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Dear Mr. Leonard:

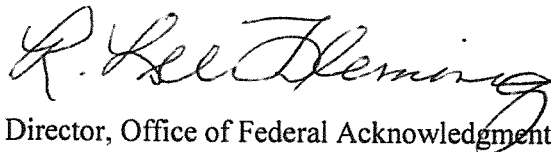
Thank you for your letter of October 9, 2019, requesting an extension of the comment period on the proposed finding (PF) regarding the Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation's (SSM) petition for Federal acknowledgment.

Upon review of your request, the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs (AS-IA) has found good cause to grant an additional 180-day extension of the comment period. Comments are due on or before Monday, May 18, 2020. This letter notifies SSM and interested parties of this extension.

With regard to the “alternative” procedure you proposed for evaluating this petition, the AS-IA is not considering any alternatives to the established regulatory process.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Federal Acknowledgment at 1849 C Street, NW, MS-4071-MIB, Washington, DC 20240.

Sincerely,


Director, Office of Federal Acknowledgment

cc: Mr. Stephen V. Quesenberry
Interested Parties