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## Notice of Availability and Decision Statement Final Environmental Assessment Hualapai Administration Building December 16, 2024

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is publishing a Final Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the proposed project to construct a new Tribal administration building in Peach Springs, Arizona, on the south side of State Route 66 near Mesa View Drive. The Final EA and FONSI have been prepared to fulfill responsibilities under, and comply with, the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The existing Tribal administration building, located at 941 Hualapai Way in Peach Springs, is not large enough for current and future operations. Neither the building nor the site has enough area to allow for expansion. Even with these physical constraints, the Tribal administration building has seen increased usage over the past decade, causing some departments/divisions to be relocated to satellite offices. Over 30 people in seven departments are still located within the roughly 5,500 square foot building of which approximately 1,000 square feet is dedicated to a 28-seat council chambers. The 0.88-acre site also houses shipping containers for over-flow storage and some two dozen parking spaces. Nearby development restricts the feasibility for expansion at the current location.

The project will include construction of a 18,150 square foot Tribal administration building, a parking area with 79 paved parking spaces, a new access road off State Route 66, and a dedicated right-turn lane on State Route 66. Sidewalks, stormwater infrastructure, and landscaping will also be included.

**FINDING:** Pursuant to Title 25 (Indians), implementing procedures in 516 Departmental Manual and 59 Indian Affairs Manual 3-H (BIA NEPA Guidebook) codified at 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 46, and the regulations issued by the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), 40 CFR Parts 1500–1508, this notice advises the public of our finding that the action described above will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment. The Proposed Action Alternative will result in negligible to moderate, beneficial and adverse effects to several resources. The BIA and Hualapai Tribe will implement measures that are discussed in the Final EA and FONSI to mitigate these effects. The environmental impacts of disapproving (the No Action Alternative) and approving (the Proposed Action Alternative) the Project were considered in the Final EA pursuant to

NEPA and CEQ regulations for implementing NEPA. The Final EA and FONSI will be available for review for a period of 30 days upon posting of this notice at the BIA Truxton Canon Agency Office and at the Hualapai Planning Department Office. The decision has been made to go forward with the Proposed Action Alternative based on the content of the Final EA and issuance of the FONSI. This decision will become final 30 days after posting of this notice. Members of the public determined to have standing may appeal this decision to the BIA pursuant to appeal procedures published at 25 CFR Part 2. If an appeal is filed, the notice of appeal must be filed in writing to this office within 30 days of posting of this notice and addressed as follows:

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