

members could not demonstrate Snohomish ancestry. Only 59 percent of STI's 836 members, descending from about 38 or 39 different family lines at the time of the PF, had documented descent from the historical Snohomish tribe.

The PF found that the STI provided an official membership list, separately certified by the group's governing body, as required by 83.7(e)(2). For the FD, the petitioner submitted a membership list, dated March 12, 1999, that identified 1,390 members and was virtually identical with the membership list used for the PF except for the addition of new members. The petitioner's governing body certified the updated membership list by resolution as required under criterion 83.7(e)(2). After auditing the petitioner's membership files and correcting the discrepancies in the 1999 membership list, the current adjusted STI membership totaled 1,113.

Based on new information submitted by the petitioner and the Tulalip Tribes of the Tulalip Reservation, or located by the Department, and other evidence in the record, the Department re-evaluated the STI family lines for evidence of descent from the historical Snohomish tribe. Twenty of the STI family lines, identified as descending from the historical Snohomish tribe in the PF, remain unchanged. Two family lines not previously determined to demonstrate Snohomish ancestry now have been sufficiently documented to show descent from the historical Snohomish tribe, and two "new" family lines, originally considered as part of pre-existing STI family lines, also were found to demonstrate Snohomish descent.

Based on the analysis described above, the evidence for this finding shows that 69 percent of the STI membership (763 of 1,113 members) have documented descent from the historical Snohomish tribe. The petitioner has not demonstrated that the remaining 31 percent of its membership (350 of 1,113 members) are of Snohomish descent or are descended from other Indian tribes that had amalgamated with the petitioner's Snohomish ancestors at some point in history to form a separate and distinct entity. The evidence does not demonstrate that the petitioner as a whole descends from the historical Snohomish tribe. Therefore this FD concludes that the petitioner does not meet criterion 83.7(e).

Criterion 83.7(f): This FD affirms the conclusion of the PF that the petitioner is not principally composed of members of another acknowledged North American Indian tribe. Since the PF, the

petitioner obtained enrollment statements from most of its members, who declared that they did not have membership in any other federally acknowledged tribe. Examination of the membership lists of federally recognized tribes in the area did not reveal any names of STI members.

Criterion 83.7(g): This FD affirms the conclusion of the PF that neither the petitioner nor its members are the subject of congressional legislation that has expressly terminated or forbidden the Federal relationship.

Under Section 83.10(m), the AS-IA is required to decline to acknowledge that a petitioner is an Indian tribe if it fails to satisfy any one of the criteria in Section 83.7. The petitioner did not submit evidence sufficient to meet criteria 83.7(a), (b), (c), and (e), and, therefore, does not satisfy the requirements for acknowledgment.

This determination is final and will become effective 90 days from publication of this notice, unless a request for reconsideration is filed pursuant to section 83.11. The petitioner or any interested party may file a request for reconsideration of this determination with the Interior Board of Indian Appeals (section 83.11(a)(1)). The petitioner's or interested party's request must be received no later than March 9, 2004 of the AS-IA's determination in the **Federal Register** (section 83.11(a)(2)).

Dated: December 2, 2003.

Aurene M. Martin,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of an amendment to a tribal-State gaming compact taking effect between the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and the State of Michigan.

SUMMARY: Under section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA), Public Law 100-497, 25 U.S.C 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the **Federal Register**, notice of the approved tribal-State compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through her

delegated authority, has deemed approved the amendment to the Class III gaming compact between the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and the State of Michigan. By the terms of IGRA, the amendment is considered approved, but only to the extent that the amendment is consistent with the provisions of IGRA. The amendment authorizes the addition of a second gaming site in addition to the current site in Petoskey, Michigan. It also creates a 10 county geographical exclusivity area. In exchange for the geographical exclusivity, the tribe agrees to pay between 10 and 12 percent of net win from class III electronic games at the tribe's second site, depending on the amount of actual revenues. The payment to the State ceases if the scope of non-Indian gaming is expanded within the State or if a federally recognized tribe opens a class III gaming facility within the 10 county areas. In addition the payment is reduced if a newly recognized tribe opens a class III facility within the 10 county areas.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 10, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George T. Skibine, Director, Office of Indian Gaming Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219-4066.

Dated: December 2, 2003.

Aurene M. Martin,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-020-1010-PO]

Notice of Public Meeting, Eastern Montana Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior, Montana, Billings and Miles City Field Offices.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Eastern Montana Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting will be held January 15, 2004 in Miles City, MT beginning at 8 a.m. When determined, the meeting place will be announced in a news release. The public comment period will

begin at approximately 11 a.m. and the meeting will adjourn at approximately 3:30 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Jacobsen, Public Affairs Specialist, Miles City Field Office, 111 Garryowen Road, Miles City, Montana, 59301. Telephone (406) 233-2831.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 15-member Council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in Montana. At this meeting, topics we plan to discuss include:

Sustaining Working Landscapes Initiative; OHV travel planning update; Recreation 2003 Season Report; Weatherman Draw subcommittee update; Billings shooting area subcommittee update; and CBNG Update and other topics the council may raise.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the Council. Each formal Council meeting will also have time allocated for hearing public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation, tour transportation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the BLM as provided above.

Dated: December 1, 2003.

David McInay,
Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM-030-1430-ET; NMNM 106227]

Public Land Order No. 7592; Withdrawal of Federal Mineral Estate Within the Red Rock Wildlife Area, New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management.

ACTION: Public land order.

SUMMARY: This order withdraws approximately 712 acres of Federal mineral estate from location and entry under the United States mining laws for 20 years for the Bureau of Land Management to protect desert bighorn sheep habitat within the Red Rock Wildlife Area.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 10, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Philip Rhinehart, BLM Las Cruces Field Office, 1800 Marquess, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, 505-525-4426.

Order

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (2000), it is ordered as follows:

1. Subject to valid existing rights, the Federal mineral estate in the following described lands is hereby withdrawn from location and entry under the United States mining laws, 30 U.S.C. Ch. 2 (2000), to protect desert bighorn sheep habitat within the Red Rock Wildlife Area:

New Mexico Principal Meridian

T. 18 S., R. 18 W.,

Sec. 9, lots 1 to 4, inclusive,
S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 15, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 16, lots 1 to 5, inclusive, and
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 21, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, and
W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 22, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$.

The areas described aggregate approximately 712 acres in Grant County.

2. This withdrawal will expire 20 years from the effective date of this order unless, as a result of a review conducted before the expiration date pursuant to Section 204(f) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714(f) (2000), the Secretary determines that the withdrawal shall be extended.

Dated: October 30, 2003.

Rebecca W. Watson,

*Assistant Secretary—Land and Minerals
Management.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Northeast Region Notice of Availability of Boston Harbor Islands General Management

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS) has prepared a Final General Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area in Massachusetts, both of which are now available from the NPS.

ADDRESSES: The Final General Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) are available on the Internet at <http://www.nps.gov/boha/pphtml/facts.html>. Requests for copies should be sent to George E. Price, Jr., National Park Service Project Manager, Boston Harbor Islands, 408 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 228, Boston, Massachusetts 02110 or George_Price@nps.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George Price at 617-223-8667.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In collaboration with the Boston Harbor Islands Partnership, the National Park Service prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement in accordance with section 102(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. NPS received approximately 100 written comments and held 8 formal public meetings during the 60-day public comment period on the Draft EIS. The comments from individuals and public agencies did not require the NPS to add additional alternatives, significantly alter existing alternatives, or make changes to the impact analysis of the effects of any alternative. Therefore, an abbreviated format is used for the responses to comments in the Final EIS, in compliance with the 1978 implementing regulations (40 CFR 1503.4[c]) for National Environmental Policy Act.

Dated: October 14, 2003.

Marie Rust,

*Regional Director, Northeast Region, National
Park Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Notice of Intent To Prepare a General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for Gulf Islands National Seashore (FL and MS)

AGENCY: National Park Service.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice is being published in accordance with 40 CFR 1506.6. Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service announces the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement for the General Management Plan for Gulf Islands National Seashore. The statement will assess potential environmental impacts associated with various types and levels of visitor use and resources management within the National Seashore. This General