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Ms. Lois Martin
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Dear Ms. Martin:

The Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation (Petitioner #82) is under active consideration for a proposed finding (PF) in the Federal acknowledgment process. The Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs (AS-IA) extended the review of the documented petition for an additional 180 days beyond July 29, 2015, to Monday, January 25, 2016.

Please be aware that on July 1, 2015, the Department of the Interior (Department) issued revisions to the Federal acknowledgment regulations that will be effective on July 31, 2015. By separate letter on or before August 31, 2015, you will be provided an opportunity to choose to complete the petitioning process under the present (1994) regulations or proceed under the new regulations. That choice must be made by September 29, 2015.

Due to administrative issues, the AS-IA found good cause to extend active consideration under §83.10(h) for up to 180 additional days, ending Friday, January 23, 2016. This extension will allow the Department time to complete its review of the petitioner for a proposed finding under the applicable regulations. This letter notifies Petitioner #82 and interested and informed parties of this 180-day extension.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Office of Federal Acknowledgment, 1950 Constitution Avenue, N.W., MS-34B SIB, Washington, D.C. 20240. Your understanding in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Director, Office of Federal Acknowledgment

cc: Interested and Informed Parties