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The Honorable David Brien  
Chairman, Turtle Mountain Band  
of Chippewa  
P.O. Box 900  
Belcourt, North Dakota 58316

Dear Chairman Brien:

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) received an incomplete application from the Turtle Mountain Chippewa Tribe (Tribe) on March 29, 2006, requesting that the BIA take 40-acres of land in Grand Forks, North Dakota, into trust status for off-reservation gaming pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA), 25 U.S.C. § 2719(b)(1)(A). The Tribe's request fails to provide information required by 25 C.F.R. §§ 151.10 and 151.11. Without this information, the BIA cannot assess the Part 151 factors. No further information has been submitted in over a year, and the BIA cannot take action based on an incomplete file.

As we are unable to assess the merits of your request due to the absence of necessary data, we are removing your request from consideration and will take no further action on it as submitted.

Sincerely,

George T. Skibine  
Acting Deputy Assistant  
Secretary - Policy and Economic Development