

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs

ACTION: Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Chiloquin Dam Fish Passage Project in Klamath County, Oregon

SUMMARY: This notice is to advise interested parties that an Environmental Assessment and a Finding of No Significant Impact for the Chiloquin Dam Fish Passage Project in Klamath County, Oregon is available for public review at either the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) office in Portland at the address listed below or at the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) office at 6600 Washburn Way in Klamath Falls. The preferred alternative is to remove Chiloquin Dam and to construct pumping plants and fish screens to serve as an alternate source of water for Modoc Point Irrigation District. This notice is furnished as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Regulations (40 CFR 1503 and 1506.9).

TO OBTAIN A COPY: To request a copy of this document by mail, please contact Ms. Melissa Bond at the BIA, (503) 231-6705 or Ms. Kristi Swisher at Reclamation, (541) 883-6935.

COMMENTS: Individuals who may be significantly affected by, or interested in, this proposed action may submit written comments to: Mr. Stanley Speaks, Northwest Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 911 N.E. 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-4169. You may also phone in your comments by calling Ms. Melissa Bond at (503) 231-6705. Written and/or phone comments will be received at BIA's Portland address/phone contact listed above during the 30-day comment period, beginning December 11, 2005 and closing January 10, 2006. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. We will not, however, consider anonymous comments. All submissions from organizations or businesses and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

This notice is published pursuant to Section 1503.1 of the Council of Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500 through 1508) implementing the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et. seq.) and the Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM 1-6), and is in the exercise of authority delegated to the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.