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The Honorable Frances G. Charles
Chairwoman, Lower Elwha Tribal Council
2851 Lower Elwha Road
Port Angeles, Washington 98363

Dear Chairwoman Charles:

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) received an incomplete application from the Lower Elwha Tribe on April 15, 2006, requesting that the BIA take approximately 16 acres of land located in Port Angeles, Clallam County, Washington 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