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Department of the Interior

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## AS-IA Monthly FOIA Logs

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I request the following records from Dec. 1, 2025 to Jan. 1, 2026: □					
<a href="#">DOI-2026-002859</a>	01/02/2026	01/06/2026	E&E News	<p>1. I request all records concerning all logs of correspondence that record letters from members of Congress to your bureau/office. The logs should detail the correspondence's control number, the date it was received, what congressional office sent it and its subject. Please redact constituents' names and other personal information detailed in these logs to expedite this request. □</p>	Closed
<a href="#">DOI-2026-002874</a>	01/02/2026	01/05/2026	-	<p>Please consider each numbered bullet point a separate FOIA request, with each requiring its own control number and response. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2008 To 12/31/2011)      The Board for Certification of Genealogists, "The Genealogical Proof Standard" (online screenshot taken August 14, 2009); the National Genealogical Society Quarterly, "A Process Map for Analyzing Evidence" (p. 174); and a memorandum from R. Lee Fleming, Director, Office of Federal Acknowledgment, to James W. Porter, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Solicitor, dated September 2, 2009. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2008 To 12/31/2011)      The Board for Certification of Genealogists, "The Genealogical Proof Standard" (online screenshot taken August 14, 2009); the National Genealogical Society Quarterly, "A Process Map for Analyzing Evidence" (p. 174); and a memorandum from R. Lee Fleming, Director, Office of Federal Acknowledgment, to James W. Porter, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Solicitor, dated September 2, 2009. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2008 To 12/31/2011)</p>	Assigned
<a href="#">DOI-2026-002875</a>	01/02/2026	01/05/2026	-	<p>The memorandum, "Certificate of Degree of Indian or Alaska Native Blood Application Form," from Diana K. Rosen, Acting Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, to the Regional Directors, Central Office Directors, and the Director of the Bureau of Indian Education, dated July 24, 2008, with the appended related application and instructions (3 pp.), OMB Control No. 1076-0153, expiration date July 31, 2011. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2008 To 12/31/2014)      Any warning letters, notices of violation, or cease-and-desist communications sent to individuals, businesses, or organizations found to be in violation of the Indian Arts and Crafts Act (IACA) between January 1, 2023, and the present. □</p>	Closed
<a href="#">DOI-2026-002880</a>	01/02/2026	01/05/2026	-	<p>I am particularly interested in documents issued by the Indian Arts and Crafts Board (IACB) or any other relevant office within the Department of the Interior regarding unauthorized representation or misrepresentation of Indian-produced goods and art. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2023 To 06/26/2025) (Date Range for Record Search: From 07/01/2023 To 07/31/2023) for Reaffirmation and all materials submitted to the Department in support of the application for "Reaffirmation of the Mdewakanton Band of Sioux in Minnesota." The 43 page document was submitted for review and confirmation to the AS-IA Kevin Washburn, on May 5, 2014, and again on June 5, 2014. The Reaffirmation Petition was submitted with 500 pages of indisputable documentation. Though the Petition was acknowledged by the BIA, no decision or correspondence was received! At the time of the application for "Reaffirmation" it was the Policy of the Department to "Reaffirm" already Recognized Indian Tribes. A mistake was made and in order to correct the mistake The Mdewakanton Band of Sioux in Minnesota is required to be placed on the List of Federally Recognized Indian Tribes. The most recent Indian Tribe to be "Reaffirmed" is the Tejon of California. This group was previously never affirmed in any sense of the definition prior to be "reaffirmed"! I request the the Department provide me with an answer as to the Status of the Mdewakanton Tribes application and with copies of all internal documents and any information pertaining to the placement of the Mdewakanton Tribe on the List of Federally Recognized Indian Tribes. This answer by the Department has gone on way to long, 12 years, and is required to be completed by law. Currently, there are 3 Non-Tribal "Communities" in Minnesota that have claimed to be "Successor in Interest" to the Mdewakanton Band of Sioux in Minnesota, but historically and by Congressional Statutes, have no legal or historical connection to the Mdewakanton Tribe. The 43 page Reaffirmation Petition clearly proves factually our position. As noted in the third attachment, the 3 Communities are non-indigenous and non-tribal, both Federal court Decisions! Please immediately place the Mdewakanton Band of Sioux on the List of Federally Recognized Indian Tribes since by law and Treaties the Mdewakanton Band of Sioux indisputably is Recognized! All of this transpired in the damn Obama Administration which is the most corrupted administration ever! You simply have to look at the word "Community" in the name of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, which is a non-tribal group! Only Tribes could and can organize under the Indian Reorganization Act, NOT Communities! By law the SMSC are NOT nor can be organized under the IRA! That is a fact the Department has determined in the series of Allan Half-Blood litigation! All of the land held in trust for the SMSC, at least since the Carcieri Supreme Court decision of February 2009, is subject to be returned to fee land and no longer under the jurisdiction of the SMSC! (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2014 To 12/31/2016)</p>	Closed
<a href="#">DOI-2026-002890</a>	01/03/2026	01/05/2026	-	<p>I am particularly interested in documents issued by the Indian Arts and Crafts Board (IACB) or any other relevant office within the Department of the Interior regarding unauthorized representation or misrepresentation of Indian-produced goods and art. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2023 To 06/26/2025) (Date Range for Record Search: From 07/01/2023 To 07/31/2023) for Reaffirmation and all materials submitted to the Department in support of the application for "Reaffirmation of the Mdewakanton Band of Sioux in Minnesota." The 43 page document was submitted for review and confirmation to the AS-IA Kevin Washburn, on May 5, 2014, and again on June 5, 2014. The Reaffirmation Petition was submitted with 500 pages of indisputable documentation. Though the Petition was acknowledged by the BIA, no decision or correspondence was received! At the time of the application for "Reaffirmation" it was the Policy of the Department to "Reaffirm" already Recognized Indian Tribes. A mistake was made and in order to correct the mistake The Mdewakanton Band of Sioux in Minnesota is required to be placed on the List of Federally Recognized Indian Tribes. The most recent Indian Tribe to be "Reaffirmed" is the Tejon of California. This group was previously never affirmed in any sense of the definition prior to be "reaffirmed"! I request the the Department provide me with an answer as to the Status of the Mdewakanton Tribes application and with copies of all internal documents and any information pertaining to the placement of the Mdewakanton Tribe on the List of Federally Recognized Indian Tribes. This answer by the Department has gone on way to long, 12 years, and is required to be completed by law. Currently, there are 3 Non-Tribal "Communities" in Minnesota that have claimed to be "Successor in Interest" to the Mdewakanton Band of Sioux in Minnesota, but historically and by Congressional Statutes, have no legal or historical connection to the Mdewakanton Tribe. The 43 page Reaffirmation Petition clearly proves factually our position. As noted in the third attachment, the 3 Communities are non-indigenous and non-tribal, both Federal court Decisions! Please immediately place the Mdewakanton Band of Sioux on the List of Federally Recognized Indian Tribes since by law and Treaties the Mdewakanton Band of Sioux indisputably is Recognized! All of this transpired in the damn Obama Administration which is the most corrupted administration ever! You simply have to look at the word "Community" in the name of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, which is a non-tribal group! Only Tribes could and can organize under the Indian Reorganization Act, NOT Communities! By law the SMSC are NOT nor can be organized under the IRA! That is a fact the Department has determined in the series of Allan Half-Blood litigation! All of the land held in trust for the SMSC, at least since the Carcieri Supreme Court decision of February 2009, is subject to be returned to fee land and no longer under the jurisdiction of the SMSC! (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2014 To 12/31/2016)</p>	Assigned
<a href="#">DOI-2026-002993</a>	01/07/2026	01/07/2026	-	<p>I am particularly interested in documents issued by the Indian Arts and Crafts Board (IACB) or any other relevant office within the Department of the Interior regarding unauthorized representation or misrepresentation of Indian-produced goods and art. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2023 To 06/26/2025) (Date Range for Record Search: From 07/01/2023 To 07/31/2023) for Reaffirmation and all materials submitted to the Department in support of the application for "Reaffirmation of the Mdewakanton Band of Sioux in Minnesota." The 43 page document was submitted for review and confirmation to the AS-IA Kevin Washburn, on May 5, 2014, and again on June 5, 2014. The Reaffirmation Petition was submitted with 500 pages of indisputable documentation. Though the Petition was acknowledged by the BIA, no decision or correspondence was received! At the time of the application for "Reaffirmation" it was the Policy of the Department to "Reaffirm" already Recognized Indian Tribes. A mistake was made and in order to correct the mistake The Mdewakanton Band of Sioux in Minnesota is required to be placed on the List of Federally Recognized Indian Tribes. The most recent Indian Tribe to be "Reaffirmed" is the Tejon of California. This group was previously never affirmed in any sense of the definition prior to be "reaffirmed"! I request the the Department provide me with an answer as to the Status of the Mdewakanton Tribes application and with copies of all internal documents and any information pertaining to the placement of the Mdewakanton Tribe on the List of Federally Recognized Indian Tribes. This answer by the Department has gone on way to long, 12 years, and is required to be completed by law. Currently, there are 3 Non-Tribal "Communities" in Minnesota that have claimed to be "Successor in Interest" to the Mdewakanton Band of Sioux in Minnesota, but historically and by Congressional Statutes, have no legal or historical connection to the Mdewakanton Tribe. The 43 page Reaffirmation Petition clearly proves factually our position. As noted in the third attachment, the 3 Communities are non-indigenous and non-tribal, both Federal court Decisions! Please immediately place the Mdewakanton Band of Sioux on the List of Federally Recognized Indian Tribes since by law and Treaties the Mdewakanton Band of Sioux indisputably is Recognized! All of this transpired in the damn Obama Administration which is the most corrupted administration ever! You simply have to look at the word "Community" in the name of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, which is a non-tribal group! Only Tribes could and can organize under the Indian Reorganization Act, NOT Communities! By law the SMSC are NOT nor can be organized under the IRA! That is a fact the Department has determined in the series of Allan Half-Blood litigation! All of the land held in trust for the SMSC, at least since the Carcieri Supreme Court decision of February 2009, is subject to be returned to fee land and no longer under the jurisdiction of the SMSC! (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2014 To 12/31/2016)</p>	Assigned

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<a href="#">DOI-2026-003009</a>	01/02/2026	01/06/2026 E&E News	I request the following records from Dec. 1, 2025, to Jan. 1, 2026: <input type="checkbox"/> 2. I request all records concerning Freedom of Information Act request logs maintained by your bureau/office. The FOIA logs should detail the request's control number, the date it was received, who made the request, what company or organization they were from and the request's subject. <input type="checkbox"/>	Closed
<a href="#">DOI-2026-003010</a>	01/02/2026	01/06/2026 E&E News	Please consider each numbered bullet point a separate FOIA request, with each requiring its own control number and response. (Date Range for Record Search: From 12/1/2025 To 1/1/2026) I request the following records from Dec. 1, 2025, to Jan. 1, 2026: <input type="checkbox"/> 3. I request all records concerning the schedule for the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Acting Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs or whoever is exercising the delegated authorities of the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs. Please include all records that document their schedule, including but not limited to agenda sheets, appointments, day calendars, itineraries, Google calendars, Outlook calendars, programs and timetables. <input type="checkbox"/>	Assigned
<a href="#">DOI-2026-003011</a>	01/02/2026	01/06/2026 E&E News	Please consider each numbered bullet point a separate FOIA request, with each requiring its own control number and response. (Date Range for Record Search: From 12/1/2025 To 1/1/2026) I request the following records from Dec. 1, 2025, to Jan. 1, 2026: <input type="checkbox"/> 4. I request a list of "special government employees" (SGEs) employed by your bureau/office. A SGE is an agency employee that performs temporary duties, with or without compensation, for not more than 130 days during any period of 365 consecutive days, as defined in 18 U.S.C § 202. <input type="checkbox"/>	Closed
<a href="#">DOI-2026-003067</a>	01/09/2026	01/09/2026 Hogan Adams PLLC	Please consider each numbered bullet point a separate FOIA request, with each requiring its own control number and response. Copies of all Single Audit Reports (SARs) of the Buena Vista Rancheria of the Wuk Indians for fiscal years 2020 through 2025 submitted to the Division of Internal Evaluation and Assessment (DIEA). <input type="checkbox"/> The requested records are in the possession of the following office: <input type="checkbox"/>	Documents Added
<a href="#">DOI-2026-003096</a>	01/11/2026	01/12/2026 -	Division of Internal Evaluation and Assessment <input type="checkbox"/> Office of the Chief Financial Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs <input type="checkbox"/> 12220 Sunrise Valley Drive <input type="checkbox"/> Reston, Virginia 20191 <input type="checkbox"/> E-mail: oiea@bia.gov (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2020 To 01/09/2026) The Office of Federal Acknowledgment's contact list of interested parties for the Juaneno Band of Mission Indians, Acjachemen Nation, of San Juan Capistrano, Petitioner #084A. 1. All records, documents, information, and communications related to any and all meetings that occurred from July 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025, between Geoffre Standing Bear, Principal Chief of the Osage Nation, and any officers, officials, employees, agents of the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs. <input type="checkbox"/> 2. The date, time, and place of any meetings between the dates mentioned above and the first name, last name, and title of any and all individuals who attended such meetings. <input type="checkbox"/>	Assigned
<a href="#">DOI-2026-003120</a>	01/12/2026	01/12/2026 Patterson Real Bird & Rasmussen LLP	3. Whether Kennis (Ken) Belliard, Deputy Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs for Policy and Economic Development attended any and all meetings between the dates mentioned above. <input type="checkbox"/> 4. The record of discussion at the any and all meetings between the dates mentioned above, any and all records, documents, information, and communications generated in anticipation of such meetings, and any and all records generated from such meetings. <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Any and all records, documents, and communications regarding the pore space of the Osage Minerals Estate and/or pore space of the Osage Reservation generated in anticipation of or generated from any meetings. <input type="checkbox"/>	Documents Added



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Re: FOIA Request for Communications with Piqua Sept of Ohio Shawnee Tribe and/or Piqua Shawnee Tribe Since January 1, 1994

Dear FOIA Officer:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I hereby request access to and copies of any and all records, including but not limited to emails, letters, memoranda, reports, meeting notes, or other forms of written or electronic communications, between the Bureau of Indian Affairs (including its offices, divisions, and employees) and any representative, official, or agent of:

1. The Piqua Sept of Ohio Shawnee Tribe; and/or
2. The Piqua Shawnee Tribe

for the time period beginning January 1, 1994, through the date of this request.

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Please include all direct and indirect communications, including attachments, enclosures, and any records referencing or copying the Tribes Closed or their representatives.

If any portion of the requested information is withheld, please provide a detailed index of the withheld documents pursuant to Vaughn v. Rosen, 484 F.2d 820 (D.C. Cir. 1973), specifying the statutory exemption(s) claimed and the justification for each withholding.

If this request is denied in whole or in part, please justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the FOIA. I request that any reasonably segregable portion of a record be provided, even if portions of the record are exempt from disclosure.

If possible, please provide all responsive records in electronic format (e.g., PDF).

Please contact me at (b) (6) with any questions regarding this request. I look forward to your response within 20 business days as required by law. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/1994 To 01/30/2026)

**Total No of Requests :18**