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Memorandum

To: Regional Director, Northwest Regional Office  
From: Director, Office of Indian Gaming *Shirley L. Hart*  
Subject: Coquille Indian Tribe, Restored Lands Determination

The Office of Indian Gaming has under review the Coquille Indian Tribe's application to acquire land in trust within the City of Medford in Jackson County, Oregon, pursuant to the Coquille Restoration Act ("CRA"), Pub. L. No. 101-42, 103 Stat. 9125 (1989). The Tribe has also requested that the Department of the Interior ("Department") determine whether the land will be eligible for gaming under the "Restored Lands Exception" of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, 25 U.S.C § 2719 (b)(1)(B)(iii).

The Solicitor's Office has completed its preliminary review of the Tribe's request for a determination of gaming eligibility, and initially finds that the land will qualify for the Restored Lands Exception if the land is acquired in trust pursuant to the CRA. The Department will finalize its determination when the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs completes his review and decision of the Tribe's trust acquisition application pursuant to 25 C.F.R. Part 151 and the National Environmental Policy Act. Accordingly, please proceed to process the Tribe's application pursuant to the Restored Lands Exception analysis.