



Historical Happenings

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

August

What's New at HQ?

Check out the newly launched historic storyboard that focuses on the Trail of Tears. The storyboard was developed by the HQ Refuges Branch of Communication and illustrates Refuges along the trail. Check it out here <https://www.fws.gov/refuges/features/trail-of-tears/index.html>

Around the Regions....

Region 5

YCC students at Patuxent Research Refuge installed signage along some of the Refuge's visitor trails. The signs help to interpret the great resources, including historic resources, that the Refuge has to offer to visitors. Well done YCC and staff at Patuxent!!



Fishing was a prime coastal industry of the 19th century. Lighthouses were established to show mariners the entrances of ports as well as dangerous shallow and rocky locations across the nation. There are dozens of lighthouses that line our region's beautiful coastal shores, and eleven of them sit on a National Wildlife Refuge owned by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. There is the Assateague Lighthouse as far south as Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge in Virginia and Libby Island Lighthouse stretching as far north as Maine Coastal Islands National Wildlife Refuge in Machiasport, Maine. Behind every lighthouse, there's a history of the keepers who ran it, the land it sits on, and the many lives that were saved. Check out this blog (<https://usfwsnortheast.wordpress.com>) on **August 7th, National Lighthouse Day**, to learn more remarkable facts about the lighthouses in Region 5!



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Region 6

The Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area, The Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve, and The Fort Garland Museum (a History Colorado Museum), partnered for their third annual Junior Archaeologist Camp.

Middle school students participated in a three-day camp the week of July 10th. During the week of July 17th the high school students have a week-long camp. Some of the sites they visited include the petroglyphs of Trinchera Creek, the Scott Miller prehistoric archaeological site, the Baca National Wildlife Refuge, Trujillo Homestead National Historic Landmark, and observation at an active archaeological survey in Punche Valley.

The Scott Miller site, located on the Monte Vista Wildlife Refuge, was a favorite for the camp participants. This site is usually closed to the public. However, owners granted permission for the camp to access the site. While at the site, students saw some of the artifacts dating back 10,000 years or more, including a mammoth tooth. Students were surprised to learn that these majestic beasts used to roam the San Luis Valley. The site holds more than 1,000 identified artifacts.

"It has been the funnest camp that I've ever been to. I paid to go to [another] camp and this was not only better, but free. I cannot thank you enough,"- Damion Garcia (middle school camp). Damion is from the Alamosa School District. He applied to the camp because he wanted to learn more about his ancestors and how they came to the San Luis Valley.

Our thanks to the Valley Courier for these excerpts. For the entire article visit

<https://www.alamosanews.com/article/local-students-become-junior-archaeologists-for-a-week>

Other Agency News....

NPS--The updated version of *The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring and Reconstructing Historic Buildings* has been released and is now available at <https://www.nps.gov/tps/standards/treatment-guidelines-2017.pdf>.

The Guidelines have been updated to ensure that they continue to reflect best practices in historic preservation, apply to 20th-century building types, materials, and systems now considered historic, and incorporate modern methods and

technologies. The Standards themselves have not been changed.

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TRAINING, UPCOMING EVENTS, EDUCATION, AND NEWS

Upcoming FWS Events and Training

Minnesota Valley NWR will host the 2017 installment of our Preservation Skills Workshop (the FWS hands on historic preservation training for Wage Grade staff). The training will be held September 11-15, 2017. For more information and to register, James Myster (Region 3 Regional Historic Preservation Officer at 612-713- 5439 or Clint DeMenge R3 Heavy Equipment Coordinator at 218-768- 2402.

The Preservation Trades Network Presents the 21st Annual International Preservation Trades Workshop
September 8-10 2017
Detroit Boat Club, Belle Isle Park
Detroit, Michigan

www.ptn.org/iptw-2017

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

H.R. 473-Military LAND Act of 2017

Sponsor: Rep. Issa (R-CA)

Status: Pending before the House Natural Resources Committee
Just as he did in each of the past three congresses, Representative Issa has introduced his Military LAND Act.

The bill would amend the National Historic Preservation Act to allow federal land-managing agencies to object to the inclusion of properties under their control to the National Register, or its designation as a National Historic Landmark, for national security reasons. It would also allow land managers to remove properties already listed on the National Register.

H.R. 602-Local Law Enforcement for Local Lands Act

Sponsor: Rep. Chaffetz (R-UT)

Status: Pending before the House Natural Resources and Agriculture Committees



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This bill would end the law enforcement functions of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Forest Service (USFS), and send the funding of those offices to states, under a block grant formula, to police BLM and USFS lands.

H.R. 2199-Federal Land Asset Inventory Reform Act

Sponsor: Rep. Cramer (R-ND)

Status: Pending before the House Natural Resources Committee

This measure would require the Secretary of the Interior to consolidate all existing land inventories used by the Department into a single "master" inventory of resources contained in and upon the lands administered by Interior. The inventory data would include assets such as natural and, presumably, cultural resources, and transportation and energy infrastructure. Existing inventories found to be outdated or redundant would be eliminated. The new central inventory would be searchable by the public. A subcommittee hearing on the bill was held on May 23.

S. 282-Public Land Renewable Energy Development Act

Sponsor: Sen. Heller (R-NV)

Status: Pending before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

The legislation is designed to streamline the environmental review and permitting processes at the Department of Interior for renewable energy development projects (solar, wind, and geothermal) on federal land.

S. 1400-Save Tribal Objects of Patrimony Act

Sponsor: Sen. Heinrich (D-NM)

Status: pending before Indian Affairs Committee

The bill would prohibit the export of illegally-procured Native American objects of cultural patrimony, increase the penalties for NAGPRA criminal violations, and better coordinate work on this issue by federal agencies. It would also encourage the voluntary return of tangible cultural heritage.

S. 1460-Energy and Natural Resources Act

Sponsor: Sen. Murkowski (R-AK)

This legislation includes the permanent reauthorization of the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF). Under current law, the HPF is authorized through 2023. If passed, the bill would mark the first revision to national energy policy in a decade.

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VOLUNTEERS AND FRIENDS NEWS



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