

northwestern pond turtle (*Actinemys marmorata*) and the western spadefoot (*Spea hammondi*). All species included on the ITP would receive assurances under the Service's "No Surprises" regulations at 50 CFR 17.22(b)(5).

### National Environmental Policy Act Compliance

The draft amended EA was prepared to analyze the impacts of issuing an amended ITP based on the draft amended HCP and to inform the public of the proposed action, alternatives, and associated impacts, and to disclose any irreversible commitments of resources. The proposed action presented in the draft amended EA will be compared to the no-action alternative. The no-action alternative represents estimated future conditions to which the proposed action's estimated future conditions can be compared. Other alternatives were not considered or addressed in the draft amended EA, because they did not fulfill the purpose and need of the project.

#### No-Action Alternative

Under the no-action alternative, the amended HCP would not be implemented, and the proposed amended ITP would not be issued. There would be no take of federally listed species as a result of the project. This alternative assumes that existing wind power production facilities and approved repowering wind production facilities in the APWRA would continue to operate into the future.

#### Environmental Review and Next Steps

As described in our amended EA, we have made the preliminary determination that approval of the draft amended HCP and issuance of the permit would qualify as finding of no significant impact (FONSI) under NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), as provided by Federal regulations (40 CFR 1500.5(k), 1507.3(b)(2), and 1508.13) and the Department of the Interior Manual. Our amended EA articulates the project effects on all potential resources that could be adversely affected, including aesthetics, air quality and climate change, biological resources, cultural resources, geology, hazardous materials and public safety hazards, hydrology and water quality, noise, and traffic and transportation. It also includes an analysis of alternatives and other required analysis such as unavoidable adverse effects, irreversible and irretrievable commitments of resources, and, finally, short-term uses versus long-term productivity and cumulative effects.

### Public Comment Procedures

All comments and materials we receive in response to these requests will be available for public review at <https://www.regulations.gov> (see ADDRESSES).

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

#### Next Steps

Issuance of an amended ITP is a Federal proposed action subject to compliance with NEPA. The FWS will evaluate the application, associated documents, and any public comments we receive to determine whether the application meets the requirements of NEPA regulations and section 10(a) of the ESA. If the FWS determines that those requirements are met, we will issue a permit to the applicant for the incidental take of the covered species from the implementation of the covered activities described in the amended HCP. A permit decision will be made no sooner than 30 days after the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

#### Authority

We issue this notice pursuant to section 10(c) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.22 and 17.32), and the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (40 CFR 1506.6 and 43 CFR 46.305).

#### Michael Fris,

Field Supervisor, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento, California.

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### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

#### Bureau of Indian Affairs

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#### Indian Gaming; Approval of the Tribal-State Class III Gaming Compact Amendment Between the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon and the State of Oregon

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice publishes the approval of the Amendment to the Amended and Restated (Highway 26) Tribal-State Compact for Regulation of Class III Gaming between the Confederated Tribes of The Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon and the State of Oregon, which governs the operation and regulation of class III gaming activities.

**DATES:** The Amendment takes effect on December 13, 2024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Paula L. Hart, Director, Office of Indian Gaming, Office of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Washington, DC 20240, [IndianGaming@bia.gov](mailto:IndianGaming@bia.gov); (202) 219–4066.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA), Public Law 100–497, 25 U.S.C. 2701 *et seq.*, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish in the **Federal Register** notice of approved Tribal-State compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. As required by 25 CFR 293.4, all compacts and amendments are subject to review and approval by the Secretary. The Amendment makes changes to the scope of gaming and adds technical regulations to support those changes. The Amendment is approved.

#### Bryan Newland,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

#### Bureau of Indian Affairs

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#### Land Acquisitions; Prairie Island Indian Community, Elk Run Site, City of Pine Island, Olmstead County, Minnesota

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs made a final agency determination to acquire in trust 397.77 acres, more or less, of land known as the Elk Run Site in the City of Pine Island, Olmsted County, Minnesota for gaming and other purposes.

**DATES:** This final determination was made on December 10, 2024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Paula L. Hart, Director, Office of Indian Gaming, Office of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Washington, DC 20240, [IndianGaming@bia.gov](mailto:IndianGaming@bia.gov); (202) 219-4066.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On the date in the **DATES** section of this notice, the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs made a final agency determination to acquire the Elk Run Site, consisting of 397.77 acres, more or less, in trust for the Prairie Island Indian Community under the authority of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, 25 U.S.C. 5108.

The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior, will immediately acquire title to the Elk Run Site in the name of the United States of America in trust for Prairie Island Indian Community upon fulfillment of all Departmental requirements. The legal descriptions for the Elk Run site are as follows:

**Legal Description of Property**

The part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter and the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, of Section 1, Township 108 North, Range 15 West, Olmsted County, Minnesota, lying northerly and easterly of the following described line:

Commencing at the northwest corner of said Section 1; thence on an assumed bearing of South 00 degrees 54 minutes 41 seconds East along the west line of said Section 1 a distance of 778.98 feet; thence South 44 degrees 55 minutes 49 seconds East 764.84 feet to the north line of said Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter to the point of beginning of the line to be described; thence South 44 degrees 55 minutes 49 seconds East 5121.99 feet; thence southeasterly 389.04 feet to the south line of said Section 1 along a tangential curve concave to the southwest having a radius of 1083.65 feet and a central angle of 20 degrees 34 minutes 11 seconds and there terminating.

AND

That part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, and Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, of Section 1, Township 108 North, Range 15 West, Olmsted County, Minnesota, lying southerly and westerly of the following described line:

Commencing at the northwest corner of said West Half of the Northwest Quarter; thence on an assumed bearing of South 00 degrees 54 minutes 41 seconds East along the west line of said West Half of the Northwest

Quarter 778.98 feet to the point of beginning of the line to be described; thence South 44 degrees 55 minutes 49 seconds East 5886.83 feet; thence southeasterly 389.04 feet to the south line of said Section 1 along a tangential curve concave to the southwest having a radius of 1083.65 feet and a central angle of 20 degrees 34 minutes 11 seconds and there terminating.

LESS:

That part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 1, Township 108 North, Range 15 West, Olmsted County, Minnesota, described as follow:

Commencing at the northwest corner of said Section 1; thence on an assumed bearing of South 00°54'41" East along the west line of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 1 for a distance of 778.98 feet; thence South 44°55'49" East 4566.75 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 44°55'49" East 755.78 feet; thence South 88°57'41" West 1033.47 feet to the west line of said Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter; thence North 01°13'47" West along said west line of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter 515.04 feet; thence easterly a distance of 74.28 feet along a curve concave to the south and not tangent with the last described line, said curve has a radius of 22818.32 feet, a central angle of 00°11'11", and the chord of said curve bears South 89°57'15" East 74.28 feet; thence South 89°51'39" East tangent to said curve 7.10 feet; thence North 00°09'26" East 40.00 feet; thence South 89°51'39" East 429.10 feet to the point of beginning.

AND

That part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 1, Township 108 North, Range 15 West, Olmsted County, Minnesota, which lies easterly of the easterly right-of-way line of State Highway 52.

LESS:

That part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter and that part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, all in Section 1, Township 108 North, Range 15 West, Olmsted County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Commencing at the northwest corner of said Section 1; thence on an assumed bearing of South 00°54'41" East along the west line of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 1 for a distance of 778.98 feet; thence South 44°55'49" East 4566.75 feet; thence continuing South 44°55'49" East 755.78 feet; thence South 88°57'41" West 1033.47 feet to the east line of said Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter and the point of beginning; thence North 01°13'47" West along said east line of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter 515.04 feet; thence westerly a distance of 78.47 feet along a curve concave to the south and not tangent with the last described line, said curve has a radius of 22818.32 feet, a central angle of 00°11'49", and the chord of said curve bears South 89°51'15" West 78.47 feet; thence South 89°45'20" West tangent to said curve 239.41 feet; thence North 00°14'38" West 35.00 feet; thence South 89°45'20" West 267.50 feet; thence southwesterly a distance of 466.08 feet along a tangential curve concave southerly having a radius of 1844.86

and a central angle of 14°28'30"; thence South 14°43'05" East not tangent to said curve 5.00 feet; thence southwesterly a distance of 389.36 feet along a curve concave southeasterly and not tangent with the last described line, said curve has a radius of 1839.86 feet, a central angle of 12°07'31", and the chord of said curve bears South 69°13'05" West 388.64 feet; thence South 27°44'48" West not tangent to said curve 56.31 feet; thence South 27°00'55" East 356.65 feet; thence North 88°57'41" East 1283.97 feet to the point of beginning.

AND

That part of the West Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 12, Township 108 North, Range 15 West, Olmsted County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Commencing for a place of beginning at the northwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of said Section and running thence East along the north line of said Section a distance of 1304.2 feet to the northeast corner of said West Half of the Northeast Quarter; thence South along the east line of said West Half a distance of 2101 feet to the northerly right-of-way line of U.S. Trunk Highway Number 52; thence Northwesterly along said northerly right-of-way line a distance of 1816.68 feet to the west line of said Northeast Quarter; thence North a distance of 871.6 feet to the place of beginning.

AND

That part of the East Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 12, Township 108 North, Range 15 West, Olmsted County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Commencing for a place of beginning at the northeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 12 and running thence West along the north line of said Northwest Quarter a distance of 921.1 feet to a point in the northerly right-of-way line of U.S. Trunk Highway Number 52; thence southeasterly along said northerly right-of-way line a distance of 1264.65 feet to the east line of said Northwest Quarter thence North along the east line of said Northwest Quarter a distance of 871.6 feet to the place of beginning.

AND

That part of the East Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 12, Township 108 North, Range 15 West, Olmsted County, Minnesota, lying and being north and east of Highway Number 52 and south and west of that certain Township Road, formerly known as State Highway Number 20, running northwesterly and southeasterly through said East Half of the Northeast Quarter.

AND

That part of the East Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 12, Township 108 North, Range 15 West, Olmsted County, Minnesota, lying north and east of the Township Road.

AND

The Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 6, Township 108 North, Range 14 West, Olmsted County, Minnesota.

AND

The Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 6, Township 108 North, Range 14 West, Olmsted County, Minnesota.

AND

The Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter and the North Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 7, Township 108 North, Range 14 West, Olmsted County, Minnesota.

AND

The North Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 7, Township 108 North, Range 14 West, Olmsted County, Minnesota.

AND

The South Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 7, Township 108 North, Range 14 West, Olmsted County, Minnesota.

AND

That part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 1, Township 108 North, Range 15 West, Olmsted County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Commencing at the northwest corner of said Section 1; thence on an assumed bearing of South 00°54'41" East along the west line of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 1 for a distance of 778.98 feet; thence South 44°55'49" East 4566.75 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 44°55'49" East 755.78 feet; thence South 88°57'41" West 1033.47 feet to the west line of said Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter; thence North 01°13'47" West along said west line of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter 515.04 feet; thence easterly a distance of 74.28 feet along a curve concave to the south and not tangent with the last described line, said curve has a radius of 22818.32 feet, a central angle of 00°11'11", and the chord of said curve bears South 89°57'15" East 74.28 feet; thence South 89°51'39" East tangent to said curve 7.10 feet; thence North 00°09'26" East 40.00 feet; thence South 89°51'39" East 429.10 feet to the point of beginning.

AND

That part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter and that part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, all in Section 1, Township 108 North, Range 15 West, Olmsted County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Commencing at the northwest corner of said Section 1; thence on an assumed bearing of South 00°54'41" East along the west line of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 1 for a distance of 778.98 feet; thence South 44°55'49" East 4566.75 feet; thence continuing South 44°55'49" East 755.78 feet; thence South 88°57'41" West 1033.47 feet to the east line of said Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter and the point of beginning; thence North 01°13'47" West along said east line of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter 515.04 feet; thence westerly a distance of 78.47 feet along a curve concave to the south and not tangent with the last described line, said curve has a radius of 22818.32 feet, a central angle of 00°11'49", and the chord of said curve bears South 89°51'15" West 78.47 feet; thence South 89°45'20" West tangent to said curve 239.41 feet; thence North 00°14'38" West 35.00 feet; thence South 89°45'20" West 267.50 feet; thence southwesterly a distance of 466.08 feet along a tangential curve concave southerly having a radius of 1844.86

and a central angle of 14°28'30"; thence South 14°43'05" East not tangent to said curve 5.00 feet; thence southwesterly a distance of 389.36 feet along a curve concave southeasterly and not tangent with the last described line, said curve has a radius of 1839.86 feet, a central angle of 12°07'31", and the chord of said curve bears South 69°13'05" West 388.64 feet; thence South 27°44'48" West not tangent to said curve 56.31 feet; thence South 27°00'55" East 356.65 feet; thence North 88°57'41" East 1283.97 feet to the point of beginning.

#### Excepting Therefrom the Following Described Parcels

(1) That part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast and the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 12, Township 108 North, Range 15 West, Olmsted County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Commencing at a surveyor's monument located at the northeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 12; thence on an assumed bearing of South 00°36'36" East along the East line of said Section 12 a distance of 172.31 feet to the north right-of-way line of Minnesota Trunk Highway Number 52; thence North 65°39'04" West 626.00 feet along said right-of-way line; thence North 22°10'09" East 633.60 feet to the centerline of the Township Road presently known as 59th Avenue; thence South 31°41'17" East 246.86 feet along said centerline; thence southeasterly a distance of 337.05 feet along a tangential curve concave to the northeast having a radius of 2600.00 feet and a central angle of 07°25'39" to the east line of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 12; thence South 01°24'13" East along the east line of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 12, not tangent to said curve, 188.00 feet to the point of beginning.

AND

(2) That part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 7, Township 108 North, Range 14 West, described as follows:

Commencing at a Surveyor's monument located at the southwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 7; thence on an assumed bearing of the North 1°24'13" West a distance of 188.00 feet along the West line of said Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence South 32°52'02" East 221.13 feet to the South line of said Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence South 88°54'04" West 115.42 feet to the point of beginning.

#### Also Less and Except the Following Described Parcels

##### Parcel C-1 Land Description

That part of the South Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 1, Township 108 North, Range 15 West, Olmsted County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Commencing at the southwest corner of said Southeast Quarter of Section 1; thence on an assumed bearing of South 89°01'27" East along the south line of said Southeast Quarter 1501.93 feet to the point of

beginning; thence continuing South 89°01'27" East along the south line of said Southeast Quarter 250.81 feet; thence northwesterly 741.40 feet along a non-tangential curve, concave to the southwest, to the west line of the Southeast Quarter of said Southeast Quarter, said curve has a radius of 1151.74 feet, a central angle of 36°52'58", and the chord of said curve bears North 38°20'36" West 728.67 feet; thence North 15°38'02" West not tangent to said curve 663.34 feet; thence South 84°45'43" West 1022.66 feet; thence southeasterly 490.48 feet along a non-tangential curve concave to the northeast, said curve has a radius of 501.97 feet, a central angle of 55°59'02", and the chord of said curve bears South 37°44'18" East 471.20 feet; thence South 65°43'49" East tangent to said curve 720.38 feet; thence southeasterly 647.74 feet along a tangential curve, concave to the southwest, said curve has a radius of 921.74 feet, a central angle of 40°15'49", and the chord of said curve bears South 45°35'55" East 634.49 feet to the point of beginning.

The above-described parcel contains 16.85 acres and is subject to any easements, covenants and restrictions of record.

##### Parcel D-1 Land Description

That part of the East Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 12, Township 108 North, Range 15 West, Olmsted County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Commencing at the northwest corner of said Northeast Quarter of Section 12; thence on an assumed bearing of South 89°01'27" East along the north line of said Northeast Quarter 1501.93 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 89°01'27" East along the north line of said Northeast Quarter 250.81 feet; thence southeasterly 83.97 feet along a non-tangential curve, concave to the southwest, said curve has a radius of 1151.74 feet, a central angle of 04°10'39", and the chord of said curve bears South 17°48'48" East 83.95 feet; thence South 15°43'28" East tangent to said curve 972.20 feet; thence South 29°45'39" East 103.08 feet; thence South 13°44'23" East 564.60 feet; thence South 30°55'39" East 552.38 feet; thence southeasterly 219.09 feet along a tangential curve, concave to the northeast, said curve has a radius of 2206.83 feet, a central angle of 05°41'18", and the chord of said curve bears South 33°46'17" East 219.00 feet to the east line of said East Half of the Northeast Quarter and to a point that lies 334.93 feet north of the southeast corner of said East Half of the Northeast Quarter; thence South 00°38'43" East not tangent to said curve and along the east line of said East Half of the Northeast Quarter 146.96 feet; thence northwesterly 336.64 feet along a non-tangential curve, concave to the northeast, said curve has a radius of 2600.00 feet, a central angle of 07°25'07", and the chord of said curve bears North 34°38'12" West 336.40 feet; thence North 30°55'38" West tangent to said curve 246.86 feet; thence South 22°55'47" West 117.64 feet; thence North 30°55'39" West 384.85 feet; thence northwesterly 278.59 feet along a tangential curve, concave to the northeast, said curve has a radius of 1049.93 feet, a central angle of 15°12'10", and the chord of said curve

bears North 23°19'34" West 277.77 feet; thence North 15°43'28" West tangent to said curve 186.13 feet; thence North 33°43'44" West 210.30 feet; thence North 09°33'15" West 372.16 feet; thence North 15°43'28" West 652.20 feet; thence northwesterly 156.73 feet along a tangential curve concave to the southwest, said curve has a radius of 921.74 feet, a central angle of 09°44'32", and the chord of said curve bears North 20°35'44" West 156.54 feet to the point of beginning.

The above-described parcel contains 11.93 acres and is subject to any easements, covenants and restrictions of record.

#### *Parcel E-1 Land Description*

That part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 7, Township 108 North, Range 14 West, Olmsted County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Commencing at the southwest corner of said Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 7; thence on an assumed bearing of North 89°39'37" East along the south line of said Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter 115.42 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing North 89°39'37" East along the south line of said Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter 185.96 feet; thence northwesterly 452.55 feet along a non-tangential curve concave to the northeast, said curve has a radius of 2206.83 feet, a central angle of 11°44'58", and the chord of said curve bears North 42°29'26" West 451.76 feet to the west line of said Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter and to a point that lies 334.93 feet north of the southwest corner of said Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence South 00°38'43" East along the west line of said Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter 146.96 feet; thence South 32°06'48" East 221.10 feet to the point of beginning.

The above-described parcel contains 0.83 acres and is subject to any easements, covenants and restrictions of record.

#### *Parcel B-2 Land Description*

That part of the East Half of the Southwest Quarter and the West Half of the Southeast Quarter, all in Section 1, Township 108 North, Range 15 West, Olmsted County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Commencing at the southeast corner of said East Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 1; thence on an assumed bearing of North 00°28'22" West along the east line of said East Half of the Southwest Quarter 1088.11 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 89°29'55" West 1331.51 feet to the west line of said East Half of the Southwest Quarter; thence North 00°18'49" West along the west line of said East Half of the Southwest Quarter 815.48 feet; thence South 84°34'51" East 1180.79 feet; thence South 89°24'53" East 1298.60 feet; thence South 89°06'04" East 164.90 feet to the east line of said West Half of the Southeast Quarter; thence South 00°17'44" East along the east line of said West Half of the Southeast Quarter 610.13 feet; thence North 89°06'04" West 175.51 feet; thence South 84°45'43" West 1022.66 feet; thence North 89°29'55" West 112.27 feet to the point of beginning.

The above-described parcel contains 42.98 acres and is subject to any easements, covenants and restrictions of record.

#### *Parcel C-2 Land Description*

That part of the East Half of the Southeast Quarter, Section 1, Township 108 North, Range 15 West, Olmsted County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Commencing at the southeast corner of said East Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 1; thence on an assumed bearing of North 00°07'07" West along the east line of said East Half of the Southeast Quarter 1201.60 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing North 00°07'07" West along the east line of said East Half of the Southeast Quarter 610.10 feet; thence North 89°06'05" West 1309.09 feet to the west line of said East Half of the Southeast Quarter; thence South 00°17'44" East along the west line of said East Half of the Southeast Quarter 610.13 feet; thence South 89°06'05" East 1307.21 feet to the point of beginning.

The above-described parcel contains 18.32 acres and is subject to any easements, covenants and restrictions of record.

#### *Parcel D-2 Land Description*

That part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter and the South Half of the Southwest Quarter and the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter all in Section 6, Township 108 North, Range 14 West, Olmsted County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Commencing at the southwest corner of said Southwest Quarter of Section 6; thence on an assumed bearing of North 00°07'07" West along the west line of said Southwest Quarter 1201.60 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing North 00°07'07" West along the west line of said Southwest Quarter 610.10 feet; thence South 55°42'31" East 737.89 feet; thence South 00°10'16" East 80.00 feet to the north line of said South Half of the Southwest Quarter; thence North 89°35'26" East along the north line of said South Half of the Southwest Quarter 1930.47 feet to the northeast corner of said South Half of the Southwest Quarter; thence North 89°33'39" East along the north line of said Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter 522.17 feet to the centerline of the Township Road; thence South 36°29'59" East along said centerline 416.88 feet; thence South 89°33'13" West 768.56 feet to the west line of said Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter; thence North 00°16'06" West along the west line of said Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter 161.54 feet; thence northwesterly 652.55 feet along a non-tangential curve, concave to the southwest, said curve has a radius of 2211.83 feet, a central angle of 16°54'14", and the chord of said curve bears North 81°57'27" West 650.18 feet; thence South 88°41'02" West not tangent to said curve 1896.57 feet to the point of beginning.

The above-described parcel contains 14.83 acres and is subject to any easements, covenants and restrictions of record.

#### *Parcel C-3 Land Description*

That part of the South Half of the Southwest Quarter and the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 1, Township 108 North, Range 15 West, Olmsted County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Commencing at the southwest corner of said South Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 1; thence on an assumed bearing of North 00°09'22" West along the west line of said South Half of the Southwest Quarter and along the west line of said Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter 1625.14 feet to the northeasterly right of way line of Trunk Highway No. 52 per the Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat No. 55-30 and to the point of beginning; thence southeasterly 480.53 feet along a non-tangential curve, concave to the southwest, and along said northeasterly right of way line of Trunk Highway No. 52, said curve has a radius of 3999.88 feet, a central angle of 06°53'00" and the chord of said curve bears South 50°48'44" East 480.24 feet; thence southeasterly along said northeasterly right of way line of Trunk Highway No. 52 and along a Euler Spiral Curve which falls 100.00 feet northeasterly of and parallel with the Euler Spiral Curve on the existing right of way acquisition line per said Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat No. 55-30, the chord of said Euler Spiral Curve bears South 46°37'48" East 153.59 feet; thence South 46°15'24" East along said northeasterly right of way line of Trunk Highway No. 52 a distance of 1768.30 feet to the south line of said South Half of the Southwest Quarter; thence South 89°47'24" East along the south line of said South Half of the Southwest Quarter 160.50 feet; thence North 22°45'42" West 1188.39 feet; thence North 89°29'55" West 129.21 feet to the east line of the Southwest Quarter of said Southwest Quarter; thence North 00°18'49" West along the east line of said Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter and along the east line of said Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter 815.48 feet; thence North 84°34'51" West 1335.50 feet to the west line of said Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter; thence South 00°09'22" East along the west line of said Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter 406.41 feet to the point of beginning.

The above-described parcel contains 35.52 acres and is subject to any easements, covenants and restrictions of record.

#### *Parcel D-3 Land Description*

That part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Section 12, Township 108 North, Range 15 West, Olmsted County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Commencing at the northwest corner of said Northwest Quarter of Section 12; thence on an assumed bearing of South 89°47'24" East along the north line of said Northwest Quarter 1756.95 feet to the northeasterly right of way line of Trunk Highway No. 52 per the Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat No. 55-15 and to the point of beginning; thence South 46°15'24" East along said northeasterly right of way line of Trunk Highway No. 52, a distance of 1012.61 feet; thence North 39°13'29" West 903.04 feet to the north line of said Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence North 89°47'24" West 160.50 feet to the point of beginning.

The above-described parcel contains 1.28 acres and is subject to any easements, covenants and restrictions of record.

(*Olmsted County Parcel IDs:*  
850131079584, 850143079564,  
850134079589, 850132079567,  
851221079590, 851212038600,  
851214079569, 850144078534,  
850144078533, 850144079565,  
850144079566, 840633079595,  
840634079597, 840634078541,  
840633078539, 851211079570,  
840721039660, 840724039662,  
851214079571, 840723079573)  
(The “Subject Property”).

**Authority:** This notice is published in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 Departmental Manual 8.1, and is published to comply with the requirements of 25 CFR 151.12 (c)(2)(ii) that notice of the decision to acquire land in trust be promptly provided in the **Federal Register**.

**Bryan Newland,**

*Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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### Office of the Secretary

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### Notice of Adoptions of a Categorical Exclusion Under Section 109 of the National Environmental Policy Act

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Interior.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of the Interior (Department) is notifying the public and documenting the adoption of a National Park Service (NPS) categorical exclusion (CE) for invasive species management by seven other Department bureaus or offices (adopting bureaus). NPS and the adopting bureaus manage or provide funding to manage invasive species, which the NPS CE facilitates. These adopting bureaus are: the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Reclamation, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Geological Survey, the Office of Insular Affairs, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement. In accordance with section 109 of the National Environmental Policy Act, this notice identifies the types of actions to which the adopting bureaus will apply the CE; the considerations that the adopting bureaus will use in determining the applicability of the CE; the consultation between and among the Department, the adopting bureaus, and NPS on the use of the CE; and the

application of extraordinary circumstances.

**DATES:** The adoptions are effective December 13, 2024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Hilary Smith, Senior Advisor for Invasive Species, Office of Policy Analysis, at [hilary\\_smith@ios.doi.gov](mailto:hilary_smith@ios.doi.gov) or 202–763–3118.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

##### *Program Background*

The Department, through its bureaus, has been managing invasive species on Federal lands for more than 70 years. The bureaus also provide Federal financial assistance to Tribal, Territorial, State, and local governments for invasive species control and eradication outside of lands managed by the bureaus. However, significant challenges remain in addressing both established and newly arriving invasive species. Currently, less than one percent of invasive plant populations and about 10 percent of invasive animal populations on Department-managed lands are under control. The impacts of invasive species are likely to increase in the coming decades. This is due in part to the growing global movement of people and materials and increased tourism and trade. In addition, a changing climate alters weather patterns, precipitation, and extreme weather events. Those changes disrupt ecosystems and make them more susceptible to biological invasions.

In some areas managed by the Department’s bureaus, invasive species have become dominant, leading to significant ecosystem degradation. Controlling these species is one of the greatest challenges in land management. Left unmanaged, invasive species can create dense infestations that degrade soil productivity, reduce livestock forage quality, harm water quality and availability, reduce native species diversity, and negatively impact wildlife habitat quality. These changes can also lower wilderness values and impact recreational opportunities.

The Department is adopting a NPS CE for invasive species management for use by the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Bureau of Reclamation, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Office of Insular Affairs, the U.S. Geological Survey, and the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement to support the adopting bureaus’ efforts to more effectively and efficiently control and eradicate invasive species. NPS is a bureau within the Department. NPS actions and best

practices related to invasive species management are similar to those actions and best practices conducted by the adopting bureaus in the Department. In addition, like NPS, other adopting bureaus’ implementation of proposed actions would need to be consistent with the Department’s *Invasive Species Policy* (part 524 of the Departmental Manual chapter 1, (524 DM 1)), and *Integrated Pest Management Policy* (517 DM 1).

#### *National Environmental Policy Act and Categorical Exclusions*

The National Environmental Policy Act, as amended, at 42 U.S.C. 4321–4347 (NEPA), requires all Federal agencies to consider the environmental impact of their proposed actions before deciding whether and how to proceed. 42 U.S.C. 4321, 4332. The NEPA aims to ensure agencies consider the environmental effects of their proposed actions in their decision-making processes and inform and involve the public in that process. 42 U.S.C. 4331. The NEPA created the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), which promulgated NEPA implementing regulations, 40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508 (CEQ NEPA regulations).

Under the NEPA and CEQ’s NEPA regulations, a Federal agency can establish CEs—categories of actions that normally do not have significant effect on the human environment, individually or in the aggregate, and therefore do not require the preparation of an environmental assessment (EA) or an environmental impact statement (EIS)—in their agency NEPA procedures. 42 U.S.C. 4336(e)(1); 40 CFR 1501.4, 1507.3, 1508.1(e). If an agency determines that a CE covers a proposed action, it then evaluates the proposed action for extraordinary circumstances in which a normally excluded action may have a significant effect. 40 CFR 1501.4(b). If no extraordinary circumstances exist, the agency may apply the CE to the proposed action without preparing an EA or EIS. 42 U.S.C. 4336(a)(2), 40 CFR 1501.4.

Section 109 of the NEPA, enacted as part of the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023, allows a Federal agency to “adopt” or rely on another agency’s CE for a category of proposed agency actions. 42 U.S.C. 4336(c). To use another agency’s CEs under section 109, the adopting agency must identify the relevant CEs listed in another agency’s (“establishing agency”) NEPA procedures that cover the adopting agency’s category of proposed actions or related actions; consult with the establishing agency to ensure that the