**Notice of Availability**

**Flandreau Santee Sioux Agricultural Leasing Programmatic Environmental Assessment**

The United States Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is planning to continue the current agricultural leasing process (i.e., the granting and administration of agricultural leases), pursuant to 25 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 162 Subpart B, whether performed by the BIA or the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe (Tribe), on trust lands associated with the Tribe in South Dakota.

A programmatic environmental assessment (PEA) determined that implementation of the agency’s preferred alternative, the Proposed Action, in which the BIA would approve the continued implementation of BIA’s current agricultural leasing process (i.e., the granting and administration of agricultural leases) pursuant to 25 CFR Part 162 Subpart B, on trust lands associated with the Tribe in South Dakota will have no significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Under this preferred alternative, agricultural leasing would continue uninterrupted using all existing procedures, plans, and stipulations and would incorporate provisions and requirements of the Tribe’s agricultural resource management plan once it becomes available. An environmental impact statement will not be required. Contact the BIA Great Plains Regional Office at (605) 226-7343 for more information and/or copies of the PEA and the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

The FONSI is only a finding on environmental impacts - it is not a decision to proceed with an action and cannot be appealed.

![Figure 1. Project Area](image-url)

*Flandreau Santee Sioux Trust Lands*  
*Agricultural Leasing PEA*