

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY: PARKER AREA WAL-MART STORE
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Colorado River Agency is releasing a Notice of Availability for the Wal-Mart draft Environmental Assessment (EA). The development encompasses approximately 10.31 acres of land on the Colorado River Indian Reservation.

Project Description:

The proposed project is the Colorado River Indian Tribes' (CRIT) proposal to lease a site to Wal-Mart, Inc. to construct and operate a 99,000 square foot Wal-Mart Superstore on a 10.31 acre parcel of federal trust land located on State Route 95 approximately 0.15 mile east of the Town of Parker across from the Moovalya Plaza Shopping Center. The BIA is the lead agency for National Environmental Policy Act compliance.

The Draft EA describes and analyzes a proposed preferred action alternative and a no action alternative. The preferred action alternative includes information regarding effects on cultural resources, wildlife & vegetation, water supply, wastewater treatment & disposal, and transportation access. In addition, a copy of a letter from the BIA Regional Archeologist stating that the consultation process with the Arizona State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has been completed and SHPO concurs with the finding of "No Historic Properties Affected" is included with the EA.

The preferred alternative described in the EA is based on the Colorado River Indian Tribe's desire to develop its land resources to diversify its economic base and provide additional employment opportunities to the area.

NEPA Process and Public Comment Period:

The EA is available for public review and comment beginning December 19, 2007 and ending January 7, 2008, 20 day comment period. Copies of the draft EA will be located at the following locations:

- 1) Colorado River Agency, 12124 First Avenue, Bldg. 4, Parker, AZ 85344
- 2) CRIT Planning Office, CRIT Administration Bldg - 2nd floor, 26600 Mohave Road, Parker, AZ 85344
- 3) CRIT Library, 26600 Mohave Road, Parker, AZ 85344

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Written comments must be submitted by close of business on Monday, January 7, 2008. All comments received become part of the public record associated with this action. Accordingly, your comments (including name and address) will be available for review by any person that wishes to review the record. At your request, we will withhold your name and address to the extent allowed by the Freedom of Information Act or any other law.