



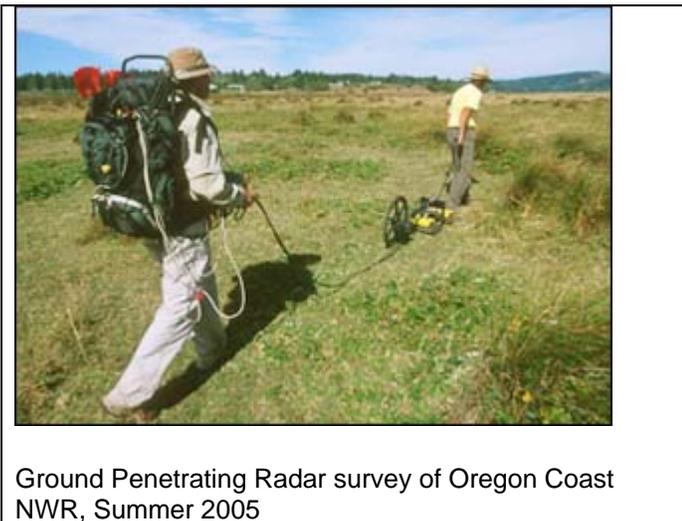
Historical Happenings provides information on the USFWS Cultural Resources Management program. Information comes from sources such as the Regional Historic Preservation Officers, websites, new sources, as well as other cultural resource management professionals.

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>

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>



Other Agency News

DOI—New Heritage Assets Committee formed to comment and advise the Department in its Asset Management issues. Contact Eugene Marino for more information.

DOI—Secretary of the Interior Gale A. Norton today announced the designation of 12 sites in 11 states as National Historic Landmarks. The designated sites were recommended by the National Park Advisory Board for their diverse history and because they contain aspects of America's national heritage.

Priscilla, West Sayville, N.Y. – Priscilla is a classic Long Island Sound and Great South Bay oyster dredging sloop, built in 1888. **Navesink Light Station, Highlands, N.J.** – From 1828 to 1949, the twin towers of Navesink served as one of the principal lights for guiding ships into New York Harbor. **Portland Observatory, Portland, Maine** – The Portland Observatory is the only known surviving example of a maritime signaling station, once prominent fixtures along the coast and in important port towns relaying messages from ship to shore. **William J. Rotch Gothic Cottage, New Bedford, Mass.** – Designed in 1845 by Alexander Jackson Davis, the Rotch Cottage is one of the finest Gothic cottages in the United States. It received immediate national attention for its masterwork. **Farnsworth House, Plano, Ill.** – Farnsworth House is a nationally significant example of modern architecture and an exemplary work of renowned architect Ludwig Mies van der Rohe. **Lincoln Park Lily Pool, Chicago, Ill.** – Designed by Alfred Caldwell, the Lily Pool is an exquisite hidden garden in Chicago's Lincoln Park that symbolically celebrates the history of the Midwest. **Ford Piquette Avenue Plant, Detroit, Mich.** – Built for the Ford Motor Company in

1904, the Piquette Avenue plant is where the company initially achieved quantity production of technically-advanced, yet inexpensive, automobiles. **Murie Ranch Historic District, Moose, Wyo.** – Murie Ranch is the most important property associated with Adolph, Olaus and Margaret (Mardy) Murie, whose studies and advocacy changed the way the federal government and scientific community study and manage natural lands and their wildlife populations. **Silver Mound Archeological District, Jackson County, Wisc.** – The area is nationally significant for its role in the initial settlement of North America. The first Americans explored an expansive stretch of land with no prior knowledge of the landscape. Silver Mound was a critical resource for the population reliant upon stone tools for their survival. **Hotel Ponce de Leon, St. Augustine, Fla.** – Hotel Ponce de Leon was the first major commission of John M. Carrere and Thomas Hastings, whose firm designed many significant buildings in the United States and abroad during the 1885-1925 period. Carrere and Hastings was one of the leading architectural practices in the U.S. during that period. **Petersburg Breakthrough Battlefield, Petersburg, Va.** – The surviving battlefield landscape, including Union staging area, attack corridors and Confederate earthworks, represents a key historic resource associated with the end of the Civil War. **Rabideau Civilian Conservation Corps Camp, Blackduck, Minn.** – Rabideau CCC camp is one of the best surviving examples of a CCC camp and has the largest surviving collection of resources in the United States.

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>

Solicitation for Nominations. The Secretary is soliciting nominations to fill the vacancy left by Lee Staples who resigned in December 2005. **Notice published.**

March 2006 Review Committee teleconference. Notice published.

March 2005 Review Committee meeting minutes available online. Minutes of the Review Committee's twenty-ninth meeting are available online in **PDF** and **text** formats.

Review Committee member appointed by Secretary. The Secretary of the Interior has appointed Colin C. Kippen to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee. See the **Department of the Interior press release** for details. **Contact information for all Review Committee members** is available on the National NAGPRA Website

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

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—Managing Museum Property - Tallahassee, FL - March 13-17, 2006

Curating Natural History Collections - Washington, DC - April 3-7, 2006

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

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