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Regulations to govern the preparation of a roll of members of the Apache Tribe of Oklahoma to be used for the distribution of funds awarded by the Indian Claims Commission were published in the Federal Register, August 6, Commissioner of Indian Affairs Morris Thompson announced today.

The Apache, Kiowa and Comanche Tribes were awarded more than $35 million as additional payment for land ceded to the United States by treaties concluded in 1865 and 1867.

According to the distribution plan approved by Congress June 6, 1975, the funds are to be apportioned among the three tribes on the basis of the respective membership rolls of the tribes.

The rolls of the Kiowa and Comanche Tribes are now being completed. Applications for enrollment as members of the Apache Tribe of Oklahoma should be filed by September 10,1976 with the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Area Director, PO. Box 368, Anadarko, Oklahoma 73005.