

SCOPING MEETING

Coquille Indian Tribe- Fee-to-Trust and Gaming Facility
Project

February 3, 2015

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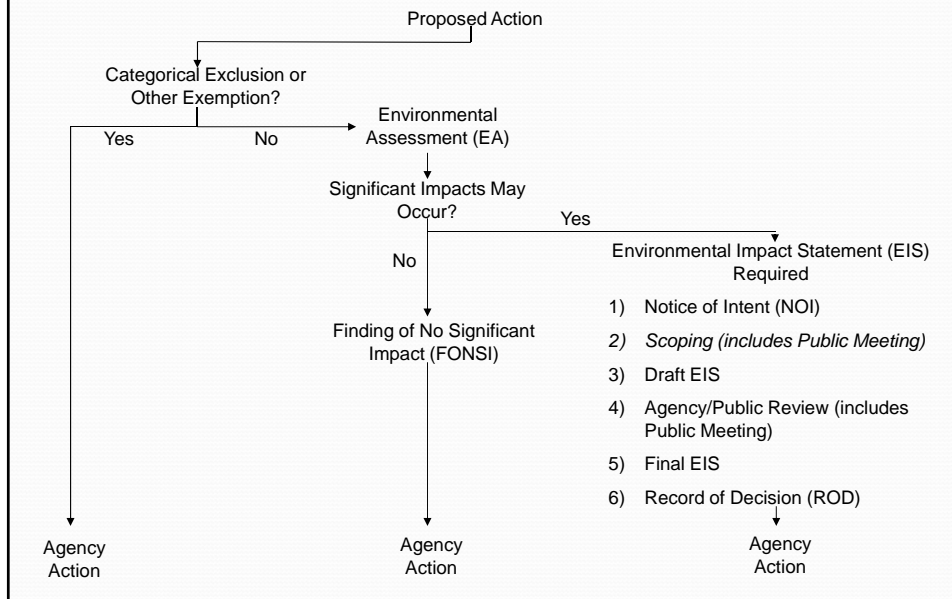


LEAD AGENCY: U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs

WHEN IS NEPA REVIEW REQUIRED?

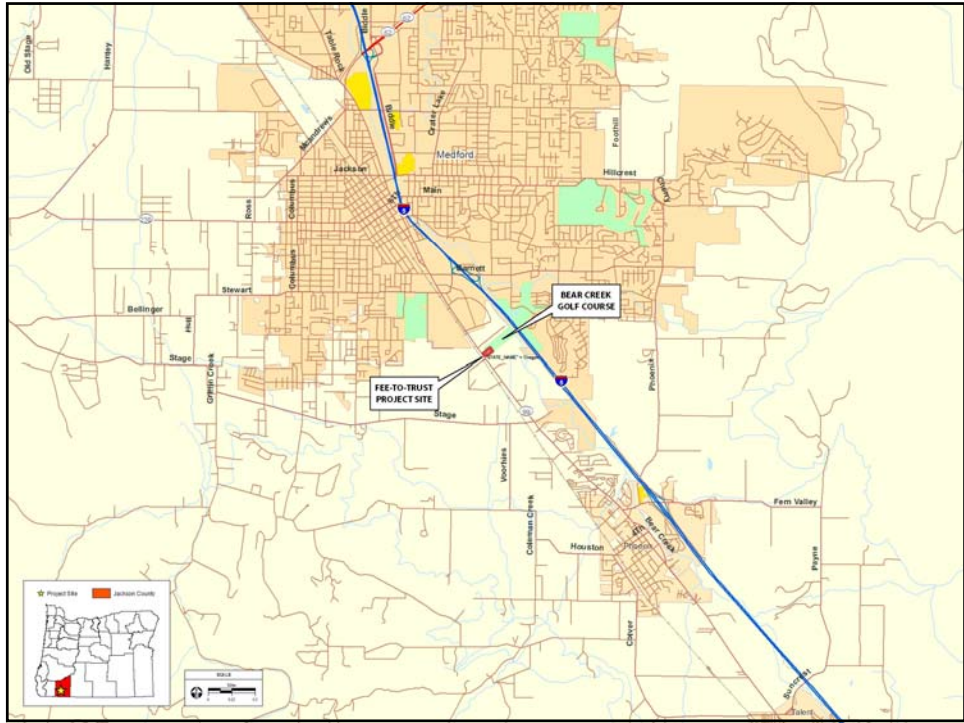
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review is required prior to taking a major federal action
- In this case, the proposed major federal actions requested by the Coquille Indian Tribe include the fee-to-trust transfer of approximately 2.4 acres in the City of Medford for the purpose of constructing and operating a gaming facility.

NEPA PROCESS OVERVIEW



PROPOSED ACTION

- Fee-to-trust acquisition of approximately 2.4 acres within the City of Medford upon which the Tribe would renovate an existing bowling alley to convert it into a gaming facility.
- The proposed gaming facility would contain a gaming area, a bar/deli, and other supporting facilities.
- Adjacent land may be improved with additional parking areas for the proposed gaming facility. These lands are not part of the fee-to-trust application.





EIS PROCESS - Scoping

- Notice of Intent (NOI) published in the federal register on January 15, 2015, beginning the scoping process
- The NOI and all future NEPA documents will be posted online at www.coquilleeis.com.
- “Scoping” refers to the process by which lead agencies solicit input from the public and interested agencies on the nature and extent of issues and impacts to be addressed in the EIS and the methods by which they will be evaluated
- The scope of a document includes the extent of the action, the range of alternatives, and the types of impacts to be evaluated

ISSUES TO BE ANALYZED IN THE EIS

- Geology, Soils and Seismicity
- Water Resources
- Air Quality
- Noise
- Biological Resources
- Cultural/Historical/Archaeological Resources
- Traffic and Transportation
- Land Resources
- Public Health and Safety
- Public Services and Utilities
- Hazardous Materials and Hazardous Wastes
- Socioeconomics
- Environmental Justice
- Visual Resources/Aesthetics
- Resource Use Patterns
- Cumulative, Indirect and Growth-Inducing Effects

EIS PROCESS – Scoping Comments

- The scoping comment period ends February 17, 2015
- The scoping comment period, including this scoping meeting, provides the public with an opportunity to comment on the scope of the upcoming EIS
- All scoping comments, whether written or spoken at this meeting, will be considered equally by the BIA

EIS PROCESS – Scoping Report

- After the close of the scoping comment period, the BIA will prepare a Scoping Report that summarizes the comments received during the scoping period
- Each comment letter received and a transcript of this scoping meeting will be included in the Scoping Report
- The BIA will utilize the Scoping Report in preparing a Draft EIS

EIS PROCESS – Draft EIS

- The BIA will prepare a Draft EIS that analyzes the environmental impacts of the proposed action along with a reasonable range of alternatives
- The Draft EIS will be made available to the public for at least a 45 day review and comment period
- Another public meeting will be held during the Draft EIS review and comment period

EIS PROCESS – Final EIS and ROD

- After the public review/comment period on the Draft EIS has closed, the BIA will prepare a Final EIS
- The Final EIS will include responses to all substantive comments received on the Draft EIS
- When completed, the Final EIS will be made available to the public for review
- At least 30 days after the publication of the Final EIS, the BIA will issue a Record of Decision (ROD) that includes its decision on whether or not to approve the proposed action
- The ROD marks the end of the NEPA process

BIA CONTACT INFORMATION

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