



# United States Department of the Interior

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Washington, DC 20240

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Mr. William H. Leonard  
4630 Ben Hur Road  
Mariposa, California 95338

Dear Mr. Leonard:

The Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation (SSM; Petitioner #82) is under active consideration for a Proposed Finding (PF) in the Federal acknowledgment process. This letter is to advise you that the Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs (AS-IA) needs additional time to issue the PF on Petitioner #82. By letter of May 22, 2017, we had previously indicated that a PF would be issued on Monday, August 21, 2017.

The Acting AS-IA extended the review of the documented petition. Due to administrative issues, the Acting AS-IA found good cause to extend active consideration under § 83.10(h), ending Monday, November 20, 2017.

This extension will allow the Department of the Interior time to complete its review of the petitioner for a PF under the applicable regulations. This letter notifies Petitioner #82 and interested and informed parties of this extension.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Office of Federal Acknowledgment, 1951 Constitution Avenue, N.W., MS-34B SIB, Washington, D.C. 20240. Your understanding in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Director, Office of Federal Acknowledgment

cc: Interested and Informed Parties