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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

Introduction: The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), in conjunction with the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, is proposing to provide and utilize federal assistance to facilitate a road reconstruction and bridge replacement project on the Red Cliff Reservation in Wisconsin. A finding of no significant impact (FONSI) has been prepared, and is available for public review and comments, in compliance with provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Brief Description of Proposed Federal Action/Undertaking: The Bureau of Indian Affairs, Branch of Roads, Midwest Region, in conjunction with the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, is proposing to provide and utilize federal assistance for a road construction and bridge replacement project, identified as the Rowley Road Project. The proposed project is located in T51N, R4W Sections 2, 3, 10 & 11, Bayfield County, WI. The proposed project begins approximately 2000-feet north of the intersection of Old County Highway K and Rowley Road and continues north along Rowley Road to a point approximately 1650-feet south of the intersection of Rowley Road and Blueberry Road, for a project length of 0.27 miles. A 46-foot reinforced concrete clear span roadway bridge would be constructed across the Raspberry River to replace an underperforming existing 8-foot diameter pipe. The bridge construction would be located near the south project limits.

Environmental Review: In compliance with provisions of the NEPA, an environmental assessment (EA) and FONSI have been prepared. Based on the EA, provide information, and overall NEPA review, no effects to historic properties, Federally-listed threatened and endangered species, water resources including wetlands, or any other federally regulated resources are anticipated. If any adverse impacts to, or inadvertent discoveries of, historic/cultural resources, Federally-listed species, and/or any other regulated resources are made, the project shall be suspended and BIA environmental staff promptly notified. Project operations are expected to comply with all applicable laws, rules, regulations, codes, ordinances, permits, permissions, authorizations, stipulations and best management practices. If these conditions are met, the proposed project as described in the EA as the preferred alternative, would not significantly affect the quality of the human environment; therefore, an environmental impact statement will not be required.

Document Availability and Comments: Interested parties can obtain copies the FONSI and related NEPA documents from the above address in care of the Branch of Natural Resources. Comments regarding the proposed project may also be resented within 15 days of the above date. Contact Fred Vande Venter, Environmental Protection Specialist, BIA, Great Lakes Agency, at (715) 682-4527, with any questions, requests, or comments regarding this matter.