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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY: TAWA'OVI COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT DRAFT PROGRAMMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is releasing a Notice of Availability (NOA) to advise the public that the BIA has prepared a draft programmatic environmental assessment (PEA) for the proposed Tawa'ovi Community Development Project (Tawa'ovi Community). The PEA was prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA).

Project Description

The Proposed Action is BIA's approval of the proposed long-term master land lease. Approval of the lease would allow the Tawa'ovi Community Development Team to develop subleases for commercial, institutional, and residential property, to allow both Hopi and non-Hopi tenants to lease space in the new facilities. The Tawa'ovi Community is planned for a total build-out of approximately 157 acres of high-intensity land use within the legal parcel of 463.75 acres. General land use in the community will be dominated by residential (12%), commercial (8%), educational and services (32%), cultural zones (5%), and agricultural and open space (43%).

The two alternatives analyzed in the draft PEA for this project are: 1) The No-Action Alternative (not approving the master land lease); 2) Proposed Action Alternative (approval of master land lease). For further information, copies of the draft PEA are available at the BIA Hopi Agency Office for public review.

NEPA Process and Comment Period

The NEPA process required federal agencies to take into consideration the environmental consequences of proposed actions as well as input from the public and agencies. To comply with NEPA, a draft PEA has been completed for this project. As part of the NEPA process, public comments, questions, corrections or concerns are requested for this draft PEA. An electronic copy of the PEA is available on the BIA's website: www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre/RegionalOffices/Western/index.htm.

To submit a written comment or to request paper or electronic copies of the document, please write or contact:

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Please submit any written comments you may have within 45 days, or by July 27, 2013, to the address above. All comments received become part of the public record associated with this action. Accordingly, your comments (including name and address) will be available for review by any person that requests to review the record. At your request, we will withhold your name and address to the extent allowed by the Freedom of Information Act.