• Discussion of new Charter

* During the January 11, 2010, meeting, time has been set aside for public comment via conference call from 1–1:30 p.m. Mountain Standard Time. The call-in information is: Conference Number 1–888–387–8686, Passcode 4274201.

Dated: December 10, 2009.

George T. Skibine,

Acting Principal Deputy, Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Proclaiming Certain Lands Known as the Pecos Pueblo Grant as an Addition to the Reservation for the Pueblo of Jemez, New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Reservation Proclamation.

SUMMARY: This notice informs the public that the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs proclaimed approximately 5.0 acres, more or less, to be added to the Reservation of the Pueblo of Jemez, New Mexico.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ben Burshia, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Division of Real Estate Services, MS–4639–MIB, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240, telephone (202) 208–7737.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs by Part 209 of the Departmental Manual.

A proclamation was issued according to the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 986; 25 U.S.C. 467), for the tract of land described below. The land was proclaimed to be an addition to and part of the Reservation of the Pueblo of Jemez for the exclusive use of Indians on that reservation who are entitled to reside at the reservation by enrollment or tribal membership.

New Mexico Principal Meridian

Santa Fe County, New Mexico

A Parcel of land, containing 5.0 acres, more or less, known as Tract Two (2) within Private Claim 340 in the Pecos Pueblo Grant, Santa Fe County, New Mexico, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Southeast corner of the tract, from whence a U.S.G.L.O. Brass Cap set for the ¼ corner common to Section 36, T 16 N, R 11 E and Section 31, T 16 N, R 12 E, bears:

S 0° 15′ 55″ E 980.88 feet;
S 89° 45′ 24″ E 788.54 feet;
S 0° 02′ 41″ E 1373.22 feet, thence from said point and place of beginning along the following bearings and distances;
N 89° 56′ 10″ W 444.10 feet to the Southwest corner;
N 0° 15′ 55″ W 490.44 feet to the Northwest corner;
S 89° 56′ 10″ E 444.10 feet to the Northeast corner;
S 0° 15′ 55″ E 490.44 feet to the point of beginning.

Being and intended to be the Tract 2 as shown on survey by Robert L. Benavides, dated December, 1980, as Survey No. A–274.

The above-described lands contain a total of 5.0 acres, more or less, which are subject to all valid rights, reservations, rights-of-way, and easements of record.

This proclamation does not affect any of the following: (1) Title to the land described above; (2) valid existing easements for public roads, highways, or utilities; (3) valid existing easements for railroads or pipelines; or (4) other rights-of-way or reservations of record.

Dated: December 10, 2009.

George T. Skibine,

Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Proposed Finding for Federal Acknowledgment of the Shinnecock Indian Nation

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of proposed finding.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Interior (Department) gives notice that the Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs (PDAS–IA) proposes to determine that the Shinnecock Indian Nation, P.O. Box 5006, Southampton, NY 11969–0751, c/o Messrs. Frederick C. Bess, Randall King, and Gordell Wright, is an Indian Tribe within the meaning of Federal law. This notice is based on a preliminary finding that the petitioner satisfies the seven mandatory criteria for acknowledgment set forth in the applicable regulations, and thus, meets the requirements for a government-to-government relationship with the United States.

DATES: Comments on this proposed finding (PF) are due on or before March 22, 2010. The petitioner then has until April 20, 2010 to respond to those comments. Requests for a formal, on-the-record technical assistance meeting must be received by the Department by January 20, 2010. *See* the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice for more information about these dates.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the PF and/or requests for a copy of the report of the summary evaluation of the evidence should be addressed to the Office of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, *Attention:* Office of Federal Acknowledgment, 1951 Constitution Avenue, NW., MS: 34B–SIB, Washington, DC 20240. Interested and informed parties who make submissions to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs (AS–IA) must also provide copies to the petitioner at Shinnecock Indian Nation, P.O. Box 5006, Southampton, NY 11969–0751, c/o Messrs. Frederick C. Bess, Randall King, and Gordell Wright.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: R. Lee Fleming, Director, Office of Federal Acknowledgment, (202) 513–7650.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to 25 CFR 83.10(h), the Department gives notice that the Acting PDAS–IA proposes to determine that the Shinnecock Indian Nation, P.O. Box 5006, Southampton, NY 11969–0751, c/o Messrs. Frederick C. Bess, Randall King, and Gordell Wright, is an Indian Tribe within the meaning of Federal law. This notice is based on a preliminary finding that the petitioner satisfies the seven mandatory criteria for acknowledgment set forth in 25 CFR 83.7(a) through (g), and thus, meets the requirements for a government-to-government relationship with the United States.

The Department publishes this notice in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs (AS–IA) by 209 DM 8. The AS–IA delegated authority to sign some Federal acknowledgment findings, including this PF, to the Acting PDAS–IA effective June 4, 2009.

The Shinnecock Indian Nation, Petitioner #4, submitted a letter of intent to petition for Federal acknowledgment on February 8, 1978. It submitted partial documentation in 1998, and made multiple submissions in 2003. The petition was ready for evaluation on September 15, 2003. Under the May 23, 2008, **Federal Register** notice of