

Nation. It has only been identified as an Indian entity since its formation in 1969 and no identifications were found of predecessor communities. Membership has varied significantly during the organization's existence, being currently much narrower than when it was originally formed. Significant political authority or other political processes have not operated within the group since its formation and no antecedent leaders or community within which political processes might have operated were found to have existed.

The petitioner did submit copies of the group's governing documents which include a statement explaining how membership is being determined. The organization's membership is composed principally of descendants of one early Creek ancestor, Catherine McIntosh. Eighty-one percent of the group's membership has demonstrated or is expected to be able to demonstrate Creek Indian ancestry based on information now available. Other members may also be able to trace their ancestry; however, the petitioner did not submit sufficient information to verify their ancestry. Fewer than one percent of the membership are enrolled members of any other North American Indian tribe or group. The Principal Creek Indian Nation has not been the subject of congressional legislation which has expressly terminated or forbidden a relationship with the United States.

Based on this preliminary factual determination, we conclude that the group meets criteria d, e, f, and g and does not meet criteria a, b, and c of § 83.7 of the Acknowledgment regulations.

Section 83.9(g) of the regulations provides that any individual or organization wishing to challenge the proposed finding may submit factual or legal arguments and evidence to rebut the evidence relied upon. This material must be submitted within 120 days of the publication of this notice. Comments and requests for a copy of the proposed finding should be addressed to the Office of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, 18th & C Streets NW., Washington, DC 20245, Attention: Branch of Federal Acknowledgment.

After consideration of the written arguments and evidence rebutting the proposed finding and within 60 days after the expiration of the response period, the Assistant Secretary will publish his determination regarding the

petitioner's status in the Federal Register as provided in § 83.9(h).

Kenneth Smith,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Proposed Finding Against Federal Acknowledgment of the Principal Creek Indian Nation East of the Mississippi.

June 12, 1984.

This notice is published in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

Pursuant to 25 CFR 83.9(f), notice is hereby given that the Assistant Secretary proposes to decline to acknowledge that the Principal Creek Indian Nation East of the Mississippi, c/o Mr. Arthur Turner, P.O. Box 201, Florala, Alabama 36442, exists as an Indian tribe within the meaning of Federal law. This notice is based on a determination that the group does not meet three of the criteria set forth in 25 CFR 83.7 and therefore, does not meet the requirements necessary for a government-to-government relationship with the United States.

The Principal Creek Indian Nation East of the Mississippi is an organization of Creek descendants formed in 1969 at Florala, Alabama. The membership does not now and has not historically formed a community distinct from surrounding populations. It is not a formalization of a previously existing community and has no historical link, other than the descendancy of its members, with the historical Creek

Washington, D.C. It will be open to the public.

The proposed agenda is:

- 9:00-11:00: Introduction of draft recommendations from subcommittees for consideration by the full committee. Discussion and vote.
- 11:00-12:00: Briefing by Bureau of Mines, Bureau of Land Management, and U.S. Geological Survey on what each can contribute toward completion of withdrawn public lands inventory.
- 1:30-3:00: New business; general discussion and planning for future work.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Wayne Marchant, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C., Room 6649, (202) 343-5791.

Dated: October 25, 1984.

Wayne N. Marchant,
Executive Director.

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Bureau of Indian Affairs

Notice of Extension of Comment Period on Proposed Finding Against Federal Acknowledgment of the United Lumbee Nation of North Carolina and America, Inc.

October 24, 1984.

This notice is published in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

The Assistant Secretary has extended the comment period for 120 days from September 7, 1984. This extension is based on notification that one of the principal parties may not have received a copy of the proposed finding until 90 days after its publication.

Section 83.9(g) of 25 CFR provides that any individual or organization wishing to challenge the proposed finding may submit factual or legal arguments and evidence to rebut the evidence relied upon. Comments and requests for a copy of the proposed finding should be addressed to the Office of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, 18th and C Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20242, Attention: Branch of Acknowledgment and Research.

After consideration of the written

arguments and evidence rebutting the proposed finding and within 60 days after expiration of the response period, the Assistant Secretary will publish his determination regarding the petitioner's status in the **Federal Register** as provided in 25 CFR 83.9(h).

John W. Fritz,

Acting Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs.

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Notice of Extension of Comment Period on Proposed Finding Against Federal Acknowledgment of the Principal Creek Indian Nation East of the Mississippi

October 25, 1984.

This notice is published in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

The Assistant Secretary has extended the comment period for 120 days from September 10, 1984. The extension is based on information that defective copies and discrepancies may have occurred in the original distribution.

Section 83.9(g) of 25 CFR provides that any individual or organization wishing to challenge the proposed finding may submit factual or legal arguments to rebut the evidence relied upon. Comments concerning the proposed finding must be postmarked by January 9, 1985. Comments and requests for a copy of the proposed finding should be addressed to the Office of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, 18th and C Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20242, Attention: Branch of Acknowledgment and Research.

After consideration of the written arguments and evidence rebutting the proposed finding and within 60 days after expiration of the response period, the Assistant Secretary will publish his determination regarding the petitioner's status in the **Federal Register** as provided in 25 CFR 83.9(h).

John W. Fritz,

Acting Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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Notice of Receipt of Petition for Federal Acknowledgment of Existence as an Indian Tribe

October 25, 1984.

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authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

Pursuant to 25 CFR 83.8(a) (formerly 25 CFR 54.8(a)) notice is hereby given that the

Cherokee-Powhatan Indian Association,
P.O. Box 3265, Roxboro, North Carolina 27573

has filed a petition for acknowledgment by the Secretary of the Interior that the group exists as an Indian tribe. The petition was received by the Bureau of Indian Affairs on September 7, 1984. The petition was forwarded and signed by members of the group's governing body.

This is a notice of receipt of petition and does not constitute notice that the petition is under active consideration. Notice of active consideration will be by mail to the petitioner and other interested parties at the appropriate time.

Under Section 83.8(d) (formerly 54.8(d)) of the Federal regulations, interested parties may submit factual or legal arguments in support of or in opposition to the group's petition. Any information submitted will be made available on the same basis as other information in the Bureau of Indian Affairs files.

The petition may be examined by appointment in the Division of Tribal Government Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, 18th and C Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20242.

John W. Fritz,

Acting Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs.

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Bureau of Land Management

[C-39424]

Colorado; Invitation for Coal Exploration License Application; AMCA Coal Leasing, Inc.

Pursuant to the Mineral Leasing Act of February 25, 1920, as amended, and to Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations, Subpart 3410, members of the public are hereby invited to participate with AMCA Coal Leasing, Inc., a Delaware corporation, in a program for the exploration of unleased coal deposits owned by the United States of America in the following described lands located in Jackson County, Colorado:

T. 7 N., R. Sec. 21, Sec. 22.

T. 7 N., R. Sec. 20, Sec. 21.

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Plan Amend Mountain Plan in Way UT

AGENCY: Bur Interior.

ACTION: In a 1610.2 and 40 hereby given Director has planning ame Mountain an Management The amend necessary to proceed in co land use plan merit.

SUMMARY: Th response to a and land sale. Exchange (Sele Garfield County T. 31 S., R. 8 E., Utah, Sec. 19, lots 3, NE 1/4 SW 1/4; Sec. 30, lot 1.