

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).

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

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.