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DEPARTMENT APPROVES FINAL KLAMATH ELECTION RESULTS

Nearly 78 percent of the 2,133 enrolled members of Oregon's Klamath Indian Tribe have elected to withdraw from the tribal organization and receive a cash payment for their proportionate share of the tribal assets, Under Secretary of the Interior Hatfield Chilson announced today in approving the final results of a tribal election held in April.

Mr. Chilson approved the results in a letter to T. B. Watters, chairman of the management specialists administering the program under the Klamath Termination Act of 1954.

The final results differ only slightly from the preliminary returns announced on April 28. A total of 1,659 or 77.778 percent of the enrolled members have elected to withdraw and 474 or 22.222 percent are remaining. Of the latter group only 80 executed valid ballots to remain. The 394 others are remaining by default.

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