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FEDERAL SUPERVISION TERMINATED AT BLUE LAKE RANCHERIA, CALIFORNIA

Federal supervision over the Indians of Blue Lake Rancheria in Humboldt County, Calif., has been terminated with their consent, the Bureau of Indian Affairs announced today. Notice is being published in the Federal Register.

Blue Lake is the 30th rancheria in California to be removed from Federal trust supervision, in accordance with legislation enacted in 1958 and amended two years ago. More than 100 small Indian rancherias are affected by the law.

Consisting of approximately 26 acres, Blue Lake Rancheria has been occupied by 26 Indians. Termination precludes their receiving further services from the United States Government by virtue of their status as Indians.

The Rancheria Act provides that a plan for disposition of assets be completed before termination. The Blue Lake plan provided for completion of road construction by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and conveyance of the road to Humboldt County; a survey of the land, recorded in Humboldt County; distribution among the Blue Lake group of funds held in trust; and conveyance to the distributees of unrestricted title to the land.

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