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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

ACTION: The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is publishing a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). Based on the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the implementation of Phase 2 development activities associated with the Village at Grand Traverse project, Grand Traverse County, Michigan, BIA determined that the proposed action will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment; therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required. The FONSI is available for a 30-day public comment period regarding the proposed construction project.


COMMENT PERIOD FOR 30 DAYS: BIA invites your written comments on the FONSI of the proposed Grand Traverse Band Village at Grand Traverse project. Written comments will be accepted at the address below for 30 days from **January 18, 2018**. Please include your name and address with your written comments.

This FONSI is a finding on environmental effects, not a decision to proceed with an action, therefore cannot be appealed. 25 C.F.R. Part 2.7 requires an appeal period after the decision to proceed with an action is made before the action may be implemented. Appeal information will be made publically available when the decision to proceed is made.

CONTACT INFORMATION: The EA is available for your review through a formal written request received by mail or facsimile by the BIA. All requests must include your name and mailing address to:

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Division of Environmental, Cultural Resources Management and Safety

Finding of No Significant Impact

Environmental Assessment for the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians Village at Grand Traverse Project.

Based on the August 2017 Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Village at Grand Traverse project, which examines the Grand Traverse Band's proposal to implement Phase 2 development activities associated with the Special Use Permit #2004-11P that includes the construction of buildings and related infrastructure for civic, commercial, residential, recreational and entertainment uses; I have determined that the construction will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Therefore, in accordance with Section 102(2) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be required.

This determination is supported by the following findings:

1. Agency involvement was conducted and environmental issues related to the implementation of the proposed Village at Grand Traverse Phase 2 development activities were identified. Alternative(s) were identified and mitigation measures were developed to effectively address the environmental issues identified.
2. The EA discloses the environmental consequences of the proposed action and potentially viable alternative(s); which includes the "no action" alternative.
3. Protective measures will be levied to protect land resources, water resources, biological resources and historic and cultural resources as outlined in Section 4 Mitigation Measures.
4. The EA discloses the action is planned to not jeopardize threatened and endangered species.
5. The EA discloses findings that the project will have "No Effect upon Cultural Resources" using avoidance procedures. Should undiscovered archeological remains be encountered during the project ground-disturbing activities, project activities will cease in the area of discovery and the stipulations of 36 CFR 800.13(b), (c) and (d) will be followed.
6. Impacts to public health and safety are mitigated through implementation of safety measures.

7. Impacts to floodplains and wetland resources affected by the preferred action and the no-action alternative are mitigated and not significant.
8. The cumulative and indirect effects of the proposed action to the environment are mitigated and not significant.



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Date