

## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

### PROPOSED FEE-TO-TRUST AND NEW MEDICAL AND DENTAL CLINIC PROJECT EA AND FONSI

Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Pacific Regional Office, has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA), dated July 22, 2020, for the transfer of five parcels (APNs 016-412-090, 016-412-120, 016-412-200, 016-412-230, and 016-412-300) comprised of approximately 5.6 acres of tribally owned land in Siskiyou County, California (project site), into federal trust status for the Karuk Tribe (Tribe) for future development purposes (Proposed Action). The project site is located on Section 11, Township 16 North, Range 7 East. The Tribe proposes to develop one of the five trust parcels (APN 016-412-200) with an approximately 11,526-square-foot medical and dental clinic and support office (Proposed Project). The purpose of the Proposed Action is to ensure the continued social and economic independence and wellbeing of its members. The Proposed Action and the "No Action Alternative" were evaluated in the EA.

Based on the analysis and impacts in the EA, any input received during this public review period, and the entire administrative record, the BIA will decide whether to reach a Finding of No Significance Impact (FONSI), direct further work on the EA, or initiate the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement. A draft, unsigned FONSI has been prepared and is available for review along with the EA.

The EA and unsigned FONSI are available for review on the internet at [www.karuk.us](http://www.karuk.us) and on the BIA NEPA Tracker website: <https://bianepatracker2.doi.gov/> (Search: TR-4314b-P5 J51 555T HC EA-FONSI Public Review). Copies of the EA and unsigned FONSI are also available for public review at the Karuk Tribes Administrative office located at 64263 Second Avenue, Happy Camp. No further action will be taken on the environmental process for at least 30 days after the publication of this notice. For more information, please contact Chad Broussard, Environmental Protection Specialist, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pacific Regional Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825, telephone (916) 978-6165. Written comments should be mailed to Amy Dutschke, Regional Director, at the above address.