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I support the new proposed regulation concerning a streamlined method of Native American tribal recognition by the federal government.

Realizing the limitations of the federal government in this regard, I think something should also be done to assist those with Native American ancestry whose tribe no longer exist to assimilate into another (related) tribe by some legal mechanism: adoption, DNA study, etc. It should be left up to the particular tribe to determine who is eligible for these alternative membership methods.

There are many people in the USA who have Native American ancestry but no existing tribal connection through no fault of their own, whose tribe was simply wiped out through the actions of European immigrants. A simple look at the list of (historical) Native American tribes of Florida will demonstrate what I mean.

Likewise, there are many tribal groups (for example the Muscogee Nation of Florida) that cannot achieve recognition for some reason or another under the current system ... which is discriminatory. The proposed changes would resolve many of those issues.

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