

Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a Wetland

To: All interested Agencies, US Army Corps of Engineers, Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe Members, Residents of Tokeland and surrounding areas, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that HUD and the Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe (SBIT) under 24 CFR Part 50 has conducted an evaluation 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 Wetlands Protection. The activity is funded under HUD Indian Housing Block Grant 23ICWA14180. The proposed project(s) is located SBIT Reservation land, near Tokeland Washington, within Pacific County, and is located in Wetland B. 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.

SBIT has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial functions and intrinsic values of the existing floodplain/wetland: The Eagle Hill Project will result in 0.02 acre of impact to a Category III wetland. The following alternatives were evaluated:

1. Relocation of the existing Eagle Hill Road
2. Reducing the width of the proposed road and sidewalk
3. Construction of retaining walls
4. No action.

SBIT has reevaluated alternatives to building in the wetland and has determined that it has no practicable alternative to wetland development that would meet the needs of the project. To mitigate for the proposed impacts, the SBIT will transfer wetland mitigation bank credits from the SBIT Advanced Wetland Mitigation Site. Authorizations for the proposed wetland fill activities were received from the US Army Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency. Environmental files documenting compliance with Executive Order 11990 and 24 CFR 55, are available for public inspection, review and copying upon request at the times and location delineated in the last paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in wetlands 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. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about wetlands can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place 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 August 21, 2026.

Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe

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Attention: Risa Thomas – Planning Director and Community Development Coordinator
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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