsen,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

The Amendment to the Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation Liquor Ordinance reads as follows:

Chippewa Cree Law and Order Code Alcoholic Beverage Control Ordinance

Chapter 1 General Provisions

Section 1.1 *Title*—This Ordinance shall be known as the "Alcoholic Beverage Control Ordinance." The Tribe previously passed Ordinance I-70 which was certified by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs on June 16, 1970, and published in the **Federal Register** on June 25, 1970, authorizing the introduction, sale or possession of intoxicating beverages on the Rocky Boy's Reservation (35 FR 10384, 1970). This Ordinance replaces Ordinance I-70 to include the following provisions as adopted by the Chippewa Cree Tribal Business Committee.

Section 1.2 *Purpose*—This Ordinance regulates the consumption, delivery and sale of alcoholic beverages within the exterior boundaries of the Rocky Boy's Reservation and other lands subject to Tribal jurisdiction for the purpose of protecting the health, safety and welfare of the Chippewa Cree Tribe and its members as well as the general public.

Section 1.3 *Authority*—This Alcoholic Beverage Control Ordinance

is enacted pursuant to Article VI, Section 1(p) of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Chippewa Cree Tribe. Federal law currently prohibits the introduction of alcoholic beverage into Indian Country (18 U.S.C. 1154), and expressly delegates to tribes the decision regarding when and to what extent alcoholic beverage transactions shall be permitted (18 U.S.C. 1161). Unless otherwise provided in this Ordinance, standards for the sale and transaction of alcoholic beverages shall be in conformity with the laws of the State of Montana, as required by, and in accordance with 18 U.S.C. 1161.

Section 1.4 Declaration of Public Policy

(a) The introduction, possession, and sale of alcoholic beverage on the Rocky Boy's Reservation are a matter of special concern to the Chippewa Cree Tribe.

(b) Compliance with this ordinance shall be in addition to, and not a substitute for, compliance with the laws of the State of Montana.

(c) In 1970, the Chippewa Cree Tribe passed Ordinance I-70, authorizing the introduction, sale or possession of alcoholic beverages on the Rocky Boy's Reservation. This Ordinance replaces Ordinance I-70 recognizing that a need still exists for strict regulation and control over alcoholic beverages transactions within the Rocky Boy's Reservation because of the many potential problems associated with the unregulated or inadequately regulated sale, possession, distribution, and consumption of alcoholic beverages. The Chippewa Cree Tribal Business Committee finds that Tribal control and regulation of alcoholic beverages necessary to achieve maximum economic benefit to the Tribe, to protect the health and welfare of Tribal members, and to address specific concerns relating to alcohol use on the Rocky Boy's Reservation.

(d) It is in the best interests of the Chippewa Cree Tribe to enact a Tribal ordinance governing alcoholic beverage sales on the Rocky Boy's Reservation, which provides for purchase, distribution, and sale of alcoholic beverages only on specific Tribal lands within the exterior boundaries of the Rocky Boy's Reservation, as designated