

**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

Pursuant to the Court’s May 23, 2025 Minute Entry, Plaintiffs Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation and Kletsel Dehe Wintun Nation of the Cortina Rancheria and Defendants United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bryan Mercier, in his official capacity as Acting Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs, Scott Davis, in his official capacity as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs, and Philip Bristol, in his official capacity as Acting Director of the Office of Indian Gaming (hereinafter collectively “the Parties”) have conferred and hereby submit a joint status report proposing next steps in this litigation.

Plaintiffs’ Complaint challenges a January 10, 2025, decision by the United States Department of the Interior (“Interior”) to acquire 160 acres of land in Vallejo, California, in trust for the Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians for gaming purposes. On March 27, 2025, Interior issued a temporary rescission of the January 10 gaming eligibility determination to allow for submission of additional evidence. The March 27 decision is currently being challenged in *Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians v. Burgum*, Case No. 25-958-TNM.

On May 23, the Court stayed the instant case pending the Court's decision on *Scotts Valley*'s motion for preliminary injunction and granted Defendants' unopposed motion to extend the deadline to answer Plaintiffs' Complaint to June 26, 2025. The Court also ordered the Parties to file a joint status report within two weeks of the Court's order on *Scotts Valley*'s motion for preliminary injunction. On June 10, 2025, the Court entered an order denying *Scotts Valley*'s motion for preliminary injunction. As such, the Parties submit the following joint status report for the Court's consideration:

Both the Court's decision resolving the merits in *Scotts Valley* and the outcome of Interior's reconsideration of the January 10 gaming eligibility determination may impact this case, and both proceedings remain ongoing. The Parties propose staying the above-captioned case, including Defendants' answer deadline, for an additional 60 days, or until August 22, 2025, at which time the Parties will file another joint status report.

Respectfully submitted this 24th day of June, 2025.

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