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United States Senate
Washington D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Feinstein:

The enclosed list has been compiled in response to your request for a list of federally recognized tribes that includes the date each tribe was federally recognized. The list reflects federally recognized Native American tribes with the dates the Indian tribes were recognized by the United States Government after 1934 or had their federal recognition restored after 1934. The attached list is consistent with the Government Accounting Office (GAO) report, *Indian Issues: Improvements Needed in Tribal Recognition Process* (Nov. 2001), but includes four Indian tribes not listed in the GAO Report that have been recognized since 2000.

Please be advised that this list has not been reviewed by the Indian tribal governments listed to assure it is consistent with their historical records.

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Sincerely,

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Passamaquoddy Tribe of Maine	DOI	1972.06.29
Penobscot Tribe of Maine	DOI	1972.07.14
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Michigan	DOI	1972.09.07
Tonto Apache Tribe of Arizona	Congress (P.L. 92-470)	1972.10.06
Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana	DOI	1973.06.27
Stillaguamish Tribe of Washington	DOI	1976.10.27
Modoc Tribe of Oklahoma	Congress (P.L. 95-281)	1978.05.15
Pasqua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona	Congress (P.L. 95-375)	1978.09.18
Karuk Tribe of California	DOI	1979.01.15
Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians of Michigan	DOI/25 CFR Part 83	1980.05.27
Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians of Maine	Congress (P.L. 96-420)	1980.10.10
Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe of Washington	DOI/25 CFR Part 83	1981.02.10
Jamul Indian Village of California	DOI	1981.07.07
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Death Valley Timbi-sha Shoshone Band of California	DOI/25 CFR Part 83	1983.01.03
Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas	Congress (P.L. 97-429)	1983.01.08
Narragansett Indian Tribe of Rhode Island	DOI/25 CFR Part 83	1983.04.11
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Aroostook Band of Micmac Indians of Maine	Congress (P.L. 102-171)	1991.11.26
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Mohegan Indian Tribe of Connecticut	DOI/25 CFR Part 83	1994.05.14
Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians of Michigan	Congress (P.L. 103-323)	1994.09.21
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Loyal Shawnee Tribe, Oklahoma	Congress (P.L. 106-568)	2000.12.27
Graton Rancheria, California	Congress (P.L. 106-568);	2000.12.27
Lower Lake Rancheria, California	DOI	2000.12.29
King Salmon Tribe, Alaska	DOI	2000.12.29
Shoonaq' Tribe of Kodiak, Alaska	DOI	2000.12.29
Cowlitz Tribe of Indians, Washington	DOI/25 CFR Part 83	2002.01.04
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Attached is a list of tribes that have been recognized since the Indian Reorganization Act was passed in 1934. Indian Affairs staff put the list together after requests for a list last week. Senator Dorgan requested it be shared with Senator Feinstein as soon as possible.

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Tribes Recognized since Indian Reorganization Act (1934), by Date of Recognition [DRAFT] (6)

Tribe	State	Recognition Date	Recognition Method	On 1979 FedReg Recognition List?
United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians	Oklahoma	8/10/46	Congressional (1946)	Yes
Miccosukee Tribe of Indians	Florida	11/17/61	Administrative	Yes
Burns Paiute Tribe of the Burns Paiute Indian Colony	Oregon	11/16/67	Administrative	Yes
Nooksack Indian Tribe	Washington	8/13/71	Administrative	Yes
Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe	Washington	6/9/72	Administrative	Yes
Upper Skagit Indian Tribe	Washington	6/9/72	Administrative	Yes
Passamaquoddy Tribe	Maine	6/29/72	Court/Administrative	Yes
Penobscot Tribe	Maine	7/14/72	Court/Administrative	Yes
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians	Michigan	9/7/72	Administrative	Yes
Tonto Apache Tribe	Arizona	10/6/72	Congressional	Yes
Coushatta Tribe	Louisiana	6/27/73	Administrative	Yes
Menominee Indian Tribe	Wisconsin	12/22/73	Congressional	Yes
Stillaguamish Tribe	Washington	10/27/76	Administrative/Court?	Yes
Robinson Rancheria of Pomo Indians	California	6/29/77	Court	Yes
Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Reservation	Oregon	11/18/77	Congressional	Yes
Modoc Tribe	Oklahoma	5/15/78	Congressional	Yes
Ottawa Tribe	Oklahoma	5/15/78	Congressional	Yes
Peoria Tribe of Indians	Oklahoma	5/15/78	Congressional	Yes
Wyandotte Nation	Oklahoma	5/15/78	Congressional	Yes
Hopland Band of Pomo Indians of the Hopland Rancheria	California	8/3/78	Court	Yes
Pascua Yaqui Tribe	Arizona	9/18/78	Congressional	Yes
Karuk Tribe	California	1/15/79	Administrative	Yes
Paiute Indian Tribe (Cedar City, Kanosh, Koosharem, Indian Peaks, and Shivwits Bands)	Utah	4/3/80	Congressional	
Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians	Michigan	5/27/80	Administrative	
Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians	Maine	10/10/80	Congressional	
Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe	Washington	2/10/81	Administrative	
Jamul Indian Village	California	7/7/81	Administrative	Yes-1982
Table Bluff Reservation (formerly Rancheria) -- Wiyot Tribe (formerly Wiyot Indians)	California	9/21/81	Court	Yes
Tunica-Biloxi Indian Tribe	Louisiana	9/25/81	Administrative	
Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians	Oregon	12/29/82	Congressional	
Death Valley Timbi-Sha Shoshone Band (Timbisha)	California	1/3/83	Administrative	
Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas	Texas	1/8/83	Congressional	
Narragansett Indian Tribe	Rhode Island	4/11/83	Administrative	

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Mashantucket Pequot Tribe	Connecticut	10/18/83	Congressional	
Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community	Oregon	11/22/83	Congressional	
Big Sandy Rancheria of Mono Indians	California	12/31/83	Court	
Table Mountain Rancheria	California	12/31/83	Court	Yes
Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake [formerly Upper Lake Band of Pomo Indians of Upper Lake Rancheria]	California	1983 (?)	Court	Yes
Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria	California	6/11/84	Court	
Big Valley Rancheria of Pomo & Pit River Indians	California	6/11/84	Court	
Blue Lake Rancheria	California	6/11/84	Court	
Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians	California	6/11/84	Court	
Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians	California	6/11/84	Court	
Cloverdale Rancheria of Pomo Indians	California	6/11/84	Court	
Elk Valley Rancheria (formerly Elk Valley Rancheria of Smith River Tolowa Indians)	California	6/11/84	Court	
Greenville Rancheria of Maidu Indians	California	6/11/84	Court	
Mooretown Rancheria of Maidu Indians	California	6/11/84	Court	
Northfork Rancheria of Mono Indians	California	6/11/84	Court	
Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians	California	6/11/84	Court	
Pinoleville Rancheria of Pomo Indians	California	6/11/84	Court	
Potter Valley Rancheria of Pomo Indians	California	6/11/84	Court	
Quartz Valley Indian Community of the Quartz Valley Reservation	California	6/11/84	Court	
Redding Rancheria	California	6/11/84	Court	
Redwood Valley Rancheria of Pomo Indians	California	6/11/84	Court	
Smith River Rancheria	California	6/11/84	Court	
Poarch Band of Creek Indians	Alabama	8/10/84	Administrative	
Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians	Oregon	10/17/84	Congressional	
Klamath Indian Tribes	Oregon	8/27/86	Congressional	
Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah)	Massachusetts	4/11/87	Administrative	
Alabama-Coushatta Tribes	Texas	8/18/87	Congressional	
Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo	Texas	8/18/87	Congressional	
Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians	Michigan	9/8/88	Congressional	
Coquille Tribe	Oregon	6/28/89	Congressional	
San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe	Arizona	3/28/90	Administrative	
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska	Nebraska	10/31/90	Congressional	
Guidiville Rancheria	California	9/6/91	Court	
Lytton Rancheria	California	9/6/91	Court	
Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians	California	9/6/91	Court	

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Aroostook Band of Micmac Indians	Maine	11/26/91	Congressional	
Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria	California	4/17/92	Court	
Catawba Indian Nation (aka Catawba Tribe)	South Carolina	10/27/93	Congressional	
Ione Band of Miwok Indians	California	3/22/94	Administrative	
Mohegan Indian Tribe	Connecticut	5/14/94	Administrative	
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians	Michigan	9/21/94	Congressional	
Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians	Michigan	9/21/94	Congressional	
Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians	Michigan, Indiana	9/21/94	Congressional	
United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria	California	10/31/94	Congressional	
Central Council of the Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes	Alaska	11/2/94	Congressional (?)	
Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians	California	11/2/94	Congressional	
Jena Band of Choctaw Indians	Louisiana	8/29/95	Administrative	
Huron Potawatomi Inc. [of the Pine Creek Indian Reservation]	Michigan	12/20/95	Administrative	
Samish Indian Tribe (formerly Samish Tribal Organization)	Washington	4/9/96	Administrative	
Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians	Michigan	8/23/99	Administrative	
Snoqualmie Tribe	Washington	10/6/99	Administrative	
Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria (formerly Graton Rancheria)	California	12/27/00	Congressional	
Shawnee Tribe (Cherokee Shawnee, Loyal Shawnee)	Oklahoma	12/27/00	Congressional	
King Salmon Tribe	Alaska	12/29/00	Administrative	
Lower Lake Rancheria (Koi Nation)	California	12/29/00	Administrative	
Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak (formerly Shoonaq' Tribe of Kodiak)	Alaska	12/29/00	Administrative	
Cowlitz Indian Tribe	Washington	1/4/02	Administrative	
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe	Massachusetts	5/23/07	Administrative	

Sources: Statutes; Federal Register; GAO-02-49.