

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
CAHTO GAS STATION/MINI-MART ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

CAHTO TRIBE OF THE LAYTONVILLE RANCHERIA

MENDOCINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed trust acquisition of approximately 1.4 acres (Proposed Action) by the United States for the Cahto Tribe of the Laytonville Rancheria (Tribe). The Proposed Action is located within Mendocino County, California, one mile northwest of the existing Laytonville Rancheria, and is bordered by Highway 101 to the northeast and Foster Avenue to the southwest. The Proposed Action is located in Section 12 of the "Laytonville, California" U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5-minute topographic quadrangle within Township 2, 1 North and Range 15 West, Mt. Diablo Baseline and Meridian. Based on the analysis and impacts identified in the EA, all comments received during this public review period, and the entire administrative record, the BIA will decide whether to reach a Finding of No Significance Impact, direct further work on the EA, or initiate the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement.

The Proposed Action would allow the subsequent development of a gas station and convenience store. The purpose of the Proposed Action is to expand and diversify economic development activities of the Tribe. The development of a gas station and convenience store would increase Tribal revenue, provide employment and managerial experience for Tribal members and members of the community, and offer important economic development opportunities that would support the Tribe's pursuit of self-determination.

Public comments regarding the EA will be accepted for 30 days from submission of the Notice of Availability on February 6, 2017. For more information or to obtain a copy of the EA, please contact the Lead Agency: Chad Broussard, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pacific Region, 2800 Cottage Way – Room 2820, Sacramento, CA, 95825, telephone: (916) 978-6165, email: chad.broussard@bia.gov. Written comments should be mailed to Amy Dutschke, Regional Director, at the above address.

Copies of the EA are also available for public review at the following locations: BIA Pacific Regional Office, located at the above listed address; or the Laytonville Rancheria Tribal Office, telephone: (360) 293-6404. An electronic version of the EA is also available online at www.cahto.org.