

Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)

Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation Franklin County, Pasco, Washington

Based on the Bureau of Indian Affairs' review of the *Final Colville Tribes Travel Plaza and Commercial Project Environmental Assessment (EA)* for the Proposed fee-to-trust application that includes Parcel A - Franklin County Parcel Number APN 113-220-073, which equates to approximately 6.58 acres, and subsequent construction and operation of a 13,155 square foot (sf) travel plaza and fuel station, and associated parking; we have determined that by implementation of the agency proposed action and environmental mitigation measures as specified in the EA, the project will not significantly impact the quality of the human environment. In accordance with Section 102 (2) (c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), as amended, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be required.

This determination is supported by the following:

1. The EA discloses the environmental consequences of the No Action and the Proposed Action Alternative – construction and operation of a 13,155-sf travel plaza and fuel station, and associated parking area.
2. Protective measures will be levied to protect air (Clean Air Act as amended 42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.) and water quality (Clean Water Act of 1977, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.). Measures to protect the environment are outline on pgs. 12-15 of the EA. Additional measures include: appropriate site design, fuel transfer measures, overfill protection, corrosion performance standards, leak detection systems, and maintenance measures (EA, pg. 28).
3. The proposed action will not jeopardize threatened or endangered species (Threatened and Endangered Species Act of 1983, as amended, 16 U.S.C et seq.). Final determinations of effect to these species can be found on pgs. 40-41 of the Colville Tribes Travel Plaza and Commercial Project EA.
4. There are no adverse effects on historic properties (National Historic Preservation Act, as amended 16 U.S.C 470) for the purpose of 36 CFR 800.9 (b). Should undiscovered archeological remains be encountered during project ground-disturbing activities, work will stop in the area of discovery and the stipulations of 36 CFR 800.11 will be followed. A detailed description can be found on pgs. 42-46 of the EA.
5. The proposed action will not cause a significant effect to energy resources (Energy Policy Act of 2005), water resources, wetlands (E.O. 11990), or flood plains (E.O. 11988).

6. The proposed action will not affect unique characteristics of the geographic area such as the proximity to park lands, prime farmlands, wetlands, wild and scenic rivers, or ecologically critical areas.
7. The proposed action will not have highly controversial or uncertain effects on the human environment or involve unique or unknown risks.
8. The proposed action will not establish a precedent for future actions with significant effects or represent a decision in principle about a consideration.
9. No disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority or low-income communities are associated with this project (Environmental Justice E.S. 12898; Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964) (EA, pg.52).
10. The proposed action will not threaten a violation of Federal, State, or local law or requirements imposed for the protection of the environment. The Colville Tribes shall maintain coverage under the USEPA NPDES General Construction Permit for construction site runoff during the construction phase in compliance with the CWA. A SWPPP shall be prepared, implemented, and maintained throughout the construction phase of the development, consistent with Construction General Permit requirements. With adherence to the NPDES permitting program and implementation of the SWPPP, ECP, and BMPs, impacts to surface water quality from construction activities would be less than significant (EA, pg. 28).

Kurt Fredenberg
Deputy Regional Director – Indian Services
Northwest Region
Bureau of Indian Affairs

Date