

Still time to comment on Cascade Locks proposal

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Although the five public hearings on the Cascade Locks Resort and Casino Draft Environmental Impact Statement are over, Grand Ronde Tribal members can still submit comments.

The Warm Springs Tribe is requesting that the U.S. Department of Interior take 25 acres into trust within the city of Cascade Locks so that the Tribe can build a proposed \$389 million, 603,000-square-foot riverfront destination and casino.

The Grand Ronde Tribe opposes the request because it abrogates a long-standing principle of one casino per Tribe on reservation land in Oregon.

The Warm Springs Tribe, with the largest reservation in Oregon, already operates a casino in central Oregon and is seeking to build a new casino off reservation in the Columbia River Gorge.

Deadline to comment on the draft environmental impact statement is May 15.

Ways to comment include:

- ◆ Submit comments using the project Web site at www.gorge-casinoeis.com/co/comment_form.html.
- ◆ Mail or hand deliver written comments to Stanley Speaks, Northwest Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 911 N.E. 11th Ave., Portland, OR 97232, or send a fax to 503-231-2275.

◆ Mail in response postcards available at the front desk in the Governance Center in Grand Ronde and at the Portland and Eugene satellite offices.

After May 15, the Bureau of Indian Affairs will review public comments and begin working on the final environmental impact statement, which may be released later this year and have a 30-day comment period.

After that, the final statement will be sent to the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs for a record of decision.

Tribal members who would like to contact members of the Oregon congressional delegation regarding the Warm Springs Tribe's efforts to build a casino in the Columbia River Gorge can contact them by using the following information:

◆ **Sen. Ron Wyden**

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