**NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

**AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

October 1, 2025

Karuk Tribe

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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural notification requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Karuk Tribe.

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about October 18th, 2025 the Karuk Tribe will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) funds under related laws (42 U.S.C. 5301, 24 CFR Part 1003, etc.), as amended, to undertake a project known as the “Yreka Head Start Construction” in the community of Yreka California. The Karuk Tribe is requesting a $2,000,000 grant from HUD ICDBG program to construct the Head Start facility.

The project description is: The proposed facility is 6,643 sq ft Head Start Center with areas of education, nutrition, family services and special needs screening and resource delivery. This facility will replace the existing Head Start Center. The newly constructed Yreka Head Start Facility will ensure that the Low- and Moderate-Income (LMI) families have access to Head Start services in a safe and healthy manner. The construction of this facility not only will allow for more efficient service delivery but also will allow for the future expansion of the Head Start program in order to accommodate the future funding and building expansion of the program to include Early Head Start services. The facility includes two 733 sq. ft. classrooms (each for 20 students) with exits to the playground, adjoining storage, restrooms, and special services rooms. Staff spaces include teacher offices, a break room with copier/fax, staff restrooms, and a shared Director/Deputy Director office. Support areas feature an IT room, records room, family service worker office with secure entry, kitchen and storage for meal preparation, a multipurpose/conference room for family and staff events, and a mechanical/utility room with exterior access for maintenance. Additional general storage, a public restroom, and a hallway for future Early Head Start expansion complete the layout, ensuring dedicated areas for education, staff functions, family services, and operational support. It is estimated that construction would begin in Fall 2026 and be completed in Fall 2029. The total cost of the Head Start construction Project is estimated to be $2,456,281.

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

The Karuk Tribe has determined that with the proposed mitigation measures, the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR), which is available on the Tribe’s website at the following address: https://www.karuk.us/category/announcements

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to Ms. Emma Lee Perez of the Karuk Tribe (emmaleeperez@karuk.us). All comments received by October 18th, 2025, will be considered by the Karuk Tribe prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commenters should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing (either the Finding of No Significance or the Request for Release of Funds).

**RELEASE OF FUNDS**

The Karuk Tribe certifies to HUD that Mr. Russell Attebery in his capacity as Tribal Chairman and NEPA Certifying Officer 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 Karuk Tribe to use Program funds.

**OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the Karuk Tribe’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 or other officer of the Karuk Tribe; (b) the Karuk Tribe 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 project have committed funds or incurred costs 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) and shall be emailed to the HUD grant administration office at RROFSFRO@hud.gov and to Quatisha.N.Samuel@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact the HUD via email at RROFSFRO@hud.gov and Quatisha.N.Samuel@hud.gov to verify the last actual day of the objection period.

Mr. Russell Attebery

Tribal Chairman, Karuk Tribe and NEPA Certifying Officer