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The Honorable Wally Herger
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Herger:

Thank you for your September 2, 2004, letter to Secretary of the Interior Gale A. Norton on behalf of your constituent, Bill Simmons, concerning an environmental assessment prepared for the Enterprise Rancheria's proposed casino. The Secretary has asked that I respond to your letter personally.

We appreciate the comments of the Yuba County Board of Supervisors as represented by its chairman, Mr. Simmons. In giving the County of Yuba additional time to prepare comments on the environmental assessment for the proposed Enterprise Rancheria Casino, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) stressed its willingness to accept all substantive comments concerning this venture. The County's comments brought up several important matters that will be reviewed by both the BIA and the Enterprise Rancheria before this venture goes forward. ?

We appreciate your interest in this matter and welcome any further comments or concerns you may have regarding the Enterprise Rancheria.

Sincerely,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary - Policy
and Economic Development