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The Bureau of Indian Affairs will. Prepare a roll of Indians originally from the central states are entitled to share in the distribution of more than $2 million in judgment funds, the Department of Interior announced today.

Tribes to be included are the Confederated Tribes of Weas Piankashaws, Peorias, and Kaskaskias, who merged under an 1854 treaty that combined their interests, distribution of more than $2 million in judgment funds, the Department of the Interior announced today.

The land for which they are being compensated totals 1,417,758 acres in Kansas, Indiana and Illinois for which the Indian Claims Commission awarded the Confederation $2,365,760.21. Until the funds are divided the money is on deposit and continues to draw interest.

Indians entitled to be enrolled and share in the distribution of judgment funds must be born on or prior to July 31, 1970, and living; their names or the name of a lineal ancestor must appear on one of the following: the final roll of the Peoria Tribe of Oklahoma; the 1930 or 1937 census of the Peoria Tribe; Indian or Citizen Class lists; the schedule of persons or families made up of the various tribes which were parties to the Treaty of May 30, 1854.

Applications for enrollment may be obtained from the Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Federal Building, Muskogee, Okla., 74401. Completed applications must be returned to Director and must be post marked no later than April 30, 1971.