

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

CALIFORNIA VALLEY MIWOK
TRIBE, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

KEN SALAZAR, et al.,

Defendants.

NO. 1:10-cv-00160-RWR

**DEFENDANTS' UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
TO FILE RESPONSIVE PLEADING**

Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. Pro. 6(b), Defendants Kenneth L. Salazar, Secretary of the Interior, Larry Echo Hawk, Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs of the Interior, and Michael Black, Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs(Defendants) move for a thirty day enlargement of time until April 27, 2011 to file their responsive pleading to the Complaint. This is the Defendants' first motion for such an extension. In support of this motion, Defendants set forth the following:

1. On January 24, 2011, Plaintiffs California Valley Miwok Tribe, the Tribal Council, Yakima Dixie, Velma Whitebear, Antonia Lopez, Michael Mendibles, Evelyn Wilson and Antoine Azevedo (Plaintiffs) filed their Complaint in this matter. Docket Number (Dkt. No. 1). On February 3, 2011, Plaintiffs' Complaint was served on the United States Attorney's Office of the District of Columbia.

2. Even though Defendants have been working on their responsive pleading, Defendants need additional time to prepare their responsive pleading. Counsel responsible for this case within the Department of the Interior is shifting assignments and additional time is necessary to coordinate with the newly assigned attorney.

3. An additional thirty days will allow Defendants to prepare a comprehensive and well-organized responsive pleading. It will also ensure that Defendants have adequate time to complete the lengthy internal review process within the Department of Justice and the Department of the Interior.

4. Defendants believe that the requested extension will not unduly delay the proceedings in this matter.

5. Counsel for Defendants consulted and discussed this matter with counsel for Plaintiffs who represented that Plaintiffs do not oppose this motion.

Based on the aforementioned, Defendants respectfully request that the Court grant Defendants' Unopposed Motion for an Extension of Time and extend the deadline for Defendants' responsive pleading to April 27, 2011.

Respectfully submitted this 17th Day of March, 2011.

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