DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the draft environmental impact statement for the quarry visitor center, dinosaur national monument.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C), the National Park Service announces the availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Quarry Visitor Center at Dinosaur National Monument, Colorado and Utah.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement contains five alternatives. Alternative A—No Action. The Quarry Visitor Center (QVC) was closed to the staff and public because of serious life safety issues caused by building instability on July 12, 2006. The QVC protected 1,500 dinosaur fossils in situ and provided access to the park’s primary resource. The building would remain closed to the public; functions would remain displaced; and critical resources would be threatened. Alternative B—Preferred Alternative—Rehabilitate the Exhibit Hall and Construct a New Facility Off-site. The existing exhibit hall would be rehabilitated to adequately protect fossil resources and provide access to the public. Currently displaced functions would be constructed at a location off-site that has stable soil. Alternative C—Retain the Exhibit Hall and Construct a New Facility at the Quarry Visitor Center. The exhibit hall would be rehabilitated to protect fossil resources and provide access to the public, and the currently displaced functions would be reconstructed on the unstable soil that has caused building movement for more than 50 years. Alternative D—Retain the Exhibit Hall and Construct Wings Similar. The exhibit hall would be rehabilitated to protect fossil resources and provide access to the public. The remaining portions of the building would be reconstructed in the original footprint and dysfunctional configuration on the unstable soil that has caused building movement for more than 50 years. Alternative E—Demolish the Entire Facility and Construct a New Facility at the QVC Site. The entire building would be demolished and rebuilt on the unstable soil that has caused building movement for more than 50 years.

DATES: The National Park Service will accept comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement from the public for 60 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the Notice of Availability. No public meetings are scheduled at this time.

ADDRESSES: Information will be available for public review and comment online at http://parkplanning.nps.gov, in the office of the Superintendent, Mary Risser, 4545 E. Highway 40, Dinosaur, CO (970) 374-3001 and the following locations: The Moffat County Library, 570 Green St., Craig, CO 81625 and the Uintah County Library, 155 East Main, Vernal, UT 84078.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Risser, 4545 E. Highway 40, Dinosaur, CO, (970) 374-3001, Mary_Risser@nps.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments by any one of several methods. You may mail comments to Dinosaur National Monument Headquarters, 4545 E. Highway 40, Dinosaur, CO. You may also comment via the Internet at http://parkplanning.nps.gov. If you do not receive a confirmation from the system that we have received your Internet message, contact us directly at 970.374.3001. Finally, you may hand-deliver comments to the park headquarters at the above address. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.
Honorables Bill Sweet
Chairman, Snoqualmie Tribe
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Dear Chairman Sweet:

On April 3, 2007, we received the First Amendment to the Tribal-State Compact for Class III Gaming between the Snoqualmie Tribe (Tribe) and the State of Washington (State), executed on March 30, 2007 (Amendment). We have completed our review of this Amendment and conclude that it does not violate the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA), any other provision of Federal law that does not relate to jurisdiction over gaming on Indian lands, or the trust obligations of the United States to Indians. Therefore, pursuant to my delegated authority and Section 11 of IGRA, we approve the Amendment. This 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,

[Signature]

Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs

Similar Letter Addressed to: Honorables Christine Gregoire
Governor, State of Washington
FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE TRIBAL/STATE COMPACT
FOR CLASS III GAMING
BETWEEN
SNOQUALMIE TRIBE
AND THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

WHEREAS, on February 11, 2002, the State of Washington and the Snoqualmie Tribe (hereinafter referred to as the “Tribe”) executed a Class III Gaming Compact pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) of 1988, P.L. 100-497, codified at 25 USC Section 2701 et seq. and 18 USC Section 1166-1168, and

WHEREAS, the Class III Gaming Compact executed by the State and the Tribe, as well as any amendments thereto, were approved by the Secretary of the Interior and are in full force and effect (hereinafter referred to as the “Compact”), and

WHEREAS, the State and Tribe conducted additional negotiations in accordance with the provisions of IGRA and amended Section III of the Compact by adding Appendix X to the Compact that authorized the Tribal Lottery Systems described therein, and

WHEREAS, since the adoption of Appendix X, the State and Tribe have agreed to certain optional changes to the Tribal Lottery System that require Appendix X to be supplemented by further amendment known as Appendix X2,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Compact shall be, and hereby is, amended to read and state as follows:

1. Appendix X2, in the form attached hereto, is added to the IGRA Compact between the Snoqualmie Tribe and the State of Washington and is hereby
incorporated by reference as a fully enforceable part of the Compact.

2. Tribal Lottery Systems operated in accordance with the requirements of Appendix X2 are hereby recognized as additional authorized gaming activities under Section III of this Compact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Snoqualmie Tribe and the State of Washington have executed this First Compact Amendment.

SNOQUALMIE TRIBE

BY: (Signature) /Chair
BILL SWEET, Chair


STATE OF WASHINGTON

BY: (Signature) /Governor
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor


DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BY: (Signature) /Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs

Dated: 5-17-07