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Dear Ms. Martin:

By letter of January 9, 2014, we notified you that the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs (Assistant Secretary) extended the deadline and expected to issue a proposed finding on the Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation (Petitioner #82) on or before May 1, 2014. This letter is to notify you that the Assistant Secretary has granted a further extension.

The Office of Federal Acknowledgment is completing its recommendation and the Office of the Solicitor and the Office of Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs will need to review this recommendation before the Department of the Interior can issue the Southern Sierra Miwuk proposed finding. Under the regulations, 25 CFR Part 83, the Assistant Secretary has the discretion under § 83.10(h) to extend the period for the issuance of the proposed finding.

Under 83.10(d)(1), the Assistant Secretary also “has the discretion during the preparation of the proposed finding, however, to request additional explanations and information from the petitioner.” Petitioner #82 has 45 days to submit copies of 153 birth records of its current members (see enclosed list) to address criterion 83.7(e). Failure to submit copies of these requested documents by close of business on Monday, June 16, 2014, may result in affecting criterion 83.7(e) and will be discussed in the proposed finding.

For these reasons, we are informing you that the Assistant Secretary has extended the deadline for issuing the proposed finding to “on or before” Friday, August 1, 2014. This letter notifies you and interested parties of this time extension. Your continued understanding in this important matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Director, Office of Federal Acknowledgment

Enclosure

cc: Interested Parties  
Informed Parties