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# Historical Happenings

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



*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](mailto:Eugene_Marino@fws.gov) for submission guidelines.

### Wonderful Things

A look at FWS Museum Property

#### TEACHING THE PAST AT DESOTO NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

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Taking a break from their work, YCC students examine other items from the Bertrand collection

Over the course of the summer, the FWS has continued its use of Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) students for projects occurring on Refuges. The FWS use of YCC has a long history, but this year their involvement was especially important in light of the administration's emphasis on youth employment in government.

At DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge, YCC students were also able to assist with the management of the Bertrand collection, the expansive collection of museum items salvaged from the steamboat Bertrand and now housed at the Refuge. Students spent rain days helping the curator catalog some of the larger material classes in the collection. On one of their sessions, the curator took some time out to ask students how they liked this experience.

#### **“So what have you learned from doing this project?”**

Anne W noted “We learned how to clean and sort nails.” “And bag them” added Jared P. “Bagging is easier with the bigger bags we have now.” said Kyle S. Anne noted that “we also learned about the ship and the cargo in general.”

#### **“Is that something you had already studied?”**

“Yes, I had been here for a school trip.” said Anne. “I came with my family when I was a kid.” said Jared. “My mom works here so I knew about it, but you really learn how much stuff there is when you work on the collection.” said Kyle

#### **“What are the neatest things you’ve seen?”**

“The shackles.” notes Anne. “The food.” said Jared. “Yeah, the peaches and things like that.” added Kyle.

#### **“What has been the most fun for you doing this?”**

“Seeing the cargo.” said Anne. “Working on a float that looks like the steamboat for the Harrison county fair.” say Jared and Kyle enthusiastically.

It is always good to hear that our YCC crews are enjoying their experiences while working on Refuges, but it's even better when you hear it in their own words. It's also nice to see that preservation of museum property is one the ways that DeSoto is making the YCC experience even more memorable for the students.

## FWS Regional News:

### Washington Office

The Cultural Resources and Facilities programs will be offering a workshop for historic building maintenance at Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge September 14-18, 2009

Participants will learn about Section 106 and also see preservation in action as they take part in renovations of the lighthouse at the Refuge.

For more information contact Eugene Marino at 703-358-2173

### Region 7—

A 20 year effort to document traditional Native place names in the Koyukuk River drainage was completed recently with the publication of a 54 page full color atlas. In the mid-1980's Kanuti Refuges local Refuge Information technician, Johnson Moses of Allakaket, helped Dr. Eliza Jones compile hundreds of traditional Native place names near the villages of Hughes, Allakaket, Alatna, Bettles and Evansville. Dr. Jones and Moses recorded interviews with Native elders who told the stories behind the names of places within Kanuti refuge and surrounding areas. This information was documented by university of Alaska researcher Wendy Arundale in an unpublished report where it remained for 20 years.

In 2005-2006 the FWS and National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) funded Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association to gather traditional knowledge on fishing sites and fish spawning areas in the Koyukuk Drainage. At that time, Kanuti Refuge staff wanted to include traditional place names in their revised Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) due in 2008. Kanuti Refuge planner, Deborah Webb, painstakingly entered Moses' and Jones' work into a computerized GIS so computer records accurately depicted the unique lettering to ensure accurate pronunciation of the Koyukon language. With a Challenge Cost Share from the FWS, the YR DFA included Moses' and Jones' information in their refined and comprehensive Atlas of place names. With additional support from NOAA and the Lannan Foundation, YR DFA recently published "Middle Koyukuk River of Alaska-An Atlas of Fishing Places and Traditional Place Names". Copies can be obtained from the Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association at 725 Christensen Dr., Suite 3B, Anchorage, Alaska 99501. They can also be contacted via e-mail at [info@yukonsalmon.org](mailto:info@yukonsalmon.org), or by **Phone:** (907) 272-3141 • 1-877-99-YUKON (98566), or **Fax:** (907) 272-3142.

## Other Agency News

**NPS**—Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar today announced that the federal government has reached agreement with all of the landowners for all properties needed for the construction of the Flight 93 Memorial in western Pennsylvania.

**NPS**—the Director of the National Park Service has formally approved two new THPOs

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## Legislative News

### FLTFA Reauthorization Will Aid in Preserving Cultural and Historic Resources on Public Lands

Rep. Martin Heinrich (D-NM) intends to introduce a reauthorization of the "Federal Lands Transaction Facilitation Act" (FLTFA) this week with Rep. Cynthia Lummis (R-WY) as an original co-sponsor. The Federal Lands Transaction Facilitation Act was originally enacted in 2000 and directs the revenues generated from the sale of nonessential Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands to an account for purchases of critical in-holdings and adjacent tracts from willing sellers in federally designated areas managed by the BLM, the U.S. Forest Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the National Park Service in the western United States. FLTFA embodies the concept of "land for land," using the proceeds from sales of "non-essential lands" to acquire other key lands. Since FLTFA's enactment in 2000, the Secretaries of Interior and Agriculture have approved over \$57 million toward protecting more than 13,600 acres under the program. Funding from the sales of these non-essential lands will be used to facilitate the purchase of other relevant and important public lands and sites, such as the historic Wallace Ranch in Canyon of the Ancients National Monument, for example.

### Senior advisor for Sustainable Housing and Communities Named at HUD

Reconnecting America President and CEO Shelley Poticha has been appointed Senior Advisor for Sustainable Housing and Communities at the U.S.

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

### **Archeological Resources Protection Training Program**

The Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) presents this thirty-seven hour class which provides training in all aspects of an archeological investigation and subsequent prosecution of the crimes. This premier class is taught by accomplished instructors that are nationally recognized subject matter experts in the fields of law enforcement, archeology and law. The class cumulates in a twelve-hour archeological crime scene practical exercise where law enforcement officers and archeologist work as a team to investigate and document a crime scene. Attendees will gather and process physical evidence, write incident reports, executive summaries, search warrants, damage assessments, and provide testimony in a courtroom scenario.

XP-ARPTP-903 / Department of the Navy, Jacksonville, FL – September 14-18, 2009

XP-ARPTP-904 / San Juan Public Lands Center, Durango, Co – September 21-25, 2009

XP-ARPTP-101 / Apostle Islands National Lakeshore NP, Bayfield, Wisconsin – October 19 – 23, 2009

XP-ARPTP-102 / Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve, New Orleans, La – November – 02-06, 2009

This class is open to all sworn law enforcement officers, prosecutors and Federal Archeologist. To register please contact your agencies training representative at FLETC.

Contact FLETC Senior Instructor Charles Louke at (912)280-5188 for course information

There are a number of activities at the Cathlapotle plankhouse. For information on these events take a look at [www.plankhouse.org](http://www.plankhouse.org)