Federal Recognition Criteria

1. The Group must be a specific Indian community from historical times until the present.
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2. The group must live in a community viewed as American Indian, distinct from other populations and descended from a specific area.
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- 3. The group must maintain political influence over its members as an autonomous entity throughout history.
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4. The group must have a governing document or membership criteria and procedures by which they govern the affairs of their members.
5. Their membership list must be based on descendants from historical times.
6. They cannot be members of any other tribe.
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- 7. They cannot be terminated or previously forbidden federal recognition.