

**Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
1720 Big Lake Road
Cloquet, Minnesota 55720**

Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)

Project: Cartwright Road Homesites

Location: East side of Cartwright Road, north of Moorhead Road – Section 33 of Township 49 North, Range 17 West in Carlton County, on the Fond du Lac Reservation.

Based upon the attached Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Cartwright Road Homesites involving the construction of five individual single-family homes, garages, driveways, drinking-water wells, and septic systems on five separate lease lots on the Fond du Lac Reservation, I have determined that by implementation of the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa proposed action and environmental mitigation measures as specified in the EA, the proposed Cartwright Road Homesites will have no significant impact on the quality of the human environment. In accordance with Section 705(a) of the Fond du Lac Tribal Environmental Policy Ordinance (TEPO) (Ordinance #05/10, adopted by Resolution #1343/10 of the Fond du Lac Reservation Business Committee on September 21, 2010), an Environmental Impact Statement will not be required for this proposed project.

This determination is supported by the following findings:

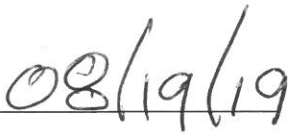
1. Agency and FdL staff consultation and coordination was conducted and environmental issues related to development of the Cartwright Road Homesites were identified. Alternative courses of action and mitigation measures were developed in response to environmental concerns and issues.
2. Section 4 of the Environmental Assessment discloses the environmental consequences of the proposed action and two potentially viable alternatives were considered, including the “no action” alternative.
3. The proposed action is planned to not jeopardize any federally or state listed threatened or endangered species. A Key to the Northern Long-Eared Bat 4(d) Rule for Non-Federal Activities was prepared, which determined an “Incidental Take” finding for all six lease lots. No notification to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is necessary.

4. Invasive plant species present on the lease lots will be evaluated by the Fond du Lac Invasive Species Coordinator for possible control efforts to prevent the spread of these species to other parts of the Reservation.

5. Section 4 and Appendix describe that there are no adverse effects on cultural properties for five of the lots that will be available for lease.



Reginald DeFoe, Director
Resource Management Division
Fond du Lac Reservation



Date