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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:

Washington Office

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 7

USFWS Research on Iditarod Trails Roadhouses

In 2011 The US Fish and Wildlife Service, awarded a Challenge Cost Share grant to Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance, for additional research on the trail route and associated roadhouses along the trail. Most trail segments and roadhouses within the borders of the Innoko NWR are poorly documented and in many cases their exact locations are unknown. The fortyfour mile trail segment between the ghost town of Dishkakat, in the center of the innoko NWR, and the modern village of Kaltag, is especially obscure. No trace of the trail is visible today, and its route is unknown. Identifying and locating six roadhouses along the trail route is the only chance for defining the actual route of the historic trail.

The Athabascan village Dishkakat 75 miles northwest of the refuge headquarters in McGrath became a Gold Rush boomtown in 1906, serving as the main supply line for the Innoko and Iditarod region. By 1909, the town had a post office (the Innoko Post Office), four roadhouses, and two general stores. In 1910 there

were 74 Euroamerican and 48 Athabascan residents. After 1915 Dishkakat began a slow decline, losing the Post Office in 1918. In the late 1990's, another graduate student conducted archaeological investigations at Dishkakat, hoping to use the information for a PhD. Wildfires in subsequent years derailed that dream and the artifacts and notes were unanalyzed.

University of Alaska Anchorage graduate student Heather Ralston has adopted the collections as the basis for her MA. She is anchoring the story of six roadhouses: Daniel's Cabin, All-Right Roadhouse, Lakeshore Roadhouse, Slough Roadhouse, Capt. Dalquist's Lodge, and Adolph Mueller's Roadhouse and Store, within the larger context of Dishkakat.

Field work in 2010 was limited due to river ice and visits to the sites had to be postponed to 2011. In 2011 research will continue as Heather with the assistance of the refuge staff, will try and locate the physical remains of as many roadhouses as possible.



Archives, University of Alaska, Fairbanks

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

ACHP—The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) recently released a draft update of the LEED rating system, and the ACHP would like to encourage federal agencies to comment on the draft’s implications for the preservation of historic properties. Since many federal agencies are utilizing the LEED rating system, the proposed revisions will have direct impacts on agency stewardship of historic buildings.

The LEED green building rating system promotes sustainable building design, construction, and operation. Rehabilitation and operation of historic buildings can be certified under the current version of LEED, but there is room for improvement in how LEED addresses reuse of existing buildings. The National Trust for Historic Preservation has identified several areas of the proposed LEED update where positive changes are proposed or opportunities exist to recommend such changes (see <http://blog.preservationnation.org/2010/12/17/preservationists-let%E2%80%99s-mobilize-comment-on-the-next-version-of-leed/>).

The USGBC is accepting comments on the new draft rating system through January 14, 2011. (A second public comment period is scheduled for the summer of 2011 following release of a revised draft.) Full information on the draft update to the LEED rating system and how to comment is available at <http://www.usgbc.org/DisplayPage.aspx?CMSPageID=2360>.

BLM—

SUMMER 2011 STUDENT INTERNSHIPS AT THE BLM-ANASAZI HERITAGE CENTER DOLORES, 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.

NPS—New THPOs

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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 House passed its version of a year-ending continuing resolution (HR 1) for FY’11 with \$61 billion in spending cuts after considering 500+ amendments last week.

Key amendments important to preservation that were defeated on the House floor included one that denied funding for carrying out the Antiquities Act, which is the law used by the President to designate national monuments. Another potentially damaging amendment reducing \$240 million from the National Park Service's (NPS) Construction and Land Acquisition account – which funds maintenance of historic sites in the parks -- failed on a point of order.

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

Florida DEP's webinar on Damage Assessment of Submerged Cultural Resources, it can be downloaded at <http://www.submergedlandsconference.com/>

DOI Training MANAGING MUSEUM PROPERTY

sponsored by the Interior Museum Program, Department of the Interior and the Western Archeological and Conservation Center, National Park Service Tucson, AZ

March 21-25, 2011

For more information contact:
Roger S. Durham, 202-254-5523

Upcoming NPS National NAGPRA Program webinars

March 23, 2011, 1:30-2:30 pm (EDT) - NAGPRA Databases: An Overview Learn about the National NAGPRA online databases which are designed to provide access to information on a variety of NAGPRA-related topics.

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.
Contact: Steven L. DeVore, Archeologist, NPS, Midwest Archeological Center, Federal Building, Room 474, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, Nebraska
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Friends Group News

There are a number of activities at the Cathlapotle plankhouse.

For information on these events take a look at www.plankhouse.org