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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.*

### FWS Regional News:

**Washington Office**—The second module of the Cultural Resources On-line Training Series has been launched. It is available at <https://doilearn.doi.gov/>. This first module presents an overview of cultural resources laws and regulations. For more information contact Eugene Marino.

**Washington Office**—Plans are underway for the 2007 Cultural Resource course. The course will be held at NCTC the week of August 13<sup>th</sup> and will be aimed at project leaders and refuge managers. Regions 4 and 5 are coordinating the effort. For more information contact Eugene Marino. Please register through DOI Learn.

#### Region 5— Back to Patuxent after 37 Years

Patuxent Research Refuge received an interesting call recently from a fellow in Fairfax who had discovered items which had been loaned from Patuxent in 1970. He found them in a storage unit he had just rented, and has since shipped them to us.

The items include a framed letter with two whooping crane feathers - one adult and one juvenile (Figure 1). The letter is dated March 3, 1970, and is signed by E.H. Dustman (who was Director of Patuxent, 1963-1972). According to Dr. Matt Perry of the Research Center, Dr. Dustman will be 90 on May 5th and lives in VA .)

Although many of us worked for the Service in 1970, and may not consider ourselves antiques (yet), the letter is yellowed with age and has the appearance something quite old. The letterhead is of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife. It is addressed to Mr. Rod

Kreger of the General Services Administration with text as follows:

*"As requested, we are assigning to you on loan two molted whooping crane feathers for display and educational purposes. The tawny feather is from a five-month old chick which will become predominantly white by the end of its first year of life. The white feather is from an adult-plumaged whooping crane. Both cranes are located at the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center where they are being held for propagation and restoration of wild populations of whooping cranes."*

It is interesting how these items made their way back "home" after over 37 years. It is testimony to the fact that values and honesty still mean something to some people such as the individual who took the time to track us down and to package and mail these artifacts back to us. And, from the comments from several with whom I've shared this story, this little bit of Patuxent history is still meaningful and appreciated.

The framed feathers will soon be sent to Mark Madison, FWS Historian at NCTC who will treat them to get rid of the "bugs" which appear to be invading. The final disposition of the frame has yet to be determined. Thanks to Nell Baldacchino of Patuxent for this piece. Any comments, please contact Nell at [Nell\\_Baldacchino@fws.gov](mailto:Nell_Baldacchino@fws.gov)



Figure 1. Framed feathers recently returned to Patuxent Research Refuge after 37 years.

## Other Agency News

**National NAGPRA**—Final Rule adds 43 CFR Part 10.13, Future Applicability. The new regulatory language was issued on Wednesday, March 21, 2007, Vol. 72, No. 54 beginning on page 13184. Specifies requirements for all New discoveries (after the NAGPRA prescribed dates). The rule went into effect on April 20, 2007

**October 15-16, 2007: [Review Committee Meeting coming to Phoenix, AZ](#)**

**ACHP**— New archaeological guidance recently posted on the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) Web site encourages both effective and efficient consideration of archaeology in planning. Development of this Web-based guidance is the culmination of the ACHP's archaeology task force and is a milestone in the agency's efforts to facilitate stakeholder compliance with the Section 106 review process and improve efficiencies.

This new archaeology guidance will assist federal agencies in meeting their responsibilities under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The guidance, while keyed to the special responsibilities of federal agencies, is also intended to help other stakeholders, such as State and Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, private sector consultants, and the interested public, navigate issues posed by archaeological properties in the Section 106 process.

The guidance is available at: [www.achp.gov/archguide](http://www.achp.gov/archguide)

## Legislative News

### **Major Increase in Save America's Treasures Program Included in Senate Interior Appropriations Committee Mark Up**

The Senate restored full funding for the Save America's Treasures (SAT) program when it marked up its version of the Interior & Environment Appropriations bill this week. At a total of \$75 million, the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) received a substantial increase overall from last year and compared to the past few fiscal years, but the Senate's HPF total is still \$6.5 million less than the House measure at \$81.5 million. SAT would be funded at its historic level of \$30 million with no set-aside for Preserve America grants. Instead, for the first time the Senate allocated \$5.0 million for Preserve America from the Park Service's National Preservation and Recreation program account – the same account that funds Heritage Areas. The Senate SAT level is \$10 million more than the House bill would provide and over \$22 million more than Congress approved last year. In addition, SAT funding would be evenly divided between earmarks and competitive grants.

### **Moratorium on Energy Corridors Designation Defeated in House Energy and Water Appropriations Bill**

The amendment would have repealed DOE and FERC authority to by-pass certain authorities in corridor designation, including fully assessing for cultural resources.

### **Rescission Protections for Transportation Enhancements Funding Included in Energy Security Bill**

The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee marked up HR 2701, the "Transportation Energy Security and Climate Change Mitigation Act of 2007," on June 13th which contains a provision that would prevent states from making disproportional cuts to transportation enhancement funding in the event of a federal rescission. This has been an issue in recent years as several states have reacted to rescissions by disproportionately cutting or eliminating transportation enhancements funding.

The Transportation Enhancements Program authorizes states to set aside approximately two percent of their federal-aid highway allocations for new and non-traditional activities that enhance the community benefits of transportation investments. Six of the twelve approved activities involve historic preservation, including the rehabilitation of historic bridges and roads,

the reuse of older facilities like train depots, and the revitalization of historic downtown streetscapes.

HR 554 and S 320 Paleontological Resources Preservation Act have been introduced in their respective houses. Bill language is similar to past versions, but does include a new allowance for 'casual collecting' on Federal lands. See <http://www.govtrack.us/congress/billtext.xpd?bill=s110-320> for a full text version of both bills.

## Training News

New Technical Brief on Archeological Damage Assessment Archeological Resource Damage Assessment: Legal Basis and Methods," by Martin E. McAllister, is now online on the Archeology Program website as Technical Brief #20:<http://www.cr.nps.gov/archeology/pubs/techBr/tch20.htm>.

This technical brief describes and explains the archeological resource damage assessment process, including the legal basis and procedures for field damage assessment, value and cost determinations, and report preparation. Archeologists involved in ARPA investigations must fully understand the archeological resource damage assessment process and how to carry it out correctly because the credibility of such damage assessments directly affects the outcome of these cases and the criminal or civil penalties imposed.

**FLETC**—Archaeological Resources Protection Training Program

Baca National Wildlife Refuge  
Alamosa Colorado  
August 20-24, 2007  
Contact Charles Louke for more information 912-280-5188

**ADC50 2007 SUMMER MEETING—Roads, Railroads and Ruins: Navigating Historic Preservation in Transportation Projects** Flagstaff, Arizona JULY 22-25, 2007

Roads, Railroads and Ruins: Navigating Historic Preservation in Transportation Projects, the summer meetings of the Committee on Historic and Archaeological Preservation in Transportation (ADC50), will be held in Flagstaff, Arizona July 22 – 25, 2007 at the Radisson Resort. Topics will include road maintenance issues, consultation, historic road protocols, and programmatic agreements. If you would like to contribute a presentation or organize a session, please contact [Johna Hutira](#).

Registration for the summer meeting is now open! You can download the DOC form [here](#).

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

## Requests for Information