



United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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Mr. Ron Yob
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Dear Mr. Yob:

The Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians petitioner (GRB) has been on conditional suspension since April 16, 2020. Under 25 C.F.R. § 83.10(g) (1994), this letter is to notify the GRB and interested and informed parties that the Department of the Interior (Department) is lifting the conditional suspension on April 15, 2022. The Office of Federal Acknowledgment (OFA), under approved extension, will have 180 days to prepare a proposed finding (PF) on GRB's documented petition.

The review of the documented petition was suspended conditionally based on administrative problems caused by the current COVID-19 emergency. The determination to end the suspension was based on local public health conditions (transmission levels trending to moderate and low) and the reopening of facilities on the local, state, tribal, and Federal levels that are important to access information and records related to the consideration of the petition.

With the ending of this suspension, OFA will begin a 180-day active consideration for the PF on April 15, 2022, and the Department is scheduled to issue the PF on or before Wednesday, October 12, 2022. The OFA research team assigned for the GRB active consideration for the PF are: Cultural Anthropologist Wendi-Starr Brown, Genealogist Michael Hait, and Historian Francis Flavin. These OFA staff members are under the supervision of Director R. Lee Fleming.

On April 11, 2022, OFA discussed by phone with you the importance of submitting (1) an updated current membership list and (2) any new member enrollment files for this review. Thank you for agreeing to provide these items during the earliest part of the 180-day extension. We look forward to our continued work with the GRB.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the OFA, 1849 C Street, NW, MS-4071-MIB, Washington, DC 20240. Thank you for your patience, and your understanding in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Director, Office of Federal Acknowledgment