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The proposedro11of the Northwestern Band of Shoshone Indians one of the three participant groups which will share a $15.7 million judgment awarded the tribe by the Indian Claims Commission and being distributed pursuant to the Act of December 18, 1971 was published in the Federal Register May 17, 1972. Commissioner of Indian Affairs Louis R. Bruce made the announcement today. Regulations to govern preparation of the roll were published April 21, 1972.

The award represents settlement by Compromise of claims for the taking in 1868 of about 38,000 acres of land in Idaho, Wyoming, Utah, and Nevada aboriginally owned by the Shoshone Tribe; the use of funds of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of Fort Hall for irrigation projects; the taking of about 297,000 acres of Fort Hall Reservation land in 1889; the taking of 407,000 acres of Fort Hall Reservation land in 1898; and failure of the United States to provide a reservation for the Bannock Tribe as promised by the Treaty of July 3, 1868 (15 Stat. 673).

Any person claiming membership rights.in the Northwestern Band of Shoshone Indians, or any interest in said judgment funds, or a representative of the Secretary on behalf of any such person, within sixty days from the date the proposed roll is published, may file an appeal with the Secretary contesting the inclusion or omission of the name of any person on or from such proposed roll.

Appeals must be in writing addressed to the Secretary of the Interior and mailed to the Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 425 Irving Street, NE, Portland, Oregon 97208.