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Regulations to establish rules and procedures for the conduct of an election of an interim Yurok Tribal governing committee are being published in the Federal Register, Interior Assistant Secretary Forrest Gerard announced today.

Gerard said the action is in accord with his November 20, 1978 message to the Hoopa Valley and Yurok people and is intended as one of the first steps leading to participation by the Yurok Tribe in the management of the Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation.

Regulations setting out voters qualifications and establishing procedures for preparation of a Yurok voting list were published April 25, 1979.

Proposed regulations on the election procedures and duties of the interim governing committee were published May 30 for review and comment. Suggested changes to the proposed regulations are discussed in the Federal Register notice.

The new regulations will become effective 30 days after publication.

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