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RE: Request for an Extension

Dear Regional Director Dutschke,

I received via Fed X the Notice of Availability (NOA) and CD of the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians of Santa Barbara, on August 22, 2013. I note that the EA is some 900 pages in length and covers significant subjects of land and water resources, land use, air quality, federally listed wildlife, transportation and circulation, cultural resources and the list continues. These subject areas require comprehensive reading and thoughtful analysis in order to provide appropriate comment. Clearly, the Tribe and the Bureau of Indian Affairs have expended considerable time and effort to prepare and present this document.

Considering this fee to trust application is within our states first ever “Tribal Consolidation Plan Area” and encompasses more than 1400 acres of land, our organization request an extension of 30 days beyond the September 19th deadline in order to provide suitable comment.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs has a history of granting 30 days extension when fee to trust acquisitions are this extensive. *Stand Up For California!* would like to provide meaningful comment for your review and consideration. We await your timely response. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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