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Final Determination That the Kaweah Indian Nation, Inc., Does Not Exist as an Indian Tribe

April 1, 1985.

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 has determined that the Kaweah Indian Nation, Inc. does not exist as an Indian tribe within the meaning of Federal law. This notice is based on a confirmed determination, following a public comment period on the proposed finding, that the group does not satisfy three of the seven mandatory 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.

Notice of the proposed finding to decline to acknowledge the group was first published on page 28770 of the Federal Register on Monday, July 16, 1984. Interested parties were given 120 days in which to submit factual or legal arguments to rebut evidence used to support the proposed finding. No rebuttals or other comments were received during the comment period and no evidence was submitted which would warrant changing the conclusion that the Kaweah Indian Nation does not exist as an Indian tribe within the meaning of Federal law.

In accordance with 25 CFR 83.9(j) of the Acknowledgment regulations, an analysis was made to determine what, if any, options other than acknowledgment are available under which the Kaweah Indian Nation could make application for services and other benefits. No viable alternatives were found.

This determination is final and will become effective 60 days after publication unless the Secretary of the Interior requests the determination be reconsidered pursuant to 25 CFR 83.10.

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Deputy Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs.

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