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Dear Ms. Martin:

This letter is to notify you that the Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs (AS-IA) needs additional time to issue the proposed finding (PF) on the petitioner Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation (Petitioner #82). We had previously indicated that a PF would be issued “on or before December 15, 2014.”

The regulations provide for such extensions. Based on the existing Office of Federal Acknowledgment team assignments, the Assistant Secretary’s workload associated with other pending acknowledgment decisions and the overall workload of the Assistant Secretary, the Department anticipates issuing the Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation PF *on or before* March 31, 2015.

This letter notifies Petitioner #82 and interested parties of this time extension. Your understanding in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Director, Office of Federal Acknowledgment

cc: Interested and Informed Parties