

United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY Washington, DC 20240

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Mr. Rudy Ortega, Jr. 1019 Second Street, #1 San Fernando, California 91340

Dear Mr. Ortega:

By letter of October 9, 2020, the Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians (FTB) petitioner requested a 120-day extension to the comment period of the Phase I Negative Proposed Finding. The Office of Federal Acknowledgment (OFA) within the Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs (AS-IA) received your request on Tuesday, October 12, 2020.

Although the comment period of the Phase I Negative Proposed Finding began on June 16, 2020, and was to end on October 14, 2020, the AS-IA is extending the comment period for 120 days. Pursuant to § 83.8(a), the AS-IA found good cause to extend the comment period to February 11, 2021.

This letter notifies the FTB petitioner and those parties listed in § 83.22(d) of this extension. Any individual or entity submitting comments and evidence to OFA must deliver copies of their submission to the petitioner, as stated in § 83.35.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Office of Federal Acknowledgment, 1849 C Street, NW, MS-4071-MIB, Washington, DC 20240.

Sincerely,

Director, Office of Federal Acknowledgment

cc: Parties under § 83.22(d)