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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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Memorandum

To: Regional Director, Northwest Region

From: Associate Deputy Secretary *James E. Cason*

Subject: Request by the Snoqualmie Tribe of Washington Trust Acquisition of 55.84 Acre Parcel in King County, Washington

The Snoqualmie Tribe of Washington's (Tribe) request to acquire approximately 55.84 acres of fee land in trust for gaming and supporting documentation has been reviewed by the appropriate offices within Central Office. The transaction documents were submitted to Central Office as required by a Secretarial directive dated July 19, 1990.

By memorandum dated April 13, 2004, your office transmitted the Tribe's application and supporting documentation with a recommendation that the request receive approval.

The real property consists of a 55.84 acre tract located in King County, Washington. The legal description of the property is as follows:

Lot 1, Block 3 of the unrecorded plat of Si-View acre tracts, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point on the south line of the NW quarter of Section 31, Township 24 North, Range 8 East, Willamette Meridian, in King County, Washington, 750.75 feet South 88 degrees 51'11" West of the SE corner of said NW quarter, thence South 88 degrees 51'11" West, 660.36 feet; thence North 3 degrees 02'25" West 308.18 feet; thence North 86 degrees 57'35" East, 660.00 feet to the west line of a 60.0 foot street; thence South 3 degrees 02'25" East along said street, 330.0 feet to the point of beginning;

Except that portion of Lot 1, Block 3 of the unrecorded plat of Si-View acre tracts, in Section 31, Township 24 North, Range 8 East, Willamette Meridian, in King County, Washington, described as follows: Beginning at the NE corner of the above described Lot 1; thence South 86 degrees 57'35" West a distance of 311.14 feet along the north boundary of said Lot 1; thence South 3 degrees 02'25" East a distance of 140.00 feet; thence North 86 degrees 57'35" East a distance of 311.14 feet to the east boundary line of said Lot 1; thence North 3 degrees 02'25" West a distance of

140.00 feet along the east boundary of said Lot 1 to the point of beginning.

And

All of Government Lot 3 and that portion of Government Lot 4, lying northerly of the north margin of SR 90 (State Highway Number 2); Section 31, township 24 North, Range 8 East, Willamette Meridian, King County, Washington.

Containing a total of 55.84 acres, more or less.

The review of the transaction documents was conducted in Central Office to assure the compliance with applicable laws and regulations. See attached memorandum from Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary-Policy and Economic Development to the Associate Deputy Secretary. It has been determined that all applicable laws and regulations have been complied with. We have determined that the Tribe's request would meet the requirements of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act's (IGRA) exception in 25 U.S.C. § 2719(b)(1)(B)(ii), from the general prohibition on gaming on after-acquired lands contained in 25 U.S.C. § 2719(a).

You are authorized, pursuant to delegated authority in 209 DM 8, Secretarial Order No. 3150, as amended, and 3 IAM 4.1G, as amended, to approve the property conveyance to The United States in Trust for the Snoqualmie Tribe of Washington under the authority of Section 5 of the Indian Reorganization Act (IRA), 25 U.S.C. 465 subject to the expiration of the thirty-day waiting period required under 25 C.F.R. § 151.12. The Office of Indian Gaming Management will publish the Federal Register notice pursuant to 25 C.F.R. §151.12(b), a copy of which will be made available to you immediately following its publication.

Attachment

cc: Chairman, Snoqualmie Tribe of Washington