

**(5) Federal Register Notice of Proposed Finding**

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## Bureau of Indian Affairs

**Proposed Finding Against Federal Acknowledgment of the United Lumbee Nation of North Carolina and America, Inc.**

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 5.

Pursuant to 25 CFR 83.9(f), notice is hereby given that the Assistant Secretary proposes to decline to

acknowledge that the United Lumbee Nation of North Carolina and America, Inc., c/o Mrs. Eva Reed, P.O. Box 512, Fall River Mills, California 95028, exists as an Indian tribe within the meaning of Federal law. This notice is based on a determination that the group does not satisfy 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.

Under § 83.9(f) of the Federal regulations, a report summarizing the evidence for the proposed decision is available to the petitioner and interested parties upon written request.

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

After consideration of the written arguments and evidence rebutting the proposed findings 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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