September 15, 2006

Dear Reader:

I am pleased to announce the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Coyote Business Park near Mission, Oregon. The project is being proposed by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. The Bureau of Indian Affairs is the lead federal agency and the Bonneville Power Administration is a cooperating agency for this Environmental Impact Statement.

The Final Environmental Impact Statement analyzes the impacts from construction of a light industrial and commercial business park on a 520 (+/-) acre site south of Interstate 84 at Exit 216 and west of South Market Road, approximately seven miles east of Pendleton, Oregon on the Umatilla Indian Reservation. The first phase of the proposed development would be construction of infrastructure for the Coyote Business Park including domestic water service, sanitary sewer service, storm water drainage systems, access roads, and utilities. This phase would also involve the replacement of power support structures on the high-voltage Bonneville Power Administration line that crosses the site. Specific details vary with each of the four action alternatives. The second phase of the proposed action would be to construct and operate business facilities on the lots. Anticipated light industrial operations would include warehousing, distribution, and assembly of previously manufactured components. The FEIS addresses issues and concerns raised during the public scoping period and contains responses to oral testimony and letters received during the public comment period for the DEIS. Changes made to the previously published DEIS are highlighted in bold italics.

The FEIS is also available on the following website:

Alternative E remains the Bureau of Indian Affairs preferred alternative. The Bureau of Indian Affairs expects to release a Record of Decision later this fall; the Bonneville Power Administration will prepare an independent Record of Decision.

For more information on this FEIS, contact me at Bureau of Indian Affairs, Umatilla Agency, P.O. Box 520, 46807 B Street, Pendleton, Oregon 97801 or by telephone at (541) 278-3786.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent