

private organizations on operational matters.

E. The Office of the Assistant Regional Commissioner for Family Assistance (SD1A-SDXA):

1. Provides program leadership and technical direction for family assistance program activities in the region. Issues regional operating policies and procedures necessary to insure implementation of national family assistance program policies.

2. Conducts visits to and ongoing liaison with State agencies to determine the effectiveness of family assistance policies and procedures and to provide technical assistance in the resolution of operational problems. Evaluates family assistance program effectiveness regionwide. Plans, directs, and coordinates regional activities with State and local entities. Negotiates with State and local authorities on State plans, plan amendments and recommendations, and recommends approval or disapproval to the appropriate SSA official.

3. Directs and coordinates a program of financial management, including the review and evaluation of grant award requests from States. Recommends approval or disapproval of these requests. Reviews State expenditure estimates and reports, and recommends approval or disapproval. Provides overview and assistance to State agencies in implementing major initiatives required by family assistance policies on financial management.

F. The Office of the Assistant Regional Commissioner for Field Operations (SD14-SDX4):

1. Provides leadership, guidance, and direction to district and branch offices and teleservice centers, through Area Directors.

2. Insures the consistency of field operations in the region with national and regional policies and procedures, and is accountable to the Regional Commissioner for the effectiveness of these operations.

G. The Office of the Assistant Regional Commissioner for Management and Budget (SD17-SDX7):

1. Furnishes leadership and support to SSA regional and field components in the areas of financial, manpower, and organization management, and other areas of management concern.

2. Develops regional management policies, procedures, and guidelines consistent with prevailing Federal, HEW, and SSA requirements and objectives. Guides and controls regional administrative management operations and administrative practices.

Evaluates component performance and needs in these areas to assure

effective and economical use of available resources, and takes appropriate action on behalf of the Regional Commissioner to remedy or correct any inefficiencies or undesirable practices uncovered in administrative management operations.

3. Furnishes financial management staff expertise and professional judgments required to compile and recommend effective regional/State operating budgets.

4. Coordinates regional SSA administrative management issues and concerns with the HEWRO, SSA headquarters, and other Federal-regional authorities.

5. Carries out the SSA regional security program.

Dated: August 29, 1979.

Wilford J. Forbush,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Management and Budget.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Chinook Indian Tribe, Inc.; Receipt of Petition for Federal Acknowledgment of Existence as an Indian Tribe

August 31, 1979.

This notice is published in the exercise of authority delegated to the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

Pursuant to 25 CFR 54.8(a) notice is hereby given that the Chinook Indian Tribe, Inc. (Post Office Box 228, Chinook, Washington 98814) has filed a petition for acknowledgment by the Secretary of the Interior that the group exists as an Indian tribe. The petition was received by the Bureau of Indian Affairs on July 23, 1979. The petition was forwarded and signed by Mr. Donald E. Mechals.

This is a notice of receipt of petition and does not constitute notice that the petition is under active consideration. Notice of active consideration will be by mail to the petitioner and other interested parties at the appropriate time.

Under § 54.8(d) of the Federal regulations, interested parties may submit factual or legal arguments in support of or in opposition to the group's petition. Any information submitted will be made available on the same basis as other information in the Bureau of Indian Affairs files.

The petition may be examined by appointment in the Division of Tribal

Government Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, 18th and C Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20242.

Forrest J. Gerard,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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Bureau of Land Management

Craig District Grazing Advisory Board; Meeting

August 29, 1979.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Public Law 92-463 that a meeting of the Craig District Grazing Advisory Board will be held on October 4, 1979.

The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Bureau of Land Management Office at 455 Emerson Street, Craig, Colorado.

The agenda for the meeting will include (1) expenditures of range betterment funds, (2) the expenditure of county range improvement funds, (3) current status of the White River Environmental Statement, (4) Advisory Board Re-election Procedures, (5) discussion of old business.

The meeting is open to the public. Interested persons may make oral statements or file written statements for the board's consideration. Anyone wishing to make an oral statement must notify the District Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 455-Emerson Street, Craig, Colorado. Depending on the number of persons wishing to make oral statements, a per person time limit may be established by the District Manager.

Persons wishing further information may contact the District Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 455 Emerson Street, Craig, Colorado at (303) 824-3417.

Minutes of the meeting will be available at the Craig District Office for public inspection thirty days after the meeting.

Marvin W. Pearson,

District Manager.

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Bureau of Reclamation

Temporary Water Service Contract With the Westlands Water District; Availability of the Proposed Contract for Public Review and Comment

The Department of the Interior, through the Bureau of Reclamation, has