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MR. ASSISTANT SECRETARY WASHBURN,

AS A TRIBAL LEADER I FEEL THAT SOME KEY ISSUES HAS BEEN OVER LOOKED LIKE HOW SOME OF THE LARGER TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS TRY TO STOP THE SMALLER ONES FROM BECOMING RECOGNIZED AND THIS IS VERY UNFAIR TO THE SMALLER ONES. ALSO I FEEL THAT IF A TRIBAL GROUP CAN PROVE THAT THEY HAVE BEEN IN A AREA FOR MORE THEN 100 YEARS/WITH A WORKING TRIBAL GOVERNMENT/AND TRIBAL MEMBERS MUST PROVE BLOODLINE/ AND CHARGE NO KIND OF MEMBERSHIP FEES/DUES. I WILL FIGHT FOR RECOGNITION FOR MY TRIBAL GROUP AS LONG AS I AM IN OFFICE, EVEN IF I HAVE TO FILE PAPER WORK EACH AND EVERY WEEK. I HAVE ATTACHED A DOCUMENT FOR THE BIA TO PUT ON FILE AND I HAVE ALSO SENT A COPY TO THE US CONGRESS AND I WILL BE FILING IT IN A OUT SIDE TRIBAL COURT "JUDGE RUDY AL JAMES" FOR RECOGNITION.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME

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We are now and have always been a free and sovereign people. Our ancestors are first documented as coming to Idaho as a self governing band from the Cherokee Nation in the American southeast during a period of ethnic cleansing known as the "Indian Removals". They were soon also joined by escaping Cherokee families from the Oklahoma reservations using what was already known as the western Cherokees trail that also provided access to California. Many became miners in the 1840's, and some would leave to join the California gold rush.

Our presence long precedes the establishment of the Oregon territory by the United States, as well as the formation of the state of Idaho. Our people have continually lived in Idaho as a self governing Cherokee nation to the present. There are at least 10000 people of Cherokee descent living in Idaho today, and many more spread over what is now called the United States of America who may be eligible to join our role. While we never participated in the Indian Reform Act, our current tribal administration was formed in the early 1900's, long before it. We presently operate as an elected consular government, and our current constitution was formally published in 1970.

We are, among others, a direct legal successor of interest to the original Cherokee Nation by ancestry and by treaty. We never were a party to it's forced and illegitimate dissolution by the government of the United States of America.

As an indigenous sovereign people we only wish to live in correct relationship with the government of the United States of America, and the present state of Idaho. We believe that in formally declaring our sovereignty we are doing so. We believe this is what our ancestors would wish for us to do so.



THIS DOCUMENT HAS BEEN SIGNED/DATED BY ALL TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS AND FILED.