



## United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
Pacific Regional Office  
2800 Cottage Way  
Sacramento, California 95825

IN REPLY REFER TO:

FOIA BIA-2010-00004

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Cheryl A. Schmit, Director  
Stand Up for California  
P. O. Box 355  
Penryn, California 95663

Dear Ms. Schmit:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, you submitted a request for documents pertaining to the Guidiville Rancheria, i.e., tribal membership beginning in 1909 and any Indian Agent correspondence pertaining to the establishment of the Guidiville Rancheria, our reference: FOIA BIA-2010-00004. Enclosed are copies of the following data that was located in our Real Estate Services Division:

1. Letter dated June 5, 1935 with list of eligible voters for the Guidiville Rancheria.
2. Title Statement for the Guidiville Rancheria, circa 1960.
3. Departmental Order of June 16, 1909 setting aside 160.00 acres of public lands for the Guidiville Indians.
4. Excerpt from File No. 22266-09 regarding the purchase of approximately 50.00 acres for the Guidiville Indians.
5. File No. 129236-12 regarding the purchase of approximately 34.12 acres for the Guidiville Indians.

We were unable to locate a complete case record pertaining to the Departmental Order or a complete copy of the 50-acre purchase file. The above Title Statement does list File No. 28456-09, but we were unable to locate a copy of it. As the lands set aside by the Departmental Order were public lands under the old General Land Office agency (now, BLM), the record is likely at the National Archives, General Services Administration, Civil Branch, 7<sup>th</sup> & Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D. C. 20408. Other than item No. 1 above, the Real Estate Division has no other data regarding tribal membership.

If you consider this response to be a denial of your request under 43 CFR 2.28(a)(2), you may file an appeal by writing to the Office of the Solicitor, U.S. Department of the Interior, attention: FOIA Appeals Office, 1849 C Street, N.W., MS-6556-MIB, Washington, D. C. 20240.

Your appeal must be received no later than 30 workdays after the date of this letter. The appeal should be marked, both on the envelope and the face of the appeal letter, with the words

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"FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPEAL." Your appeal should be accompanied by a copy of your original request and this letter, along with any information you have which leads you to believe that responsive records do in fact exist, including where they might be found, if the location is known to you.

Although we are required to charge fees for responding to FOIA request, the search time and copy charges in providing the enclosed documents are less than the amount specified at 43 CFR 2.20(a)(2), and we are not requesting that you pay fees at this time. If you have questions, please direct them to Douglas Garcia, FOIA Coordinator at (916) 978-6052, or Carmen Facio, (916) 978-6062.

Sincerely,



Regional Director

Enclosures

cc: FOIA Coordinator, PRO, w/enclosures  
FOIA Coordinator, CCA, w/o enclosures

TITLE STATEMENT  
RESERVATIONS OR RANCHERIAS - CALIFORNIA

Original Name: Guidiville Rancheria  
 Present Name: Same  
 Established By: Departmental Order of June 16, 1909  
 Date Established: June 16, 1909  
 Title Document: Departmental Order  
 Location Title Document: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C.  
 Files (22266-09 and 28456-09)  
 Trust Period: Indefinite - For the Guidiville band of Indians

## Description Original Reservation or Rancheria:

SW/4 Section 24, T. 15 N., R. 12 W., Mount Diablo meridian,  
California

## ADDITIONS TO RESERVATION OR RANCHERIA

Authority: Purchase under authority of Act of April 30, 1908 (35 Stat. 70, 76)  
 Date: Date of Deed August 28, 1909  
 Acreage: 50  
 Description: See Attached Description No. 1

Location Title Document: Recorder's Office, County of Mendocino, California  
 Volume 116 of Deeds, page 108

ADDITIONS TO  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ RESERVATION OR RANCHERIA

Authority: Purchase under authority of Act of August 24, 1912 (37 Stat. 518,  
523)  
 Date: Date of Deed November 26, 1912  
 Acreage: 34.12  
 Description: See Attached Description No. 2

Location Title Document: Recorder's Office, County of Mendocino, California  
 Volume 135 of Deeds, page 164

## SUMMARY

Original Acreage: 160.00  
 Additional Acreage: 50.00  
~~Additional Acreage:~~ 34.12  
 Net Acreage: 244.12

Allotments: None  
 Data on Attached Sheet

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ADDITIONS TO RESERVATION OF RANCHERIA - Description No. 1

All those certain lots, pieces or parcels of land, situate, lying and being in the County of Mendocino, State of California, and bounded and particularly described as follows, to wit: -

Lot No. Four (4) of Section twenty-three (23), Township fifteen (15) North, Range twelve (12) West, Mount Diablo meridian, also that portion of Lot Seventy-nine (79) of the Yokayo Rancho, described as follows: - Beginning at the Northeast corner of said lot seventy-nine (79); thence West along the line between said lot seventy-nine (79) and lot one hundred and forty-eight (148) twenty-six & 22/100 (26 22/100) chains to the Northwest corner of said lot Seventy-nine (79); thence South along the West line of said lot Seventy-nine (79) four hundred - seventy-three (473) feet; thence East three hundred eighty-nine (389) feet; thence South thirty-two degrees East (S. 32° E.) one hundred (100) feet; thence South Seventy-seven degrees East (S. 77° E.) two hundred-fifty (250) feet; thence North sixty-one degrees thirty-minutes (61° 30') east one hundred-fifty (150) feet; thence North thirty-one degrees East (N. 31° E) one hundred (100) feet; thence North twenty-six degrees East (N. 26° E.) one hundred (100) feet; thence North fifty-four degrees ten minutes (N. 54° 10' E.) two hundred ten (210) feet; thence North eighty-three degrees East (N. 83° E.) four hundred (400) feet; thence East two hundred forty & 46/100 (240 46/100) feet to the East line of said lot seventy-nine (79); thence North two hundred nineteen & 50/100 (219 50/100) feet to the Northeast corner of said lot seventy-nine (79); thence South of beginning; also beginning at a point four hundred seventy-three (473) feet South of the Northwest corner of lot Seventy-nine (79) of the Yokayo Rancho, on the East line of said lot; thence South along the East line of said lot seventy-nine (79) two thousand fifteen & 50/100 (2015 50/100) feet to the center of Mill Creek; thence East twenty feet; thence North and parallel with the West line of said lot seventy-nine (79) two thousand fifteen & 50/100 (2015 50/100) feet; thence West twenty (20) feet to the place of beginning; Also that part of lot one of Section twenty-six (26) of Township fifteen (15) North, Range twelve (12) West, described as follows: - Beginning the Northeast corner of said lot one, which point is also the common corner of sections Twenty-three (23), Twenty-four (24), Twenty-five (25) and Twenty-six (26) of said Township; thence South along the East line of said lot one, six & 61/100 (6 61/100) chains; thence West eleven & 91/100 (11 91/100) chains, to the West line of said lot one; thence North along the West line of said lot one; six & 61/100 (6 61/100) chains; thence East eleven & 91/100 (11 91/100) chains to the place of beginning, containing in all fifty acres of land.

ADDITIONS TO RESERVATION OR RANCHERIA - Description No. 2

All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the County of Mendocino, State of California and bounded and particularly described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a point on the Grant line of which bears East 14.44 chains from "Y" No. 7 of Healey's Survey and Map of Yokayo Rancho; thence East along Grant line 25.56 chains to "Y" No. 8; thence S. 0° 35' W., along the Grant line 13.35 chains to the Northwest corner of Lot No. 79 of Healey's Survey and Map of Yokayo Rancho; thence West along the North line of said lot 79, 25.56 chains; thence N. 0° 35' East 13.35 chains to the point of beginning, containing 34.12 acres of land and being a fractional part of lot 148 of Healey's Survey and Map of Yokayo Rancho,

Date:  
 Approved:  
 Description:

Date of said Reservation No. 1913  
 34.12  
 From Abstract Reservation No. 2

Sacramento Indian Agency  
Sacramento, California  
June 5, 1935

Mr. Henry Campbell  
Box 166  
Talmadge, California

Dear Friend:

In accordance with arrangements made by Mr. Knight and Mr. Harrison for you to act as Chairman of Election Board in connection with Reorganization Act election to be held on June 10, there is enclosed herewith approved list of voters in triplicate for the Guidiville Rancharia, together with required number of ballots. Two copies of voters lists should be posted in conspicuous places on the rancharia.

The list of eligible voters will serve as a registration list for the election and you should check the name of each voter as ballot is given them. It is assumed that with the assistance of Mr. Knight and Mr. Harrison you have made all necessary local arrangements for the holding of this election.

This list, with all ballots, both used and unused, should be promptly returned to this office after the close of election, together with a statement of the count of ballots in favor of and opposed to the Act, same to be signed by yourself and other members of the Election Board, in the enclosed franked envelope.

The proper conduct of these elections is very important and your assistance and interest in assuming this responsibility is appreciated.

Sincerely,

O. H. Lipps,  
Superintendent

MR:LT  
Enc.  
cc: Mr. Knight

APPROVED LIST OF VOTERS FOR INDIAN REORGANIZATION ACT  
ON GULFVILLE RESERVATION

Name	Date of Birth
1. Baff, Ed.	1884
2. Cooper, John	1887
3. Cooper, Nora, wife	1892
4. Cooper, Vivian	1913
5. Elliott, Hollie	1872
6. Elliott, Kate	1902
7. Elliott, Irano	1906
8. Elliott, Mattie	1911
9. Graves, Will	1874
Graves, Cora, wife (10)	1874
11. Potter, Benson	1883
12. Potter, Emily, wife	1887
13. Smith, Pete	1882
14. Smith, Mary, wife	1884
15. Williams, Alfred	1900
16. Williams, Willie	1873
17. Williams, Clara, wife	1877
18. Williams, Andrew	1906
19. Williams, Louis	1911
20. Williams, Victor	1914
21. Campbell, Henry	1893
22. Campbell, Angelina, wife	1896
23. Campbell, Althea	1912
24. Cooper, Minerva	"
25. Dilly (Mrs. Richard)	"

APPROVED:

O. H. Lapps,  
Superintendent,  
Sacramento Indian Agency.

June 3, 1935.

Departmental Order of June 16, 1909  
Guidiville

Land  
Allotment  
22100-1908  
20200-1908  
T. A. M.

Land reserved  
for Indians

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

On March 17, 1908, Mr. C. F. Kelsey, Special Agent for the California Indians, recommended that the SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Sec. 24, T. 15 N., S. 12 W., M. D. M., be reserved as a wood lot for the Guidiville band of Indians in California.

The quarter section is reported to have on it a considerable growth of white oak, though not of great value, and the Indians are greatly in need of wood.

This tract adjoins the property which the Office proposes to purchase from Mrs. Louise Gararona for the Guidiville Indians under authority of the Assistant Secretary dated April 9, 1907.

The Congress, by Acts of June 21, 1906 (34 Stat.L., 330-333), and April 20, 1908, (35 Stat.L., 70-76) made provision whereby moneys have been provided for many homeless bands of California Indians, and the Office believes that the inadequate appropriations carried by these acts should be supplemented by withdrawing from all forms of settlement all unappropriated lands in the vicinity of the properties purchased for the use of

...of Indians.

This tract is vacant, as far as shown by the tract-book of the General Land Office. It is respectfully recommended, therefore, that the following described lands be withdrawn from entry for use of the Suidville Band of Indians, of California:-

The SW/4 of Sec. 34, T. 12 N., R. 12 E., N. D. M.

Should the foregoing recommendation meet with your approval, proper notations will be made on the records of this Office.

Very respectfully,

X. G. Valencia

Acting Commissioner.

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F.C.P.

June 18, 1909.

Approved and referred to the Commissioner of the General Land Office for action in accordance with the foregoing recommendation.

Frank Pierce

First Assistant Secretary.

F.C.P. F.C.O.