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Ms. Elizabeth Appel  
Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action  
US Department of the Interior  
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Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Ms. Appel and the Department of Indian Affairs:

The Nor Rel Muk Wintu Nation, Petitioner #93 is honored to comment on the Preliminary Discussion Draft Concerning the Federal Acknowledgment Regulations. We are very excited to see the Department of Interior taking action on this lengthy, tedious, and expensive process. The Nor Rel Muk Wintu Nation originally submitted its letter of intent in 1984 and the first petition in 1988.

We received a deficiency letter in 1994 and submitted responses to the deficiency in 2005 and 2011. With the 2011 submission we requested our Final Technical Review. On February 14, 2013 we received a 13 page review with one year, 365 days to submit additional information to be placed on "active review" status.

While the Nor Rel Muk Wintu Nation is not currently on "active review" status, we are actively seeking "active review" status and are in the process of submitting our required response by February 14, 2014. We should have been noticed as a means of Consultation. Fortunately, we work with many federally recognized tribes, and they made us aware of the proposed amended regulations.

The Nor Rel Muk Wintu Nation opposes changes to section 83.3(g) and 83.4(a) where it appears that if you are not currently on "active review" status, a tribe would be required to file a new documented petition. This requirement would be entirely cost prohibitive and burdensome when we have spent approximately 30 years in your system.

The Nor Rel Muk Wintu Nation opposes the changes in section 83.6(a) suggesting limiting the number of pages submitted since we have a tremendous amount of documentation indicating that we are an original tribe. Requiring a limitation of pages could result in the limitation of evidence that we should be a federally recognized tribe.

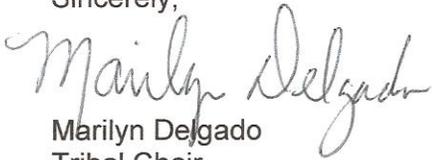
Section 83.6(b)(2) is not clear where it requires the members current residential address. In rural California, many/most homes use Post Office Boxes, however it has been the interpretation by the Office of Federal Acknowledgement that a physical address or description for each member must be submitted. Please clarify this section.

The Nor Rel Muk Wintu Nation opposes section 83.6(f) which dates the Tribe to 1934. Using the Indian Regulatory Act date could limit a Tribes ability to get Reservation lands. Recognized tribes should always be recognized with reservation lands to stop the problems that have occurred with landless Tribes.

Section 83.7(b)(1)(vii) - Please interpret or define the meaning of the term "system."

Thank you for considering our comments or requests for clarification.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marilyn Delgado". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the typed name.

Marilyn Delgado  
Tribal Chair  
Nor Rel Muk Wintu Nation