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SORNA Substantial Implementation Review Bois Forte Band of Chippewa

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (SMART) would like to thank the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa for the extensive work that has gone into its effort to substantially implement Title I of the Adam Walsh Act, the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA). The SMART Office has completed its review of the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa' SORNA substantial implementation packet and has found that the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa has substantially implemented SORNA.

On May 28, 2011, the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa submitted a substantial implementation package that included several exhibits, including background information on the tribe and its criminal justice system, courts, and police department; policies and procedures regarding sex offender registration; the tribe's sex offender registration law; and other relevant additional laws. They provided forms and memoranda of agreement with other law enforcement agencies. In addition, email and phone correspondence with tribal representatives filled in gaps in laws and procedure.

Our review of these materials follows the outline of the SMART Office Substantial Implementation Checklist-Revised, which contains 14 relevant sections addressing the SORNA requirements. Under each section, we indicate that the Washoe Tribe meets the SORNA requirements of that section.

I. Immediate Transfer of Information

The Bois Forte Band of Chippewa meets all of the SORNA requirements in this section.

II. Offenses that Must Be Included in the Registry

The Bois Forte Band of Chippewa meets all of the SORNA requirements in this section.

III. Tiering of Offenses

The Bois Forte Band of Chippewa meets all of the SORNA requirements in this section.

IV. Required Registration Information

The Bois Forte Band of Chippewa meets all of the SORNA requirements in this section.

V. Where Registration is Required

The Bois Forte Band of Chippewa meets all of the SORNA requirements in this section.

VI. Initial Registration: Timing and Notice

The Bois Forte Band of Chippewa meets all of the SORNA requirements in this section.

VII. Initial Registration: Retroactive Classes of Offenders

The Bois Forte Band of Chippewa meets all of the SORNA requirements in this section.

VIII. Keeping the Registration Current

The Bois Forte Band of Chippewa meets all of the SORNA requirements in this section.

IX. Verification/Appearance Requirements

The Bois Forte Band of Chippewa meets all of the SORNA requirements in this section.

X. Public Registry Website Requirements

The Bois Forte Band of Chippewa meets all of the SORNA requirements in this section.

XI. Community Notification

The Bois Forte Band of Chippewa meets all of the SORNA requirements in this section.

XII. When a Sex Offender Fails to Appear for Registration

The Bois Forte Band of Chippewa meets all of the SORNA requirements in this section.

XIII. When a Jurisdiction has Information that a Sex Offender may have Absconded

The Bois Forte Band of Chippewa meets all of the SORNA requirements in this section.

XIV. Other Considerations

The Tribe's substantial implementation submission followed very closely with the model code and their policy and procedures are exceptional. The Bois Forte Band of Chippewa is a very small tribe, with very few violent offenders living, working, or attending school on their lands.

Their relationship with the State of Minnesota is excellent and the state's level of cooperation with the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa on the issues regarding implementation of SORNA is notable.

Conclusion

The Bois Forte Band of Chippewa has put forth exceptional work and effort in adopting SORNA and enhancing its sex offender registration and notification system.