

memorandum

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REPLY TO  
ATTN OF:

Acting Area Director, Sacramento Area Office

SUBJECT:

Title Status - Sheep Ranch Rancheria

TO:

Superintendent, Central California Agency  
Attention: Realty Officer

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This is a follow-up to a telephone discussion on August 18 regarding our recommendations regarding the title problems as set forth in your memorandum dated January 9, 1989.

As explained in your memorandum, the Title Status Report for the Sheep Rancheria indicates that a 1971 probate order was recorded in the Titles and Records Office which indicates that title was to be conveyed to the heirs of Mabel Hodge Dixie under the authority of the California Rancheria Act (Act of August 18, 1958, as amended) and in accordance with the Distribution Plan approved on August 18, 1966.

In the telephone discussion, we were advised that deeds were not issued to the individuals listed as the sole distributee's heirs, and with the exception of one heir, the whereabouts of the other heirs is unknown at this time. As you were advised, termination of Indian status pursuant to the California Rancheria Act is no longer the BIA's goal, therefore, we recommend that you make attempts to locate all of the heirs of Mabel Hodge Dixie in order that we may initiate actions to revoke the Distribution Plan. Revocation of the Distribution Plan can be published in the Federal Register and should suffice as a title-clearing document.

*Ronald Eden*