- Marine Protected Area selection, evaluation, and assessment
- Resource management and monitoring
- Conservation status assessment
- Habitat modeling

The FGDC coordinates the development of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI), which encompasses the policies, standards, and procedures for organizations to cooperatively produce and share geospatial data. Federal agencies that make up the FGDC develop the NSDI in cooperation with organizations from State, local and tribal governments, the academic community, and the private sector. The authority for the FGDC is OMB Circular No. A–16, ''Revised on Coordination of Geographic Information and Related Spatial Data Activities (Revised August 19, 2002).'' Additional information on the FGDC and the NSDI is available at *www.fgdc.gov.*

Dated: August 23, 2012.

Ivan DeLoatch,

Executive Director, Federal Geographic Data Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

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National Earthquake Prediction Evaluation Council (NEPEC)

AGENCY: Department of the Interior, U.S. Geological Survey.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Public Law 96–472, the National Earthquake Prediction Evaluation Council (NEPEC) will hold a 1½ day meeting on September 17 and 18, 2012, at the U.S. Geological Survey National Earthquake Information Center (NEIC), 1711 Illinois Avenue, Golden, Colorado 80401. The Council is comprised of members from academia and the Federal Government. The Council shall advise the Director of the U.S. Geological Survey on earthquake predictions, on the completeness and scientific validity of the available data related to earthquake predictions, and on related matters as assigned by the Director. Additional information about the Council may be found at *http://earthquake.usgs.gov/aboutus/nepec/*.

At the meeting, the Council will receive briefings on: ongoing and planned work with social and behavioral scientists on improving hazard and risk messages; development of a strategic plan for operational earthquake forecasting including calculation of short-term aftershock probabilities; discussions with emergency managers and other decision-makers about their needs for earthquake information, scientific evaluations, and hazard and risk forecasts; status of the project intended to deliver an updated Uniform California Earthquake Rupture Forecast (UCERF3); and on the delivery of near-real-time earthquake information by the NEIC.

A draft meeting agenda is available from the Executive Secretary on request (contact information below), and will be posted to the web site (above) when finalized. In order to ensure sufficient seating and hand-outs, it is requested that visitors pre-register by September 13, 2012. Members of the public wishing to make a statement to the Council should provide notice of that intention by September 13 so that time may be allotted in the agenda.

DATES: The meeting will be held at the USGS National Earthquake Information Center on the campus of the Colorado School of Mines, 1711 Illinois Avenue, in Golden, Colorado 80401. The meeting will commence in the early afternoon of Monday, September 17, 2012, and continue the following day, beginning at 9 a.m. and adjourning at 4 p.m. Times are approximate. Guests are encouraged to contact the Executive Secretary for a copy of the agenda and instructions for parking and locating the meeting room.

Contact: Dr. Michael Blanpied, Executive Secretary, National Earthquake Prediction Evaluation Council, U.S. Geological Survey, MS 905, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192, (703) 648–6696, Email: *mblanpied@usgs.gov*.

Dated: August 28, 2012.

David J. Newman,

USGS Federal Register Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Seminole Tribe of Florida Fee-to-Trust, City of Coconut Creek, Broward County, FL

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) as lead agency, with the Seminole Tribe of Florida (Tribe), City of Coconut Creek (City), and Broward County serving as cooperating agencies, intends to file a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the Seminole Tribe of Florida Fee-to-Trust Project, City of Coconut Creek, Florida, Broward County, Florida. This notice announces that the DEIS is now available for public review and the date, time, and location of a public hearing to receive comments on the DEIS.

DATES: The DEIS will be available for public comment beginning August 31, 2012. Written comments on the DEIS must arrive by October 15, 2012. The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 9, 2012, starting at 6 p.m. and will run until the last public comment is received.

ADDRESSES: You may mail or hand-deliver written comments to Mr. Franklin Keel, Eastern Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 545 Marriott Drive, Suite 700, Nashville, TN 37214. The public hearing will be held at the City of Coconut Creek Commission Chamber, 4800 West Copans Road, Coconut Creek, Florida, 33063.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chester McGhee, Environmental Protection Specialist, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Eastern Region, 545 Marriott Drive, Suite 700, Nashville, TN 37214; fax (615) 564–6701; phone (615) 564–6832.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public review of the DEIS is part of the administrative process for the evaluation of tribal application to the BIA for the Federal trust acquisition of approximately 45 acres in Coconut Creek, Broward County, Florida. The Tribe proposes to construct a hotel/resort on the trust property subsequent to the trust acquisition. A Notice of Intent (NOI) was published in the Sun-Sentinel on August 5, 6, and 7, 2010 and in the **Federal Register** on August 6, 2010 (75 FR 47616). The BIA held a public scoping meeting for the project on September 15, 2010, at the Coral Springs High School Auditorium, in Coral Springs, Florida. Pursuant to Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations (40 CFR 1506.10), the publication of this Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register** initiates a 45-day public comment period.

Background

The Tribe has requested that the Secretary of the Interior acquire approximately 45 acres of Tribal-owned land in Federal trust for the Tribe in the City of Coconut Creek, Florida. The