United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington, D.C. 20240

Honorable Louis Taylor
Chairman, Lac Courte Oreilles Band
of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians
13394 West Trepania Road, Building No. 1
Hayward, Wisconsin 54843

Dear Chairman Taylor:

On February 24, 2003, we received the Amendment to the Class III compact between the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians (Tribe) and the State of Wisconsin. 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. 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 success in their economic venture.

Sincerely,

/sgd/ Aurene M. Martin

Acting Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs

Enclosure

Similar Letter Sent to: Honorable James E. Doyle
Governor of Wisconsin
State Capital
Madison, Wisconsin 53707

cc: Midwest Regional Director
National Indian Gaming Commission
Wisconsin United States Attorney

Susan MacMullin,

Acting Regional Director, Region 2.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of approved amendment to a Tribal-State Compact.

SUMMARY: Under Section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA), Public Law 100–497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the **Federal Register**, notice of the approved Tribal-State compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through her delegated authority, has approved the Amendment to the Class III gaming compact between the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians and the State of Wisconsin. This Amendment extends the term of the compact for 45 days.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 8, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George T. Skibine, Director, Office of Indian Gaming Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219–4066.

Dated: March 17, 2003.

Aurene M. Martin,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of approved amendment to a Tribal-State Compact.

SUMMARY: Under Section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA), Public Law 100–497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the **Federal Register**, notice of the approved Tribal-State compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through her delegated authority, has approved the Amendment to the Class III gaming compact between the Tulapid Tribes of Washington and the State of Washington. This Amendment provides new regulations for electronic gaming devices.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 8, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George T. Skibine, Director, Office of Indian Gaming Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219–4066.

Dated: March 13, 2003.

Aurene M. Martin,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ID–957–1420–BJ]

Idaho: Filing of Plats of Survey

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of filing of plats of surveys.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has officially filed the plats of survey of the lands described below in the BLM Idaho State Office, Boise, Idaho, effective 9 a.m., on the dates specified.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bureau of Land Management, 1387 South Vinnell Way, Boise, Idaho, 83709–1657.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: These surveys were executed at the request of the Bureau of Land Management to meet certain administrative needs of the Bureau of Land Management. The lands we surveyed are:

The plat constituting the entire survey record of the dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines, designed to restore the corners in their true original locations according to the best available evidence, and a metes-and-bounds survey of a portion of the Craters of the Moon National Monument in sections 4, 8, 9, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, and 24, in T. 8 S., R. 27 E., Boise Meridian, Idaho, was accepted November 15, 2002.

The plat representing the supplemental plat was prepared to correct certain erroneously lotted areas, as depicted on the plat, in T. 11 N., R. 17 E., Boise Meridian, Idaho was accepted January 15, 2003.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey and corrective dependent resurvey of portions of the north and east boundaries, and the dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines, and the 1907 meanders of the right bank of the Salmon River in sections 1 and 12, and the subdivision of sections 1 and 12, in T. 23 N., R. 21 E., Boise Meridian, Idaho, was accepted January 16, 2003.

The plat constituting the entire survey record of the dependent resurvey of a portion of the west boundary and subdivisional lines, the subdivision of section 7, and a metes-and-bounds survey in section 7, in T. 7 S., R. 6 E., Boise Meridian, Idaho, was accepted January 24, 2003.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines, the subdivision of section 26, and the metes-and-bounds survey of Parcel A and two easements in section 26, in T. 5 N., R. 1 E., Boise Meridian, Idaho, was accepted February 4, 2003.

The plats constituting the entire survey record of the dependent resurvey of a portion of the south, west, and north boundaries and a portion of the subdivisional lines, designed to restore the corners in their true original locations according to the best available evidence, and a metes-and-bounds survey of a portion of the Craters of the Moon National Monument in sections 6, 7, 17, 18, 19, 20, 29, 32, and 33, in T. 7 S., R. 27 E., Boise Meridian, Idaho, was accepted February 24, 2003.

The plat constituting the entire record of dependent resurvey of portions of the east boundary, and subdivisional lines, designed to restore the corners in their true original locations according to the best available evidence, and a metes-and-bounds survey of a portion of the Craters of the Moon National Monument in sections 12, 13 and 24, in T. 7 S., R. 26 E., Boise Meridian, Idaho, was accepted February 26, 2003.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the east boundary, and a portion of the subdivisional lines, and the subdivision of section 25, in T. 2 N., R. 42 E., Boise Meridian, Idaho, was accepted March 12, 2003.

The plats representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the south boundary, a portion of the west boundary, and a portion of the subdivisional lines, and the subdivision of sections 19, 31, and 32, the survey of a portion of the 1999–2002 meander lines of the Snake River in sections 19 and 32, the 1999–2002 survey of a partition line in section 32, and a metes-and-bounds survey in section 31, in T. 2 N., R. 43, E., Boise Meridian, Idaho, were accepted March 12, 2003.

AMENDMENTS TO THE LAC COURTE OREILLES BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR CHIPPEWA INDIANS AND THE STATE OF WISCONSIN GAMING COMPACT OF 1991

This Agreement is entered into by and between the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians ("Tribe") and the State of Wisconsin ("State").

WHEREAS, Section XXX of the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians and the State of Wisconsin Gaming Compact of 1991 provides that it may be amended upon the written agreement of both parties; and whereas both parties believe the amendments to the Compact contained herein serve the best interest of both the Tribe and the State,

The Tribe and the State do hereby agree to amend the Compact as set forth below:

1. The term of the Compact shall, pursuant to Section XXV.B, be renewed for a term from August 16, 1998 to September 30, 2003, subject to further extensions as provided therein.

2. The parties agree that this amendment shall become binding on them at the time of execution, and in the event approval of this agreement by the Secretary of the Interior, or her designee, and publication of notice of such approval in the Federal Register, occurs later than one hundred eighty days prior to the expiration of this Compact, the failure of the State to serve a notice of nonrenewal on the Tribe shall not automatically extend the duration of the Compact. The parties agree that in the event the Secretary of the Interior disapproves this agreement the failure of the State to serve a notice on nonrenewal on the Tribe automatically extends the duration of the Compact.

LAC COURTE OREILLES BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR CHIPPEWA INDIANS

By: Louis Taylor
Louis Taylor
Chairman, Tribal Governing Board

Date Signed: 2-13-03

STATE OF WISCONSIN

By: James E. Doyle
James E. Doyle
Governor

Date Signed: 2-17-03

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Aurene M. Martin
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Acting Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs

3/17/03
Date