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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The temporary closure facilitates the Federal Highway Administration and Taos County, New Mexico project to address the rehabilitation of the John Dunn Bridge, and demolition and construction of a new Rio Hondo Bridge. In coordination with Taos County, the BLM will close Taos County Road B-007 to public use and travel, preventing access to the area to protect public safety and ensure the Federal Lands Access Program project can be completed without delay. The order will be in place through February 28, 2023. The temporary closure affects BLM-managed public lands within the Río Grande del Norte National Monument and Taos Field Office. The area will remain closed to all entry, including the portions of the Río Grande and Rio Hondo within the closure, Blackrock Hot Springs, Manby Hot Springs, all trails and roads within the John Dunn Bridge area, and adjacent BLM-managed lands within the area. The BLM will post temporary closure notices online at <https://www.blm.gov/new-mexico-advisories-and-closures>. The public lands affected by this closure are described as follows:

**New Mexico Principal Meridian, Taos County, New Mexico**

Township 27 North, Range 12 East  
Section 31, all.

**Exceptions:** Temporary closure restrictions do not apply to Federal, State, and local officers and employees in the performance of their official duties; members of organized rescue or fire-fighting forces in the performance of their official duties; persons, agencies, municipalities, or companies with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act; and persons with written authorization from the BLM. An exemption does not absolve an individual or organization from liability or responsibility for any fire started by an exempted activity.

**Penalties:** Any person who violates this temporary closure or these restrictions may be tried before a United States Magistrate and fined in accordance with 18 U.S.C. 3571, imprisoned no more than 12 months under 43 U.S.C. 1733(a) and 43 CFR 8360.07, or both. In accordance with 43 CFR 8365.1-7, State or local officials may also impose penalties for violations of New Mexico law.

**Effect of Closure:** The entire area encompassed by the legal description as

described in this notice and in the time period as described in this notice are temporarily closed to all public use, including pedestrians and vehicles, unless specifically excepted as described above.

(Authority: 43 CFR 8364.1, and 43 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*)

**Melanie Barnes,**

*BLM New Mexico State Director.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**National Indian Gaming Commission**

**Notice of Approved Class III Tribal Gaming Ordinance**

**AGENCY:** National Indian Gaming Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this notice is to inform the public of the approval of Klawock Cooperative Association Class III gaming ordinance by the Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission.

**DATES:** This notice is applicable January 6, 2023.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dena Wynn, Office of General Counsel at the National Indian Gaming Commission, 202-632-7003, or by facsimile at 202-632-7066 (not toll-free numbers).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) 25 U.S.C. 2701 *et seq.*, established the National Indian Gaming Commission (Commission). Section 2710 of IGRA authorizes the Chairman of the Commission to approve Class II and Class III tribal gaming ordinances. Section 2710(d)(2)(B) of IGRA, as implemented by NIGC regulations, 25 CFR 522.8, requires the Chairman to publish, in the **Federal Register**, approved Class III tribal gaming ordinances and the approvals thereof.

IGRA requires all tribal gaming ordinances to contain the same requirements concerning tribes' sole proprietary interest and responsibility for the gaming activity, use of net revenues, annual audits, health and safety, background investigations and licensing of key employees and primary management officials. The Commission, therefore, believes that publication of each ordinance in the **Federal Register** would be redundant and result in unnecessary cost to the Commission.

Thus, the Commission believes that publishing a notice of approved Class III

tribal gaming ordinances in the **Federal Register**, is sufficient to meet the requirements of 25 U.S.C. 2710(d)(2)(B). Every ordinance and approval thereof is posted on the Commission's website ([www.nigc.gov](http://www.nigc.gov)) under General Counsel, Gaming Ordinances within five (5) business days of approval.

On December 8, 2022, the Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission approved Klawock Cooperative Association Class III Gaming Ordinance. A copy of the approval letter is posted with this notice and can be found with the approved ordinance on the NIGC's website ([www.nigc.gov](http://www.nigc.gov)) under General Counsel, Gaming Ordinances. A copy of the approved Class III ordinance will also be made available upon request. Requests can be made in writing to the Office of General Counsel, National Indian Gaming Commission, Attn: Dena Wynn, 1849 C Street NW, MS #1621, Washington, DC 20240 or at [info@nigc.gov](mailto:info@nigc.gov).

National Indian Gaming Commission.

Dated: December 20, 2022.

**Michael Hoenig,**  
*General Counsel.*

November 8, 2022

VIA E-MAIL

Patricia Cottle, President  
Klawock Cooperative Association  
310 Bayview Boulevard  
Klawock, Alaska 99925

Re: Klawock Cooperative Association Gaming Ordinance

Dear President Cottle:

This letter responds to your September 14, 2022 request for the National Indian Gaming Commission Chairman to review and approve the Klawock Cooperative Association Gaming Ordinance. The NIGC originally approved the Klawock Cooperative Association Gaming Ordinance on November 6, 1993. The Klawock Cooperative Association Council adopted the amended Gaming Ordinance on July 12, 2022 and you signed the amended Gaming Ordinance on July 13, 2022. The amended Gaming Ordinance mirrors the NIGC's Revised Model Gaming Ordinance issued as part of Bulletin 2018-1. Thank you for bringing the gaming ordinance to our attention and for providing us with a copy. The ordinance is approved as it is consistent with the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and NIGC regulations. Please note for future references that 25 C.F.R. 522.3 requires tribes to submit any amendment to an ordinance for the Chair's approval within fifteen (15) days of adoption. If you have any questions concerning this letter or the ordinance review process, please contact Staff Attorney Danielle Wu at [danielle.wu@nigc.gov](mailto:danielle.wu@nigc.gov).

Sincerely,  
E. Sequoyah Simermeyer, Chairman

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