



Historical Happenings

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

FWS Regional News:

Headquarters—The ‘new’ USFWS Cultural Resources Program website is on-line! The site offers information on the many facets of the program at USFWS as well as past issues of the ever popular Historical Happenings. Visit the site at <http://historicpreservation.fws.gov> and contact Eugene Marino with comments.

Region 1—The Cathlapotle plankhouse is complete and open for visitors. The structure, located on Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge, opened to the public on March 29, 2005. The project involved many volunteers over the course of several years. The structure will serve as the focal point of the Refuge’s educational program. Contact Virginia Parks for more information.

Region 4—Archaeologists working at Yauhannah Bluff have found Native American as well as Colonial artifacts at a site that will eventually become the Headquarters of the Waccamaw National Wildlife Refuge. For more information contact Rick Kanaski.

Region 4—Fish Hatchery 2 site, located within the boundaries of the Natchitoches National Fish Hatchery has been nominated to the National Register of Historic Places. The site contains abundant information relevant to addressing important research questions regarding regional cultural community and prehistoric social organization and subsistence patterns. For more information contact Rick Kanaski.

Region 7—Historic cabins now available to visitors and scholars. A dozen historic cabins at Kenai NWR were recently made available as lodging after they had been examined, photographed, and documented by archaeologists who will study their importance to the area. See <http://news.fws.gov/tipsheet/2005-05-06-tipsheet.pdf> for more information.

Other Agency News

National NGAPRA—The Culturally Unidentifiable Native American Inventories Pilot (CUI) Database is now available online at http://64.241.25.6/CUI_pilot/index.cfm. The CUI Database is a compilation of data from museums and Federal agencies from various geographic areas of the United States.

NPS—Archeology Program launches new webpages. The Archeology Program is pleased to announce “The Public Benefits of Archeology” <http://www.cr.nps.gov/aad/PUBLIC/INDEX.HTM>, which offers different segments of the public a unique perspective on their professions and daily lives. This webpage offers a start to educators, museum professionals, community planners, forensic specialists, historians, and ecologists who might not ordinarily think about archeology as a resource. Through narrative scenarios, case studies, and additional reading, visitors to the webpage can learn about ways that archeology can benefit them.

Contact: Barbara Little, barbara_little@nps.gov

Two new webpages for public and professional audiences discuss federal laws pertaining to archeology. Archeology Law and Ethics <http://www.cr.nps.gov/aad/PUBLIC/publicLaw.htm> explains, without jargon, important information that the public needs to know before visiting federal lands that have archeological resources. Archeology Laws: A Guide for Professionals <http://www.cr.nps.gov/aad/tools/laws/index.htm> gathers significant statutes and explanatory articles together to guide professionals through the laws in a non-technical manner.

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ACHP—Bureau of Land Management Wins ACHP Chairman's Award for Federal Achievement in Historic Preservation. Montana Stockgrowers Association, Montana State University, Senator Conrad Burns Also Honored For "Undaunted Stewardship" Effort that Opens Private Lands to Heritage Travelers

ACHP-- Approves Exemptions for the Interstate Highway System (Read more http://www.achp.gov/final_interstate_exemption_notice.pdf)

Legislative News

Training News

The National Preservation Institute's Training Calendar has been updated and is available at www.npi.org.

MANAGING MUSEUM PROPERTY sponsored by the Interior Museum Program conducted at the San Diego Museum of Man 1350 El Prado, Balboa Park San Diego, California 92101 August 15-19, 2005.

Additional information and an application can be found at the Interior Museum Program website address: <http://museums.doi.gov/training/managing.html> or contact Donald Cumberland at 202-208-4698

Federal Register News

Native American Liaison News

Upcoming Events, Education, and Volunteers and Friends News

**CATHLAPOTLE SUMMER LECTURE SERIES KICKS OFF
Special Training Opportunity for CPP Volunteers
on Sunday, June 5**

Volunteers who have committed to staffing the plankhouse will have an opportunity to further their training during a special traditional skills workshop with instructor Judy Bridges. Judy will explain how to prepare cattails for making mats and lead volunteers through the steps to make a small sample mat. Class size will be limited. Details will be provided to registered volunteers.

LOG SPLITTING CREW NEEDED

To prepare firewood for the Plankhouse

You may have noticed with dismay that one of the beautiful old oak trees beside the Carty Unit parking lot has fallen. Half of its trunk was rotten, and apparently the steady rains of early April finally did it in. The Refuge staff has salvaged the wood for a variety of uses, and some of it is earmarked for plankhouse firewood. So, if you'd like to spend a little time splitting wood on the Refuge, contact Rebecca Young at 360-887-4106, or rebecca_young@fws.gov.

NEXT OFFICIAL SUNDAY WORK PARTY - June 26

The next scheduled work party will be June 26, 9:00 to 2:00, prior to the June lecture offering. Activities will be posted on the website. There may also be a few small-scale work parties before then, so contact virginia_parks@fws.gov if you'd like to be kept informed about those dates.

IT'S CEDAR PEELING SEASON!

Looking for Resources

If you know of anyone who is harvesting cedar trees and would be willing to let the CPP salvage the bark first, please have them contact Virginia Parks at virginia_parks@fws.gov or 503-625-4377. Thanks!

Requests for Information

The Service is increasing its participation in the National Trails System, the Trails for All Americans program, and promoting our part in the CDC initiative, Trails for Health. As part of that effort we are trying to increase the visibility of the Service in the National Trails System. The National Trails System has three components: National Scenic Trails, such as the Appalachian Trail; National Historic Trails, such as the Trail of Tears; and National Recreation Trails, unique local or regional trails. National Scenic and Historic Trails are congressionally designated, National Recreation Trails are designated by the Secretaries of Agriculture and Interior.

There are 15 National Historic Trails in the NTS. Seven of them have NWRs or NFHs along them or near them. The Service is interested in certifying refuges and hatcheries along NHTs. Certification is a partnership that helps landowners protect and preserve their historic trail properties, and share them with others. Nathan Caldwell, the newest addition to the WO transportation staff, will be working with interested regions and field stations on the certification process. For more information and a list of the NHTs and NWRs or NFHs associated with them, contact Nathan by email or at phone (703) 358-2205.