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The Honorable James Williams, Jr.
Chairman, Lac Vieux Desert Band
of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians
East 23968 Pow Wow Trail
P.O. Box 249
Watersmeet, Michigan 49969

Dear Chairman Williams:

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) received an incomplete application from the Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians on April 14, 2006, requesting that the BIA take 10-acres of land in Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan into trust status for off-reservation gaming pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA), 25 U.S.C. § 2719(b)(1)(A). The Tribe's request fails to provide information required by 25 C.F.R. §§ 151.10 and 151.11. Without this information, the BIA cannot assess the Part 151 factors. No further information has been submitted in over a year, and the BIA cannot take action based on an incomplete file.

As we are unable to assess the merits of your request due to the absence of necessary data, we are removing your request from consideration and will take no further action on it as submitted.

Sincerely,

George T. Skibine
Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary --
Policy and Economic Development