

**NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

**May 1, 2017
Quinault Indian Nation
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Quinault Indian Nation.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about May 20, 2017 the Quinault Indian Nation will submit a request to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of IHBG, ICDBG, Title 6, and Low Income Housing Tax Credits funds to undertake a project known as the Taholah Village Relocation Master Plan Project for the purpose of relocating the village of Taholah, Washington to higher ground, (\$250 million estimated funding including non-HUD funding sources). The Environmental Assessment considered the likely effects of the development envisioned in the Master Plan. The development will likely include up to 400 housing units (single-family and multi-family), community buildings, parks and open space, an renewable energy park (solar and biomass facilities), a K-12 school, and road, sewer, water, stormwater, communications and power infrastructure. The project is located on Allotments 162, 163, 164, and 164A on the Quinault Indian Reservation, just east of the Quinault Indian Nation Administration offices.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Quinault Indian Nation has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Quinault Indian Nation Community Development and Planning Department, 807 5th Avenue, Suite 3, Taholah, WA 98587 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M to 5 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Quinault Indian Nation Community Development and Planning Department, 807 5th Avenue, Suite 3, Taholah, WA 98587. All comments received by May 19, 2017 will be considered by the Quinault Indian Nation prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Quinault Indian Nation certifies to HUD that Fawn Sharp in her capacity as President consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these

responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Quinault Indian Nation to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the Quinault Indian Nation's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Quinault Indian Nation; (b) the Quinault Indian Nation has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD Seattle Regional Office at 909 First Avenue, Suite 300 OAPI, Seattle, WA 98104. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Certifying Officer: Fawn Sharp, President of the Quinault Indian Nation