## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

## PROPOSED FEE-TO-TRUST MONTGOMERY CREEK 40-ACRE FEE-TO-TRUST 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 March 2022, for the transfer of one parcel (APN 029-520-004) comprised of approximately 40 acres of tribally owned land into federal trust status for the Pit River Tribe (Tribe) for future development of Tribal housing (Proposed Action). The proposed fee-to-trust property is in unincorporated Shasta County, adjacent to State Route 299 (SR-299), approximately 30 miles northeast of the City of Redding, California. The property's northern boundary is Windy Point Road, and its western boundary is SR-299. The purpose of the Proposed Action is to provide increased long-term cultural security of the Tribe through the development of Tribal housing. The Proposed Action, a Reduced-Density Alternative 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 on the BIA NEPA Tracker website: <u>https://bianepatracker2.doi.gov/</u> (Search: TR-4314b-P5 J52 536T 40.06A FTT) and at <u>https://pitriverftt.com/</u>. Copies of the EA and unsigned FONSI are also available for public review at the Burney Library, 37116 Main St., Burney, CA 96013. 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.