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# Historical Happenings

## Notes on Cultural Resource Management in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

*Historical Happenings provides information on the USFWS Cultural Resources Management program. Information comes from sources such as the Regional Historic Preservation Officers, websites, new sources, as well as other cultural resource management professionals.*

*Issues are also available on the USFWS Cultural Resources website <http://historicpreservation.fws.gov>. Submissions are encouraged and can be made via email. Please contact Eugene Marino at [Eugene\\_Marino@fws.gov](mailto:Eugene_Marino@fws.gov) for submission guidelines.*

### FWS Regional News:

**Washington Office:** The Cultural Resources Program website has been updated. Please visit it at <http://historicpreservation.fws.gov>

**Region 1**—A 400-acre tidal marsh restoration project, the largest ever attempted in Oregon, is scheduled for the Ni-les'tun Unit of Bandon Marsh NWR in the summer of 2009. Diked and converted to pastures by European settlers in the late 1800's, marshlands within the Ni-les'tun Unit were used by Native People for thousands of years for hunting and fishing, and traditional fishing weirs are still visible along the Coquille River on and adjacent to the site. Six cultural sites, including two on the National Register of Historic Places, are currently known to exist on the Unit, but much of the Unit remains to be surveyed. Locating and mapping all cultural resources on the Ni-les'tun Unit is a critical first step in the marsh restoration process. For more information see <http://historicpreservation.fws.gov/archives/gpr.html>



Ground Penetrating Radar survey of Oregon Coast NWR, Summer 2005

### Other Agency News

**ACHP**—The Preserve America Report to the President is available at <http://www.achp.gov> Please take a look at it as it features several USFWS projects.

**ACHP**—Issues new guidance for Partnering to Promote Heritage Tourism in Local Communities: Guidance for Federal Agencies. See <http://www.achp.gov/ht/ht.html> for more information.

**DOI**—Secretary Norton Designates Elvis Presley's Graceland Mansion National Historic Landmark.

### Legislative News

**S. 1378** Comments sought on legislation to reauthorize the Advisory Council for Historic Preservation. This bill will make the Council a permanent entity eliminating the need for future re-authorizations.

**H.R. 3085**—Trail of Tears Documentation Act—directs Interior departments to provide a more complete picture of events associated with the Trail. It would expand information to cover all routes of the trail.

Native American Omnibus Act of 2005 - s.536

Sec. 108. definition of Native American.

Section 2(9) of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (25 U.S.C. 3001(9)) is amended-

(1) by inserting 'or was' after 'is'; and

(2) by inserting after 'indigenous to' the following: 'any geographic area that is now located within the boundaries of.'

**Latest Major Action: 5/12/2005 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 100**

## Training News

**NPS**—NPS hosting Submerged Cultural Resources Law Enforcement Class. The NPS Submerged Resources Center, the NOAA Marine Sanctuary Program, and Archaeological Resource Investigations (ARI) are co-sponsoring Submerged Cultural Resources Law Enforcement Class, in Florida. The class will be held May 15-19, 2006, at Biscayne NP. Submerged Cultural Resources Law Enforcement provides training on all aspects of the investigation and prosecution of archeological crimes involving submerged cultural resources. It is open to all government law enforcement officers, archeologists, and prosecuting attorneys assigned to management units or jurisdictions that include submerged cultural resources. There will be no scuba diving during this class, but there will be snorkeling. Participants should contact NPS Class Coordinator Larry Murphy by April 14, 2006, to reserve a space. Contact: Larry Murphy, Chief, NPS Submerged Resources Center, larry\_murphy@nps.gov ARI Archaeologist Martin McAllister, ari@bigsky.net

**DOI**—Managing Museum Property - St. Louis, MO - July 31-August 4, 2006

Contact Donald Cumberland for more information.

**NPS**—sponsors Remote Sensing workshop  
The NPS's sixteenth annual archaeological prospection techniques workshop, Current Archaeological Prospection Advances for Non-Destructive Investigations in the 21st Century, will be held May 15-19, 2006, at Fort Frederica NM, St. Simons Island, GA. This workshop series is dedicated to the use of aerial photography, and geophysical and other remote sensing methods to identify, evaluate, conserve, and protect archaeological resources. In 2006, the workshop will focus on the theory of operation,

methodology, processing, interpretation, and on-hands use of field equipment. Application forms are available at [www.cr.nps.gov/mwac/](http://www.cr.nps.gov/mwac/). Contact: Steven L. DeVore, [steve\\_de\\_vore@nps.gov](mailto:steve_de_vore@nps.gov)

**NAGPRA**—Training being offered in Juneau, AK, May 29, 2006. See <http://www.cr.nps.gov/nagpra/training/index.htm> for more information.

## Upcoming Events, Education, and Volunteers and Friends News

In FY05, The Region 1 Cathlapotle Plankhouse Project volunteers put in 2024 hours towards house construction (the total number was over 3500 hours, which spanned the end of FY03 and FY04 as well). After the house was initially opened we embarked on a new volunteer docent training program, and have a roster of 50 volunteers who are signed up to staff the plankhouse.

Contact Virginia Parks for more information.

Also in Region 1, a project was organized to provide volunteers an opportunity to participate in heritage preservation of FWS cultural resources. The Fort Ruby Passport in Time Project at Ruby Lake NWR in Nevada was a joint venture with the U.S. Forest Service, and involved excavation at the site in August of 2005. The goal was to identify the location of the Officers' housing, and in the course of excavation the volunteers uncovered a privy, a line of posts, several charcoal-stained pit features and many artifacts relating to the Fort-era of occupation (1862-1869), all indications that they were indeed in the right location.

Passport in Time is the Forest Service's Heritage Preservation Program, and this is the first time, that I know of, that our agencies have partnered to implement one.

Contact Lou Ann Speulda for more information.

## Requests for Information