

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

Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)

Project: Brookston Community Center Biomass Project

Location: 8200 Belich Road, on the Fond du Lac Reservation in St. Louis County, Minnesota.

Based upon the attached Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Brookston Community Center Biomass Project involving the demolition of three storage garages, followed by the site preparation and construction of two adjoining buildings; one a 57-foot by 58-foot biomass building to house the 2.2 mmBtu/hr wood boiler and associated infrastructure, and two, a 57-foot by 41-foot maintenance garage to replace the storage garages as described in the EA, all on the above described property 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 Brookston Community Center Biomass Project 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 Brookston Community Center Biomass Project 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.

4. Section 4 and Appendix describe that an Application for Review of Undertaking must be submitted to the FDL Tribal Historic Preservation Office for review.



Thomas Howes, Acting Director
Resource Management Division
Fond du Lac Reservation

10/31/23

Date