

Governor's Office of Planning and Research State Clearinghouse



Gray Davis GOVERNOR April 5, 2000 Loretta Lynch DIRECTOR

TO: Reviewing Agencies (see attached list)

RE: <u>SCH# 99-015:</u> Notice of Land Acquisition Application to Transfer Property into Trust for the Karuk Tribe by the United States (Siskiyou & Humbodlt County).

Enclosed for your review and comment is a notice from the Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) regarding the above referenced application for transfer of land to Indian trust. Transferring land from private ownership to Indian trust removes the land from the property tax roll and essentially exempts it from State and local codes and regulations. For example, development of Indian trust land is not subject to either local zoning codes or the California Environmental Quality Act.

Please review the proposal and respond to the BIA within 30 days of receipt of this notice, with concurrent copies to the State Clearinghouse, the California Department of Justice (to the attention of Deputy Attorney General Sara Drake), and the Governor's Office of Legal Affairs (to the attention of Chief Deputy Legal Affairs Secretary Robert Shuman).

Please direct comments to:

Elaina M. Doyle Bureau of Indian Affairs Sacramento Area Office 2800 Cottage Way Sacramento, California 95825

If you have any questions on this matter, please call us at (916) 445-0613. Also, comments may be faxed to us at (916) 323-3018. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

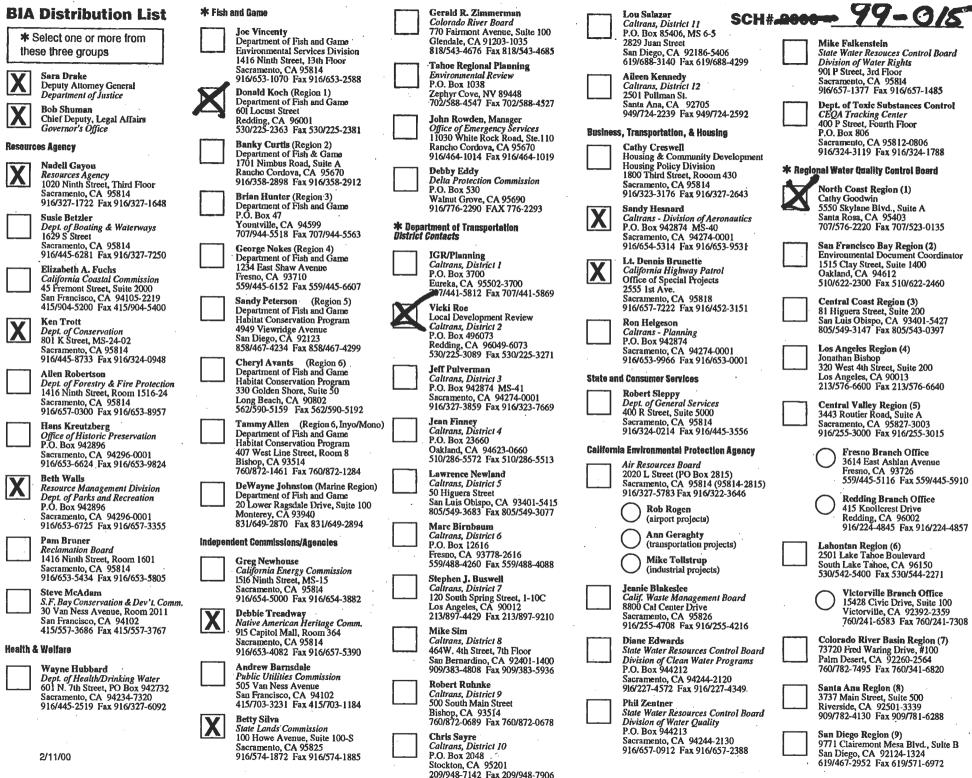
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Terry Roberts, Senior Planner, State Clearinghouse

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CERTIFIED MAIL - # Z 384 608 884 - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

State Clearinghouse Office of Planning & Research State of California 1400 Tenth Street, Room 121 Sacramento, California 95814 MAR 2 4 2000 APR - 4 2000

Gentlemen:

Enclosed for your appropriate distribution are ten copies of our Notice of Application seeking acceptance of title to real property "in trust for the Karuk Tribe of California, so named therein by the authorized representative of the Secretary of the Interior on behalf of the United States of America. Said Notice is issued pursuant to the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 25, INDIANS, Part 151.10, 151.11.

Sincerely,

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Regional Director

Enclosure(s)



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IN REPLY REFER TO:

NOTICE OF LAND ACQUISITION APPLICATION

Pursuant to the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 25, INDIANS, Part 151, as amended, notice is given of the application filed by the Karuk Tribe of California Indians, to have real property accepted into Trust for the Karuk Tribe by the United States of America. The determination whether to acquire this property in trust will be made in the exercise of discretionary authority, which is vested in the Secretary of the Interior, or his authorized representative, U.S. Department of the Interior. To assist us in the exercise of that discretion, we invite your comments on the proposed acquisition. In order for the Secretary to assess the impact of the removal of the subject property from the tax rolls, and if applicable to your organization, we also request that you provide the following information.

(1) If known, the annual amount of property taxes currently levied on the subject property allocated to your organization;

(2) Any special assessments, and amounts thereof, that are currently assessed against the property in support of your organization;

(3) Any governmental services that are currently provided to the property by your organization; and

(4) If subject to zoning, how the intended use is consistent, or inconsistent, with current zoning.

We are providing the following information regarding this application:

APPLICANT(S)

Karuk Tribe of California

LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION

APN: 33-610-120 / 150 - UPPER KATIMIN

Parcel 1:

Indian Allotment Survey No. 321 A, being a portion of the Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 33. Township 12 North, Range 6 East, H.M. being more particularly desired as: That portion of Indian Allotment Survey No. 321 in Section 33, Township 12 North, Range 6 East, H. M.

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That portion of Indian Allotment Survey No. 321 in Sec. 33, T.12N., R. 6 E., H.M.

Beginning at the Northeast corner of said allotment, thence in a Southwesterly direction along the North boundary to the Northwest corner of said allotment; thence in a Southern direction along the entire West boundary of said allotment to the Southwest corner thereof; thence in a Northeasterly direction along the South boundary of said allotment to a point 120.0 feet West of the Southeast corner thereof; thence in a Northwesterly direction at an angle of ninety degrees from the South boundary line for a distance of approximately 100 feet to a peppernut tree; thence in a Northeasterly direction to a madrone tree on the East boundary of said Allotment (said tree being approximately 140 feet from the Southeast boundary of said allotment); thence from said madrone tree along the East boundary of said allotment to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

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EXCEPTING THEREFROM that portion thereof conveyed to Lafayette Donahue by patent from the United States of America, recorded September 25, 1964 in Book 508 at page 345, Official Records of Siskiyou County.

PARCEL II:

All that portion of Indian Allotment Survey No. 321 B in the Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 33, Township 12 North, Range 6 East, H.M., lying Westerly of and adjacent to the following described line and Southerly prolongation thereof.

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The bearings used in the above description are on the California coordinate system, Zone 1, and the distances are surface. Containing 0.9 acres (33-610-120), .1 acre (33-610-150), more or less.

APN: 033-610-070 / 033-610-100 - ISHI-PISHI (BUEHLER)

All that real property situate in the County of Siskiyou, State of California, described as follows:

Lots 316A and 316C in Section 33, Township 12 North, Range 6 East, Humboldt Meridian, Siskiyou County, California. Containing 2.6 acres (033-610-070); 1.1 acre (033-610-100) more or less.

APN: 26-550-150 - ELLIOTT CREEK

Parcel 1A, according to that certain Parcel Map for James and Kathy Kutzer, recorded June 12, 1986, in Book 10 of Parcel Maps, at page 57, Siskiyou County Records, located in Section 20, Township 14 North, Range 6 East, H.M., Siskiyou County, California. Containing 16 acres, more or less.

APN: 529-132-21- Y - PANAMNIK (GERA)

That real property situated in the County of Humboldt, State of California, described as follows:

Commencing at a point on the South line of State Highway 96, from which US Mineral Monument No. 22 bears South 69° 11" West, a distance of 1802.8 feet, also from which the quarter corner between Section 36 in Township 11 North, Range 5 East, and Section 31 in Township 11 North, Range 6 East, Humboldt Base & Meridian, bears North 13° 41" West, a distance of 1153.1 feet, said point also being the Northwest corer of Parcel Two described in Deed to Orleans Veneer and Lumber Company, a Corporation, recorded July 21, 1955, in Book 348, Page 646, Humboldt County Official Records; Thence South 7° 59" East along the West line of said Orleans Veneer and Lumber Company parcel and its southerly prolongation a distance of 400.9 feet to the southerly line of the Haines Placer Mining Claim, as described in Patent recorded in Book 23 of Patents, page 342, Humboldt County Records;

Thence along the southerly boundary of said Mining Claim North 69° 15" East, 67.9 feet and North 70° East, a distance of 330.1 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING of the Parcel to be described herein;

Thence from said true point of beginning North 6° 02" East, 111 feet to the centerline of exiting road right of way,

Thence easterly along the centerline of said road, 150 feet,

Thence South 6° 02" West. 90 feet, more or less, to the southerly line of said Haines Placer Mining Claim;

Thence South 70° West along said last mentioned line, 150 feet, more or less, to the true point of beginning. Containing .25 acres, more or less.

PROPOSED LAND USE:

The Karuk Tribe intends to restore these ceremonial, burial and sacred sites back to the original protected state. The Tribe intends on debris-clearing and regular maintenance activities; there are no plans to alter the present use. This application is consistent with the proposed Land Consolidation Plan, which includes acquisition of additional lands held in trust within the Karuk Ancestral Territory to restore ceremonial and village sites.

CURRENT TAXES AND ZONING:

Current taxes have been paid for 1998-1999. There are no records of any previous permits of development with the subject sites.

EXISTING EASEMENTS/ENCUMBRANCES:

Upper Katimin property: Easement for the Siskiyou Telephone Company, for poles, conduits and incidental purposes.

Elliott Creek property: Easement for Public Access to an existing cemetery 20 foot wide; building set back line, 30 feet from lot lines; no subsurface disturbance within 115' x 165' area around cemetery as noted on town map book 7, pages 51 and 52 and on Lot 1 will be monitored.

SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:

The parcels of this request are targeted sites for cultural preservation.

As indicated above, the purpose for seeking your comments regarding the proposed trust land acquisition is to obtain sufficient data that would enable an analysis of the potential impact on local/state government which may result from the removal of the subject property from the tax roll and local jurisdiction.

This notice does not constitute, or replace, a notice that might be issued for the purpose of compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

Your written comments should be addressed to the Bureau of Indian Affairs at the above address. Any comments received within thirty days of your receipt of this notice will be considered and made a part of our record. You may be granted an extension of time to furnish comments, provided you submit a written justification requesting such extension within thirty days of receipt of this letter.

An extension of ten to thirty days may be granted. Copies of all comments will additionally be provided to the applicant(s). You will be notified of the decision to approve or deny the application.

A copy of the application, excluding any documentation exempted under the Freedom of Information Act, is available for review at the above address. A request to make an appointment to review the application, or questions regarding the application, may be directed to Elaina M. Doyle, Realty Specialist, at the above address or (916) 978-6098.

Sincerely,

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Acting Regional Director

Enclosure(s) Legal Descriptions Site Map(s)

cc: BY CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED TO:

Board of Supervisors - Z 384 608 877 County of Siskiyou P. O. Box 338 Yreka, California 96097

Planning Director, Planning Department - Z 384 608 870 County of Siskiyou P. O. Box 1085 Yreka, California 96097

Siskiyou County Treasurer - Z 384 608 871 and Tax Collector P. O. Box 600 Yreka, California 96097

State Clearinghouse - Z 384 608 872 Office of Planning and Research State of California 1400 Tenth Street, Rm. 121 Sacramento, California 95814

Mr. Eric M. George, Deputy Legal Affairs Secretary - Z 384 608 873 Office of the Governor State Capitol Building Sacramento, California 95814

Ms. Sara Drake, Deputy Attorney General - Z 384 608 874 State of California Department of Justice P. O. Box 944255 Sacramento, California 94244-2550

Mr. Alvis Johnson, Chairman - Z 384 608 875 Karuk Tribe of California P. O. Box 1016 Happy Camp, California 96039

REGULAR MAIL

Superintendent, Northern California Agency 1900 Churn Creek, Suite 300 Redding, California 96002 Thomas D. Conlon. Director – Z 384 608 905 Humboldt County Planning Division 3015 H. Street Eureka, California 95501-4484

Treasurer and Tax Collector - Z 384 608 906 County of Humboldt 825 5the Street Eureka, California 95501

Board of Supervisors - Z 384 608 907 County of Humboldt 825 5the Street Eureka, California 95501

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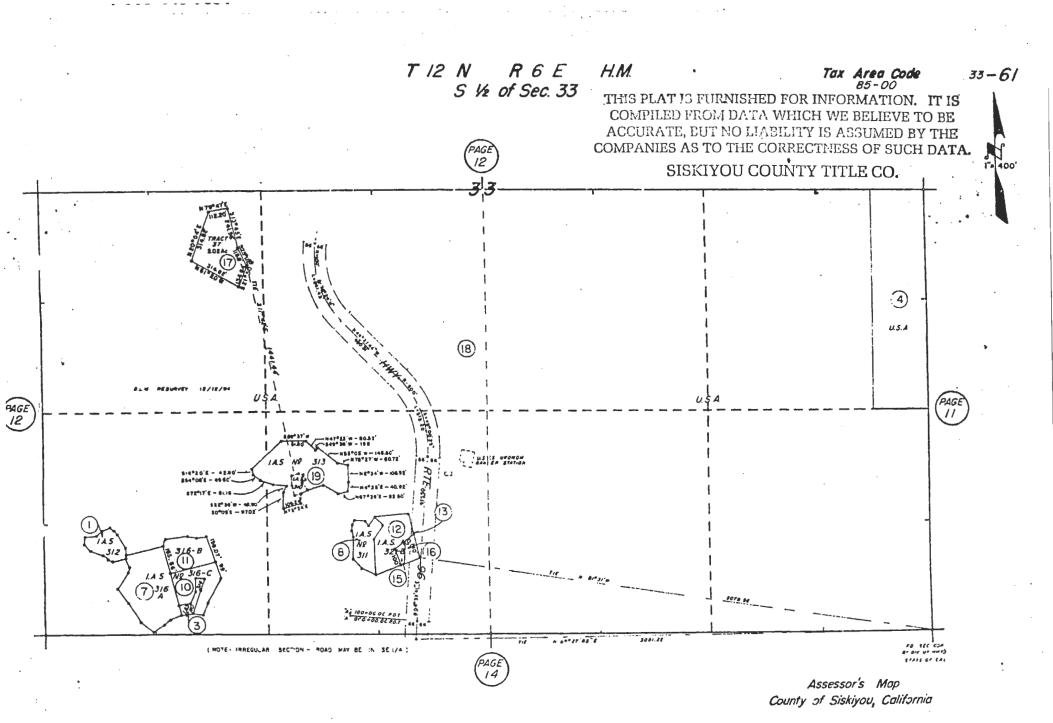
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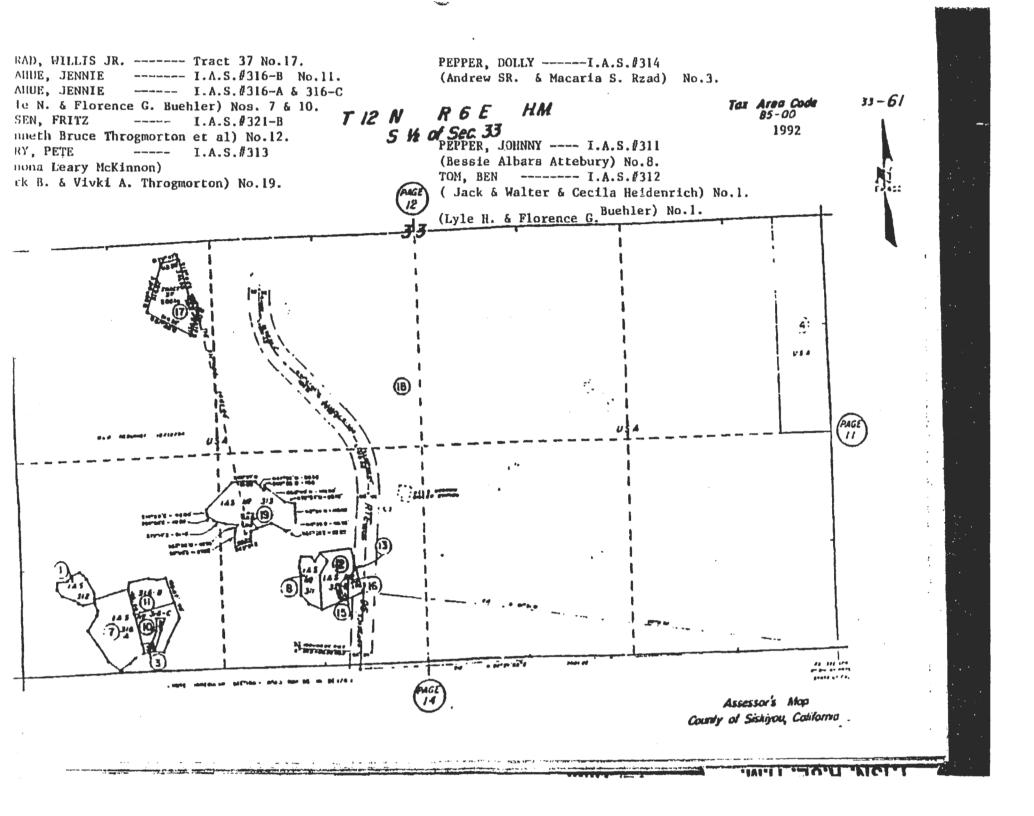
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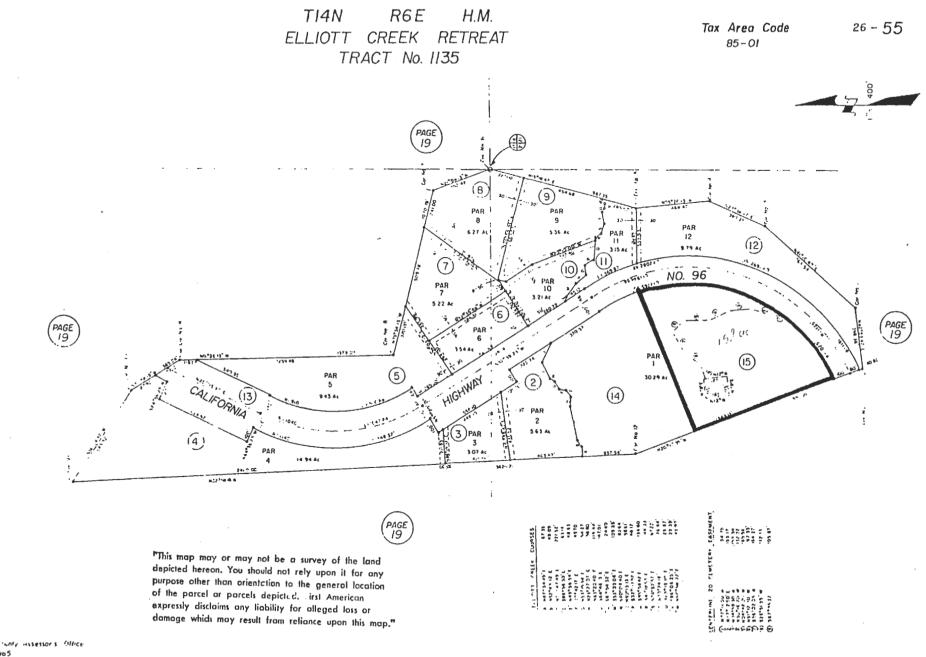
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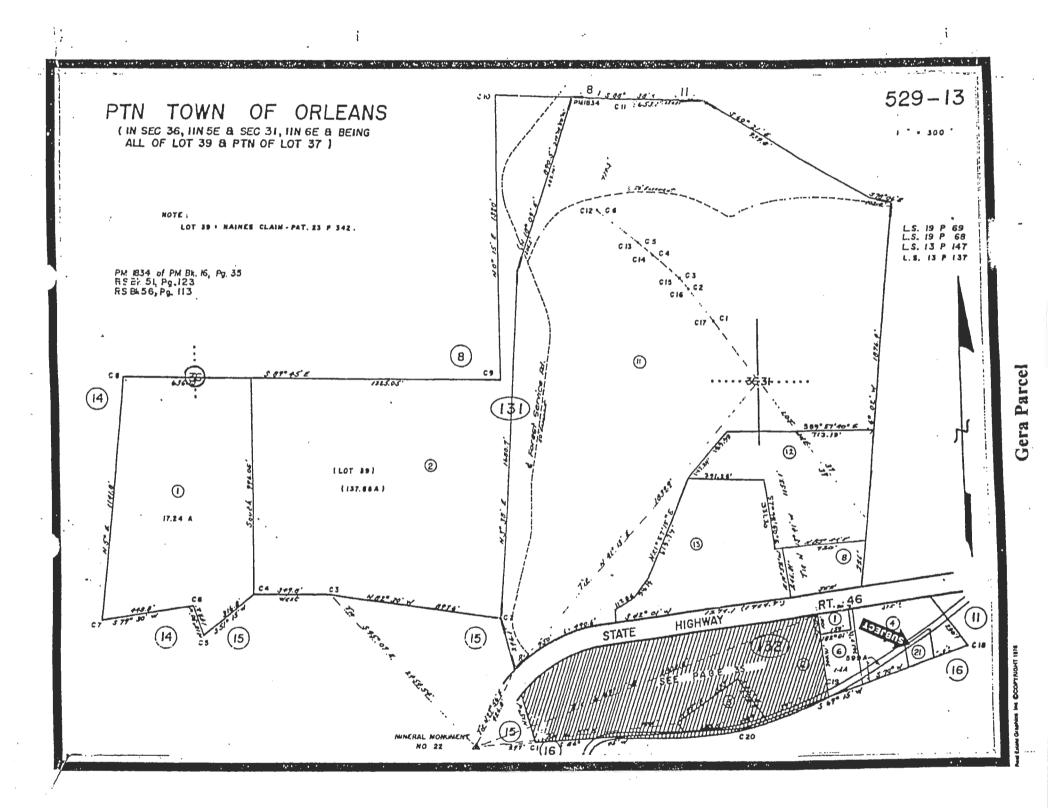




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Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations, Administrative Appeals to the Interior Board

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[36 FR 7186. Apr. 15. 1971, as amended at 55 FR 43133. Oct. 26. 1990]

§4.306 Time for payment.

A tribe shall pay the full fair market value of the interests purchased, as set forth in the appraisal report or as determined after hearing in accordance with §4.305, whichever is applicable, within 2 years from the date of decedent's death or within 1 year from the date of notice of purchase, whichever comes later.

4.307 Title.

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Upon payment by the tribe of the interests. purchased, the Superintendent shall issue a certificate to the administrative law judge that this has been done and file therewith such documents in support thereof as the administrative law judge may require. The administrative law judge shall then issue an order that the United States holds title to such interests in trust for the tribe, lodge the complete record, including the decision, with the title plant as provided in §4.236(b), furnish a duplicate record thereof to the Superintendent. and mail a notice of such action together with a copy of the decision to each party in interest.

§4.308 Disposition of income.

During the pendency of the probate and up to the date of transfer of title to the United States in trust for the tribe in accordance with §4.307, all income received or accrued from the land interests purchased by the tribe shall be credited to the estate.

CROSS REFERENCE: See 25 CFR part 2 for procedures for appeals to Area Directors and to the Commissioner of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

- 43 CFR Subtitle A (10-1-94 Edition)

GENERAL RULES APPLICABLE TO PRO-CEEDINGS ON APPEAL BEFORE THE INTERIOR BOARD OF INDIAN APPEALS

SOURCE: Sections 4.310 through 4.318 appear at 54 FR 6485, Feb. 10, 1989, unless otherwise noted.

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§4.310 Documents.

(a) Filing. The effective date for filing a notice of appeal or other document with the Board during the course of an appeal is the date of mailing or the date of personal delivery, except that a motion for the Board to assume jurisdiction over an appeal under 25 CFR 2.20(e) shall be effective the date it is received by the Board.

(b) Service. Notices of appeal and pleadings shall be served on all parties in interest in any proceeding before the Interior Board of Indian Appeals by the party filing the notice or pleading with the Board. Service shall be accomplished upon personal delivery or mailing. Where a party is represented in an appeal by an attorney or other representative authorized under 43 CFR 1.3. service of any document on the attorney or representative is service .on the party. Where a party is represented by more than one attorney, service on any one attorney is sufficient. The certificate of service on an attorney or representative shall include the name of the party whom the attorney or representative represents and indicate that service was made on the attorney or representative.

(c) Computation of time for filing and service. Except as otherwise provided by law, in computing any period of time prescribed for filing and serving a document, the day upon which the decision or document to be appealed or answered was served or the day of any other event after which a designated period of time begins to run is not to be included. The last day of the period so computed is to be included, unless it is a Saturday, Sunday, Federal legal holiday, or other nonbusiness day, in which event the period runs until the end of the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, Federal legal holiday. or other nonbusiness day. When the time prescribed or allowed is 7 days or less, intermediate Saturdays, Sundays, Federal legal holidays, and other

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nonbusiness days shall be excluded in the computation.

(d) Extensions of time. (1) The time for filing or serving any document except a notice of appeal may be extended by the Board.

 $\pi(2)$ A request to the Board for an extension of time must be filed within the time originally allowed for filing.

 $c_{c}(3)$ For good cause the Board may grant an extension of time on its own initiative.

(e) Retention of documents. All documents received in evidence at a hearing or submitted for the record in any proceeding before the Board will be retained with the official record of the proceeding. The Board, in its discretion, may permit the withdrawal of original documents while a case is pending or after a decision becomes final upon conditions as required by the Board.

- #4.811 Briefs on appeal.

(a) The appellant may file an opening brief within 30 days after receipt of the notice of docketing. Appellant shall serve copies of the opening brief upon all interested parties or counsel and file a certificate with the Board showing service upon the named parties. Opposing parties or counsel shall have 30 days from receipt of appellant's brief to file answer briefs, copies of which shall be served upon the appellant or counsel and all other parties in interest. A certificate showing service of the answer brief upon all parties or counsel shall be attached to the answer filed with the Board.

(b) Appellant may reply to an answering brief within 15 days from its receipt. A certificate showing service of the reply brief upon all parties or counsel shall be attached to the reply filed with the Board. Except by special permission of the Board, no other briefs will be allowed on appeal.

(c) The Bureau of Indian Affairs shall be considered an interested party in any proceeding before the Board. The Board may request that the Bureau submit a brief in any case before the Board.

(d) An original only of each document should be filed with the Board. Documents should not be bound along the side. (e) The Board may also specify a date on or before which a brief is due. Unless expedited briefing has been granted, such date shall not be less than the appropriate period of time established in this section.

§4.312 Decisions.

Decisions of the Board will be made in writing and will set forth findings of fact and conclusions of law. The decision may adopt, modify, reverse or set aside any proposed finding, conclusion or order of an official of the Bureau of Indian Affairs or an administrative law judge. Distribution of decisions shall be made by the Board to all parties concerned. Unless otherwise stated in the decision, rulings by the Board are final for the Department and shall be given immediate effect.

§ 4.313 Amicus Curiae; intervention; joinder motions.

(a) Any interested person or Indian tribe desiring to intervene or to join other parties or to appear as amicus curiae or to obtain an order in an appeal before the Board shall apply in writing to the Board stating the grounds for the action sought. Permission to intervene, to join parties, to appear, or for other relief, may be granted for purposes and subject to limitations established by the Board. This section shall be liberally construed.

(b) Motions to intervene, to appear as amicus curiae, to join additional parties, or to obtain an order in an appeal pending before the Board shall be served in the same manner as appeal briefs.

§4.314 Exhaustion of administrative remedies.

(a) No decision of an administrative law judge or an official of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, which at the time of its rendition is subject to appeal to the Board, shall be considered final so as to constitute agency action subject to judicial review under 5 U.S.C. 704, unless made effective pending decision on appeal by order of the Board.

(b) No further appeal will lie within the Department from a decision of the Board.

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(c) The filing of a petition: for:reconsideration is not required to exhaust administrative remedies. antogramesei [54 FR 6485, Feb. 10, 1989; 54 FR 7504; Feb. 21. 19891

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44.815 Reconsideration.

(a) Reconsideration of a decision of the Board will be granted only in extraordinary circumstances. Any party to the decision may petition for reconsideration. The petition must be; filed with the Board within 30 days from the date of the decision and shall contain a detailed statement of the reasons why reconsideration should be granted.

(b) A party may file only one petition for reconsideration. 003

(c) The filing of a petition shall not stay the effect of any decision or order and shall not affect the finality of any decision or order for purposes of judicial review, unless so ordered by the Board. Cang.

44.316 Remands from courts.

Whenever any matter is remanded from any court to the Board for further proceedings, the Board will either remand the matter to an administrative law judge or to the Eureau of Indian Affairs, or to the extent the court's directive and time limitations will permit, the parties shall be allowed an opportunity to submit to the Board a report recommending procedures for it to follow to comply with the court's order. The Board will enter special orders governing matters on remand.

\$4.317 Standards of conduct.

(a) Inquiries about cases. All inquiries with respect to any matter pending before the Board shall be made to the Chief Administrative Judge of the Board or the administrative judge assigned the matter.

(b) Disgualification. An administrative judge may withdraw from a case in accordance with standards found in the recognized canons of judicial ethics if the judge deems such action approprinte. If, prior to a decision of the Board, a party files an affidavit of personal bias or disqualification with substantiating facts, and the administrative judge concerned does not withdraw, the Director of the Office. of

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44.318 Scope of review.

An appeal shall be limited to those issues which were before the administrative law judge upon the petition for rehearing, reopening, or regarding tribal purchase of interests, or before the official of the Bureau of Indian Affairs on review. However, except as specifically limited in this part or in title 25 of the Code of Federal Regulations, the Board shall not be limited in its scope of review and may exercise the inherent authority of the Secretary to correct a manifest injustice or error where appropriate.

APPEALS TO THE BOARD OF INDIAN APPEALS IN PROBATE MATTERS

SOURCE: Sections 4.320 through 4.323 appear at 54 FR 6487, Feb. 10, 1989, unless otherwise noted.

14.320 Who may appeal.

A party in interest shall have a right of appeal to: the Board of Indian Appeals from an order of an administrative law judge on a petition for rehearing, a petition for reopening, or regarding tribal purchase of interests in a deceased Indian's trust estate.

(a) Notice of Appeal. Within 60 days from the date of the decision. an appellant shall file a written notice of appeal signed by appellant. appellant's attorney, or other qualified representative as provided in 43 CFR 1.3, with the Board of Indian Appeals. Office of Hearings and Appeals, U.S. Department of the Interior. 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22203. A statement of the errors of fact and law upon which the appeal is based shall be included in either the notice of appeal or in any brief filed. The notice of appeal shall include the names and addresses of parties served. A notice of appeal not timely filed shall be dismissed for lack of jurisdiction.

(b) Service of copies of notice of appeal. The appellant shall personally deliver or mail the original notice of appeal to the Board of Indian Appeals. A copy shall be served upon the administrative law judge whose decision is appealed as well as all interested parties. The notice of appeal filed with the Board shall

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\$4.321 Notice of transmittal of record on appeal. The original record on appeal shall be forwarded by the Land Titles and Records Office to the Board by cer-

tified mail. Any objection to the record as constituted shall be filed with the Board within 15 days of receipt of the notice of docketing issued under §4.332 of this part.

4.322 Docketing.

The appeal shall be docketed by the Board upon receipt of the administrative record from the Land Titles and Records Office. All interested parties as shown by the record on appeal shall be notified of the docketing. The docketing notice shall specify the time within which briefs may be filed and ahall cite the procedural regulations governing the appeal.

§4.823 Disposition of the record.

Subsequent to a decision of the Board, other than remands, the record filed with the Board and all documents added during the appeal proceedings, including any transcripts prepared because of the appeal and the Board's decision, shall be forwarded by the Board to the Land Titles and Records Office designated under §4.236(b) of this part. Upon receipt of the record by the Land Titles and Records Office, the duplicate record required by §4.320(c) of this part shall be conformed to the original and forwarded to the Superintendent concerned.

APPEALS TO THE BOARD OF INDIAN AP-PEALS FROM ADMINISTRATIVE AC-

TIONS OF OFFICIALS OF THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS: ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW IN OTHER INDIAN MATTERS NOT RELATING TO PROBATE PRO-CEEDINGS

SOURCE: Sections 4.330 through 4.340 appear at 54 FR 6487, Feb. 10, 1989, unless otherwise noted.

§4.330 Scope.

(a) The definitions set forth in 25 CFR 2.2 apply also to these special rules. These regulations apply to the practice and procedure for: (1) Appeals to the Board of Indian Appeals from administrative actions or decisions of officials of the Bureau of Indian Affairs issued under regulations in 25 CFR chapter 1, and (2) administrative review by the Board of Indian Appeals of other matters pertaining to Indians which are referred to it for exercise of review authority of the Secretary or the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs.

(b) Except as otherwise permitted by the Secretary or the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by special delegation or request, the Board shall not adjudicate:

(1) Tribal enrollment disputes:

(2) Matters decided by the Bureau of Indian Affairs through exercise of its discretionary authority; or

(3) Appeals from decisions pertaining to final recommendations or actions by officials of the Minerals Management Service, unless the decision is based on an interpretation of Federal Indian law (decisions not so based which arise from determinations of the Minerals Management Service, are appealable to the Interior Board of Land Appeals in accordance with 43 CFR 4.410).

§4.331 Who may appeal.

Any interested party affected by a final administrative action or decision of an official of the Bureau of Indian Affairs issued under regulations in title 25 of the Code of Federal Regulations

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may appeal to the Board of Indian Appeals, except-

(a) To the extent that decisions which are subject to appeal to a higher official within the Bureau of Indian Affairs must first be appealed to that official:

(b) Where the decision has been approved in writing by the Secretary or Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs prior to promulgation; or

(c) Where otherwise provided by law or regulation.

§4.332 Appeal to the Board; how taken; mandatory time for filling; preparation assistance; requirement for bond.

(a) A notice of appeal shall be in writing, signed by the appellant or by his attorney of record or other qualified representative as provided by 43 CFR 1.3, and filed with the Board of Indian Appeals, Office of Hearings and Appeals, U.S. Department of the Interior, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22203, within 30 days after receipt by the appellant of the decision from which the appeal is taken. A copy of the notice of appeal shall simultaneously be filed with the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs. As required by §4.333 of this part, the notice of appeal sent to the Board shall certify that a copy has been sent to the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs. A notice of appeal not timely filed shall be dismissed for lack of jurisdiction. A notice of appeal shall include:

(1) A full identification of the case:

(2) A statement of the reasons for the appeal and of the relief sought; and

(3) The names and addresses of all additional interested parties, Indian tribes, tribal corporations, or groups having rights or privileges which may be affected by a change in the decision, whether or not they participated as interested parties in the earlier proceedings.

(b) In accordance with 25 CFR 2.20(c) a notice of appeal shall not be effective for 20 days from receipt by the Board, during which time the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs may decide to review the appeal. If the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs properly notifies the Board that he has decided to review the appeal. any documents concerning

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the case filed with the Board shall be transmitted to the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs.

(c) When the appellant is an Indian or Indian tribe not represented by counsel, the official who issued the decision appealed shall, upon request: of the appellant, render such assistance as is appropriate in the preparation of the appeal.

(d) At any time during the pendency of an appeal. an appropriate bond may be required to protect the interest of any Indian. Indian tribe, or other parties involved.

\$4.333 Service of notice of appeal

(a) On or before the date of filing of the notice of appeal the appellant shall serve a copy of the notice upon each known interested party, upon the official of the Bureau of Indian Affairs from whose decision the appeal is taken, and upon the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs. The notice of appeal filed with the Board shall certify that service was made as required by this section and shall show 'the names and addresses of all parties served. If the appellant is an Indian or an Indian tribe not represented by counsel, the appellant may request the official of the Bureau whose decision is appealed to assist in service of copies of the notice of appeal and any supporting documents.

(b) The notice of appeal will be considered to have been served upon the date of personal service or mailing.

§4.334 Extensions of time.

Requests for extensions of time to file documents may be granted upon a showing of good cause, except for the time fixed for filing a notice of appeal which, as specified in §4.332 of this part, may not be extended.

\$4.335 Preparation and transmittal of record by official of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

(a) Within 20 days after receipt of a notice of appeal, or upon notice from the Board, the official of the Bureau of Indian Affairs whose decision is appealed shall assemble and transmit the record to the Board. The record on appeal shall include, without limitation, copies of transcripts of testimony

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(b) The administrative record shall include a Table of Contents noting, at a minimum, inclusion of the following:

(1) The decision appealed from: (2) The notice of appeal or copy

thereof: and

(3) Certification that the record contains all information and documents utilized by the deciding official in rendering the decision appealed.

(c) If the deciding official receives notification that the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs has decided to review the appeal before the administrative record is transmitted to the Board, the administrative record shall be forwarded to the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs rather than to the Board.

14.336 Docketing.

An appeal shall be assigned a docket number by the Board 20 days after receipt of the notice of appeal unless the Board has been properly notified that the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs has assumed jurisdiction over the appeal. A notice of docketing shall be sent to all interested parties as shown by the record on appeal upon receipt of the administrative record. Any objection to the record as constituted shall be filed with the Board within 15 days of receipt of the notice of docketing. The docketing notice shall specify the time within which briefs shall be filed, cite the procedural regulations governing the appeal and include a copy of the Table of Contents furnished by the deciding official.

§4.337 Action by the Board.

(a) The Board may make a final decision. or where the record indicates a need for further inquiry to resolve a genuine issue of material fact, the Board may require a hearing. All hearings shall be conducted by an administrative law judge of the Office of Hearings and Appeals. The Board may, in lout limitation. its discretion, grant oral argument be-

(b) Where the Board finds that one or more issues involved in an appeal or a matter referred to it were decided by the Bureau of Indian Affairs based upon the exercise of discretionary authority committed to the Bureau, and the Board has not otherwise been permitted to adjudicate the issue(s) pursuant to §4.330(b) of this part, the Board shall dismiss the appeal as to the issue(s) or refer the issue(s) to the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs for further consideration.

§4.338 Submission by administrative law judge of proposed findings, con-clusions and recommended decision.

(a) When an evidentiary hearing pursuant to §4.337(a) of this part is concluded, the administrative law judge shall recommend findings of fact and conclusions of law. stating the reasons for such recommendations. A copy of the recommended decision shall be sent to each party to the proceeding, the Bureau official involved, and the Board. Simultaneously, the entire record of the proceedings, including the transcript of the hearing before the administrative law judge, shall be forwarded to the Board.

(b) The administrative law judge shall advise the parties at the conclusion of the recommended decision of their right to file exceptions or other comments regarding the recommended decision with the Board in accordance with §4.339 of this part.

\$4.339 Exceptions or comments re-garding recommended decision by administrative law judge.

Within 30 days after receipt of the recommended decision of the administrative law judge, any party may file exceptions to or other comments on the decision with the Board.

§4.340 Disposition of the record.

Subsequent to a decision by the Board, the record filed with the Board and all documents added during the appeal proceedings, including the Board's decision, shall be forwarded to the official of the Bureau of Indian Affairs whose decision was appealed for proper disposition in accordance with rules

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WHITH EADER DESERVATION LAND SET-TLEMENT ACT OF 1985; AUTHORITY OF ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGES; DETER-MINATIONS OF THE HEIRS OF PER-SONS WHO DIED ENTITLED TO COM-PENSATION

Source: 56 FR 61383, Dec. 3. 1991, unless otherwise noted.

§ 4.35 Authority and scope.

(a) The rules and procedures set forth in §§ 4.50 through 4.357 apply only to the determination through intestate succession of the heirs of persons who died entitled to receive compensation under the White Earth Reservation Land Setalement Act of 1985. Public Law 99-264 (100 Stat. 61), amended by Public Law 100-153 (101 Stat. 886) and Public Law 100-212 (101 Stat. 1433).

(b) Whenever requested to do so by the Project Director, administrative judges shall determine such heirs by applying inheritance laws in accordance with the White Earth Reservation Land Settlemen Act of 1985 as amended, notwithstanding the decedent may have died testate.

(c) As used herein, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(1) The term Act means the White Earth Reservation Land Settlement Act of 1985 as amended.

(2) The term Board means the Board of Indian Appeals in the Office of Hearings and Appeals. Office of the Secretary.

(3) The term Project Airector means the officer in charge of the White Earth Reservation Land Settlement Branch of the Minneapolis Area Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, at Cass Lake, Minnesota.

(4) The term party (parties) in interest means the Project Director and any presumptive or actual heirs of the decedent. or of any issue of any subsequently deceased presumptive or actual heir of the decedent.

(5) The term compensation means a monetary sum, as determined by the Project Director, pursuant to section 8(c) of the Act.

(6) The term administrative judge means an administrative judge of the

Office of Hearings and Appeals to whom the Director of the Office of Hearings and Appeals has redelegated his authority, as designee of the Secretary, for making heirship determinations as provided for in these regulations

(7) The term *appellant* means a party aggrieved by a final order or final order upon reconsideration issued by an administrative judge who files an appeal with the Board.

[56 FR 61333, Dec. 3, 1991; 56 FR 65782, Dec. 18, 1991]

§4.351 Commencement of the determination process.

(a) Unless an heirship determination which is recognized by the Act already exists, the Project Director shall commence the determination of the heirs of those persons who died entitled to receive compensation by filing with the administrative judge all data, identifying the purpose for which they are being submitted, shown in the records relative to the family of the decedent.

(b) The data shall include but are not limited to:

(1) A copy of the death certificate if one exists. If there is no death certificate, then another form of official written evidence of the death such as a burial or transportation of remains permit, coroner's report, or church registry of death. Secondary forms of evidence of death such as an affidavit from someone with perional knowledge concerning the fact of death or an obituary or death notice from a newspaper may be used only in the absence of any official proof or evidence of death.

(2) Data for heirship finding and family history, certified by the Project Director. Such data shall contain:

(i) The facts and alleged facts of the decedent's marriages, separations and divorces, with copies of necessary supporting documents;

(ii) The names and last known addresses of probable heirs at law and other known parties in interest.

(iii) Information on whether the relationships of the probable heirs at law to the decedent arose by marriage. blood, or adoption.

(3) Known heirship determinations. including those recognized by the Act determining the heirs of relatives of

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