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Honorable Olney Patt, Jr.
Chairman, Confederated Tribes of
the Warm Springs Reservation
P.O. Box 1299
Warm Springs, Oregon 97761

Dear Chairman Patt:

On December 31, 2002, we received [redacted] to the Class III gaming compact between the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Reservation (Tribe) and the State of Oregon (State). We have completed our review of this Amendment and conclude that it 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. The 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 continued success in their economic venture.

Sincerely,

/sgd/ Aurene M. Martin

Acting
Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs

Enclosure

Similar Letter Sent to: Honorable John A. Kitzhaber
Governor of Oregon
State Capitol
Salem, Oregon 97310

cc: Northwest Regional Director w/copy of approved Compact
National Indian Gaming Commission w/copy of approved Compact
Oregon United States Attorney w/copy of approved Compact

separate guidance on the establishment of karst preserves. Additionally, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, with the Service as a partner, will include "no take" guidance for these listed invertebrates as part of the species accounts that will be developed as a priority update to the revision of the 1995 Endangered and Threatened Animals of Texas document published by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. The Service will incorporate the "no take" guidance into the draft recovery plan for the species, which will be available for public review and comment.

(4) With regard to recommendations for protection of water quality of the Edwards Aquifer, the Service does not intend to issue separate guidance. Instead, the draft Barton Springs Salamander Recovery Plan, which is scheduled to be completed in 2003, will include recommendations for protection of water quality in the Barton Springs Zone.

The Service states that prior versions of the Karst Protocols and Water Quality Recommendations are not rules, regulations, requirements, or project evaluation criteria of the Service and will not be used as such by the Service. The documents that have been used in the past as guidance do not create any legal obligations and have no binding legal effect, nor do they establish minimum standards or criteria required to be adopted by state or local governments. Should at any future time the Service decide that guidance on these subjects, other than as outlined above, is needed, the Service will make the draft guidance available for public review and comment for a period of not less than 60 days. At the conclusion of this period, the Service will determine whether to publish any final guidance documents on these topics and, if so, in what form.

Authority: The authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act, as amended (16 U.S.C.1532 *et seq.*).

H. Dale Hall,

Regional Director, Region 2, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of approved amendment to a Tribal-State compact.

SUMMARY: Under section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA), Pub. L. 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 her delegated authority, has approved the Amendment to the Class III gaming compact between the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Reservation and the State of Montana.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 27, 2003.

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

Dated: February 12, 2003.

Aurene M. Martin,

Acting 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 approved amendment to a Tribal-State compact.

SUMMARY: Under section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA), Pub. L. 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 of the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through her delegated authority, has approved the Amendment to the Class III gaming compact between the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation and the State of Oregon.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 27, 2003.

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

Dated: February 12, 2003.

Aurene M. Martin,

Acting 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 approved amendment to a Tribal-State compact.

SUMMARY: Under section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA), Pub. L. 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 her delegated authority, has approved the Amendment to the Class III gaming compact between the Crow Tribe and the State of Montana.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 26, 2003.

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

Dated: February 12, 2003.

Aurene M. Martin,

Acting Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AK–931–1310–DP]

Draft Northwest National Petroleum Reserve—Alaska Integrated Activity Plan/Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In response to a request from the interested public the Bureau of Land Management is adding to its schedule one meeting for accepting public comments on the Draft Northwest National Petroleum Reserve—Alaska Integrated Activity Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (IAP/EIS). The meeting location and time will be provided to the public through appropriate media outlets in the Washington, DC area.

DATES: March 13, 2003, 2 p.m. till 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Courtyard Marriott, 1600 Rhode Island Avenue, Northwest, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Curtis J. Wilson (907–271–5546;

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

AMENDMENT XI

This amendment is made to the Class III Gaming Compact between the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon (Tribes) and the State of Oregon (the State) executed on January 6, 1995, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on March 6, 1995. The terms of this amendment are in addition to and, except as specifically provided herein, do not supersede any of the provisions of the original compact, or Amendments I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX and X thereto.

WHEREAS, the Tribes wish to extend the terms of Amendment X to the Compact which provide for regulation of house banked blackjack at the gaming facility, and

WHEREAS, the State agrees that the circumstances justify this Amendment, and

NOW THEREFORE, the Tribes and the State hereby approve the following amendment to the Compact:

I. Section I of Amendment X is amended as follows:

Paragraph IV of Amendment I expires ~~on December 31, 2002~~ **no earlier than December 31, 2003, upon ninety days notice by the State with notice given pursuant to Section 14 of this Compact and as follows:**

Chair of the Warm Springs
Tribal Council Office
P. O. Box 1299
Warm Springs, Oregon 97761-1299

Tribal Gaming Commission
P. O. Box 1590
Warm Springs, Oregon 97761

Dennis Karnopp
1201 N.W. Wall St.
Suite 300
Bend, Oregon 97701

Unless an extension of this amendment or a permanent amendment governing the operation of house banked blackjack has been negotiated and executed before the expiration of this amendment, the Tribes agree to terminate blackjack games at the gaming facility until a new agreement has been negotiated and executed. In the event that a compact amendment is under

negotiation, the Tribes may replace blackjack tables with video lottery terminals at the ratio of eight terminals per blackjack table.

II. Section 9(A)4 is amended as follows:

Reporting to the State. The Tribal Gaming Commission shall forward copies of all completed investigation reports **as described in Section 9(A)3** and final dispositions to the State on a continuing basis. If requested by the Tribal Gaming Commission, the State shall assist in any investigation initiated by the Tribal Gaming Commission, and provide other requested services to assist in enforcement of the provisions of this Compact tribal ordinances regulations or applicable laws of the State. **In cases where an investigation lasts longer than forty-five (45) calendar days, the Tribal Gaming Commission shall notify the Tribal Gaming Section at the expiration of the forty-five (45) days and every thirty (30) days thereafter in writing as to the status of the investigation, why the matter is taking longer than forty-five (45) days, and the anticipated completion date of the investigation.**

III. Section 9(B)3 is amended as follows:

Investigation Reports, After completion of any inspection **described in Section 9(B)1(a)(1)** or investigation report **described in Section 9(A)4 or 9(B)(1)(b)**, the State shall provide a copy of the report to the Tribal Gaming Commission. **In cases where an investigation lasts longer than forty-five (45) calendar days, the Tribal Gaming Section shall notify the Tribal Gaming Commission at the expiration of the forty-five (45) days and every thirty (30) days thereafter in writing as to the status of the investigation, why the matter is taking longer than forty-five (45) days, and the anticipated completion date of the investigation.**

IV. Section 9 is amended to add subsection 9C:

C. Mutual Respect. Both parties recognize that all representatives of both sovereign governments deserve to be treated with dignity and respect and the parties agree that their representatives will conduct themselves in a professional manner in all official contacts relating to the Tribal-State Compact.

V. Section 14 is amended as follows:

~~Lieutenant~~ Captain
Oregon State Police
~~Lottery Security Section~~ Gaming Enforcement Division
Salem, Oregon ~~97310~~ 97301

VI. This amendment is effective as an extension under Paragraph IX of Amendment II and Paragraph VI of Amendment I Subsection G of Section 4 of the Compact, upon execution by the State and the Tribes, and submission to the Secretary of the Interior. It is the intent of both the State and the Tribes that this Amendment be fully enforceable as between the parties to it from and after the date it is executed and submitted to the Secretary of the Interior.

EXECUTED as of the date and year below.

STATE OF OREGON

John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor

Date: 30 December, 2002

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE WARM SPRINGS RESERVATION OF OREGON

Olney Patt, Jr., Chairman
Warm Springs Tribal Council

Date:_____, 2002

APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

By: Aurene M Martin
Acting ~~Deputy~~ Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs

Date: 2/12/03

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VI. This amendment is effective as an extension under Paragraph IX of Amendment II and Paragraph VI of Amendment I Subsection G of Section 4 of the Compact, upon execution by the State and the Tribes, and submission to the Secretary of the Interior. It is the intent of both the State and the Tribes that this Amendment be fully enforceable as between the parties to it from and after the date it is executed and submitted to the Secretary of the Interior.

EXECUTED as of the date and year below.

STATE OF OREGON

_____
John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor

Date:_____

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE WARM SPRINGS RESERVATION OF OREGON

Olney Patt, Jr.
Olney Patt, Jr., Chairman
Warm Springs Tribal Council

Date: 12/20/02

APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

By: Aurene M Martin
Acting ~~Deputy~~ Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs

Date: 2/2/03

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