



## INTERIOR BOARD OF INDIAN APPEALS

Leonard Bends v. Rocky Mountain Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs

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LEONARD BENDS,	)	Order Docketing and Dismissing
Appellant,	)	Appeal
	)	
v.	)	
	)	Docket No. IBIA 15-081
ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL	)	
DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF INDIAN	)	
AFFAIRS,	)	
Appellee.	)	June 19, 2015

Leonard Bends (Appellant) appealed to the Board of Indian Appeals (Board) from an April 20, 2015, decision of the Rocky Mountain Regional Director (Regional Director), Bureau of Indian Affairs, which states that the Crow Tribe purchased Allotment 202-3660 through the Land Buy Back Program, and that Appellant's Owner Managed status for Allotment 202-3660 was therefore revoked. According to the notice of appeal, Appellant seeks approval of a 5-year lease of Crow Allotments 1234 and 1234B.

On receipt of the appeal, the Board ordered Appellant to complete service of his notice of appeal on the Assistant Secretary and interested parties, as required by 43 C.F.R. §§ 4.310(b) and 4.332(a), and to notify the Board that he had done so. The Board set a deadline of May 27, 2015, for Appellant to comply with the Board's order, and advised Appellant that if he failed to comply with or respond to the Board's order, his appeal might be dismissed without further notice.<sup>1</sup>

The U.S. Postal Service's Track-and-Confirm service on its website indicates that Appellant received the Board's order on May 18, 2015.

The Board has received no response from Appellant.

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<sup>1</sup> The Board also requested that the Regional Director provide confirmation to the Board and Appellant that no decision regarding the Owner Managed status of Allotments 1234 and 1234B, or otherwise affecting Appellant's pending lease, has been issued. By letter dated June 2, 2015, the Regional Director confirmed that no decision was issued regarding the Owner Managed Status or leasing of Allotments 1234 and 1234B.

Therefore, pursuant to the authority delegated to the Board of Indian Appeals by the Secretary of the Interior, 43 C.F.R. § 4.1, the Board docketed but dismisses this appeal for failure to prosecute.

I concur:

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Thomas A. Blaser  
Administrative Judge

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Steven K. Linscheid  
Chief Administrative Judge