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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

TOURMALINE KING MINE ROAD RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR ACCESS TO THE TOURMALINE KING MINE ON THE PALA INDIAN RESERVATION, CALIFORNIA

Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Southern California Agency, has released an Environmental Assessment (EA) dated February 13, 2020, for the approval of a Right-of-Way (ROW) to provide access to the Tourmaline King Mine on the Pala Band of Mission Indians Reservation. The Pala Tourmaline King Mine Road (TKMR) Environmental Assessment (EA), has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA, 42 United States Code §4321 et seq.) and 59 IAM 3-H. The EA assesses the environmental impacts of authorizing a ROW along specific segments of tribal transportation routes on the Pala Indian Reservation.

Based on the analysis and impacts detailed in the EA and any comments received during the public review period; BIA will decide whether to reach a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), direct further work on the EA, or initiate the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement.

The public review period for the EA will be open for 14 calendar days, beginning on March 30, 2020 and ending on April 20, 2020. For additional information or to obtain a copy of the EA, please contact JoAnn Koda, Deputy Superintendent at 951-276-6624 or Felix Kitto, Regional Environmental Scientist at 916-978-6051.

Written comments should be mailed to Javin Moore, Superintendent, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Southern California Agency, 1451 Research Park Drive, Suite 100, Riverside California 92507.

The administrative draft TKMR EA is available for public review at two (2) physical locations and two (2) virtual locations including:

(1) Physical Location(s):

Pala Administrative Building
Pala Learning Center
12196 Pala Mission Road
Pala, California 92509
Pala, California 92509

(2) Virtual Location(s):

BIA Website: https://bianepatracker2.doi.gov/

Tribal Website: https://www.palatribe.com