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Amy Dutschke, Director
Pacific Regional Office
Bureau of Indian Affairs
2800 Cottage Way Room W-2820
Sacramento, CA 95825

Re: Request to Extend Public Comment Period- Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians
Environmental Assessment

Dear Regional Director Dutschke:

I write on behalf of the Kletsel Dehe Wintun Nation to request a 30-day extension of the comment period for the Environmental Assessment ("EA") on the Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians Casino Project (the "Project").

As the Nation has previously indicated in correspondence it has concerns with regard to any claims by the Scotts Valley Band to have a cultural relationship with what is well-known to be Patwin territory. The Nation is requesting additional time to review the document for several reasons:

1. The length of the document, even just the main body of the EA, is quite extensive and as you may be aware the Nation has limited resources. Affording the Nation more time for review and any necessary comment is necessary for meaningful input.
2. The Nation will also need to – and does so via this letter – request a copy of the cultural report associated with the EA. The Nation is certainly appreciative that the BIA maintains such documents in a confidential manner, but given that it is addressing Patwin territory, the Nation is entitled to review and comment on the sufficiency of the report.
3. Finally, while it has identified itself as an interested party for this project through its prior letters, the Nation was not given direct notification of the release of the document.

We appreciate your assistance and cooperation in allowing adequate review of the document.

Sincerely,

Charlie Wright, Chairman