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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed project is the approval of the Section 14 Master Development Plan, which facilitates approval of future leases on trust land in Section 14 by the BIA. Section 14 is located on the Agua Caliente Indian Reservation in downtown Palm Springs. It is comprised of tribally owned parcels, allotted parcels and parcels owned in fee. The section is bounded by Alejo Road to the north, Sunrise Road to the east, Ramon Road to the south, and Indian Canyon Drive to the west. The 640-acre section is one block east of downtown Palm Springs and one mile west of Palm Springs Regional Airport.

The intent of the Section 14 Master Development Plan is to:

- Create an attractive, feasible and marketable vision for the area's future development;
- Achieve the highest and best use of Indian trust lands;
- Maximize and coordinate the development potential of Indian trust and fee lands in Section 14;
- Ensure compatibility with existing, proposed and planned development in the downtown area;
- Achieve a comprehensive master plan of development that is high quality, marketable and able to be implemented in a timely manner;
- Revitalize existing uses; and
- Provide a specific plan that ensures quality development will occur independent of ownership.

Businesses that are expected to be attracted and which will result in new construction include restaurants and various retail establishments. These establishments will consist of cinemas, live theaters, museums, and "entertainment retail" shopping where customers are entertained as they browse. There will also be health, sports and recreational complexes along with a large-scale hotel located across from the existing Convention Center.

In addition to the new development, existing structures will receive facade rehabilitation in order to blend in with the new destination resort theme of Section 14. Streets will also be redesigned and enhanced within Section 14 to promote a pedestrian-friendly, destination resort environment.

Alternative transportation modes will be established within the area to help limit the amount of automobile traffic. Walkways and bikeways will be linked into the existing street grid and the major attractions of the area. Shade features such as awnings, overhangs and

trellises will be established to attract both recreational and destination oriented pedestrians and cyclists. A rubber-tire shuttle will be installed linking Section 14, the airport and downtown with stops at major hotels and attractions.

Alternatives to the proposed project that are considered in the FEIS include (1) no action, which will keep the City of Palm Springs General Plan in effect, (2) reduced intensity development; and (3) increased intensity development. Environmental issues addressed in the FEIS include landform/topography, geology/soils/seismicity, hydrology/water quality, biological resources, land use, cultural and scientific resources, air quality, traffic/circulation, noise, health and safety, public services and utilities, and visual resources.

Public Comment Availability

Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the mailing address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section, during regular business hours, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. 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.

Authority

This notice is published in accordance with section 1503.1 of the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR, part 1500 through 1508) implementing the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4371 *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.

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Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Addendum to Notice of Public Meeting, California Desert District Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Addendum to notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This addendum amends the notice of the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) California Desert District Advisory Council (DAC) field tour and public meeting scheduled on September 13-14, 2002, at Baker, California.

The field tour scheduled on Friday, September 13, has been canceled. The Council will meet in formal session on Saturday, September 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Baker Community Center, located at 56725 Park Avenue in Baker. Scheduled agenda topics include discussions on the Final Northern and Eastern Colorado Desert Plan and Proposed Plan Amendment and the Final Northern and Eastern Mojave Plan and Proposed Plan Amendment.

All Desert District Advisory Council meetings are open to the public. Time for public comment may be made available by the Council Chairman during the presentation of various agenda items, and is scheduled at the beginning of the meeting.

Written comments may be filed in advance of the meeting for the California Desert District Advisory Council, c/o Bureau of Land Management, Public Affairs Office, 6221 Box Springs Boulevard, Riverside, California 92507-0714. Written comments also are accepted at the time of the meeting and, if copies are provided to the recorder, will be incorporated into the minutes.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Dated: August 22, 2002.

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