

## Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a Wetland

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) under 24 CFR Part 50 has determined that portions of the following proposed action under the HUD Indian Housing Block Grant 23ICWA14180 are located in a forested wetland and the Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe (SBIT) will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action within wetlands and the potential impacts on the wetlands from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11990 and in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 in Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands.

The proposed project location is along the existing Eagle Hill Road on SBIT Reservation land, near Tokeland Washington, within Pacific County. The project will improve the existing Eagle Hill Road, extend non-paved sections of the road, construct two residential duplexes, and two 1-acre residential lots. Road widening activities will result in 0.02-acre of impacts to a palustrine, forested, depression class wetland located adjacent to SR 105. This wetland provides surface water storage, water quality benefits, wildlife habitat, ground water recharge functions, and intrinsic value that may be potentially adversely affected by the project. We are currently evaluating alternatives to avoid impacts to this wetland.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. (1) people who may be affected by activities in the wetland and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the wetland, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate project impacts on the wetland. (2) an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about wetland impacts can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. (3) as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe at the following address on or before 05/26/2026.

Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe  
2373 Tokeland Road, Tokeland WA 98590  
Attention: Risa Thomas –Community Development Coordinator and Planning Director  
360-267-8152

A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday, Excluding Holidays at 2373 Tokeland Road, Tokeland WA 98590. Comments may also be submitted via email at: [rthomas@shoalwaterbay-nsn.gov](mailto:rthomas@shoalwaterbay-nsn.gov)

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