



Historical Happenings

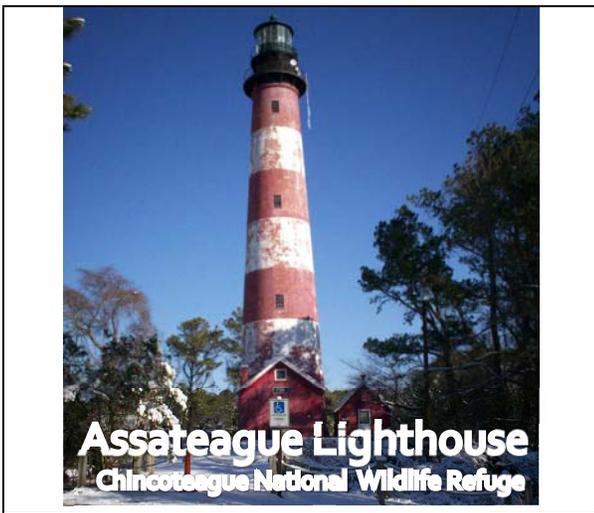
Notes on Cultural Resource Management in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

September

WONDERFUL THINGS

What's New at HQ?

FWS Trading Cards!



Front

106 take home points, and significant historic properties on USFWS land.

More to follow!

We are still working with NCTC on formatting, but here is a mock-up of what one might look like upon completion:

Interesting Facts:

The Assateague lighthouse was built in 1833, although it was declared ineffective twenty five years later. The new structure was not completed until 1867 because the Civil War had delayed construction. One of the most notable nights on the island occurred on February 7, 1985 when the schooner *Sunbeam* ran ashore. The island's life-saving crew set off to rescue the occupants of the schooner, but they ended up being trapped in the ice for seven hours until they were rescued by Assateague lighthouse keeper, John Anderton, and his volunteer crew. The lighthouse is still an active navigational aid.

<http://www.fws.gov/refuge/chincoteague/>

REGION 5

Back

The National Historic Preservation Act, signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson on October 15, 1966, is the primary federal law governing the preservation of our nation's heritage. The USFWS is creating trading cards to commemorate the upcoming 50th anniversary of the NHPA and all of the great historic preservation work that has taken place on FWS land since the bill was signed. Several series of cards are being produced to address different aspects and results of the act including: NHPA fun facts, Section

Around the Regions....

Region 5 The Missisquoi Summit

The Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge will be hosting "The Missisquoi Summit" Symposium as part of Vermont Archaeology month taking place this September. At this event, experts will discuss the changes that have occurred



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to the natural and cultural landscape of the Missisquoi River Valley over time. This event demonstrates Missisquoi Refuge Manager Ken Sturm's continuing dedication to cultural resources.

Region 8 Fort Ruby open house!

There will be an open house event at Fort Ruby on October 10th. Any assistance with the event would be much appreciated. There will be open space in the bunkhouse.

Contact LouAnn Speulda-Drews for more information

Region 3 2015 Plum Island Lighthouse Excavations



The Region 3 Archaeologist, in cooperation with the archaeological fieldschool at Hamline University in St. Paul, Minnesota, returned for the third year to Plum Island within the Green Bay NWR in July to continue excavations on the remains of the original "Porte des Morts" (Death's Door) Lighthouse occupied from 1949-1858. The Porte des Morts Passage, off the tip of Door County, Wisconsin, is one of the most treacherous passages of fresh water in the world. It is littered with many shipwrecks. But, it was, and still is, an important commercial maritime waterway between Green Bay and Lake Michigan. To combat this dangerous passageway, the U.S. Government placed the 325 acre island into public domain in 1848, the same year as Wisconsin achieved statehood. The U.S. Lighthouse Service built a lighthouse on the south side of the island in 1849. Poorly placed and constructed, this limestone lighthouse lasted only ten years before being abandoned. A new brick lighthouse was constructed on nearby Pilot Island in 1858.



The 2015 excavations concentrated on sampling the kitchen area and defining the inside wall of the building including uncovering the fireplace. More evidence emerged of the poor construction techniques. Findings indicate that much of interior wall was shored up after the initial construction. The original fireplace may have been moved to help facilitate the enhancements of the walls. The half cellar appears to have been lined with plaster in order to smooth out the floor and provide a moisture barrier for storage, including the oil needed for the lamp. The kitchen yielded much evidence of the keeper and his family. Kitchen utensils, faunal remains, personal items and even cloth was uncovered. Much of the kitchen has yet to be excavated, which may prompt the crew to go back for a fourth year. It's on an island, so why not?

By James Myster

Region 3 New Traveling Exhibit for the Bertrand Collection

As a part of the commemoration of the 150th years since the sinking of the steamboat *Bertrand* on the Missouri River on April 1, 1865, a traveling exhibit was designed and constructed. This portable display provides information about DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge, its location and a number of photographs of artifacts recovered from the shipwreck that are housed and exhibited in the refuge's visitor center. It is hoped that the traveling exhibit provide the means for people who might not otherwise have an opportunity to experience the natural resources and the diverse collection of beautifully preserved 19th century objects that DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge has to offer.

It is appropriate that the public debut of this exhibit took place this last May in the city that was the intended destination of the *Bertrand*, Fort Benton, Montana. The display was first set up as a part of the Mullan Road History Conference, sponsored by the River and Plains Society of



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The *Bertrand* traveling exhibit was set up in the main conference room where the history and legacy of the Mullan Road, which went west from Fort Benton into what is now the state of Washington, was discussed.



The *Bertrand* display served to highlight the tools, foodstuffs and personal items that would have been found along the Mullan Road in the 1850s and 1860s.

completion the exhibit was moved to the Museum of the Upper Missouri where it helped to “kick-off” the annual Summer Celebration in Fort Benton. The next host of the traveling exhibit will be the Washington County Historical Society Museum in Fort Calhoun, Nebraska.

By: Dean Knudsen

Other Agency News

Youth Heritage Project Visits the Cathlapotle Plankhouse!

The *Discover Washington: Youth Heritage Project* was held at the Fort Vancouver National Historic Site in July of this year. This year’s Youth Heritage Program explored reconstruction as a historic preservation method. The 40 students participating in this project explored Fort Vancouver, visited an archaeological excavation, and toured the Cathlapotle Plankhouse located on Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge. This replica plankhouse was built based on findings from the Cathlapotle site, one of the few surviving archaeological sites on the lower Columbia River. Through a diversity of partnerships, including the Chinook Tribe and Portland State University, Cathlapotle has been the site of over a decade of archaeological research.

International Archaeology Day in October

List your event for International Archaeology Day! Events are being listed on the International Archaeology Day calendar located on the Archaeological Institute of America website. The map is already displaying over 100 events across 4 continents!

For more information, visit:

<https://www.archaeological.org/archaeologyday/events>

ArchaeoMadness!

ArchaeoMadness, a single elimination bracket tournament, will start in September. There will be a competition between two sites each day. The winning sites from each matchup will move to the next round until the championship. You can participate by entering a bracket before the tournament begins or voting each day. Let the games begin!

For more information, visit:

<https://www.archaeological.org/archaeologyday/archaeomadness>

ACHP Electronic Section 106 System

Federal agencies (or officially delegated non-federal entity) can now use the ACHP’s Electronic Section 106 Documentation Submittal System (e106). This system should

Fort Benton. 110 people attended the seminar and on its



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improve the efficiency of the Section 106 review process. Hard copies and electronic PDF's will still be accepted, although agencies are encouraged to use the e106 system for their submissions to the ACHP.

For more information, visit the webpage:
<http://www.achp.gov/work106.html>

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation—is beginning to plan for the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act in 2016. Part of the planning involves publication of 106 success stories, referring to Section 106 of the Act. FWS made the list! A story about the Cathlapotle Plankhouse at Ridgefield NWR was released late in June. Check it out: http://www.achp.gov/sec106_successes.html and click on Cathlapotle.

ACHP has also updated several policies. Please check [achp.gov](http://www.achp.gov) for all these updates

TRAINING, UPCOMING EVENTS, EDUCATION, AND NEWS

Maritime Cultural Landscape Symposium

October 14-15, 2015, University of Wisconsin-Madison

The National Register Program (NPS), Wisconsin SHPO, NOAA, and BOEM will hold a symposium October 14-15, 2015, in Madison, Wisconsin, to discuss the concept of maritime cultural landscapes (MCLs) and how it applies to evaluations for National Register eligibility. Management and compliance issues involving MCLs will be discussed. Speakers have a variety of experience with MCLs, both terrestrial and submerged. They represent federal and state agencies, tribes, and universities.

Immediately after the symposium, a small group of attendees will convene to reach some agreement on definitions, application of the concept, and preliminary guidance for identification and evaluation. These findings and recommendations are envisioned as preliminary to a National Register bulletin on MCLs. The symposium will include information and discussions for stewards of shipwrecks, coastal landscapes, riverine landscapes, and more.

The two-day symposium will be streamed via the Web. Look for information about accessing the streamed symposium in the September Archeology E-Gram.

For the agenda and information on registration and lodging, go to <http://wihist.org/maritime-symposium>.

Contact: Barbara Wyatt at barbara_wyatt@nps.gov or 202-354-2252 or Mike Russo at mike_russo@nps.gov or 202-354-2217.

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

Recent Proposed Cultural Resource Legislation

H.R. 581-National Heritage Areas Act of 2015

Sponsor-Rep. Dent (R-PA)

Status-pending before the House Natural Resources Committee

Under the legislation, a formal National Heritage Area System would be created within the National Park Service to "conserve, enhance, and interpret natural, historic, scenic, and cultural resources that together tell nationally significant stories..." The Department of Interior could provide technical and financial assistance to local coordinating entities to support the establishment of new NHAs, as well as leverage private, state, local, and tribal funding. Existing NHAs would also be included in the new system.

H.R. 1735-National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016

Sponsor-Rep. Thornberry (R-TX)

Status-passed House 5/15/15

In a repeat of last year, the House Armed Services Committee included a provision (known as the Military LAND language) in this bill that would amend the National Historic Preservation Act to: 1) require the Secretary of the Interior to notify certain congressional committees if federal property is being considered for the National Register of Historic Places, or for designation as a National Historic Landmark, or for inclusion on the World Heritage List; 2) allow managers of federal lands containing historic resources to object to their inclusion in the National Register or designation as National Historic Landmarks on national security grounds; and 3) create a process by which federal lands managers could de-list properties from the Register. The Senate version of the legislation (S. 1376), which passed that chamber on June 18, does NOT contain similar language. SAA, along with the National Trust, the American Cultural Resources Association, NCSHPO and SHA, will continue to ensure that the Military LANDS provision is excluded from the final NDAA law.

H.R. 2817-National Historic Preservation Amendments Act of 2015

Sponsor-Rep. Turner (R-OH)

Status-pending before the House Natural Resources Committee

The bill would reauthorize the Historic Preservation Fund through 2025 at \$150 million per year. SAA and other preservation groups will work for the enactment of this important legislation.

H.R. 3114- Army Corps of Engineers Veterans Curation Training Act

Sponsor-Rep. Napolitano (D-CA)

Status-pending before the full House

This bill would reauthorize the Army Corps of Engineer's veterans' curation program. Under this initiative, the Corps trains active duty and veteran armed forces personnel in curation and historic preservation techniques, in part through cataloguing the Corps' enormous number of archaeological materials. The bill would authorize a total of \$35 million for the program through 2020.

S. 1647-the DRIVE Act of 2015



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Sponsor-Sen. Inhofe (R-OK)

Status-passed full Senate

This is a six-year surface transportation bill that was adopted by the Environment and Public Works Committee on June 24. Crucially, however, it only contains enough funding for three years. It was added as an amendment to a House bill, H.R. 22, and passed by the Senate after a marathon debate on July 30. Unfortunately, it includes language, detrimental to historic preservation, which was successfully opposed by preservation groups in previous years. The section in question calls for the elimination of what is known as the 4(f) review. This key law mandates that planners "use all possible planning to minimize harm" to environmental and historic resources threatened by transportation projects. The House does not have a multi-year transportation bill. Given this, and the fact that authorization for spending on roads and bridges was set to expire soon, both chambers quickly adopted a stop-gap measure (H.R. 3236) that will keep federal surface transportation funding flowing through October 29. That bill was signed into law on July 31. SAA and other groups will keep working to ensure that the harmful provision in the Senate bill is not included in the final multi-year transportation package.

H.R. 135-Military Land Act of 2015

Status-pending before the House Natural Resources Committee

Last year, the House included this bill as a provision of its version of the defense authorization legislation. It would have amended the National Historic Preservation Act to: 1) require the Secretary of the Interior to notify certain congressional committees if Federal property is being considered for the National Register of Historic Places, or for designation as a National Historic Landmark, or for inclusion on the World Heritage List; 2) allow managers of Federal lands containing historic resources to object to their inclusion in the National Register or designation as National Historic Landmarks on national security grounds; and 3) create a process by which Federal lands managers could de-list properties from the Register. Historic preservation groups succeeded in excluding the language from the final defense legislation. H.R. 135 was proposed for inclusion in this year's House defense authorization bill (H.R. 1735). On April 29, by a vote of 35 to 27, the text of H.R. 135 was added to the House defense bill.

H.R. 749-Passenger Rail Reform and Investment Act of 2015

Status-passed full House March 4; pending before Senate Commerce Committee

This legislation would reauthorize and reform Amtrak. Section 402 of the bill would require the Department of Transportation to develop program alternatives for railroad and rail-related properties for the purposes of compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA. At present, there is no Senate counterpart to the bill. The motives behind the language appear to be to give railroads similar treatment under the NHPA currently enjoyed by highways, such as the exclusion from the statute of most maintenance and repair projects for the interstate highway system.

H.R. 1077-Casa Grande Ruins National Monument Boundary Modification Act

Status-pending before House Natural Resources Committee

This bill would expand the Casa Grande Ruins NM by transferring two parcels

of federally-owned land containing important Hohokam cultural resources to the NPS, to be managed as part of the existing monument. It would also authorize NPS to acquire, from willing donors or sellers, several tracts of private land near the monument that also hold substantial Hohokam archeological materials.

H.R. 1493-Protect and Preserve International Cultural Property Act

Status-approved by House Foreign Affairs Committee, pending before full House

This bill would make a number of important and beneficial changes to how the U.S. prevents the looting and destruction of cultural resources overseas. It would grant the President the authority to impose emergency restrictions on the importation of Syrian cultural materials, and establish the position of U.S. Coordinator for International Cultural Property Protection at the State Department to oversee and develop a unified approach to the international cultural property protection activities of numerous Federal agencies.

H.R. 1541-PRISM Act

Status-pending before the House Natural Resources Committee

The Preservation Research at Institutions Serving Minorities (PRISM) Act would amend the NHPA to give colleges and universities with large numbers of Hispanic students the ability to tap into a grant program that provides students with opportunities to participate in historic and cultural resources preservation projects. The new grants would be for institutions, where Hispanic students make up 25% or more of the school's full-time undergraduate enrollment. A Senate companion bill (S. 805) is pending before that chamber's Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

S. 199-Gold Butte National Conservation Area Act

Status-pending before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

The measure would establish a conservation area of nearly 350,000 acres of BLM land in Clark County, Nevada, to "conserve, protect, and enhance the cultural, archaeological, natural, wilderness, scientific, geological, historical, biological, wildlife, educational, and scenic resources of the area" and to facilitate the designation of wilderness areas therein. A House companion bill, H.R. 856, is pending before the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 488, H.R. 900, S. 228, S. 232, S. 437, and H.R. 2258

A number of bills have been introduced in the 114th Congress that would, to varying degrees, limit the President's ability to establish National Monuments. The 1906 Antiquities Act allows the President to set aside lands from development that are owned by the U.S. A new Subcommittee of the Interior within the House Committee on Government Oversight and Reform will investigate the current administration's use of the Antiquities Act.

H.R. 1806-America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2015

Status-pending before Senate

In spite of strong opposition from nearly every scientific organization



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(including the Society for American Archaeology) and research university in the country, the House passed a National Science Foundation reauthorization bill that will make a drastic 45% cut to the NSF's research funding for the social sciences. The legislation was adopted by a vote of 217-205.

Thanks to Karen Mudar, the NPS Archaeology e-gram, and the Society for American Archaeology for the information

VOLUNTEERS AND FRIENDS NEWS

Friends Awarded Preserve America Stewards National Designation

First Lady Michelle Obama Designates the Friends of Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge a Preserve

America Steward

The Friends of Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge was honored recently when Mrs. Michelle Obama, First Lady of the United States, designated it as one of the nation's newest Preserve America Stewards.

"Preserve America Stewards are committed to preserving America's diverse heritage, and their work demonstrates how individuals who care deeply about serving their country and their communities can make a difference," Mrs. Obama said. "I thank and commend the volunteers of the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge and the Cathlapotle Plankhouse for protecting our nation's historic treasures. You set a wonderful example for our young people, the future stewards of our heritage, while also improving the quality of life and economic vitality of our nation."

The Board of the Friends of Ridgefield NWR received a letter and certificate of designation signed by Mrs. Obama announcing that they are now a Preserve America Steward. Designation as a Preserve America Steward provides national recognition for programs that successfully use volunteers to help care for our historic and cultural heritage for the benefit of present and future generations.

The Preserve America program became an authorized part of the national historic preservation program when President Barack Obama signed the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 on March 30, 2009. The Preserve America program is a federal effort to encourage and support community efforts to preserve and enjoy America's priceless cultural and natural heritage. The goals of the initiative include a greater shared knowledge about the nation's past; strengthened regional identities and local pride; increased local participation in preserving the country's cultural and natural heritage assets; and support for the economic vitality of our communities.

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation administers the Preserve America program with the Department of the Interior, in cooperation with ten other federal agencies. For more information, visit <http://www.achp.gov/> and <http://www.preserveamerica.gov/>



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