



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

July 2008

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:

Washington Office—The FWS Preserve America grants program was mentioned in the most recent Preserve America electronic newsletter. Check it out here:

<http://preserveamerica.createsend.com/viewEmail.aspx?cID=9A645ECE366E613E&sID=59F6F44BDEEB2530&dID=5CB9CB5A1CE688CE>

The 2008 Grant application period will be announced in August.

A recipient of a 2006 Preserve America award—the Iowa Academy of Science—has recently released the product of its grant, a series of podcasts for Refuges in Iowa that focus on the history, biology, and archaeology of the areas. They are available for use at www.scienceiniowa.org/nwr

Region 4—archaeologist Rick Kanaski served as an instructor for Introduction to Fire Effects, an inter-agency course being taught this year at the National Interagency Prescribed Fire Training Center. Rick's presentation dealt with fire effects on cultural resources.

Region 8—will be hosting a Cultural Resources training course in Las Vegas NV the week of September 8, 2008. Registration will be through DOI Learn. Contact Eugene Marino or Nick Valentine for more information.

Other Agency News

HUD—The HUD Tribal Directory Assessment Tool (TDAT) v1.0 was developed by the Office of Environment and Energy's Environmental Planning Division (EPD) to assist users with historic

preservation/Section 106 compliance and tribal consultation. Per 36 CFR §800.2(c)(2)(ii)(A), HUD and/or Responsible Entities must make a "reasonable and good faith effort" to identify federally recognized Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations, and Alaska Natives and to consult with them on projects in which they are interested. TDAT was designed to help users quickly identify tribes and provide users with appropriate tribal contact information to assist with initiating Section 106 consultation. Two key aspects of TDAT are its ability to 1) link tribes' areas of interest down to the county level and 2) perform a variety of queries related to tribes.

TDAT is located at:

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/environment/tribal/index.cfm>

NPS—The National Park Service announced the award of 32 grants totaling \$1,367,144 to assist in the preservation and protection of America's significant battlefield lands. With an increase in funding this year, the grant program was able to support a dozen more projects than in 2007—projects that will help preserve more than 100 battlefields nationwide. More information about ABPP is available at <http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/abpp>.

Included was:

Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument (Midway) \$60,400

The U.S. victory at the Battle of Midway ended Japan's seemingly unstoppable advance across the Pacific during World War II. A GIS database

will be developed to synthesize information on the archeological, architectural, and submerged resources of the battlefield. The battlefield's land and sea boundaries will be delineated and recommendations will be made for updating National Register and National Historic Landmark documentation.

ACHP— Preserve America Stewards to Honor Volunteer Efforts

During the Preserve America Presidential Awards ceremony today, Mrs. Laura Bush, First Lady and Honorary Chair of Preserve America, announced the initiation of a new program: Preserve America Stewards, which will honor exemplary volunteer efforts at historic resources around the country. Read more here. Download Stewards application for designation here as a pdf or Word document.

USFS—has released a report on its Cultural Resource Program. The report was compiled by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. To read the complete report, visit

http://press.nationaltrust.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=239&Itemid=69.

Legislative News

June 25 –House Natural Resources Committee marked up the following bills of interest: <http://resourcescommittee.house.gov>

H.R. 415 – to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Taunton River in Massachusetts as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

H.R. 1286 – to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail.

H.R. 3981 – to authorize the Preserve America Program and Save America's Treasures Program, and for other purposes.

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

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

Archeological Resources Protection Training (ARPTP),

The Federal Law Enforcement Training Center will present the ARPTP at Vandenberg AFB, Santa Maria, California, on August 04-08,2008 . This 37-hour course provides training in all aspects of an archeological investigation and in the subsequent prosecution of crimes. It is taught by accomplished instructors who are nationally-recognized subject matter experts in the fields of law enforcement, archeology and law. FLETC partner organizations should contact there agency national academy for registration. All others should contact Virginia McCleskey at 912-554-4828.

Partnership for the National Trails System

Preserving the Historic Road; Albuquerque, New Mexico; September 11-14, 2008 <http://historicroads.org>

National Trust for Historic Preservation
Tulsa, Oklahoma October 21-25, 2008