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PROCEDURES APPROVED FOR PREPARATION OF ROLL OF SOUTHERN PAIUTE INDIANS

The Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs announced steps are being taken to implement a new law which provides for payment to the Southern Paiute Indians for lands taken from them in 1860. Regulations are being amended to permit preparation of a tribal roll.

An Act of October 17, 1968, authorized the distribution of funds derived from a judgment by the Indian Claims Commission, and directed the Department to prepare a roll to serve as a basis for paying the money.

Southern Paiutes who will share in the \$7,253,165.19 judgment are those born on or before and living on October 17, 1968, who establish affiliation with the Southern Paiute Nation through rolls of the Kaibab, Moapa, Shivwits, Kanosh, Koosharem, Indian Peaks, Cedar City, and Las Vegas Bands or other documents satisfactory to the Secretary of the Interior. The members of these bands are primarily located in Arizona, Nevada and Utah.

The award represents payment for almost 26 1/2 million acres of land in southwestern Utah, southeastern Nevada, and an adjacent small area in California, taken from the Southern Paiutes in 1860.

Persons desiring to be enrolled to share in the funds, may file applications with the Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, P.O. Box 7007, Phoenix, Ariz. 85011. Applications must be post-marked no later than June 30, 1969.

Funds to cover the award were appropriated by Congress April 30, 1965.

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