



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

March 2004

## Historical Happenings

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

### FWS Regional News:

**The FWS and NPS co-sponsored an ARPA class earlier this month at the FWS' National Conservation and Training Center in Shepherdstown, WV. The class was run by FLETC and reported a large turnout of participants from a variety of agencies.**

A meeting of Cultural Resource Management Staff is planned for April 5-9 in Portland. An agenda is available. Contact Eugene Marino for more information.

The Preserve America data call was released in early February. Regional CRM staff will have until mid-April, to send information to Headquarters. The final report is due to the ACHP by **September 30 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](http://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](mailto: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.

### **Secretary Norton Announces \$61 Million in Grants for Wildlife and Habitat**

Interior Secretary Gale Norton has announced that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will award \$61.2 million in wildlife grants to state and territorial wildlife agencies

### Other Agency News

BLM Sponsored a conference on Fire and Archaeology early this month. R6 Fire Archaeologist Galen Burgett was in attendance. Contact Galen for further information about the meeting.

**ACHP** The Historic Preservation Caucus of the U.S. House of Representatives joined with *Preserve America* to announce the designations of 20 new *Preserve America* Communities March 18, 2004.

The event was held on Capitol Hill at the Rayburn House Office Building in Washington, DC. Historic Preservation Caucus co-chairs Brad Miller, North Carolina Representative, and Michael Turner, Ohio Representative, hosted the event with Lynn Scarlett, Department of the Interior (DOI) Assistant Secretary of Policy, Management, and Budget, and John Nau, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation chairman. See <http://www.achp.gov/news-pa-commdesig.html> for more information.

**NPS** Will host a meeting April 13<sup>th</sup> to revive interest in developing the Deaccession portion of 36 CFR Part 79 last attempted in 1990. A review of past comments and submission of new commentary will be offered by cultural resource management professionals from a wide array of federal agencies. Contact Eugene Marino for more information.

**NPS** The National Park Service (NPS) announces the award of Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) grants totaling \$40,915 to the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma, the Stockbridge-Munsee Community, the Delaware Tribe, and the Yurok Tribe. The grants will help with costs associated with the return of Native American human remains and cultural items from the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, Philadelphia, PA; the New York State Museum, Albany, NY; the State Museum of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, PA; and the Brooklyn Museum of Art, Brooklyn, NY.

**National NAGPRA** advises that its databases are on-line and available for use by federal agencies. Information on affiliations with a draft notice, without a draft notice, and collection not yet identified to an affiliation can be reviewed at their website. See <http://www.cr.nps.gov/nagpra/notices/index.htm> for more information.

**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.

**DOI-FASAB Update—**The FASAB Board is reviewing comments pertaining to restructuring FASAB #8 with respect to Heritage Asset reporting. The FASAB Board will meeting March to discuss adjustments to FASAB 8 based on reviewer comments. Comments available at <http://www.fasab.gov/pdf/rssi.pdf>. For more information contact Melissa Loughan ([Loughanm@fasab.gov](mailto:Loughanm@fasab.gov))

**DOI-WASHINGTON** - Today the Department of the Interior announced publication of revised procedures for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in order to encourage the department's cooperative conservation goals.

"We have updated the procedures to reflect our commitment to public participation and cooperative problem-solving," said Lynn Scarlett, Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget, who chaired the departmental working group assembling the procedures. The procedures are to be published today in the March 8 Federal Register. "We looked across bureaus and found the best practices that reflect our '4 C's' philosophy of conservation through communication, consultation, and cooperation. The manual revisions codify these best practices and communicate them throughout the department," Scarlett notes.

The revisions are the culmination of several years of work by the department, and are consistent with the recently released Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Task Force Report, Modernizing NEPA Implementation. The department held four listening sessions across the country in

Anchorage, Portland, Denver and Washington, D.C. to elicit best practices from interested citizens and partners.

## Legislative News

Senator George Voinovich (R, OH) of the Transportation Subcommittee in discussions with the National Trust has proposed an amendment to the Transportation Bill that will require implementation of Section 4(f) only when the Section 106 process has determined an adverse effect on a historic property. This will streamline the process by avoiding Section 4(f) in cases when no historic properties are present or none will be adversely affected. A copy of the amendment is posted on ACRA's Hot Topic for your reading pleasure at <http://www.acra-crm.org>

### 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.

Public Law 108-199 - (H.R.2673) FY 2004 Consolidated Appropriations, signed January 23. Provisions of interest: a 0.59% across-the-board reduction in all domestic discretionary appropriations (in addition to the 0.646% reduction in the Interior appropriations); extends statutory expiration of the Delaware and Lehigh Heritage Area Commission is until 2007; clarifies the authority of the Interior Secretary to give grants to the Shenandoah Battlefield Foundation for protection of Civil War sites in the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District; transfers management of the Oklahoma City National Memorial to the Oklahoma City National Memorial Foundation.

### H.R. 3550

White House has threatened a veto of the Roads bill due to the continued high price tag.

The House on Wednesday begins debate on the six-year \$275 billion bill, a 900-page package that House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., worked hard to trim to make it acceptable to the administration fiscal hawks that have said it is too expensive. A final vote is expected on Thursday.

## Training News

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 14-18, 2004

National Preservation Conference scheduled for September 28-October 3, 2004 in Louisville. Check [www.nationaltrust.org](http://www.nationaltrust.org) for more information.

## Federal Register News

For March

**SUMMARY:**

This notice contains the final revised Departmental policies and procedures for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), as amended, Executive Order 11514, as amended, and the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) regulations. This action is necessary to update these procedures and to make them available to the public on the Department's Internet site. These procedures are final and will be published in part 516 of the Departmental Manual (DM) and will be made available to the public on the Electronic Library of Interior Policies (ELIPS). ELIPS is located at <http://elips.doi.gov/>.

## **Native American Liaison News**

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

**Keeping up with the Past  
Cathlapotle Plankhouse Project Update  
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service**

**Updated March 30, 2004  
Check out the website for updated information about activities and events!  
[www.plankhouse.org](http://www.plankhouse.org)**

**Top News: TWO NEW FUNDING ALLOCATIONS ALLOW CPP TO START MOVING FORWARD**

## **Requests for Information**