

NOTICE TO PREPARE A PROGRAMMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE NOXIOUS WEED PLAN ON THE TRUST LANDS ASSOCIATED WITH THE FLANDREAU SANTEE SIOUX TRIBE IN SOUTH DAKOTA

The United States Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Great Plains Regional Office (GPRO) is preparing a programmatic environmental assessment (PEA) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR]1500-1508), for continued noxious weed management on trust lands associated with the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe in South Dakota (see figure below). The PEA will analyze the potential impacts associated with the BIA’s development/implementation of the noxious weed plan for continued prevention, early detection, and control/containment of noxious weeds within the exterior boundaries of the trust lands associated with the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe in South Dakota.

The BIA is seeking your input as part of the NEPA scoping process. Comments might include reasonable alternatives, mitigation measures, probable or possible adverse impacts, and other considerations. The public comment period will begin on August 30, 2021. The BIA will accept written comments until close of business September 29, 2021. Please include the “Flandreau Noxious Weed Plan PEA” in the subject line of any correspondence. Comments should be submitted via email or post delivery to the environmental consultant assisting the BIA with the development of the PEA:

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