



United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington, DC 20240

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Dora Van
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Dear Ms. Van:

Pursuant to Part 83 of Title 25 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (25 CFR Part 83), the Office of Federal Acknowledgment (OFA) is notifying your group, the “Affiliated Ute Citizens of the State of Utah,” of the receipt of its documented petition on April 17, 2025. The OFA has assigned the number 409 to the group’s petition.

OFA intends to publish notice of receipt of the documented petition in the *Federal Register*. OFA will also publish petition-related materials on its website and send notice of the petition to the parties listed under § 83.22(b)(2).

Although OFA has accepted your group’s petition for processing under 25 CFR Part 83, please note that OFA has not yet evaluated the claims and evidence in the petition and has not yet determined whether your group meets the seven mandatory criteria for Federal acknowledgment in § 83.11. Additionally, please note that, pursuant to criterion 83.11(g), the Department cannot acknowledge petitioners that “are the subject of congressional legislation that has expressly terminated or forbidden the Federal relationship.” The OFA will conduct an analysis of criterion 83.11(g) during “Phase I” of the Federal acknowledgment process, as stated in § 83.26(a).

If you have additional questions, please contact the Office of Federal Acknowledgment at 1849 C Street, Mail Stop 4071 MIB, Washington, DC 20240, via email at Ofa_Info@bia.gov, or by telephone at (202) 513-7650.

Sincerely,

Nikki Bass
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