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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 for submission guidelines.

FWS Regional News:

Headquarters—The 'new' USFWS Cultural Resources Program website is on-line! The site offers information on the many facets of the program at USFWS as well as past issues of the ever popular Historical Happenings. Visit the site at <http://historicpreservation.fws.gov> and contact Eugene Marino with comments.

Region 1—The Cathlapotle plankhouse is complete and open for visitors. The structure, located on Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge, involved many volunteers over the course of several years. The structure will serve as the focal point of the Refuge's educational program. Contact Virginia Parks for more information.

Region 4—Archaeologists working at Yauhannah Bluff have found Native American as well as Colonial artifacts at a site that will eventually become the Headquarters of the Waccamaw National Wildlife Refuge. For more information contact Rick Kanaski.

Region 4—Fish Hatchery 2 site, located within the boundaries of the Natchitoches National Fish Hatchery has been nominated to the National Register of Historic Places. The site contains abundant information relevant to addressing important research questions regarding regional cultural community and prehistoric social organization and subsistence patterns. For more information contact Rick Kanaski.

Region 7—Historic cabins now available to visitors and scholars. A dozen historic cabins at Kenai NWR were recently made available as lodging after they had been examined, photographed, and documented by archaeologists who will study their importance to the area. See <http://news.fws.gov/tipsheet/2005-05-06-tipsheet.pdf> for more information.

Other Agency News

DOI—WASHINGTON—Interior Secretary Gale Norton today announced new measures to strengthen and improve compliance with provisions of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act. Norton signed Secretarial Order 3261 (http://elips.doi.gov/elips/sec_orders/html_orders/3261.htm) which assigns the responsibility for ensuring that museums comply with the repatriation provisions under the Act to the Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

"This is an important issue and I take this responsibility seriously," Norton said. "This action will ensure that our commitment to the law is fulfilled and our responsibility under the Act is carried out to its fullest extent."

The Assistant Secretary will be responsible for ensuring that federal agencies and museums comply with the repatriation provisions under the Act. The Act requires all federal agencies and museums to repatriate Native American human remains and other cultural items to the appropriate lineal descendants, Indian tribes, or Native American organizations. The Assistant Secretary will also have the authority to investigate museums that may not have complied with the law and assess civil penalties if they found to be non-compliant.

The Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish, Wildlife and Parks will also be responsible for granting extensions of NAGPRA inventory deadlines; awarding NAGPRA implementation grants to Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations and museums; and will work with the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs to promulgate NAGPRA regulations. The National Park Service will provide staff support and technical assistance.

NAGPRA was congressionally enacted in 1990, to address the rights of lineal descendants, Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations to Native American human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects and objects of cultural patrimony with which they are affiliated. The law requires federal agencies and museums to consult with tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations, provide summaries and inventories of their collections, and upon receipt of a valid claim, repatriate cultural items to the appropriate parties.

NPS—Archeology Program launches new webpages. The Archeology Program is pleased to announce “The Public Benefits of Archeology” <http://www.cr.nps.gov/aad/PUBLIC/INDEX.HTM>, which offers different segments of the public a unique perspective on their professions and daily lives. This webpage offers a start to educators, museum professionals, community planners, forensic specialists, historians, and ecologists who might not ordinarily think about archeology as a resource. Through narrative scenarios, case studies, and additional reading, visitors to the webpage can learn about ways that archeology can benefit them. Contact: Barbara Little, barbara_little@nps.gov

Two new webpages for public and professional audiences discuss federal laws pertaining to archeology. Archeology Law and Ethics <http://www.cr.nps.gov/aad/PUBLIC/publicLaw.htm> explains, without jargon, important information that the public needs to know before visiting federal lands that have archeological resources. Archeology Laws: A Guide for Professionals <http://www.cr.nps.gov/aad/tools/laws/index.htm> gathers significant statutes and explanatory articles together to guide professionals through the laws in a non-technical manner. Contact: Terry Childs, terry_childs@nps.gov

The NAGPRA Program reports that the **Culturally Unidentifiable Native American Inventories Database** (<http://64.241.25.6/CUI/index.cfm>) is now 97% complete. It includes 14,112 records describing 108,247 Native American human remains inventoried by 311 museums and Federal agencies.

ACHP—New *Preserve America* Communities Recognized for Commitment to Historic Preservation

June 30, 2005, Washington, DC—Secretary of the Interior Gale Norton joined Representatives Brad Miller and Michael Turner, co-chairs of the Congressional Historic Preservation Caucus, and ACHP chairman John L. Nau, III, to announce the designation of 24 new *Preserve America* Communities.

ACHP—The Bush Administration's fiscal year 2006 budget includes a request for \$12.5 million in grants for which *Preserve America* Communities, Certified Local Governments, and others will be eligible to apply. These matching grants of \$10,000 to \$100,000 would be distributed on a competitive basis to projects that preserve and use important historic resources for promotion of heritage tourism and other economic revitalization projects. The proposed *Preserve America* grants would provide upfront planning and assistance to communities looking for ways to preserve their local heritage in self-sustaining ways. If Congress enacts the President's grant request, the *Preserve America* grant program will begin this fall.

ACHP—Released its latest update on its Archaeology Task force. See for more information <http://www.achp.gov>

Legislative News

HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND

For expenses necessary in carrying out the Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470), and the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-333), \$73,250,000, to be derived from the Historic Preservation Fund and to remain available until September 30, 2007, of which \$30,000,000 shall be for Save America's Treasures for preservation of nationally significant sites, structures, and artifacts: *Provided*, That not to exceed \$5,000,000 of the amount provided for Save America's Treasures may be for *Preserve America* grants to States, Tribes, and local communities for projects that preserve important historic resources through the promotion of heritage tourism: *Provided further*, That any individual Save America's Treasures or *Preserve America* grant shall be matched by non-Federal funds: *Provided further*, That individual projects shall only be eligible for one grant: *Provided further*, That all projects to be funded shall be approved by the Secretary of the Interior in consultation with the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, and in consultation with the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities prior to the commitment of Save America's Treasures grant funds and with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation prior to the commitment of *Preserve America* grant funds: *Provided further*, That Save America's Treasures funds allocated for Federal

projects, following approval, shall be available by transfer to appropriate accounts of individual agencies.

H.R. 3085—Trail of Tears Documentation Act—directs Interior departments to provide a more complete picture of events associated with the Trail. It would expand information to cover all routes of the trail.

Native American Omnibus Act of 2005 - s.536

Sec. 108. definition of Native American.

Section 2(9) of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (25 U.S.C. 3001(9)) is amended-

(1) by inserting 'or was' after 'is'; and

(2) by inserting after 'indigenous to' the following: 'any geographic area that is now located within the boundaries of.'

Bill Status: <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d109:SN00536:>

Latest Major Action: 5/12/2005 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 100

Training News

The National Park Service's Technical Preservation Services staff added two titles to its Preservation Briefs series:

Preservation Brief 43: The Preparation and Use of Historic Structure Reports and
Preservation Brief

44: The Use of Awnings on Historic Buildings: Repair, Replacement, and New
Design. The titles are available online at:

<http://www.cr.nps.gov/hps/tps/briefs/brief43.htm>

<http://www.cr.nps.gov/hps/tps/briefs/brief44.htm>

<http://www.cr.nps.gov/hps/tps/>

To Bring Home What Is Ours - "Pigîweyâbîginadâ Tabenindameng"

2nd International First Nations Repatriation Symposium
August 12-13, 2005 Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg, Ottawa,
Quebec (Canada)

<http://www.kza.gc.ca/Repatriation/home/EnglishMain.shtm>

MANAGING MUSEUM PROPERTY sponsored by the Interior Museum Program conducted at the San Diego Museum of Man 1350 El Prado, Balboa Park San Diego, California 92101
August 15-19, 2005.

Additional information and an application can be found at the Interior Museum Program website address: <http://museums.doi.gov/training/managing.html> or contact

Donald Cumberland at 202-208-4698

The ACHP is pleased to invite you to register for "The Section 106 Essentials" at one of the last three sessions being held in 2005. This very popular course will take place on the following dates in the following locations:

August 23 & 24, 2005 in Atlanta, GA at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta

September 26 & 27, 2005 in Portland, OR at the Benson Hotel (in conjunction with the annual conference of the National Trust for Historic Preservation)

Tribal Consultation: Best Practices in Historic Preservation

A new study by the National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (NATHPO) identifies a 'best practices' model for successful consultation between federal agencies and tribes on matters that concern places of traditional religious and cultural significance. http://www.nathpo.org/special_projects-Best_Practices.html and http://www.nathpo.org/PDF/Tribal_Consultation.pdf

More at

Tribal Consultation: Best Practices in Historic Preservation'; New Study Outlines History, Attributes Leading to "Best Practices" Among Federal Agencies, Tribes (06/06/05 U.S. Newswire) <http://press.arrivenet.com/pol/article.php/648810.html>
Study looks at historic site protocol (06/20/05 Indian Country) <http://www.indiancountry.com/content.cfm?id=1096411102>

Federal Register News

Native American Liaison News

Upcoming Events, Education, and Volunteers and Friends News

Malheur NWR will be hosting a Ranching Heritage Day on October 15th. It takes place at historic Sod House Ranch and is a celebration of the history of the area and the continuation of ranching in the Harney Basin.

Requests for Information

The Service is increasing its participation in the National Trails System, the Trails for All Americans program, and promoting our part in the CDC initiative, Trails for Health. As part of that effort we are trying to increase the visibility of the Service in the National Trails System. The National Trails System has three components: National Scenic Trails, such as the Appalachian Trail; National Historic Trails, such as the Trail of Tears; and National Recreation Trails, unique local or regional trails. National Scenic and Historic Trails are congressionally designated, National Recreation Trails are designated by the Secretaries of Agriculture and Interior.

There are 15 National Historic Trails in the NTS. Seven of them have NWRs or NFHs along them or near them. The Service is interested in certifying refuges and hatcheries along NHTs. Certification is a partnership that helps landowners protect and preserve their historic trail properties, and share them with others. Nathan Caldwell, the newest addition to the WO transportation staff, will be working with interested regions and field stations on the certification process. For more information and a list of the NHTs and NWRs or NFHs associated with them, contact Nathan by email or at phone (703) 358-2205.