

separate guidance on the establishment of karst preserves. Additionally, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, with the Service as a partner, will include "no take" guidance for these listed invertebrates as part of the species accounts that will be developed as a priority update to the revision of the 1995 Endangered and Threatened Animals of Texas document published by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. The Service will incorporate the "no take" guidance into the draft recovery plan for the species, which will be available for public review and comment.

(4) With regard to recommendations for protection of water quality of the Edwards Aquifer, the Service does not intend to issue separate guidance. Instead, the draft Barton Springs Salamander Recovery Plan, which is scheduled to be completed in 2003, will include recommendations for protection of water quality in the Barton Springs Zone.

The Service states that prior versions of the Karst Protocols and Water Quality Recommendations are not rules, regulations, requirements, or project evaluation criteria of the Service and will not be used as such by the Service. The documents that have been used in the past as guidance do not create any legal obligations and have no binding legal effect, nor do they establish minimum standards or criteria required to be adopted by state or local governments. Should at any future time the Service decide that guidance on these subjects, other than as outlined above, is needed, the Service will make the draft guidance available for public review and comment for a period of not less than 60 days. At the conclusion of this period, the Service will determine whether to publish any final guidance documents on these topics and, if so, in what form.

**Authority:** The authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act, as amended (16 U.S.C.1532 *et seq.*).

**H. Dale Hall,**

*Regional Director, Region 2, Albuquerque, New Mexico.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### Indian Gaming

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of approved amendment to a Tribal-State compact.

**SUMMARY:** Under section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA), Pub. L. 100-497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the *Federal Register*, notice of the approved Tribal-State compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through her delegated authority, has approved the Amendment to the Class III gaming compact between the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Reservation and the State of Montana.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** February 27, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** George T. Skibine, Director, Office of Indian Gaming Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219-4066.

Dated: February 12, 2003.

**Aurene M. Martin,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### Indian Gaming

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**ACTION:** Notice of approved amendment to a Tribal-State compact.

**SUMMARY:** Under section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA), Pub. L. 100-497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the *Federal Register*, notice of the approved Tribal-State compacts of the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through her delegated authority, has approved the Amendment to the Class III gaming compact between the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation and the State of Oregon.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** February 27, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** George T. Skibine, Director, Office of Indian Gaming Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219-4066.

Dated: February 12, 2003.

**Aurene M. Martin,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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#### Indian Gaming

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**ACTION:** Notice of approved amendment to a Tribal-State compact.

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**EFFECTIVE DATE:** February 26, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** George T. Skibine, Director, Office of Indian Gaming Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219-4066.

Dated: February 12, 2003.

**Aurene M. Martin,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[AK-931-1310-DP]

#### Draft Northwest National Petroleum Reserve—Alaska Integrated Activity Plan/Environmental Impact Statement

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In response to a request from the interested public the Bureau of Land Management is adding to its schedule one meeting for accepting public comments on the Draft Northwest National Petroleum Reserve—Alaska Integrated Activity Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (IAP/EIS). The meeting location and time will be provided to the public through appropriate media outlets in the Washington, DC area.

**DATES:** March 13, 2003, 2 p.m. till 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Courtyard Marriott, 1600 Rhode Island Avenue, Northwest, Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Curtis J. Wilson (907-271-5546;



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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
Washington, D.C. 20240

**FEB 12 2003**

Honorable Carl Venne  
Chairman, Crow Tribe  
P. O. Box 159  
Crow Agency, Montana 59022

Dear Chairman Venne:

On December 31, 2002, we received the Amendment to the Class III gaming compact between the Crow Tribe (Tribe) and the State of Montana (State). We have completed our review of this Amendment and conclude that it does not violate the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA), Federal law, or our trust responsibility. Therefore, pursuant to my delegated authority and Section 11 of IGRA, we approve the Amendment. This Amendment shall take effect when the notice of our approval, pursuant to Section 11(d)(3)(B) of IGRA, 25 U.S.C. § 2710(d)(3)(B), is published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

We wish the Tribe and the State success in their economic venture.

Sincerely,

*Aurene M. Martz*  
Acting Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs

Enclosure

Identical Letter Sent to:

Honorable Judy Martz  
Governor of Montana  
State Capital  
Helena, Montana 59620

THIRD AMENDMENT TO AND EXTENSION OF THE AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE CROW TRIBE OF MONTANA AND  
THE STATE OF MONTANA CONCERNING CLASS III GAMING

This document is the third amendment to the "Agreement Between the Crow Indian Tribe of Montana and the State of Montana Concerning Class III Gaming" (hereafter, "Agreement") approved by the Secretary of the Interior on June 12, 1998, and executed by the Tribe and the State on March 11, 1998 and March 19, 1998 respectively. The parties hereby agree to extend the term of the current Agreement to March 19, 2004, for purposes of engaging in good faith negotiations during this time without any lapse in gaming. Further, the parties agree to allow the Tribe to offer video gaming machine maximum payouts of \$1500, and to offer for play video gaming machines that offer more than one game on one machine, and that have coin hopper/thermal printer configuration. Other than as expressly amended herein, the original Agreement remains in full force and effect.

Pursuant to Article XI.B of the Agreement generally providing for amendment in writing and with the consent of both parties, the Agreement is hereby amended in part as follows:

1. Section XI. MISCELLANEOUS TERMS, SECTION A., is amended to extend the term of the Agreement to March 19, 2004. All other terms of Section XI. Section A. remain the same.

2. Appendix A. VIDEO GAMBLING MACHINES, SECTION I. DEFINITIONS, paragraph D. is amended in part to read as follows:

D. "Video gambling machine" means a bingo machine, draw poker machine or a keno machine *or any combination of poker, keno and bingo games within the same video gambling machine cabinet if the video gambling machine is capable of being connected to the automated accounting and reporting system provided in 23-5-637 MCA.*

3. Appendix A. VIDEO GAMBLING MACHINES, SECTION II. CONDITIONS, is amended in part to read as follows:

- A. Prizes may be awarded only in the form of free games, credits, or cash. A prize may not exceed the value of \$1,500 for each individual award.
- B. Video gambling machines within tribal premises may be connected in a progressive banc provided the prize limit for the progressive banc does not exceed \$1,500.

4. Appendix A. VIDEO GAMBLING MACHINES, SECTION II. CONDITIONS, subsection II.E. (1) (d) (vii) (Second Amendment) is amended in part to read as follows:

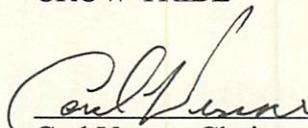
(vii) the machine must:

- A) utilize a coin drop hopper and be monitored by a game transaction management/reporting system of the type described in paragraph (1) (d) (xi) (A);  
or
- B) *utilize a coin drop hopper in combination with a ticket printer to print a valid ticket voucher for any credits over the maximum dispensed from the coin hopper. The ticket printer must also be capable of printing all applicable accounting information required by the State per subsection IIE (1) (d) (xi) (A) (1) through (7).*
- C) *have no coin drop hopper and be capable of printing a ticket voucher for all credits owed the player at the completion of each game, in which event a valid ticket must contain the following:*
  - (1) the name of the licensed establishment;
  - (2) the name of the city or town or county in which the licensed establishment is located;
  - (3) the machine serial number;
  - (4) the time of day in hours and minutes in a 24-hour format;
  - (5) the current date;
  - (6) the program name and revision;
  - (7) the value of the prize in numbers;
  - (8) the value of the prize in words;
  - (9) the sequential ticket number of the ticket voucher;

All other terms and conditions of the Agreement remain in full force and effect and shall govern the conditions of Class III gaming on the Reservation until March 19, 2004, or until a revised or new compact has been executed by the parties, whichever first occurs.

Montana and the Tribe indicate their consent to be bound to this Extension and Amendment by signature of their authorized representatives below.

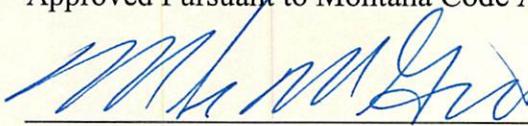
CROW TRIBE

  
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Carl Venne, Chairman

STATE OF MONTANA

  
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JUDY MARTZ, Governor

Approved Pursuant to Montana Code Annotated § 18-11-105 (2001).

  
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MIKE McGRATH, Attorney General  
State of Montana

APPROVED:  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BY: Aurene M Martin DATED: 2/12/03, 2003

*Acting*  
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Assistant Secretary--Bureau of Indian Affairs