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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 for submission guidelines.

FWS Regional News:

Washington Office: The Cultural Resources Program website has been updated. Please visit it at <http://historicpreservation.fws.gov> Contact Eugene Marino for more information.

Region 1—The ARPA case in which Region 1 Archaeologist Carla Burnside participated was featured in Discovery Magazine’s Top 100 Science Stories of 2005. A great accomplishment for Carla and the Region 1 Cultural Resources Team.

Region 2— Archaeologists have discovered a cache of artifacts near South Padre Island that they say could be up to 5,000 years old, potentially providing new clues about early peoples of the Texas coast. The artifacts were found in May during the environmental company's archaeological survey of the Bahia Grande, a 6,000-acre lowland between Brownsville and Port Isabel on the Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge. The survey was required before the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service proceeds with plans to restore wetlands lost to the digging of the Brownsville Ship Channel during the 1930s. U.S. Fish & Wildlife has decided to move at least one of the planned flooding channels so as not to disturb the site. Contact Dave Siegel for more information.

Other Agency News

ACHP—has selected Reid J. Nelson of Window Rock, AZ to become an Assistant Director within the Office of Federal Agency Programs (OFAP). Reid will serve as the Assistant Director for the Federal Property Management Section within OFAP. This position is a key component in the newly established organizational

structure for OFAP which consolidates all ACHP services in Section 106 case work and Federal program improvement initiatives within our Washington, D.C. headquarters office.

NPS—Launches its Antiquities Act Centennial website. Information on upcoming events related to the centennial can be found at <http://www.cr.nps.gov/archeology/sites/antiquities/index.htm>

DOI—Interior Secretary Gale A. Norton announced that the United States has been elected as a member of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization’s (UNESCO) World Heritage Committee. “Here at home, this administration has emphasized the principle that conservation can usually best be achieved through communication, consultation and cooperation among governments, the private sector, local stakeholders and other organizations,” Secretary Norton said. “As of today, the U.S. delegation to the World Heritage Committee will work to bring the fundamentals of Cooperative Conservation to the international community. We will also vigorously assert our national sovereignty during future deliberations over World Heritage Sites in an effort to help restore the credibility of the Convention across our nation and in the United States Congress. Once again, America has a seat at the table.”

NPS—announces the following newly installed THPOs
Stockbridge –Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians

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Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians

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Ho-Chunk Nation

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Keweenaw Bay Indian Community

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Smith River Rancheria

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Bishop Paiute Tribe

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Bishop Paiute Tribe
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USGS—USGS Assists History Channel in Mount St.

Helens Documentary Planning: USGS scientists spoke with a creative consultant regarding the making of a Mount St. Helens documentary for the History Channel. The documentary would explore how the 1980 and current eruptions of Mount St. Helens spurred development of new volcano monitoring techniques and response planning at other volcanoes, with a focus on Mount Rainier.

National NAGPRA—NAGPRA Regulations - Final rule; Technical amendment

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20051800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2005/05-19547.htm>
NAGPRA assigns responsibility for implementation to the Secretary of the Interior. Secretarial Order 3261 (http://elips.doi.gov/elips/sec_orders/html_orders/3261.htm) assigns some of these responsibilities to other positions in the Department of the Interior and National

Park Service. This technical amendment amends the rule to be consistent with the new assignment of responsibilities.

FY2005 National NAGPRA report

<http://www.cr.nps.gov/nagpra/documents/NNReport0510.pdf>

Three consultation meetings (tribal, museum, and with the Review Committee) were held in November 2005 to obtain oral and written recommendations on regulations to be drafted regarding the disposition of unclaimed Native American cultural items that are excavated or discovered on Federal or tribal lands after November 16, 1990 [43 CFR 10.7]

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20051800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2005/05-20201.htm>

NAGPRA REVIEW COMMITTEE

Review Committee Report to Congress 2002-2004 — http://www.cr.nps.gov/nagpra/review/Reports_to_Congress/RTC_November_05.htm

Minutes from the March 2005 Review Committee Meeting in Hawaii —

<http://www.cr.nps.gov/NAGPRA/REVIEW/meetings/RCMIN029.htm>

Last meeting held November 16-17, 2005, in Albuquerque, NM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NAGPRA Grants

<http://www.cr.nps.gov/nagpra/grants/index.htm>

March 1, 2006 - Final FY2006 NAGPRA Tribal and Museum Consultation/ Documentation grant applications due.

July 15, 2006 - Target date for Press Release announcing FY2006 Consultation/Documentation awards.

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

DOI—Museum Property Management training
March 13-17 in Tallahassee FL
July 31-August 4 in St. Louis

Curating Natural History Collections
April 3-7 in Washington DC

Contact Donald Cumberland for more information.

DOA—Fort Hood, TX, hosting Archeological Damage Assessment training The U.S. Army, Fort Hood Cultural Resource Program, will host an Archeological Damage Assessment Class, March 20-24, 2006, at Fort Hood, TX. This course provides training for archeologists who prepare archeological damage assessments to provide assistance in archeological resource law violations cases (ARPA and the uniform regulations) on federal and Indian lands. Damage assessments are required for criminal prosecutions and civil penalties under ARPA. These archeological damage assessment procedures also can be used effectively in preparing cases involving violations of other laws, such as state archeological protection statutes. The course will be taught by Martin McAllister and Assistant US Attorney Wayne Dance. The course is open to everyone, but military personnel are encouraged to participate. The deadline for registering is February 24, 2006. Contact: Cheryl Huckerby, Fort Hood Cultural Resource Manager and Class Coordinator, cheryl.huckerby@us.army.mil

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/. Contact: Steven L. DeVore, steve_de_vore@nps.gov

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