



ROZELLA'S ME WUK COALITION

Ms. Nedra Darling  
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SEPTEMBER 20, 2013

RE: CONSIDERATION OF REVISIONS TO FEDERAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT REGULATIONS

Ms. Darling,

In an effort to provide valuable input on potential changes to the part 83 process, our organization, ROZELLA'S ME WUK DESCENDANTS COALITION submits this letter expressing some of our concerns.

We request your office to examine and address a few issues that concern all of our members. The first of these matters is the unprofessional and disrespectful treatment received by our elder and chairman Mr. Gary Robles, by the B.I.A. area office in Sacramento, California, while conducting tribal research. The initial contact was cordial until the subject of research was brought up that requested documents and information on the 1935 census records and tribal rolls for the Tuolumne Band of Me wuks. What ensued was a virtual "run around" that included phone messages not being returned and referrals that lead us nowhere.

Another area of concern for us is the unethical and illegal policies in practice to eliminate tribal and family members through "dis-enrollment" without due process or any form of explanation for their egregious actions. [REDACTED] is only one of many members who has had this experience and is willing to give her testimony.

As petitioners we fall within the review year of 1934 to align within the U.S. repudiation of allotment and assimilation policies.

In an attempt to promote greater transparency, we petition your office to review our concerns and provide our coalition with the 1935 census and tribal membership rolls for the Tuolumne Band of Me wuks or direct us to the appropriate agency that will provide us with technical assistance in our research of this important matter.

Sincerely,

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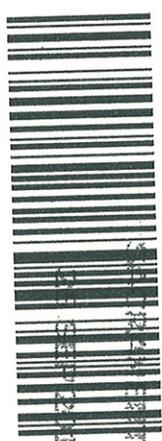
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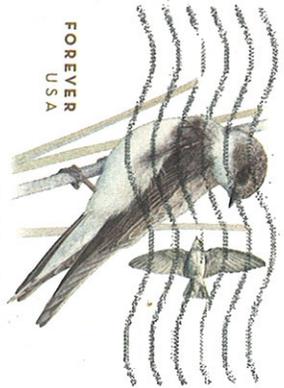
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