



United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington, DC 20240

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Ms. Sandra Chapman
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Dear Ms. Chapman:

Thank you for the letter dated April 11, 2022, from your attorney of record, Mr. Stephen V. Quesenberry, regarding the Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation (SSM) petitioner. The Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs (AS-IA) received this letter on April 12, 2022.

On behalf of the SSM petitioner, Mr. Quesenberry is requesting an extension of the comment period on the proposed finding (PF) regarding the SSM's petition for Federal acknowledgment. In addition, Mr. Quesenberry is requesting that the AS-IA direct the Office of Federal Acknowledgment (OFA) to produce documents responsive to SSM's FOIA request.

Upon review of the extension request, the AS-IA has found good cause to grant an additional 180-day extension of the comment period. Comments are due now on or before Friday, November 11, 2022. This letter notifies SSM and interested and informed parties of this extension.

In addition, the AS-IA is directing OFA to release a large set of documents responsive to SSM's outstanding FOIA request before May 16, 2022 and to provide a final set of documents currently under review shortly thereafter, giving SSM time to review the requested documents and to provide meaningful comment by November 11, 2022.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Federal Acknowledgment at 1849 C Street, NW, MS-4071-MIB, Washington, DC 20240.

Sincerely,

Director, Office of Federal Acknowledgment

cc: Mr. Stephen V. Quesenberry
Interested and Informed Parties