Forgotten Tribes: Unrecognized Indians and the Federal Acknowledgment Process

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Federal Recognition of Indian Tribes U.S. Department of the Interior The Federal Acknowledgement Process (FAP) is one of the most important and contentious issues facing Natives today. A complicated system of criteria and procedures is used to determine whether a tribe should be recognized by the United States federal government. The Federal Acknowledgment Process (FAP) was a full-grown dinosaur even before it was born. First of all, it was (and is) an anachronism, a throwback to a time when the federal recognition of Indian tribes was not the federal policy. In Forgotten Tribes, Mark Edwin Miller offers a balanced and detailed look at the origins, development, and current status of the Federal Acknowledgment Process (FAP). Miller provides a comprehensive overview of the FAP and its impact on Native American communities. He also examines the legal and political issues surrounding the FAP, including the challenges faced by unrecognized tribes and the significance of the process for Native American identity. Overall, Forgotten Tribes is a valuable resource for anyone interested in the history, politics, and legal issues surrounding federal recognition of Indian tribes.