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Honorable Geri Small
President
Northern Cheyenne Tribe
P. O. Box 128
Lame Deer, Montana 59043

Dear President Small:

On March 20, 2002, we received the Eighth Renewal of Agreement between the Northern Cheyenne Tribe (Tribe) and the State of Montana (State). We have completed our review of this Amendment and conclude that is does not violate the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA), Federal law, or our trust responsibility. Therefore, pursuant to my delegated authority and Section 11 of IGRA, we approve the Amendment. This Amendment shall take effect when the notice of our approval, pursuant to Section 11(d)(3)(B) of IGRA, 25 U.S.C. § 2710(d)(3)(B), is published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

We wish the Tribe and the State success in their economic venture.

Sincerely,

Neal A. McCaleb

Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs

Enclosure

Identical Letter Sent to: Honorable Judy Martz
Governor of Montana
State Capital
Helena, Montana 59620

Dated: May 1, 2002.

Neal A. McCaleb,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of amendment to approved Tribal-State Compact.

SUMMARY: Under Section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA), Public Law 100–497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the **Federal Register,** notice of the approved Tribal-State compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, has approved the Eighth Renewal of Agreement between the Northern Cheyenne Tribe and the State of Montana regarding the Class III Gaming on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation.

DATES: This action is effective May 31, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George T. Skibine, Director, Office of Indian Gaming Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219–4066.

Dated: May 2, 2002.

Neal A. McCaleb,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA–660–02–1610–DS]

Notice of Availability of Draft California Desert Conservation Area Plan Amendment for the Coachella Valley, Draft Trails Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Draft California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) Plan Amendment for the Coachella Valley, Draft Trails Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

SUMMARY: In compliance with Title 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFF) Part 1610.2(f)(3) and Title 40 CFR part 1500, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) hereby gives notice that the Draft CDCA Plan Amendment for the Coachella Valley, Draft Trails Management Plan, and DEIS is available for public review and comment.

DATES: Comments will be accepted until 90-days have elapsed after publication of notice in the **Federal Register** by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ADDRESSES: If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments by any of several methods. You may mail comments to: James G. Kenna, Field Manager; Bureau of Land Management, Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office, P.O. Box 581260, North Palm Springs, CA 92258.

You may also comment via the Internet to *emisquez@ca.blm.gov.* Please submit Internet comments as an ASCII file, avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Please also include in the subject line: "Draft CDCA Plan Amendment and EIS" and your name and return address in your Internet message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the system that we have received your Internet message, contact Elena Misquez at (760) 251–4810. Finally, you may hand-deliver comments to: Bureau of Land Management, Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office, 690 W. Garnet Avenue, North Palm Springs, CA 92258.

Oral comments will be accepted and recorded at any of three public meetings to be held during the month of July, 2002. Notice published in local media will also be provided at least 15 days prior to the scheduled public meetings.

Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elena Misquez at (760) 251–4810 or *emisquez@ca.blm.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A copy of the Draft CDCA Plan Amendment for the Coachella Valley, Draft Trails Management Plan, and DEIS is available for review via the internet at *www.ca.blm.gov/palmsprings.* Electronic (on CD-ROM) and paper copies may also be obtained by contacting Elena Misquez at the aforementioned addresses and phone number.

This Draft CDCA Plan Amendment for the Coachella Valley and draft Trails Management Plan is being developed in partnership with the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) in support of their efforts to prepare a Coachella Valley Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Area Plan (CVMSHCP). The Trails Management Plan will be incorporated into the CVMSHCP. Upon completion of the environmental impact statement/environmental impact report for the CVMSHCP, BLM may adopt the CVMSHCP as an activity (implementation) level plan in accordance with Bureau Manual guidance and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). A separate record of decision will be prepared for the CDCA Plan Amendment for the Coachella Valley in accordance with the planning regulations at Title 43 CFR 1610 and NEPA.

Dated: May 6, 2002.

James G. Kenna,

Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Realty Action; Notice of Availability of Draft Amendment and Draft Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of realty action and notice of availability of the Draft Toquop Land Disposal Amendment to the Caliente Management Framework Plan (MFP) and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Toquop Energy Project.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, a DEIS has been prepared by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Ely Field Office for the Toquop Energy Project. This document evaluates the environmental

EIGHTH RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE AND THE STATE OF MONTANA REGARDING CLASS III GAMING ON THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE RESERVATION

Recitals

The State of Montana ("Montana") and the Northern Cheyenne Tribe ("Tribe") entered into an Agreement ("Agreement") dated September 28, 1993, to authorize under specific conditions Class III gaming on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation. The Agreement has been extended seven times while Montana and the Tribe made preparations to negotiate another long-term compact. The Tribe is continuing its investigation of viable options for expanded Tribal gaming operations to provide needed revenues and jobs to the Reservation community.

To enable the Tribe to continue gaming on the Reservation pursuant to the existing Agreement while it endeavors to identify such other options, the parties have determined to extend the Agreement for an eighth time on the terms and conditions set forth below.

This Renewal is entered into in furtherance of Montana Governor Judy Martz's Proclamation affirming the principle and integrity of government-to-government relationships between the State of Montana and federally-recognized tribes located within the borders of Montana.

Agreement

In furtherance of good relations and mutual cooperation between the parties, and in accordance with Article X.A., "Effective Date and Term," of the existing Agreement as previously extended, by this writing the parties hereby renew and extend the term of the Agreement to May 31, 2002. Further, the parties agree that the Tribe may continue to attempt to negotiate proposed changes in the Agreement and Montana will engage in good-faith negotiations with respect to the proposed changes. All terms and conditions of the Agreement

remain in full force and effect and shall govern the conditions of Class III gaming on the Reservation until May 31, 2002, or until a revised or new compact has been executed by the parties, whichever first occurs.

Montana and the Tribe indicate their consent to be bound to this Renewal by signature of their authorized representatives below.

NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE

GERI SMALL, President

STATE OF MONTANA

JUDY MARTZ, Governor

Approved Pursuant to Montana Code Annotated § 18-11-105 (2001).

MIKE McGRATH, Attorney General
State of Montana

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APPROVED BY: _____ DATED: MAY 02, 2002
NEAL McCALEB

Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs