

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

YOCHA DEHE WINTUN NATION, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
THE INTERIOR, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 1:25-cv-00867-TNM

JOINT STATUS REPORT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED STAY

Pursuant to the Court’s February 4, 2026, Minute Order, Plaintiffs the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation and the Kletsel Dehe Wintun Nation of the Cortina Rancheria and the Federal Defendants (together, the “Parties”) have conferred and hereby submit this joint status report updating the Court on Federal Defendants’ reconsideration of the January 10, 2025, Gaming Eligibility Determination.

On April 17, 2026, the Department of the Interior (“Department”) met with Scotts Valley in person to give Scotts Valley a further opportunity to be heard regarding the reconsideration. Third Declaration Regarding Plan for Reconsideration (“Declaration”) ¶ 8. Scotts Valley then provided the Department with its written submission regarding the reconsideration on May 1, 2026. *Id.* ¶ 8. No further submissions will be accepted. *Id.* ¶ 8. The Department still anticipates issuing a reconsidered decision by July 31, 2026. *Id.* ¶ 9. Under these circumstances, Federal Defendants believe the current stay should remain in effect.

Plaintiffs appreciate the Department’s efforts to promptly conclude its reconsideration process, consistent with the schedule set forth in the February 3, 2026, Joint Status Report. At

the same time, they remain concerned about Scotts Valley's pattern of delay tactics. *See* ECF 33 at 3-4. Nevertheless, in light of the Federal Defendants' confirmation that a reconsidered decision is anticipated by July 31, 2026, Plaintiffs agree that a continued stay remains appropriate to preserve judicial and Party resources.

The Parties jointly propose that: (i) within 7 days of the Department issuing the reconsidered decision, Federal Defendants will file a notice with the Court to which the decision will be attached; (ii) within 14 days of the Department issuing the reconsidered decision, the Parties will meet and confer regarding further proceedings in this case; (iii) within 7 days of that meet-and-confer, the Parties will file a joint status report with their proposal (or proposals) for further proceedings; and (iv) otherwise, the case will remain stayed. If the Department does not issue a reconsidered decision by July 31, 2026, the Parties will promptly meet and confer and submit a Joint Status Report by August 5, 2026.

Respectfully submitted May 15, 2026.

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