

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
FOR THE EKLUTNA NATIVE VILLAGE GAMING FACILITY PROJECT
JANUARY 17, 2025

Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Department of the Interior has signed a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and issued a Final Environmental Assessment (EA) dated January 2025 for the Eklutna Native Village Gaming Facility Project. The Final EA was completed in accordance with requirements set forth in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA; 42 United States Code [USC] §4321 et seq.), the Department of the Interior's Procedures for the Implementation of NEPA (43 CFR Part 46), the 2024 Council on Environmental Quality regulations for Implementing NEPA (40 CFR § 1500 et seq.), and the BIA NEPA Handbook (59 Indian Affairs Manual 3-H), and assesses the potential environmental impacts that could result from the BIA's approval of a business lease between the Native Allotment landowners and the Eklutna Native Village tribal government for the development and operation of a class II gaming facility on the Project Site (Proposed Action). The Project Site consists of 6.37 acres within a restricted fee Native Allotment comprised of three parcels located near the communities of Birchwood and Chugiak within the boundaries of the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska.

Based on the Final EA, it has been determined that the Proposed Action will not result in significant adverse effects to the quality of the human environment; therefore, an environmental impact statement is not required. The FONSI and Final EA are available online at: <http://www.EklutnaEA.com>

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