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United States Department of the Interior
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Eastern Regional Office
545 Marriott Drive, Suite 700
Nashville, TN 37214

Re: Case Number 34272 – Notice of Non-Gaming Land Acquisition Application of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians

To Whom It May Concern:

Neshoba County is in receipt of the above captioned notice for placing 122.29 acres of land into trust for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians and provides the following responses to the questions posed:

(1) Property Taxes levied on the current property - \$349.71 total with \$196.79 that supports services for Neshoba County including public safety, infrastructure and all other government services. \$152.92 in school taxes for the Neshoba Central School District

(2) No special assessments

(3) Governmental Services – Fire Protection by the Tucker Volunteer Fire Protection District which the taxes also support in providing fire protection for the Tucker Reservation of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians

(4) There is no zoning for the property

While Neshoba County is aware that the taxes are small for this 122.29 acres of land that is being considered for trust status, the previous and continued placement of lands into trust for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians continues to erode the tax base of Neshoba County with no recompense available for the thousands of acres that have been placed into trust in smaller amounts like these parcels.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeff Mayo". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "J" and "M".

Jeff Mayo
County Administrator
Neshoba County, Mississippi