

## **NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY**

### **ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR PROPOSED TRUST ACQUISITION OF FIFTEEN FEE PARCELS**

#### **YOCHA DEHE WINTUN NATION YOLO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Pacific Regional Office, has released an Environmental Assessment (EA), dated May 2011, for the proposed trust acquisition of fifteen parcels comprised of approximately 853 acres, by the United States for the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation (Tribe). The project site is located within an unincorporated area of Yolo County and occurs in Sections 3 and 34, Township 10 North, Range 3 West on the "Guinda, California," Mount Diablo Baseline & Meridian, U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-Minute Topographic Quadrangles, adjacent to the Tribe's existing reservation on State Route (SR)-16 near the town of Brooks in the Capay Valley. Based on the analysis and impacts discussed in the EA and comments received during the public review period, the BIA will decide whether to reach a Finding of No Significant Impact, direct further work on the EA, or initiate the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement.

The proposed federal action is the fee-to-trust transfer of 15 parcels totaling approximately 853 acres and subsequent development of 25 residences, up to three cultural/education facilities, one Tribal school, one domestic water storage tank, one wastewater treatment plant and supporting infrastructure. Construction of the proposed developments is to be phased over years to meet Tribal growth and needs. Current agricultural operations will be maintained on approximately 754 acres of the total 853 acres within the proposed trust land acquisition.

The purpose of the proposed federal action is to provide housing and expanded governmental, educational, and cultural facilities/services under the direct control of the Tribal government to accommodate the Tribe's current members and anticipated growth. The proposed federal action will allow the Tribal government to exercise its sovereignty over its future growth and continue to engage in diverse and self-sustaining agricultural operations, effectively helping to largely preserve the rural, agricultural character of the Capay Valley consistent with surrounding land uses.

The public comment period for the EA will be open for 30 days, beginning on June 15, 2011 and ending on July 14, 2011. For additional information or to obtain a CD copy of the EA, please contact John Rydzik, Chief, Division of Environmental, Cultural Resource Management and Safety, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pacific Regional Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Room W-2820, Sacramento, CA 95825, telephone (916) 978-6051. Written comments should be mailed to Amy Dutschke, Regional Director, Pacific Regional Office, at the above address.

Copies of the EA are available for public review on the internet at [www.yochadeheea.com](http://www.yochadeheea.com) or at the Woodland City Library located at 250 First Street, Woodland, CA 95695, telephone (530) 661-59-81 and the Esparto Regional Library located at 17065 Yolo Avenue, Esparto, CA 95627, telephone (530) 787-3426.