Draft Finding of No Significant Impact

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), codified at 42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq., a Draft Environmental Assessment has been prepared for providing Federal financial assistance to the Pueblo of Pojoaque Tribe. The project is subject to NEPA review because it is being funded, in part, with Federal funding available from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance.

Proposed Action

The purpose of the proposed action is to renovate the first floor of the Judicial Complex and expand the facility by extending the Law Enforcement office space. The first floor has a total of 8,635 square feet. The Legal Department which currently uses 2,664 square feet will move to a different location. The existing floor area will be reconfigured to allow expansion for the Police Department and the Social Services Department. The Tribal Court will add the area of the Legal Department's conference room for day-reporting and associated abuse groups and support meeting.

Location

Project Area: 1,63 Acres, T19N, R09E, Secs, 8, 17, Espanola, NM (35106-H1), US 7.5 Quadrangle Sante Fe County, New Mexico

Finding

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, and Bureau of Justice Assistance has determined that the proposed renovation of the facility would not significantly affect the quality of the human or physical environment. It is not expected that an environmental impact statement will be prepared for this project.

Public Comments

Interested parties may obtain a copy of the Draft Environmental Assessment from or may submit written comments relating to this Draft Finding of No Significant Impact to the following address: Christina Cartier, 2 Petroglyph Circle, Santa Fe, NM 87506 or http://www.pojoaque.org/tribal-police
No administrative action will be taken on the project before 05/20/2020 which is 30 calendar days after the public notice of this Draft Finding of No Significant Impact.

Authorizing Signature  

Date  4/14/20