

area in Humboldt County, California. The Applicant's proposed timber harvest may result in the take owls, as defined in the Act and its implementing regulations. The term of the permit and Habitat Conservation Plan would be for 30 years.

The Applicant proposes to mitigate for potential impacts from incidental take of owls by retaining at least one stand of viable owl nesting habitat at all times, conducting pre-harvest owl surveys, deferring any timber harvest which may displace an activity center until outside the breeding season, and maintaining at least 35% of the forested area of the property in a condition of suitable owl habitat at all times. To minimize impacts to owls, the Habitat Conservation Plan requires specified activities that could potentially result in take not be conducted within a 1000-foot radius of any occupied owl nest site. The retention of owl habitat, including at least one stand of viable nesting habitat would ensure the availability of owl habitat in the future.

The Environmental Assessment considers the environmental consequences of three alternatives, including a no-action alternative. The proposed action alternative is the issuance of the permit under section 10(a) of the Act which would authorize incidental take of the owl. The proposed action would require the Applicant to implement their Habitat Conservation Plan. Under the no-action alternative, the permit would not be issued, the Habitat Conservation Plan would not be implemented, and the Applicant would avoid the take of owls. A third alternative is briefly considered which would defer all harvests in perpetuity with the intent of maximizing the number of spotted owls nesting on the property.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1531-1544, and 4201-4245.

Dated: May 21, 1997.

Thomas J. Dwyer,

Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Receipt of Petition for Federal Acknowledgment of Existence as an Indian Tribe

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

This is published in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

Pursuant to 25 CFR 83.9(a), notice is hereby given that the Coastal Gabrieleno/Diegueno Band of Mission Indians, 1226 West Third Street, Santa Ana, California 92703, has filed a letter of intent to petition for acknowledgment by the Secretary of the Interior that the group exists as an Indian tribe. The petition was received by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) on March 18, 1997, and was signed by members of the group's governing body.

This is a notice of receipt of a letter of intent to petition and does not constitute notice that the petition is under active consideration. Notice of active consideration will be sent by mail to the petitioner and other interested parties at the appropriate time.

Under Section 83.9(a) of the Federal regulations, interested parties may submit factual and/or legal arguments in support of or in opposition to the group's petition. Any information submitted will be made available on the same basis as other information in the BIA's files. Such submissions will be provided to the petitioner upon receipt by the BIA. The petitioner will be provided an opportunity to respond to such submissions prior to a final determination regarding the petitioner's status.

The petition may be examined, by appointment, in the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Branch of Acknowledgment and Research, 1849 C Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240, Phone: (202) 208-3592.

Dated: May 20, 1997.

Ada E. Deer,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Proposed Boundary Adjustment

SUMMARY: Minor adjustments in the boundaries of Hopewell Culture National Historical Park. The National Park Service has determined that a boundary adjustment is necessary for the Hopewell Mound Group unit of the park referred to in 16 U.S.C. 410uu-1(a).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent, Hopewell Culture National Historical Park, 16062 State

Route 104, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601-8694 or by telephone at 614-774-1126.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 16 U.S.C. 410uu-1(c) authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to make these adjustments after receipt of public comment.

Therefore, notice is hereby given that public comments will be accepted for a period of 45 calendar days from the publication date of this notice. Comments should be sent to the Superintendent, Hopewell Culture at the above address. In the absence of any subsequent action to modify the proposed boundary adjustment, this boundary adjustment will become the final determination of the Department of the Interior.

This proposed boundary adjustment will add approximately 114.58 acres of privately owned land to the park and will allow for the Federal protection of significant archeological resources. The Hopewell Mound Group Unit is located in Union Township, Ross County, Ohio. The National Park Service has prepared a map identified as Proposed Boundary Adjustment for Hopewell Culture National Historical Park, bearing drawing number 353/80,046 and dated April 1997. The map depicts the specific real property proposed for inclusion to the park.

Copies of this map are on file and available for inspection at the following three locations: The Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Lands Resources Division, 1849 "C" Street, NW., Room 2444, Washington, D.C. 20240; the Midwest Field Area (GLSO-L), 1709 Jackson Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68102; and Hopewell Culture National Historical Park, at the address given above.

Dated: May 13, 1997.

William W. Schenk,

Field Director, Midwest Field Area.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Request for Public Comment on Proposed Amendments and Clarifications of NPS-48 (Concession Guidelines)

SUMMARY: On February 20, 1997, the National Park Service (NPS) requested public comment on those portions of its staff manual (NPS-48) dealing with the administration of concession authorizations which had not been made available for public comment previously. On March 27, 1997, NPS extended the due date for receipt of