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proximity to a deep-water bay makes it ideal for transporting the crushed rock by barge or ship. If successfully developed, the proposed quarry could provide long-term employment for a number of tribal members and bring much-needed revenue to the tribe.

The Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs has responsibility for fulfilling the Department's trust responsibility to American Indian and Alaska Native tribes and individuals, as well as promoting tribal self-determination and economic development. The Assistant Secretary oversees the Bureau of Indian Affairs, which is responsible for providing services to approximately 1.4 million American Indians and Alaska Natives and the nation's 562 Federally recognized tribes.

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