

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
NEW TRIBAL HEALTH CLINIC FOR THE
PIT RIVER TRIBE
SHASTA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND FONSI

An environmental assessment (EA) was prepared for the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Pacific Region, Division of Environmental, Cultural Resource Management and Safety (DECRMS) to evaluate the potential effects of the New Tribal Health Clinic for the Pit River Health Services, Inc. The Panorama Environmental, Inc. prepared the EA and transmitted the EA for DECRMS review and recommendation. The project will involve a new construction of 13,330 square feet of single-story building on the Pit River Tribe in Burney, Shasta County, California. The authorization of the proposed project would allow the BIA to issue business lease.

The DECRMS determined that no significant impacts to the environment will result from the proposed project. Based on the analysis and recommendations of the EA, I have determined that federal actions associated with the proposed project will have no significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Therefore, in accordance with Section 102(2)(A) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

This determination is supported by the following findings:

1. The project will be posted on the Tribal website: <https://pitrivertribe.org/>. The notice will be disclosed to the public that the consultant, Panorama Environmental, Inc. has prepared an EA on the proposed project impacts and alternatives.
2. The Proposed Action is analyzed in the New Tribal Health Clinic EA prepared by the Panorama Environmental, Inc.
3. The EA discloses the environmental consequences of the Proposed Action and three other potentially viable alternatives including the No Action Alternative.
4. The Proposed Action discloses environmental protective measures, such as best management practices, ensuring all effects would be reduced to less than significant.
5. The Torrey Pines Environmental Biologist completed a field survey on January 11, 2022. The consultant Biologist analyzed the potential effects to federally listed threatened and endangered species and found that not impact as the species listed are not expected to occur due to the absence of suitable habitat and/or because the survey area is located outside of the range of species. The BIA completed a desktop analysis using the U.S. Fish & Wildlife IPAC database and confirm there is no critical habitat listed in the proposed site. The project will require to complete a nesting survey prior before construction and/or during breeding season from May 15 to August 10 to prevent from impacting any migratory birds, raptors and other birds' species of concern.

6. The archeological consultant (Pinon Heritage Solutions) completed the survey and analysis. The Pacific Region, Regional Archeologist concurred the determination the Proposed Action would result in No Adverse Effect to Historic Properties.
7. The cumulative effects on soil, water, air, noise, vegetation, cultural resources, and fisheries and wildlife resources (species and habitat) were considered and determined to be less than significant.
8. The DECRMS reviewed the Proposed Action concerning potential impacts to minority and low-income populations and communities with Executive Order 12898 on Environmental Justice and determined that any potential impacts were less than significant.

Public Availability

A Notice of Availability (NOA) for the EA and this unsigned FONSI on the BIA's NEPA Tracking System website. The New Tribal Clinic for the Pit River Tribe EA and unsigned FONSI are available for a 15-day public review period.

The EA and the unsigned FONSI are available for public review virtually at:

1. BIA NEPA Tracking System website: <https://bianepatracker2.doi.gov/>
(Search: NEPA Tracker ID# 53219).

The BIA will take no administrative action on the Proposed Action prior to expiration of the review period and will consider any comments received in a timely manner.

Determination

I have determined that the New Tribal Health Clinic for the Pit River Health Services does not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment. Therefore, in accordance with Section 102(2)(A) of the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C § 4321 *et seq.*, an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

This determination is supported by the findings and the analysis contained in the entire administrative record, including the EA, and the protective measures to be imposed. This fulfills the requirements of NEPA as set out in the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing NEPA (40 C.F.R. 1500–1508), and the BIA NEPA Guidebook (59 IAM 3-H, August 2012).

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