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The Bureau of Indian Affairs is publishing in the Federal Register a list of 278 Indian tribal entities which are recognized and receiving services from the BIA.

The list includes all Indian tribes, bands, villages, groups and pueblos --except those in the State of Alaska --acknowledged by the Secretary of the Interior to have a political relationship with the United States.

The Federal Register notice states that "the United States recognizes its trust responsibility to these Indian entities and, therefore, acknowledges their eligibility for programs administered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs."

The list of eligible Alaskan entities some 200 village and tribal groups will be published at a later date.

California, with 81 tribal entities listed, has the greatest number of tribal groups. Oklahoma has .36 entries; Washington, 25; New Mexico, Arizona, 20; and Nevada, 18. Regulations setting forth procedures for the Federal recognition of Indian tribal groups require the annual publication of a list of the Indian tribes which are recognized and receiving services from the BIA.