This document is scheduled to be published in the
Federal Register on 04/17/2024 and available online at
https://federalregister.gov/d/2024-08084, and on https://govinfo.gov

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

[245A2100DD/AAKC001030/A0A501010.999900]

Receipt of Documented Petition for Federal Acknowledgment as an American Indian Tribe

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Interior (Department) gives notice that the group known as the Chihene Nde Nation of New Mexico has filed a documented petition for Federal acknowledgment as an American Indian tribe with the Assistant Secretary–Indian Affairs. The Department seeks comment and evidence from the public on the petition.

DATES: Comments and evidence must be postmarked by [INSERT DATE 120 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

ADDRESSES: Copies of the narrative portion of the documented petition, as submitted by the petitioner (with any redactions appropriate under 25 CFR 83.21(b)), and other information are available at the Office of Federal Acknowledgement's website: www.bia.gov/as-ia/ofa. Submit any comments or evidence to: Department of the Interior, Office of the Assistant Secretary–Indian Affairs, Attention: Office of Federal Acknowledgment, Mail Stop 4071 MIB, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240, or by email to: Ofa_Info@bia.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. K. Denise Litz, OFA Acting Director, Office of the Assistant Secretary–Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior (202) 513-7650.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 31, 2015, the Department's revisions to 25 CFR part 83 became final and effective (80 FR 37861). A key goal of the revisions

was to improve transparency through increased notice of petitions and providing improved public access to petitions. Today the Department informs the public that a complete documented petition has been submitted under the current regulations, that portions of that petition are publicly available on the website identified above for easy access, and that we are seeking public comment early in the process on this petition.

Under 25 CFR 83.22(b)(1), the Office of Federal Acknowledgement (OFA) publishes notice that the following group has filed a documented petition for Federal acknowledgment as an American Indian tribe to the Assistant Secretary–Indian Affairs: Chihene Nde Nation of New Mexico. The contact information for the petitioner is Mr. Manuel P. Sanchez, c/o Mr. Ruben Q. Leyva, 5690 Desert Star Road, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Also under 25 CFR 83.22(b)(1), OFA publishes on its web site the following:

i. The narrative portion of the documented petition, as submitted by the petitioner (with any redactions appropriate under 25 CFR 83.21(b));

ii. The name, location, and mailing address of the petitioner and other information to identify the entity;

iii. The date of receipt;

iv. The opportunity for individuals and entities to submit comments and evidence supporting or opposing the petitioner's request for acknowledgment within 120 days of the date of the Web site posting; and

v. The opportunity for individuals and entities to request to be kept informed of general actions regarding a specific petitioner.

The Department publishes this notice and request for comment in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary–Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

Bryan Newland,

Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs.

[FR Doc. 2024-08084 Filed: 4/16/2024 8:45 am; Publication Date: 4/17/2024]