

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.

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FWS Regional News:

Washington Office

Lou Hinds, Complex manager located at Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge was honored earlier this month for his dedication to historic preservation. Lou received the 2011 Heritage award from the USFWS Heritage Committee at their meeting in San Diego at the end of February/beginning of March. The award recognizes the contributions of a Refuge manager to the preservation of cultural resources and Service history. Lou has been a leader in this area for years and has spearheaded efforts to restore the Assateague lighthouse. In 2009, Lou also hosted the first Preservation Skills workshop that provided instruction to USFWS Wage Grade professionals on historic building maintenance. The USFWS Cultural Resources program thanks Lou for his dedication and for being a real advocate for these resources.



Figure 1. Lou Hinds receives the Heritage Award from Jim Kurth, Deputy ARD for Refuges and Chair of the USFWS Heritage Committee.

FWS Cultural Resources will co-sponsor a Cultural Resources Diversity Intern this spring. The internship will be funded in part by the National Park Service who will supply an intern with a cultural resources background. The intern will be located at the WO and will be looking at collections management needs for the FWS as well as doing research on FWS history collections.

Region 4

Deepwater Horizon MC252 Oil Spill update

Second Historic Property & Cultural Resource Trustee Meeting held January 12-13, 2011 in New Orleans. The meeting had three purposes; the first was to update the Trustees on status of the clean-up efforts and the transition of command from the centralized Unified Incident Command back to the local 8th Coast Guard District; the second was an update on archaeological and ethnographic investigations being conducted as part of the Response and SCAT phases; and the third was an initial discussion of a BP proposal to establish a Deepwater Horizon Gulf Coast Cultural, Tribal and Historical Endowment. The endowment was intended to create a funding mechanism for peer-reviewed research grants similar to that used by the Gulf Coast Research Institute for natural science investigations.

There are only two active shoreline sectors – the Louisiana Coast and the Mississippi-Alabama-Florida Panhandle Coast. The rest of Florida’s Gulf Coast and the Keys are no longer considered at risk. HDR, BP’s archaeological contractor, reported the approximately 4,275 miles of shoreline had been surveyed for the Louisiana Coast, 135 recorded terrestrial archaeological sites, revisited, 43 new terrestrial

archaeological identified, 46 recorded submerged sites revisited, and 84 likely submerged sites identified using 2010 imagery. 29 archaeological sites were reported as being “oiled.” For the Mississippi-Alabama-Florida Panhandle, approximately 990 miles of shorelines have been surveyed, 584 recorded archaeological sites revisited, and 65 new sites identified. Approximately 275.4 miles were deemed as archaeological sensitive; additional subsurface testing of 100 miles of this stretch of shoreline was being conducted. Techniques included monitoring, SCAT auger testing, and systematic shovel test units.

For the impacted submerged areas of the Gulf, HDR identified 25,000 anomalies. Their efforts have largely focused on database collection, historical archival research, oral history interviews, protocol development, field surveys, inadvertent discoveries (i.e. 19th century anchor, timbers on the beach, and Jack’s Wreck at Gulf Shore), and monitoring. Field Surveys have focused on the terrestrial beach face, near shore and intertidal areas, and the offshore area.

Ethnographic investigations are underway. This work is divided into two phases; the first phase involved the identification of affected communities, the second phase involves the identification and subsequent National Register-eligibility assessment of culturally significant places and traditional cultural properties. The initial draft report has been delayed and it is unknown when it will be available for review by the Trustees.

Region 4 Research—Dr. Ken Sassaman submitted a copy of the draft report ***Lower Suwannee Archaeological Survey 2009-2010 Investigations at Cat Island (8Di29), Little Bradford Island (8Di32), and Richards Island (8Lv137)***. This is the inaugural report for the long-term research initiative and partnership between the University of Florida’s Laboratory of Southeast Archaeology and the FWS. The final report, sans maps, will be available at the Department’s website.

Progress on Permits—Region 4’s Migratory Bird Office sponsored a meeting in the Atlanta Regional Office to discuss how to improve tribal consultation for the MBO’s programs and permits. Meeting objectives included: impacts of DOI’s draft Tribal Consultation Policy on MBO, improving on-going tribal consultation efforts regarding Eagle Nest & Bird Take Permits, extending tribal consultation efforts to Tribes located outside of Region 4, but who have historic ties to the southeast United States, and the role of the ***National Historic Preservation Act, American Indian Religious Freedom Act*** and the ***Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993*** and other relevant Executive Orders dealing with government-to-government consultation and sacred sites in the MBO permit process.

Site Management Plan in development for Lighthouse Island. The island, which is located in a Wilderness Management Area, sports two 19th century lighthouses and associated archaeological site. The lighthouses were listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1981. Discussions focused on short-term emergency steps to temporarily secure the lantern room to the masonry tower and to address water leakage into the tower, as well as longer term plans regarding stabilization of the second tower, mapping of the above-ground architectural ruins.

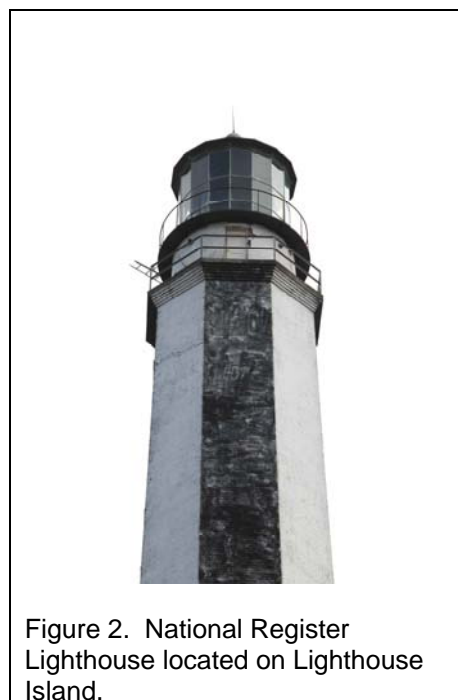


Figure 2. National Register Lighthouse located on Lighthouse Island.

Wreckage from a B-17 was recovered from St. Mark’s National Wildlife Refuge. The fragments from the wing and tail assembly were identified and recorded. Some research revealed a newspaper article about a crash in the area on July 30, 1944. The materials located are associated with this event.



Figure 3. B-17 fragment recovered from St. Mark’s National Wildlife Refuge

Region 7

Battle for the Aleutians Information Booklet Available

There has long been a need for a quick reference to World War II in the Aleutians. This little noticed theater of battle has been known as the Forgotten War and even now the full story of remains untold. Available information is often inconsistent and erroneous, perpetuating a rich mythology about the Aleutian Campaign. The refuges managing this battlefield needed information to orient visitors to the remains of the war, their significance and of their lasting influence and impact on the Wildlife refuges.

In 2009 the President designated parts of the Aleutian Islands as the Valor in the Pacific National Monument. The goal of the Monument is to “interpret the broader story of World War II in the Pacific”, and “present interpretive opportunities and programs for visitors to better understand and honor the sacrifices borne by the Greatest generation”. This designation provided the final impetus needed to develop some fresh materials to tell the story of WWII in the Aleutians.

While 40 pages is nowhere near sufficient space to tell this story, the Battle for the Aleutians is a stunning introduction. The booklet is lavishly illustrated with historic and modern photos, art and drawings with a brief summary of the significant events people, and places associated with the war. The booklet is available from the Division of Visitors Services, Cultural Resources program. If you would like copies contact Debbie_corbett@fws.gov or phone 907-786-3399.

Other Agency News

DOI—GETTYSBURG, Pa -- Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar announced today that the National Park Service has acquired 95 acres of the former Gettysburg Country Club property to preserve as part of the Gettysburg National Military Park. The former country club land - now known by its historic name, the Emanuel Harman Farm - is where major fighting occurred on the first day of battle on July 1, 1863.

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SUMMER 2011 STUDENT INTERNSHIPS AT THE BLM-ANASAZI HERITAGE CENTER DOLORRES, COLORADO

The Anasazi Heritage Center (AHC) offers student internships in:

- [Collections Management](#)
- [Visitor Services](#)

Background:

The Anasazi Heritage Center includes a main archaeology gallery with artifact exhibits, a replica pit house, touchable and hands-on exhibits, computer-based explorations, a gallery for temporary exhibitions, a movie theater, a room for special educational programs, and a 100 seat theater. On the museum grounds are two 12th century archaeological sites (the Dominguez and Escalante Pueblos) and nature walk through pinon-juniper woodland to a 360° view of the surrounding region (Mesa Verde, La Plata Mountains, Dolores River Valley, and Sleeping Ute Mountain). The AHC staff also manages a library, a conservation laboratory, and over 3.5 million artifacts, samples, and original documents.

To apply:

Applications for both internships described below must be received by April 15, 2011. The availability of internship opportunities depends on AHC logistical requirements, available funding, and current project needs. Internship start and end dates are flexible and last for 8 to 12 consecutive weeks. There is no specific form to be completed; applicants should e-mail a letter of interest specifying which internship you are applying for and a resume in MS Word or Adobe PDF format to: t2murphy@blm.gov

Preliminary inquiries on availability may be made to the Internship Coordinator by phone at (703) 882-5643 or by e-mail at t2murphy@blm.gov.

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Role for Archeology in NPS Response to Climate Change Archeological resources and research figure significantly in the NPS

Climate Change Response Strategy, released in September 2010. The strategy provides direction for addressing the impacts of climate change in national

parks. Archeological activities can contribute to all four of the integrated components of the response: science, adaptation, mitigation, and communication.

Science: Archeological data and models have already provided long term perspectives on climate change, especially in the Southwest, contributing to climate change science. Archeological efforts in parks continue to inventory and monitor archeological resources, providing data for assessing climate change.

Adaptation: This information will be critical to scenario planning and management decisions that guide adaptive actions within the NPS. The Climate Change Response Strategy specifically calls for expansion of the NPS capacity to conduct inventory and monitoring of archeological resources on park lands.

Mitigation: Archeologists can also contribute to mitigation, the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, by developing ways to collect data remotely, and by planning field work more carefully, and, when feasible, telecommuting.

Communication: Through leading by example, archeologists directly contribute to the final component to the response strategy. Archeological interpretation is an excellent venue for messages to the public about climate change, its causes and effects, and responsibilities for mitigation and adaptation.

The full report can be accessed at www.nature.nps.gov/climatechange/index.cfm

Indigenous Cultural Landscapes, Trail Planning, and Land Conservation in the Chesapeake Bay

The Chesapeake Bay Program, a unique regional partnership that has led and directed the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay since 1983, called together a focus group of partners to refine the concept of indigenous cultural landscapes and begin an evaluation process for the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail.

The trail's management plan recognizes indigenous cultural landscapes as a crucial trail-related resource and the importance of these landscapes to Chesapeake land conservation efforts. It specifies that cultural landscapes along the trail be identified, protected, and highlighted for trail visitor opportunities. Archeological research can contribute to the identification of cultural landscapes.

Participants began clarifying this concept and its attributes, and initiating the participation of American Indian descendent communities and implementation of the concept in trail planning. NPS Associate Director for Cultural Resources Stephanie Toothman, and Northeast Region Ethnography

Program Manager Chuck Smythe participated in the meeting, led by Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network superintendent John Maounis. Group members included representatives from Maryland DNR, Pennsylvania Bureau of Recreation and Conservation, Maryland SHPO, Virginia Council on Indians, Piscataway Indian Nation, Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs, and John Smith Trail's Advisory Council chair John Reynolds.

For more information about the Captain John Smith Chesapeake NHT, go to www.smithtrail.net. To read the comprehensive management plan for the trail, visit <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/cajo>. For more information about the Federal strategy addressing President Obama's executive order for the protection and restoration of the Chesapeake Bay, visit <http://executiveorder.chesapeakebay.net>.

DOI—the Interior Museum Property Program launched its “Basics of Museum Collection Care” course this week. An online course available through DOI Learn. For non-DOI employees, see this link http://www.doi.gov/doilearn/nondoil_learners.cfm

This course is designed for non-museum experts and builds upon the Museum Program's first online course, “Introduction to Managing Museum Collections” that was released in 2009.

Legislative News

The Obama Administration released its America's Great Outdoors (AGO) report on February 16th but fell short of recommending full funding (\$150 million) for the Historic Preservation Fund.

The report did recommend full funding (\$900 million) for natural resources conservation from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and also made strong statements of support for regionally-based national heritage areas, heritage tourism, and historic battlefield protection. A strong endorsement was also made for the Antiquities Act of 1906 as a tool to “achieve national conservation goals.” Historic Preservation remains in the dialogue of America's Great Outdoors, but it is obvious that the Trust and its advocacy partners need to continue to educate the Administration and advocate for full funding for the Historic Preservation Fund. The Trust will be closely monitoring the Interagency Council for AGO over the next six months to insert the preservation perspective into the discussion of implementation plans, particularly as they relate to saving historic and cultural resources.

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.

This 37-hour course is taught by accomplished instructors who are nationally-recognized subject matter experts in the fields of law enforcement, archeology and law. Enrollment is limited to federal or state law enforcement officers, archeologists and prosecutors. For registration information, please contact FLETC at 912-280-5188 or email charles.louke@dhs.gov

April 25-29, 2011 in Rapid City, South Dakota

May 2-6, 2011 in Boise, Idaho

August 22-26, 2011 in Fayetteville, North Carolina

Upcoming NPS National NAGPRA Program webinars

April 13, 2011, 2:00 – 4:00pm (EDT) – NAGPRA Open Forum Have a burning question you would like to ask the NAGPRA staff? Need clarification on a particular NAGPRA topic? This webinar is an opportunity to hear about the latest developments at the NPS National NAGPRA Program and ask staff questions or air concerns. In order to ensure that this forum adequately addresses your question or concerns, please include your questions along with your registration.

For more information about the webinars, go to the NPS National NAGPRA website at

www.nps.gov/nagpra/TRAINING/INDEX.htm

Resource Advisor Training

The NPS is offering Resource Advisor training at Glacier NP, Montana on June 29 – 30, 2011. This course is intended for natural and cultural resources managers, individuals with natural/cultural background, GIS specialists, compliance, and planning specialists, and fire staff. It provides participants with the framework to serve as Resource Advisors (READs) during emergency responses, including wildland fires. READs work with incident commanders and park staff to minimize immediate and short-term adverse impacts resulting from either the incident itself or activities associated with managing the incident. READs are critical as the starting point for identifying needs related to the repair of fire suppression impacts, Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) and Burned Area Rehabilitation (BAR).

The course will focus on wildland fire events; course content will also be applicable to non-fire emergency responses. Topics will include a wide range of potential impacts of incidents, associated management actions, and suggestions for anticipating post-incident environmental conditions related to natural and cultural resource management.

All applications must be received by COB April 15, 2011. There is no tuition, but home units must cover travel costs.

Contact: Lisa Hanson, NPS VPR-Fire, (303) 969-2918.

National Park Service's 2011 Archeological Prospection Workshop

The National Park Service's 2011 workshop on archeological prospection techniques entitled Current Archeological Prospection Advances for Non-Destructive Investigations in the 21st Century will be held May 23-27, 2011, at the Palo Alto Battlefield NHP, Brownsville, Texas. This will be the twenty-first year of the workshop dedicated to the use of geophysical, aerial photography, and other remote sensing methods as they apply to the identification, evaluation, conservation, and protection of archeological resources across this nation. The workshop will present lectures on the theory of operation, methodology, processing, and interpretation with on-hands use of the equipment in the field.

The field exercises will take place at the site of Fort Brown on the University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas South most College campuses in Brownsville. Co-sponsors for the workshop include the Palo Alto Battlefield NHP and the NPS Midwest Archeological Center.

Application forms are available at www.nps.gov/history/mwac.

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Friends Group News

There are a number of activities at the Cathlapotle
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For information on these events take a look at
www.plankhouse.org