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Ms. Cheryl Schmit  
P.O. Box 355  
Penryn, California 95663

Dear Ms. Schmit:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of August 3, 2011, that the Office of Federal Acknowledgment (OFA) received on August 15, 2011. In your letter, you requested copies of records from the petition of the group known as the Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation (Petitioner #82).

Specifically, you requested 1) a copy of Petitioner #82's current narrative, and 2) a copy of the index of Petitioner #82's administrative record. We have examined our files and are enclosing 1 CD containing a copy of the "Petition to the Government of the United States from the American Indian Council of Mariposa County for Acknowledgement as the Yosemite Indian Tribe," the original petition narrative submitted by the group known as the Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation (Petitioner #82) in 1984. Out of 343 pages reviewed, 60 pages are redacted and 16 pages are withheld under Exemption 6.

The release of an individual's name, genealogy, telephone number, and membership information would be a violation of the individual's privacy. Exemption 6 (5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6)) allows an agency to withhold a private individual's name, address, telephone number, blood quantum, ancestry, Social Security number, medical records, and other information, "the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy." We neither perceive, nor have you enunciated, any public interest that would be served in disclosing this data that would outweigh the privacy interest of the living individuals. Therefore, we have withheld 16 pages of a membership list and redacted 60 other pages under Exemption 6.

With respect to the second item, we are including a four-page preliminary inventory of Petitioner #82 administrative record.

In addition to myself, the officials responsible for this partial denial is Ms. Laura Cloud, FOIA Officer. This decision was also made in consultation with Ms. Barbara Coen, Senior Attorney, Office of the Solicitor. In accordance with 43 CFR § 2.28(a)(1), you have a right to treat this response as a denial of your request. You may appeal this matter by writing to:

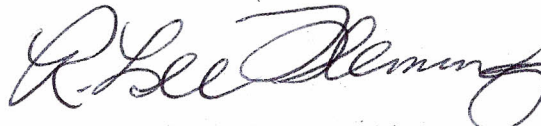
Department of the Interior  
Office of the Solicitor  
1849 C Street, N.W., MS: 6556  
Washington, DC 20240  
Attn: FOIA Appeals Office

Your appeal must be received no later than 30 workdays after the date of the final response. Appeals arriving or delivered after 5 p.m. E.T., Monday through Friday, will be deemed received on the next workday. You must include with your appeal copies of all correspondence between you and the bureau concerning your FOIA request, including a copy of your initial request and this letter. Failure to include this documentation with your appeal will result in the Department's rejection of your appeal. The appeal should be marked "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPEAL" both on the envelope and the face of the letter. Your letter should include in as much detail as possible any reason(s) why you believe the bureau's response is in error.

Since you are considered an "other requestor," the cost is broken down as follows: less than 15 minutes of search time, at no cost to you; less than 15 minutes of review time, at no cost to you; the cost of a CD is \$1.00 and duplication cost of 4 pages at \$.13 or \$52. The total cost is \$1.52. Since the fee for providing copies of these documents is less than \$30, you are not being charged in accordance with 43 CFR 2.16(b)(2).

Should you have any questions regarding this response, please contact Ms. Juanita Clifford, Administrative Assistant, OFA, at (202) 513-7661.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Lee Fleming". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light background.

Director, Office of Federal Acknowledgment

Enclosures

# Volume Level Inventory - Basic: Southern Sierra Miwuk (AKA Yosemite) Petition Administrative Record

## Documents Submitted by OFA Administrative and Correspondence Files [ACR]

### Administrative and Correspondence files for Proposed Finding [ACR-PFD]

**2004.12.31**

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001. OFA Administrative Correspondence File for Southern Sierra Miwuk, Petitioner #82 194 pp  
(Formerly American Indian Council of Mariposa County aka Yosemite).

## Documents Submitted by OFA Researchers Files for Proposed Finding [PFR]

### Miscellaneous Research Files for Proposed Finding [PFR-MPF]

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001. Miscellaneous BAR Researcher File Re: American Indian Council of Mariposa 70 pp  
County.
002. Miscellaneous BAR Researcher File - Yosemite Bibliography. 44 pp
003. Miscellaneous BAR Researcher File - Notes & Analysis from OD Review. 208 pp

## Documents Submitted by Southern Sierra Miwuk [SSM]

### Petitioner Submissions for Proposed Finding [SSM-PFD]

**1984.04.19**

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001. Petition to the U.S. Government of the American Indian Council of Mariposa County 343 pp  
for Acknowledgment as the Yosemite Indian Tribe.
002. Appendices to the Petition to the U.S. Government of the American Indian Council 502 pp  
of Mariposa County for Acknowledgment as the Yosemite Indian Tribe.
003. American Indian Council of Mariposa County - Ancestry Charts. 197 pp
004. American Indian Council of Mariposa County - Individual History Charts. 457 pp

**1984.12.31**

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005. Transmission from William H. Leonard containing "Petition on behalf of the 13 pp  
remnants of the Yosemite Indians dated 1888."

**1986.12.12**

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006. Response to the May 1, 1985 BAR Letter of Obvious Deficiencies, Transmitted by 217 pp  
Legal Letter.
007. Response to the May 1, 1985 BAR Letter of Obvious Deficiencies - Documents 140 pp  
Requested - Newspapers.
008. Response to the May 1, 1985 BAR Letter of Obvious Deficiencies - Yosemite 234 pp  
Documents Volume I of II.

009. Response to the May 1, 1985 BAR Letter of Obvious Deficiencies - Yosemite Documents Volume II of II. 98 pp
010. Response to the May 1, 1985 BAR Letter of Obvious Deficiencies - Yosemite Research. 245 pp
011. Response to the May 1, 1985 BAR Letter of Obvious Deficiencies - Yosemite Correspondence. 92 pp

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**1987.07.00**

012. Response to the May 1, 1985 BAR Letter of Obvious Deficiencies - Meeting Minutes. 7 pp

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**1995.01.26**

013. Response to the April 11, 1988 BAR Letter of Obvious Deficiencies. 407 pp

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**1995.04.30**

014. "Discovery of the Yosemite" by Lafayette Houghton Bunnell. 21 pp

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**1997.00.00 ca**

015. Video: "Yosemite - The First People." 2 pp

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**1998.01.16**

016. "Official Role [sic] of the Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation." 82 pp

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**2011.02.08**

017. Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation Certification and Overview of Accompanying Documents. 2 pp
018. Membership Roll of the Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation. 61 pp
019. Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation Governing Documents and Membership Criteria. 31 pp
020. Minutes of the American Indian Council of Mariposa County, AKA Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation. 699 pp
021. Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation Newspaper Articles and Community Documents. 379 pp
022. The Southern Sierra Miwuk: An Historical Overview. 161 pp
023. Synthesis of Population Movement and Lineage Family Use Tracts Defined by Roundhouse Locations, 1865 pp

**Documents Submitted by Yosemite-Mono Lake Paiute Indian Community [YML]**

**Third Party Submissions for Proposed Finding [YML-PFD]**

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**2006.05.02**

001. Yosemite-Mono Lake Paiute Indian Community Comments on the Southern Sierra Miwuk, Petitioner #82, April 12, 2006. 45 pp

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**2006.05.10**

002. Yosemite-Mono Lake Paiute Indian Community Comments on the Southern Sierra Miwuk, Petitioner #82, May 10, 2006. 65 pp

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**2006.06.21**

003. Yosemite-Mono Lake Paiute Indian Community Comments on the Southern Sierra Miwuk, Petitioner #82, June 12, 2006. 12 pp

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**2006.07.05**

004. Yosemite-Mono Lake Paiute Indian Community Comments on the Southern Sierra Miwuk, Petitioner #82, June 26, 2006. 34 pp

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**2007.02.27**

005. Yosemite-Mono Lake Paiute Indian Community Comments on the Southern Sierra Miwuk, Petitioner #82, February 20, 2006. 59 pp

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**2007.03.14**

006. Yosemite-Mono Lake Paiute Indian Community Comments on the Southern Sierra Miwuk, Petitioner #82, March 6, 2007. 22 pp

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**2007.03.22**

007. Yosemite-Mono Lake Paiute Indian Community Comments on the Southern Sierra Miwuk, Petitioner #82, March 12, 2007. 9 pp

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**2007.05.30**

008. Yosemite-Mono Lake Paiute Indian Community Comments on the Southern Sierra Miwuk, Petitioner #82, May 22, 2007. 32 pp

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**2007.06.11**

009. Yosemite-Mono Lake Paiute Indian Community Comments on the Southern Sierra Miwuk, Petitioner #82, June 5, 2007. 5 pp

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**2007.07.09**

010. Yosemite-Mono Lake Paiute Indian Community Comments on the Southern Sierra Miwuk, Petitioner #82, June 26, 2007. 57 pp

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**2007.08.15**

011. Yosemite-Mono Lake Paiute Indian Community Comments on the Southern Sierra Miwuk, Petitioner #82, August 8, 2007. 23 pp

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**2007.10.12**

012. Yosemite-Mono Lake Paiute Indian Community Comments on the Southern Sierra Miwuk, Petitioner #82, October 4, 2007. 4 pp

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**2008.02.21**

013. Yosemite-Mono Lake Paiute Indian Community Comments on the Southern Sierra Miwuk, Petitioner #82, February 11, 2008. 25 pp

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**2008.05.05**

014. Yosemite-Mono Lake Paiute Indian Community Comments on the Southern Sierra Miwuk, Petitioner #82, April 23, 2008. 25 pp

**2008.06.02**

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015. Yosemite-Mono Lake Paiute Indian Community Comments on the Southern Sierra Miwuk, Petitioner #82, May 27, 2008. 39 pp
016. Yosemite-Mono Lake Paiute Indian Community Comments on the Southern Sierra Miwuk, Petitioner #82, May 28, 2008. 14 pp

**2008.09.30**

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017. Yosemite-Mono Lake Paiute Indian Community Comments on the Southern Sierra Miwuk, Petitioner #82, September 23, 2008. 12 pp

**2009.03.12**

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018. Yosemite-Mono Lake Paiute Indian Community Comments on the Southern Sierra Miwuk, Petitioner #82, February 23, 2009. 7 pp

**2009.03.19**

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019. Yosemite-Mono Lake Paiute Indian Community Comments on the Southern Sierra Miwuk, Petitioner #82, March 8, 2009. 51 pp

**2010.03.30**

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020. Yosemite-Mono Lake Paiute Indian Community Comments on the Southern Sierra Miwuk, Petitioner #82, March 20, 2010. 16 pp

**2010.04.07**

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021. Yosemite-Mono Lake Paiute Indian Community Comments on the Southern Sierra Miwuk, Petitioner #82, March 25, 2010. 3 pp

**2010.05.10**

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022. Yosemite-Mono Lake Paiute Indian Community Comments on the Southern Sierra Miwuk, Petitioner #82, May 3, 2010. 26 pp

**2011.02.10**

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023. Yosemite-Mono Lake Paiute Indian Community Comments on the Southern Sierra Miwuk, Petitioner #82, February 6, 2011. 423 pp

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