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NOTICE OF (NON-GAMING) LAND ACQUISITION APPLICATION

Pursuant to the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 25, INDIANS, Part 151.10, notice is given of the application filed by the Moapa Band of Paiute Indians of the Moapa River Indian Reservation, Nevada, to have real property accepted "in trust" for said applicant by the United States of America. The determination whether to acquire this property "in trust" will be made in the exercise of discretionary authority which is vested in the Secretary of the Interior, or his authorized representative, U.S. Department of the Interior. To assist us in the exercise of that discretion, we invite your comments on the proposed acquisition. In order for the Secretary to assess the impact of the removal of the subject property from the tax rolls, and if applicable to your organization, we also request that you provide the following information:

- (1) If known, the annual amount of property taxes currently levied on the subject property allocated to your organization;
- (2) Any special assessments, and amounts thereof, that are currently assessed against the property in support of your organization;
- (3) Any governmental services that are currently provided to the property by your organization; and
- (4) If subject to zoning, how the intended use is consistent, or inconsistent, with the zoning.

We provide the following information regarding this application:

Applicant:

Moapa Band of Paiute Indians of the Moapa River Indian Reservation, Nevada

Legal Land Description/Site Location:

Government Lot 5, in the Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 1, Township 15 South, Range 65 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, Clark County, Nevada

Containing 10.75 total acres.

Project Description/Proposed Land Use:

The Tribe proposes to take the 10.75 acres of private land into trust to ensure the continued social independence and well-being of its members. The proposed trust acquisition would allow the Tribe to meet the following goals:

- Restoration of Tribe's Historical Land Base
- Promotion of Tribal Self-Sufficiency and Self-Determination
- Provide permanent protection for, and ensure Federal and Tribal jurisdiction over land within the Moapa Reservation

Part of the Sandstone property is vacant land formerly used for growing alfalfa; some of the property is used to dispose of tamarisk and other invasive plant species removed from other areas of the Reservation, as well as for temporary storage of road construction materials. It is possible that the Tribe will use the Sandstone property at some later time to provide additional land for use by the Tribal Farm – a potential use in keeping with the current use of the surrounding land. The Tribe wants to ensure that this property is permanently protected from passing out of Tribal ownership and that the Tribe has clear authority to govern uses of the land.

The Tribe will promptly notify BIA if it develops any plans to change the use of the property during the pendency of the Application.

As indicated above, the purpose for seeking your comments regarding the proposed trust land acquisition is to obtain sufficient data that would enable an analysis of the potential impact on local/state government, which may result from the removal of the subject property from the tax roll and local jurisdiction.

This notice does not constitute, or replace, a notice that might be issued for the purpose of compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969.

Your written comments should be addressed to the Bureau of Indian Affairs office listed at the top of this notice. Any comments received within thirty days of your receipt of this notice will be considered and made a part of our record. You may be granted one thirty day extension of time to furnish comments, provided you submit a written justification requesting such an extension within thirty days of receipt of this letter. Additionally, copies of all comments will be provided to the applicant for a response. You will be notified of the decision to approve or deny the application.

If any party receiving the enclosed notice is aware of additional governmental entities that may be affected by the subject acquisition, please forward a copy to said party.

A copy of the application, excluding any documentation exempted under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), is available for review at the above address. A request to make an appointment to review the application, or questions regarding the application, may be directed to the BIA - Southern Paiute Agency Office at (435) 674-9720 ext. 4.