

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO
SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST
RELEASE OF FUNDS

These Notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon (CTGR) Engineering and Planning Department.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about Dec. 1, 2023, the CTGR will submit a request to HUD for the release of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG 21GC4105300) funds under Title I of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, to undertake a project known as Child Care Center Project for the purpose of constructing a new 26,000 square foot, one-story educational building on an open and largely flat vacant lot. The new building will be comprised of twelve classrooms, outdoor play areas, community room, large commercial kitchen, sixteen administrative offices, break room, restrooms and other support areas, entry and circulation space. The work will also include excavation, site grading and site utility connections to existing utility lines in the street. Other site improvements include a new 40-parking space, asphalt paved parking lot with approach drives, as well as associated concrete curbs, sidewalks and storm drainage. Landscaping of the area around the new building, parking lot and street-side medians and adjoining areas is also included.

Location (Address): 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347
Estimated Total Cost \$16,300,000
Grant Amount \$ 750,000

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The CTGR has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Assessment (EA) on file at the Public Works Department, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, OR, 97347 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The EA will be available to the public for review either electronically, or by U.S. mail. Submit your request by U.S. mail to:

Ryan Webb, Engineering and Planning Manager
The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
9615 Grand Ronde Road
Grand Ronde OR 97347

U.S. mail requests must be postmarked no later than Dec. 22, 2023, to meet the Request for Release of Funds date of Dec. 22, 2023, reporting date.

Additionally, the EA will be available via a file sharing link by emailing Ryan Webb at Ryan.Webb@grandronde.org. Place "Request to Review EA" in the email subject line. An email reply will follow with a link to the file sharing website.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any interested agencies, groups or persons disagreeing with the decisions are invited to submit email comments to the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and to Tom.Carney@hud.gov. This publication is in response to the COVID-19 National Disaster, and we are publishing under the Emergency Provision at 24 CFR 58.33 which allows Tribes to publish the combined Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds (FONSI/NOI-RROF) simultaneously with the submission of the RROF to HUD. The funds are needed on an emergency basis due to a declared disaster. All comments received by Dec. 22, 2023, will be considered by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and HUD prior to the release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The CTGR certifies to HUD that Cheryle A. Kennedy in her capacity as Tribal Council Chairwoman consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's acceptance of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and allows the CTGR to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde certification for a period of 18 days during the simultaneous comment period under the emergency provision of 24 CFR Part 58.33. Objections may be submitted to HUD on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde; (b) the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed and submitted to the HUD designated email address: Tom.Carney@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

The Honorable Cheryle A. Kennedy, Tribal Chairwoman
Confederated Tribes of the
Grand Ronde Community of Oregon
9615 Grand Ronde Road
Grand Ronde, OR 97347-9712

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) AND
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI)
FOR THE PROPOSED 2024-2033 NATURAL
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN (NRMP),
CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF GRAND RONDE
RESERVATION AND
TRIBAL TRUST FOREST LANDS

SUMMARY: This notice is to advise Tribal members that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) as lead federal agency, with the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon, has prepared a final Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the proposed 2024-2033 NRMP. This notice also announces the EA and FONSI are now available for review digitally or in hard copy at the addresses below. Enrolled Grand Ronde Tribal members may submit comments on the EA and FONSI for a period of 30 days following the publishing of this notice (Comment Period).

ADDRESSES: You may request an emailed digital copy of the EA and FONSI online by visiting <https://weblink.grandronde.org/Forms/NatResEA2023> anytime during the Comment Period and submitting the online form. You may request a hard copy of the EA and FONSI by writing the BIA Northwest Region Office, Division of Environmental & Cultural Resource Management (DECRM), 911 N.E. 11th Ave., Portland, OR 97232-4169, or by mailing a request postage prepaid to the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Natural Resources Department (NRD), ATTN: Michael Karnosh, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347 during the Comment Period. Your request must include your full name, Roll Number, address where you want the hard copy mailed, and a phone number where you can be reached. Please note that Tribal offices will close at noon Friday, Dec. 29, 2023, and may be closed at additional times for inclement weather or other reasons, with or without notice.

COMMENTS: You may submit digital written comments to the EA and FONSI online by visiting <https://weblink.grandronde.org/Forms/NatResEA2023-comment> during the Comment Period. You may submit comments on paper by mailing them, postage prepaid, to the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Natural Resources Department (NRD), ATTN: Michael Karnosh, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347. Comments received from enrolled Grand Ronde Tribal members at the NRD Office by the end of the Comment Period will be considered. Your comments must include your full name, Roll Number, address, and phone number.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Tobiah Mogavero, BIA Regional NEPA Coordinator, at 971-940-5875, or Michael Karnosh, Timber Resource Program manager, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, at 503-879-2383. Business hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays and administrative leave.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: The Grand Ronde Reservation is comprised of 10,212 legal acres of primarily forest lands. It lies approximately 18 miles west of McMinnville and six miles north of the community of Grand Ronde. The legal description includes sections within Township 4 South Range 7 West, Township 4 South Range 8 West, Township 5 South Range 7 West, Township 5 South Range 8 West, and Township 5 South Range 9 West, Willamette Meridian, Yamhill County, Oregon.

AUTHORITY: This notice is published pursuant to 43 CFR 46.305 of the Department of the Interior Regulations (43 CFR 46 et seq.), the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4371 et seq.), and in accordance with the exercise of authority delegated to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8. ■

