DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Approved Tribal-State Gaming Compact Amendment.

SUMMARY: This notice publishes an Approval of the Third Amendment to the Wisconsin Winnebago Tribe, now known as the Ho-Chunk Nation and the State of Wisconsin Gaming Compact.

DATES: *Effective Date:* December 12, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paula L. Hart, Acting Director, Office of Indian Gaming, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary—Policy and Economic Development, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219–4066.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 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 approved Tribal-State compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. This Amendment modifies the existing arbitration provision by requiring that the parties utilize a last best offer format; establishes a term of twenty-five years; provides for the renegotiation of the revenue sharing and allows both parties to propose amendments to the Compact every five years.

Dated: November 28, 2008.

George T. Skibine,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Economic Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Tribal-State Class III Gaming Compact Amendment taking effect.

SUMMARY: This notice publishes the Amendment to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact between the State of California and the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians taking effect.

DATES: *Effective Date:* December 12, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paula L. Hart, Acting Director, Office of Indian Gaming, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary—Policy and Economic Development, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219–4066.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 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 approved Tribal-State compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. This Amendment reduces the number of gaming establishments the Tribe may operate; increases the number of gaming machines; and extends the term of the Compact to December 31, 2029. This Amendment is considered to have been approved but only to the extent that the Amendment is consistent with the provisions of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

Dated: November 28, 2008.

George T. Skibine,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Economic Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Intent To Prepare an Amendment to the Mimbres Resource Management Plan (RMPA), and Associated Environmental Assessment (EA), Las Cruces District Office, New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The BLM Las Cruces District Office, New Mexico, intends to prepare an RMPA with an associated EA to analyze the possible disposal by either exchange or sale, of BLM-administered public lands in Grant County in southwestern New Mexico.

DATES: This Notice initiates the 30-day public scoping period to identify relevant issues. The scoping period will also be announced through local news media and on the BLM Web site (*http://www.blm.gov/nm*). The BLM will accept scoping comments for 30 days from the date of the publication of this Notice.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail: nm_comments@nm.blm.gov.*
- *Fax:* 575–525–4412, Attention: Jennifer Montoya.
- *Mail or personal delivery:* District Manager, BLM Las Cruces District Office, 1800 Marquess Street, Las Cruces, NM 88005.

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the Las Cruces District Office at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Montoya, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, at the Las Cruces District Office; Telephone 575–525–4316; or e-mail at *Jennifer_Montoya@nm.blm.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document provides notice that the BLM Las Cruces District Office, Las Cruces, New Mexico, intends to prepare an RMPA with an associated EA for the Mimbres Planning Area and announces the beginning of the scoping process and seeks public input on issues and planning criteria.

The BLM is currently considering disposal of public lands in Grant County, New Mexico, and the exact acreage and legal descriptions will be determined by a Cadastral survey. The public lands proposed for disposal are currently identified for retention in Federal ownership in the 1993 Mimbres RMP. Therefore, the RMP must be amended to identify the public lands as suitable for exchange and/or sale. These public lands are a portion of and within the following areas:

New Mexico Principal Meridian

T. 17 S., R. 12 W.,
Secs. 3, 4, 9, 10, 15, 16, 20, 24 and 31.
T. 17 S., R. 11 W.,
Secs. 19 and 20.
T. 19 S., R. 15 W.,
Secs. 8, 16, 17, 21, 27 and 28.

The purpose of the public scoping process is to determine relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis, including alternatives, and guide the planning process. Preliminary issues for the planning area have been identified by the BLM personnel, other agencies, and in meetings with individuals and user groups. These issues are:

1. Should public lands adjacent to the Gila National Forest be identified for disposal? If so, which public lands?

2. What potential impacts would this proposed action have on the Gila National Forest?

3. What effects would this proposed action have on mining in the area?

Proposed planning criteria include the following:

1. The RMPA/EA process will be in compliance with the Federal Land