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Dear Ms. Martin:

Thank you for your letter of July 31, 2013, regarding the Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation (Petitioner #82) electing "to continue with the review of its petition under the existing regulations. Your input is most important.

Your decision to proceed under the current regulations is helpful to the Department because it allows us to schedule groups for processing and evaluation under 25 CFR Part 83. Of the thirteen petitioning groups, eight have stated that they wish to proceed under the current regulations, rather than to wait for the promulgation of rulemaking to be completed.

You also requested that the current suspension be lifted. Based on a projected schedule of the remaining petitioning groups wishing to proceed under the current regulations, the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs will lift the current suspension of active consideration as of the date of this letter to resume active consideration and issue a proposed finding on or before Friday, December 6, 2013. As required under §83.10(g), we are notifying the petitioner and interested and informed parties of this anticipated action.

We look forward to our continued work with Petitioner #82. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Sincerely,

Director, Office of Federal Acknowledgment

cc: Interested and Informed Parties