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Miccosukees Seek Out-Of-Court Pact

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TALLAHASSEE — The state will try to settle out of court with the Miccosukee Indians, who filed a federal suit seeking ownership of millions of acres of South Florida land.

Attorney General Jim Smith said in a letter to Cabinet members that the Indians are willing to settle the dispute out of court. However, he left the door open for the issue to be slugged out in the courts.

The Miccosukees sued last month seeking title to five million acres of land in Charlotte, Highlands, Glades, Hendry and Collier counties and parts of Dade, Broward, Monroe, De-Soto and Palm Beach counties.