



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

January 2004

Historical Happenings

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

FWS Regional News:

Victoria Jacobson of R5 will be at Headquarters for a developmental assignment from February 2 through February 13, 2004. She will be working on a Service wide GIS system.

The Department of the Interior's Museum Property Office will conduct a storage and collections assessment of the Museum collections at Patuxent in February. The resulting information will assist the Museum Property Committee with management issues. Contact Eugene Marino for more information.

The Preserve America data call will be released in mid-late March. Regional CRM staff will have until July 1, to send information to Headquarters. The final report is due to the ACHP by **September 30 2004**. Contact Eugene Marino for more information.

The U.S. Department of the Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service announced it is seeking proposals for private lands conservation funding through its Private Stewardship Grants Program. About \$7.1 million is available to support on-the-ground conservation efforts on private lands through this grant. See FWS website for more information www.fws.gov

Other Agency News

DOI issues its FY 2004 Performance assessment/management control guidance for acquisition and property management—Museum Property Management Reports are due **July 16, 2004**. Contact Eugene Marino for more information.

NPS requests participation in reporting to Congress on the Federal archeological activities conducted by your agency by completing and submitting the enclosed questionnaire. Section 5(c) of the Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA, P.L. 93-291) and the National Historic Preservation Act assign the Secretary of the Interior broad responsibilities to lead and coordinate archaeological preservation efforts in the United States. As part of these responsibilities, the Secretary periodically reports to Congress on aspects of Federal archeological activities. Information from past reports has provided important guidance for Congressional actions, for example, in preparing the 1988 amendments to ARPA which have enhanced the law enforcement, public education and archeological inventory provisions of the statute substantially.

The questionnaire, answer sheet, LOOT briefing statement and LOOT forms may be found on our web site at <www.cr.nps.gov/aad/src/forms.htm>

If you prefer that the forms be sent to you via email or on a disk, please let us know.

The congressional report is an opportunity for your Bureau to showcase your heritage resource programs nationally. We request that the enclosed questionnaire and LOOT forms be returned to the Departmental Consulting Archeologist by **April 30, 2004**. As you know, reporting with the LOOT form is a way for many agencies to fulfill their Section 14(c) responsibilities under ARPA.

If there are questions about the questionnaire, please contact Dr. Barbara Little of my staff at (202) 354-2130; FAX (202) 371-5102; E-mail: barbara_little@nps.gov. On behalf of the Secretary of the Interior and Congress, thank you for your continuing participation in this important program review and reporting effort.

Preserve America— Jan. 15, 2004, Washington, DC—Mrs. Laura Bush announced today that the President's budget for FY 2005 includes a proposal for \$10 million in grants to assist communities in preserving their cultural and natural resources. These grants will assist States, Indian tribes, and communities demonstrate sustainable uses of their historic and cultural sites and the economic and educational opportunities related to heritage tourism. Mrs. Bush also honored eight communities with *Preserve America* designation for their commitment to protect the historic heritage of their hometowns.

Special Policy Official Meeting for Preserve America scheduled for February 20, 2004.

Legislative News

H.R.3223

Title: To amend the National Historic Preservation Act to provide appropriation authorization and improve the operations of the **Advisory Council** on Historic Preservation.

Sponsor: Rep Radanovich, George P. [CA-19] (introduced 10/1/2003)

Cosponsors: (none)

Latest Major Action: 10/6/2003 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Executive Comment Requested from Interior.

S. 452

To require that the Secretary of the Interior conduct a study to identify sites and resources, to recommend alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the Cold War, and for other purposes.

Training News

An ARPA course will be held at NCTC on March 15 through 19. The course will be co-sponsored with NPS and will be offered through FLETC. Registration deadline is February 13, 2004. Contact Eugene Marino for more information.

Managing Museum Property: sponsored by the Interior Museum Program conducted at the National Park Service Western Archeological and Conservation Center 255 North Commerce Park Loop Tucson, Arizona 85745 March 15-19, 2003

**2004 NPI Seminars in Historic Preservation announced. Please check their website www.npi.org
2004 FPI Training announced. Please check their website www.codetalk.fed.us for more information.**

National Preservation Conference scheduled for September 28-October 3, 2004 in Louisville. Check www.nationaltrust.org for more information.

The largest statewide historic preservation conference in the United States, "Saving Places 2004: The Business of Preservation," will be held by Colorado Preservation, Inc., February 5-7, 2004. The conference will cover current preservation programs, projects, trends, and technology, and will include a trade show of preservation products. For more information, visit www.coloradopreservation.org/saving.html.

The National Park Service, Southeastern Archeological Services Center, is offering the course, "Effective Interpretation of Archeological Resources" February 2 - 6, 2004 in Charleston, SC. Attached is a DRAFT agenda for the session. More information can be found at their web site:
<http://www.cr.nps.gov/seac/>

Federal Register News

For January

Notice of intent to prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment for Big Branch Marsh Wildlife Refuge, located in St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana.

The Fish and Wildlife Service (we, the Service) has received an application from Clem and Barbara Starck (Applicants) for an enhancement of survival permit pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act, as amended (ESA). The permit application includes a proposed Safe Harbor Agreement (Agreement) between the Applicants and the Service that allows for management and conservation of the endangered Fender's blue butterfly (*Icaricia icarioides fenderi*) and the threatened Kincaid's lupine (*Lupinus sulphureus kincaidii*) on approximately 20 acres (ac) of land owned and managed by the Applicants. The Agreement is intended to facilitate the implementation of conservation measures for the species and to support on-going efforts to reintroduce Kincaid's lupine into areas where it historically occurred and where Fender's blue butterfly will be encouraged to colonize. The Applicants propose to introduce Kincaid's lupine onto their lands and conduct related monitoring activities with the assistance of the Institute for Applied Ecology. Although the Fender's blue butterfly does not currently occur on the property, restoration of its native habitat might encourage colonization over time. If natural colonization appears to be unlikely, introduction of the butterfly to the restored habitat would be considered.

The proposed Agreement and ESA survival enhancement permit may be eligible for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). This is evaluated in an Environmental Action Statement, which is also available for public review.

Notice of availability of the Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan/Environmental Assessment for Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge, located in Martin County, Florida.

Native American Liaison News

Upcoming Events and Volunteers and Friends News

Underground Railroad Event at Great Dismal Swamp scheduled for January 30-31, 2004

Cathlapotle Plankhouse volunteer appreciation luncheon is scheduled for January 25, 2004. Contact Virginia Parks for further information.

Cathlapotle workshops

Saturday, 7 February, 1-3pm

Workshop: **Wapato for the People**

Saturday, 21 February, 10am-1pm

Workshop: **Beginning Adult Small Basket Making**

HARVESTING TRIP

Friday, 13 February (or Tuesday, 17 February)

Contact Virginia Parks for further information on any of these items.

Requests for Information

Instructions for contributions to Historical Happenings: Please submit information to Eugene Marino for inclusion in future editions