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Finding of No Significant Impact

*Environmental Assessment for the Installation of a Solar Array, Emmet County,
Michigan.*

Little Traverse Bay Band (LTBB) of Odawa Indians.

Based on the July 18, 2017 Environmental Assessment (EA) for the LTBB Solar Array project, which examines the proposal to install a solar array with a project footprint of approximately 960 square feet capable of producing approximately 16,500 kilowatt hours of power on an annual basis; I have determined that the solar array installation will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Therefore, in accordance with Section 102(2) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be required.

This determination is supported by the following findings:

1. Agency involvement was conducted and environmental issues related to the solar array installation were identified. Alternative(s) were identified and mitigation measures were developed to effectively address the environmental issues identified.
2. The EA discloses the environmental consequences of the proposed action and potentially viable alternative(s); which includes the "no action" alternative.
3. Protective measures will be levied to protect land resources, water resources, biological resources and historic and cultural resources as outlined in Section 4 Mitigation Measures.
4. The EA discloses the action is planned to not jeopardize threatened and endangered species.
5. The EA discloses presents findings that the project will have "No Effect upon Cultural Resources" using avoidance procedures. Should undiscovered archeological remains be encountered during the project ground-disturbing activities, project activities will cease in the area of discovery and the stipulations of 36 CFR 800.13(b), (c) and (d) will be followed.
6. Impacts to public health and safety are mitigated through implementation of safety measures.

7. Impacts to floodplains and wetland resources affected by the preferred action and the no-action alternative are mitigated and not significant.

8. The cumulative and indirect effects of the proposed action to the environment are mitigated and not significant.

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