

FROM THE CONSTITUTION OF THE NORTH FORK MONO TRIBE

ARTICLE I: TERRITORY

The territorial jurisdiction of the Tribe shall extend to all lands within the counties of Madera and Fresno, State of California, in the vicinity of the North Fork Rancheria which are part of the traditional territory of the Tribe. The central location of where the majority of members of the North Fork Mono Tribe reside is within a 10 mile radius in all directions from the North Fork Mono Indian Rancheria, and the Sierra Mono Museum in North Fork, California. The traditional geographical territorial boundary of the North Fork Mono has been for hundreds of years and still is as follows: Starting at the SW corner, where Fowler Mt. and the San Joaquin River join. Following the San Joaquin River east from Kerckhoff Lake around Long Ridge to Redinger Lake. Heading in an eastern direction including Kinsman Flats, Chawanakee Flats, northern section of Jose Basin, proceeding along Stevenson Creek to the northwest edge of Shaver Lake. Proceeding east including the northern section of Shaver Lake to Tunnel Creek. From Tunnel Creek east to the crest of the Sierra Nevada Mountains in the vicinity of Mt. Darwin, including Coyote Lake, northern parts of Dinkey Creek, Helms and Dusty Creek, North Fork of the Kings River, Fleming Creek, and the South Fork of the San Joaquin River. From Mt. Darwin proceeding north along the crest of the Sierras as the eastern boundary of the North Fork Mono. The eastern traditional line includes Mt. Humphreys, Mt. Tom, Mt. Morgan, turning northwest to Mammoth Mt. and the Minaret summit to the north edge of Ritter Range. This area includes the South and Middle forks of the San Joaquin River, Vermillion Valley and the sacred grounds of Mono Indian Hot Springs. In the northeast area it includes Reds Meadow and Devils Postpile. The northern line turns west from the Ritter Range to the Merced River in the Yosemite Valley where Chief Teniya lived with his band of Ahwahnachees. This area includes the North Fork of the San Joaquin River. The territorial boundary turns from the Merced River at the west end of the Yosemite Valley angling south to Crane Valley (currently Bass Lake). This area includes Wawona and Fish Camp. The traditional boundary turns and angles southwest from the western point of Bass Lake to the O'Neals area. The area includes Manzanita Lake and the current town of North Fork in Madera County. The traditional territorial boundary is then completed by turning southeast from O'Neals across the table mountains to Fowler Mt. and the San Joaquin River- This area includes Fish Creek Mt. And the territory shall include such other lands as the Tribe hereafter may acquire legal or beneficial title to.