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finding as October 29, 2001. Following two extensions granted by the Court in response to the petitioner's motions, the end date for the comment period was set as January 27, 2002 and the end of the period for the petitioner to respond to third-party comments as March 28, 2002. The petitioner submitted comments on the proposed finding, but did not submit a response to the public comments. The Court granted the Department's request for a 30-day extension to the August 8, 2002 due date for the issuance of a final determination to September 9, 2002. The final determination was made following a review of the petitioner's comments and the public comments on the proposed finding, and was based on all of the evidence in the record.

Having completed his review, the Assistant Secretary will publish the Notice of Final Determination on the petitioner in the Federal Register. This determination is final and will become effective 90 days from the notice's publication date unless a request for reconsideration is filed with the Interior Board of Indian Appeals (IBIA) pursuant to 25 CFR 83.11.

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