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Division of Environmental, Cultural Resources Management and Safety

**Finding of No Significant Impact**

*Environmental Assessment for the 25 CFR 151 Application for the Inyan Ceyaka Otonwe (ICO) property . Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community.*

Based on the December 2016 Environmental Assessment (EA) for the ICO – Little Rapids Village – 25 CFR 151 Application, I have determined that the construction of the residential development and associated infrastructure improvements will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Therefore, in accordance with Section 102(2) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be required.

This determination is supported by the following findings:

1. Agency involvement was conducted and environmental issues were identified. The EA lists the agencies that were contacted.
2. The EA *Environmental Consequences* section discloses the environmental consequences of the proposed action and the no-action alternative. Further, this section assesses compliance of the alternatives with environmental mandates, mitigation and other information to support the finding(s) of the significance of environmental impacts.
3. The EA *Living Resources* section and associated Appendices assesses how the action is planned to not jeopardize threatened and endangered species.
4. The EA *Cultural Resources* section and associated Appendices presents findings that the project will have "No Effect upon Cultural Resources". Should undiscovered archeological remains be encountered during the project ground-disturbing activities, project activities will cease in the area of discovery and the stipulations of 36 CFR 800.13(b), (c) and (d) will be followed.
5. The cumulative and indirect effects of the proposed action to the environment are mitigated and not significant.

  
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### NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

**ACTION:** The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is publishing a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for an Environmental Assessment (EA) regarding the proposed transfer of approximately 218.44 acres to federal trust status for non-gaming purposes for the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community. The Iyan Ceyaka Otonwe (ICO) parcel is in Scott County, Minnesota. Planned activities include the redevelopment of the property for residential use siting approximately 69 lots with associated infrastructure needs and recreational facilities such as connections to adjacent walking/biking trails. Based on the EA, the BIA-Midwest Region Office determined that the action will not result in significant impacts to the quality of the human environment; therefore an EIS is not required.

The FONSI, for the proposed transfer of approximately 218.44 acres supporting the ICO project, is available for review for 30 days beginning on December 16, 2016 and expiring on January 15, 2017.

This FONSI is a finding on environmental effects, not a decision to proceed with an action, therefore cannot be appealed. 25 C.F.R. Part 2.7 requires a 30 day appeal period after the decision to proceed with the action is made before the action may be implemented. Appeal information will be made publicly available when the decision to proceed is made.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** You may obtain a copy of the FONSI and/or EA by mailing or faxing a written request including your name and mailing address to:

Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community – ICO EA/FONSI  
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