

that are homeless, or in imminent danger of becoming homeless, as result of Hurricane Sandy, Hurricane Irene or Tropical Storm Lee. The State anticipates the funds will be used in conjunction with the State's Social Service Block Grant, which will support an intensive case management system to help locate housing and stabilize the household through a range of services.

Prior to seeking a waiver, the State explored all options available to those most in need of housing assistance. To date, FEMA has approved over \$1 billion of assistance to more than 115,000 households located in the State of New York. The State has launched significant housing programs to address rehabilitation and reconstruction, however, these programs are not specifically targeted to address the urgent needs of the homeless—many of whom are still housed in shelters or other non-permanent accommodations as a result of Sandy, Irene and Lee. For example, it is estimated that Long Island's current homeless population in shelters exceeds 2,000; approximately 1,000 of these individuals were forced to the shelter as a result of Sandy. Meanwhile, the Section 8 rental assistance program is experiencing a tremendous demand and has a limited supply of available housing, while HOME resources have been reduced by sequestration. The State is aware of individuals being served by the FEMA Temporary Rental Assistance Program, the Transitional Sheltering Assistance, and the Disaster Housing Assistance Program; however, many of these programs have reached funding limits, or are not eligible sources of assistance for the majority of the homeless.

Thus, for the State of New York, the Department is waiving 42 U.S.C. 5305(a), to the extent necessary, to make eligible tenant-based rental assistance for the homeless population, or those at risk of becoming homeless, due to the effects of Hurricane Sandy, Hurricane Irene, or Tropical Storm Lee. Households will not be eligible for tenant-based rental assistance if they have rejected public housing assistance or declined a Section 8 voucher.

b. *City of Joplin*. As a result of the May 2011 tornado, Joplin's housing stock, including its Section 8 voucher program, was severely impacted. In regards to the Section 8 program, 85 voucher-holders were displaced. Since the tornado, new housing units have gradually been added to Joplin's inventory; however, many of these are more costly as Joplin's rental market evolves. Compounding the issue, during its recovery, the Joplin housing authority experienced a decrease in its

“fundable” voucher population due to a lack of available units. As a result of this decrease, the voucher budget provided to the city also decreased, despite the needs of additional households that were displaced. Thus, the city seeks the use of CDBG–DR funds to assist Joplin's housing authority restore its program to reach pre-disaster voucher levels. After reviewing the city's request, the Department is waiving 42 U.S.C. 5305(a), to the extent necessary, to make eligible tenant-based rental assistance so that the city may restore its Section 8 program to pre-disaster levels. Households will not be eligible for tenant-based rental assistance if they have rejected public housing assistance, or declined a Section 8 voucher. A maximum of \$290,000 may be provided by the city for this use.

Going forward, the city and the housing authority are strongly encouraged to continue to assess the voucher program to ensure households in need will have adequate resources available at the expiration of this waiver.

III. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number for the disaster recovery grants under this Notice is as follows: 14.269.

IV. Finding of No Significant Impact

A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) with respect to the environment has been made in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 50, which implement section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C)). The FONSI is available for public inspection between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays in the Regulations Division, Office of General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 10276, Washington, DC 20410–0500. Due to security measures at the HUD Headquarters building, an advance appointment to review the docket file must be scheduled by calling the Regulations Division at 202–708–3055 (this is not a toll-free number). Hearing or speech-impaired individuals may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at 800–877–8339.

Date: March 24, 2014.

Mark Johnston,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Needs Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

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Indian Education Study Group

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of tribal consultation.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Interior, in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Education (ED), will conduct a series of consultation sessions with Indian tribes to review and provide feedback on the draft actionable recommendations prepared by the American Indian Education Study Group.

DATES: Submit written comments on or before June 2, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be submitted to: Jacquelyn Cheek, Special Assistant to the Director, Bureau of Indian Education, 1849 C Street NW., Mail Stop 3609, Washington, DC 20240; telephone (202) 208–6983 or fax (202) 208–3312 or by email to IAEDTC-CMTS@bia.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jacquelyn Cheek, Special Assistant to the Director, Bureau of Indian Education, at the above listed address and telephone number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Secretaries of the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) and the U.S. Department of Education (ED) have convened an American Indian Education Study Group (Study Group) to determine how to effectively fulfill President Obama's vision for Indian Education. The Study Group focused on how to facilitate tribal sovereignty in American Indian education and how to improve educational outcomes for students attending BIE-funded schools. The Study Group previously engaged with tribal leaders and Indian educators in six listening sessions on improving Indian education for BIE to develop draft actionable recommendations.

Based on input from these listening sessions, the Study Group has identified a framework for reform with a goal of high-achieving tribally controlled schools. This goal would allow the schools to deliver methods and practices for every BIE student to meet and exceed high expectations and be well prepared for college, careers, and tribal and global citizenship. The Study Group believes that, in order to reach this goal, the Obama Administration, Congress, and tribes must focus on the following four pillars of reform:

• *Pillar One: Effective Teachers and Principals*—Help tribes identify, recruit, retain and empower diverse, highly effective teachers and principals to maximize student achievement in all tribally controlled schools.

• *Pillar Two: Agile Organizational Environment*—Build a responsive organization with appropriate authority, resources, and services to tribes so they can help their students attain high levels of student achievement.

• *Pillar Three: A Budget That Supports New Capacity Building*

Mission—Develop a budget that is aligned to and supports BIE's new mission of tribal capacity building and scaling up best practices.

• *Pillar Four: Comprehensive Supports Through Partnerships*—Foster and cultivate family, community and organizational partnerships to provide the social and emotional supports BIE students need in order to be ready to learn.

The Study Group will hear input from tribal representatives on these pillars of reform and the actionable

recommendations at consultation sessions and by written comment. Tribal representatives are invited to discuss other education topics and concerns, as time allows. If a tribal representative cannot attend, we invite you to submit written comments to the contact listed in the **ADDRESSES** section.

The table below provides the date, time, and location for each consultation session:

| Date | Time (all times local) | Location |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Monday, April 28, 2014 | 9 a.m. to 5 p.m | Loneman Day School, Oglala, SD. |
| Wednesday, April 30, 2014 | 9 a.m. to 5 p.m | Riverside Indian School, Anadarko, OK. |
| Friday, May 2, 2014 | 9 a.m. to 5 p.m | Muckleshoot School, Auburn, WA. |
| Monday, May 5, 2014 | 9 a.m. to 5 p.m | Gila River Head Start Bldg., Sacaton, AZ. |

For additional information on the consultation sessions and the Study Group, please visit: <http://www.bie.edu/NewsEvents/StudyGroup/index.htm>.

Dated: March 21, 2014.

Kevin K. Washburn,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Temporary Closure on Public Lands in the Gold Butte, Mormon Mesa, and Bunkerville Flats Areas in the Northeastern Portion of Clark County, NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Temporary Closure.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a temporary closure to public access, use, and occupancy will be in effect for the dates and times specified in this Notice on public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Southern Nevada District Office, Las Vegas Field Office, within the Gold Butte, Mormon Mesa, and Bunkerville Flats Areas in the northeastern portion of Clark County, Nevada. This temporary closure is necessary to limit public access, use, and occupancy during an impoundment of illegally grazing cattle to ensure the safety and welfare of the public, contractors, and government employees. On March 10, 2014, the BLM signed a Decision Record

to implement the temporary closure (*see also* Environmental Assessment DOI-BLM-NVS010-2014-0020-EA). The temporary closure decision was approved by the Department of the Interior on March 24, 2014.

DATES: *Effective Dates:* The temporary closure of public lands will be in effect between March 27, 2014 and May 12, 2014.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ryan Chatterton, Project Manager 702-515-5187, *email:* mrchatterton@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This temporary closure to public access affects public lands in the Gold Butte, Mormon Mesa, and Bunkerville Flats Areas in the northeastern portion of Clark County, Nevada that are managed by the Bureau of Land Management, and are within the legal description as follows:

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 13S., Rs. 67 thru 71E;
T. 14S., Rs. 67 thru 71E;
T. 15S., Rs. 67 thru 71E;
T. 16S., Rs. 67 thru 71E;
T. 17S., R. 67 and Rs. 69 thru 71 E;
T. 18S., R. 67 and Rs. 69 thru 71 E;
T. 19S., R. 67 and Rs. 69 thru 71 E;
T. 20S., Rs. 69 and 70 E.

The area described contains approximately 578,724 acres in Clark County, Nevada.

The temporary closure will not affect all of the above-described lands, but will instead only encompass those public lands necessary to ensure safe operations and only for the period of time necessary to achieve safety objectives.

The impound operation includes the authorized use of low-flying aircraft to herd and capture cattle from various portions of the Gold Butte, Mormon Mesa, and Bunkerville Flats areas. The area is remote with limited vehicular access over steep, rugged terrain. There will be numerous vehicles and support staff conducting operations in this area, as well as movement of feral cattle that pose a threat to public safety. Enforcement of the temporary closure by law enforcement personnel will be limited to those geographic areas determined by Incident Command staff, within the overall closure boundary, that need to be closed based on planned and on-going operations to ensure the safety of the public, Federal employees, and contractor personnel.

It is anticipated the impound operations will last approximately 21 days, but could last up to 30 days depending upon weather, location of cattle, success of capture operations, and other variable conditions. The temporary closure may be rescinded prior to May 12, 2014, if impound operations are successfully completed before that date.

Maps of the affected area and other documents associated with this temporary closure are available at the Southern Nevada District Office, 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV