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Proposed regulations to govern the preparation of a roll of persons of Cherokee Shawnee Indian ancestry are being published in the Federal Register, Commissioner Indian Affairs Morris Thompson announced today. The roll will be used for a per capita distribution of funds awarded to the Shawnees by the Indian Claims Commission.

A total amount of $300,000 was awarded by the Claims Commission to the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma on behalf of the Shawnee Nation as additional compensation for 24,138 acres of land in Kansas. About 40 percent of this amount will go to the Absentee Shawnee Tribe, with the balance going to descendants of the Cherokee Band of Shawnees.

Comments, suggestions, or objections to the proposed regulations should be sent within 30 days to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Indian Services, 1951 Constitution Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20245.