

## **Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Intent to Request a Release of Funds**

September 1, 2021

Fort Belknap Indian Community  
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Fort Belknap Housing Authority.

### **REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about September 20, 2021 the Fort Belknap Indian Community will authorize the Fort Belknap Housing Authority to submit a request to the U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Indian Housing Block Grant funds under Title 1 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 to undertake a project known as the Eagle Valley Estates housing development project for the purpose of developing the utility infrastructure and construction of 20 new single family houses on tribal land near the Fort Belknap Agency, MT. The estimated funding for entire project is \$6,670,000.

### **FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

The Fort Belknap Indian Community 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). The ERR will be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request to the Fort Belknap Housing Authority offices located at 668 Agency Main Street, Harlem, MT 59826 or by email to [harlan\\_wolf@yahoo.com](mailto:harlan_wolf@yahoo.com). The ERR can be accessed online at the following website: <https://ftbelknap.org/announcements>

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Fort Belknap Indian Community. All comments received September 17, 2021 will be considered by the Fort Belknap Indian Community prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The Fort Belknap Indian Community certifies to HUD that Andrew Werk Jr. in his capacity as Chairman 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 Fort Belknap Indian Community to use program funds.

## OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the Fort Belknap Indian Community'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 Fort Belknap Indian Community; (b) the Fort Belknap Indian Community 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 emailed to [NPONAP\\_Environmental\\_Review\\_Public\\_Comment@hud.gov](mailto:NPONAP_Environmental_Review_Public_Comment@hud.gov). Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Andrew Werk Jr., President, Fort Belknap Indian Community