

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
INTERIOR BOARD OF INDIAN APPEALS
Washington, D.C.**

NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL,
Appellant,

v.

JODY CAMRUD, DEPUTY REGIONAL DIRECTOR,
Bureau of Indian Affairs,
Appellee.

IBIA Docket No. _____

NOTICE OF APPEAL

The Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council (“Appellant”), by and through its authorized representative, hereby appeals to the Interior Board of Indian Appeals pursuant to 43 C.F.R. §§ 4.330–4.340 and 25 C.F.R. Part 2.

This appeal challenges:

1. The Bureau of Indian Affairs’ refusal to issue a written recognition determination identifying the governing body it recognizes for federal purposes following repeated formal written requests submitted by the duly elected Tribal Council between December 3, 2025 and February 17, 2026; and
2. The Bureau’s constructive denial of Appellant’s requests for recognition pursuant to 25 C.F.R. § 2.9(a), based upon the Bureau’s failure to act within a reasonable time and failure to issue a written decision compliant with 25 C.F.R. §§ 2.7 and 2.14.

Between December 2025 and February 2026, Appellant submitted multiple formal letters to the Bureau of Indian Affairs requesting a written recognition determination. Those letters specifically requested compliance with 25 C.F.R. Part 2 and demanded issuance of a written decision stating the Bureau’s recognition posture and providing appeal rights.

To date, the Bureau has not issued:

- A written recognition decision;
- A written denial;

- A decision stating factual or legal grounds;
- A decision providing notice of appeal rights as required by 25 C.F.R. § 2.14.

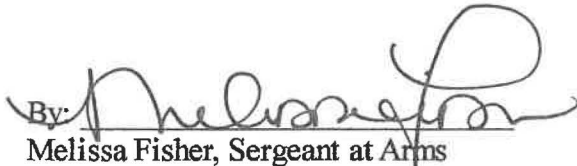
Under 25 C.F.R. § 2.9(a), “[a] failure to act on a request within a reasonable time may be treated as a denial.” Accordingly, the Bureau’s failure to issue a recognition determination constitutes a constructive denial subject to review by this Board.

This appeal is timely.

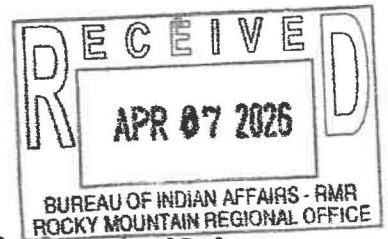
Appellant requests that the Board docket this matter and review the Bureau’s constructive denial and failure to issue a recognition determination consistent with *Goodface v. Grassrope*, 708 F.2d 335 (8th Cir. 1983), and applicable IBIA precedent.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED on this 6th day of April, 2026.

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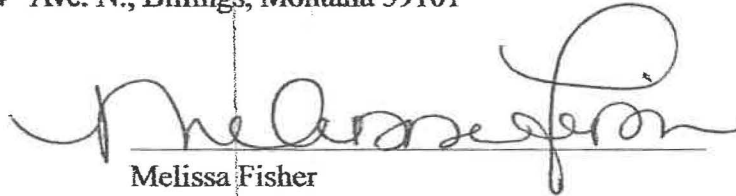


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