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 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
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

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EFFECTIVE DATE: February 27, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George T. Skibine, Director, Office of Indian Gaming Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C. 20240.


Aurene M. Martin,
Acting Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management

[AK–931–1310–DP]


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, D.C. area.

DATES: March 13, 2003, 2 p.m. to 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: ___________ Martini
Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs

Date: 2/12/03

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STATE OF OREGON

John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor

Date:____________________

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Olney Patt, Jr., Chairman
Warm Springs Tribal Council

Date: 12/20/02

APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

By: Agent Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs

Date: 2/2/03

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