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From: Rita Alba [REDACTED]
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To: Echohawk, Larry
Subject: Tejon Tribe

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Dear Mr. Echo Hawk,

Our Vice Chairman Jim Appodaca spoke with you over 30 days ago and discussed the Federal Recognition of the Tejon Indian Tribe. At that time you told him Pilar from the solicitor's office was going to contact our legal counsel to answer some questions that were remaining. Arlinda Locklear one of our legal counsel spoke with Pilar and provided the information she needed. That was at the end of February. Jim has since been trying to contact you and find out where we are currently at in the process. He has been in contact with Kevin Bearquiver and was told a meeting was to take place, the meeting should have already happened between yourself and those involved with the decision for our tribe. We would appreciate either by email or by phone an update on where we are at.

You may remember some of our Council members met with you in September 2009 and you told them we would have an answer by Nov. 1, 2009 which we never received. We know we are one of many tribes that are trying to get federal recognition, but with all of the documentation and back up material we have provided your office we are perplexed as to why we are still waiting.

As you told Jim when you last spoke, you want to ensure that you have everything covered legally for our recognition, and we can appreciate that. If you have any other questions please contact either our Chairwoman Kathryn Montes Morgan or Jim Appodaca immediately, we like you, want to get this resolved in a quick and timely manner for the benefit of the elders and children of the Tejon Indian tribe.

Respectfully,

Rita Alba
Tejon Indian Tribe