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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.

Wonderful Things

A look at FWS Museum Property

DC Booth National Historic Fish Hatchery works to preserve its museum collections.

The Retiree's Association of the US Fish and Wildlife Service recently funded two projects at DC Booth National Historic Fish Hatchery and Archives, Spearfish, SD. Using retiree money, a paid intern will spend the summer cataloging some of the photographic collection at DC Booth. Roughly estimated, only 2% of the hatcheries estimated 10,000 prints, negatives, and slides have been cataloged. Very few have been digitized. Without cataloging, this material is difficult for researchers to use. Cataloging will provide information on subject, date, location, etc. and will provide a searchable database in ICMS. More precise information on the size of the collection will be obtained. Storage of materials will be improved. Although the summer will not be long enough to complete cataloging, we hope to make noticeable progress!

The second project funded the purchase of some "extra" US Bureau of Fisheries china. This will help with the production of a traveling fisheries exhibit with real objects, not just copies of photographs and documents. Sturdy, duplicate objects are being selected from the museum collection that can be safely packed and shipped along with text and photos. This exhibit will be available for fisheries events, retiree meetings, centennials, workshops, etc. around the country. A draft exhibit was used at the World Aquaculture 2010 in San Diego in early March and was well received. For more information contact Randi_Smith@fws.gov

Region 1

Finley National Wildlife Refuge will be the location of the next Preservation Training Workshop. The workshop will be held August 16-20 and will teach FWS WG staff techniques for addressing maintenance needs for historic buildings. For more information contact Eugene Marino at 703-358-2173 or LouAnn Speulda-Drews at 775-861-6335

Region 2

An effort to connect Youth with the outdoors involved Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge in New Mexico and Wichita Mountains National Wildlife Refuge in Oklahoma.

A recent partnership between Outdoor Classroom is: <http://www.inola.k12.ok.us/hsoutdoorclassroom.htm> and the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service has allowed Outdoor Classroom the ability to participate in the "Youth Forum For The Environment" at Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge in New Mexico, and to work in "Nature Quest" this last summer at the Wichita Mountain Wildlife Refuge in Oklahoma.

For more information please contact Leazanne Bell, Inola High School
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FWS Regional News:

Washington Office

WO and Region 4 will be hosting a Cultural Resources training course at NCTC June 28-July 1. The course will provide an introduction to the Cultural Resources program at FWS with an emphasis on Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. For more information on the course contact Eugene Marino at 703-358-2173. To sign up for the course contact Dave Lemarie at 304-876-7490

Other Agency News

DOI—A meeting to complete draft regulations for the Paleontological Resources Protection Act will be held in Denver the week of May 17th. Once completed the regulations, which cover curation, permitting, casual collection, and enforcement will be issued by the DOI.

NPS—National Park Service News Release

Date: April 22, 2010

Contact: David Barna (202)-208-6843

\$14 Million in Save America's Treasures Grants Available

Applications due May 21

WASHINGTON – Applications for the National Park Service's Save America's Treasures (SAT) grants are due May 21, 2010, at 11:59 p.m. EST.

The SAT program awards competitive, matching grants to federal, state, local, and tribal government entities, and nonprofit organizations for preservation and/or conservation work on nationally significant historic properties and collections. Applications and more information are available on the NPS website at <http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/treasures/index.htm>.

"The Save America's Treasures program is one of the largest and most successful grant programs for the protection of our nation's endangered and irreplaceable cultural heritage," said National Park Service Director Jon Jarvis. "Since 1999, we have awarded over 1,000 grants totaling more than \$290 million to preserve significant artifacts, documents, and buildings in every state in the nation. These funds attracted another \$377 million to support preservation efforts – and created an estimated 16,000 jobs in local areas."

SAT is administered in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers, and the National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers.

SAT is one component of the National Park Service's historic preservation mission that extends beyond national parks into helping communities protect important local history. Last year, the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF), of which SAT is a part, funded 98 projects to conserve bricks and mortar in 38 states, and granted \$46.5 million to state historic preservation offices and \$7 million to tribal historic preservation offices. Check out the HPF 2009 annual report online at <http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/hpg/index.htm> which highlights a number of success stories including:

For information about other National Park Service preservation, conservation, and recreation assistance programs available to communities, please visit <http://www.nps.gov/communities/index.htm>

Legislative News

Interior Department Approves Cape Wind Project

Interior Secretary Ken Salazar announced on April 28th the approval of a modified plan for the Cape Wind offshore wind farm off Nantucket Island and move forward with the renewable energy project against the advice of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. However, the project will be reduced from 170 to 130 turbines and the developer now will be required to conduct marine archaeological surveys aimed at limiting the effects on submerged resources and to take specific steps to make the turbines less visible from the shore, including the coloring and lighting used for the turbines." The 130 wind turbines would be 440 feet tall — taller than the Statue of Liberty — and would be illuminated and spread over a 25-square mile area in the federal waters that lie in the middle of Nantucket Sound, the seascape that is mostly enclosed between Nantucket Island, Martha's Vineyard, and Cape Cod. The wind farm would be about six miles from Cape Cod and 13 miles from Nantucket.

Casa Grande Boundary Modification Bill Would Protect Prehistoric Cultural Sites Threatened by Development

Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick (D-AZ) introduced H.R. 5110 on April 22nd, a bill that would authorize a boundary study of the Casa Grande Ruins National Monument in Arizona, which protects and preserves one of the finest architectural examples of 13th and 14th Century Hohokam culture in the Southwest and represents only part of what was a community that may have covered two square miles. The Hohokam culture is represented by a complex of North American Indian peoples who lived c. 300 BC – 1400 AD in the Sonoran Desert (Arizona, U.S.), especially along the Gila and Salt rivers. The Hohokam Indians developed intricate networks of canals for irrigation, an agricultural engineering feat unsurpassed in pre-Columbian North America. Some 14th-century canals have been restored for use. For unknown reasons, Hohokam culture disintegrated in the early 15th century but archeologists have confirmed that the [Pima](#) and [Papago](#) peoples are probably direct descendants of the original Hohokam culture. In addition, recent surveys and research have determined that the historic and cultural sites that the Casa Grande National Monument was established to protect and preserve extend outside the existing boundary of the Monument.

However, opportunities to protect the few remaining areas in Arizona where this historic Hohokam culture is present are greatly threatened by rapid growth and development.

H.R. 5110 was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on April 22nd.

Carper Bill Could Extend Loans to Federal Historic Buildings for Energy Efficiency Upgrades

Senator Tom Carper (D-DE) introduced S. 3251 on April 22nd, a bill that would establish within the Department of Treasury a \$500 million 'Federal Facility Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Projects Fund' that would authorize the Secretary of Energy to make loans to Federal agencies to assist the agencies in energy-efficiency upgrades and renewable energy projects. The bill would establish a regime for commissioning and re-commissioning federal buildings under the National Energy Conservation Policy Act to meet new energy efficiency regulations promulgated by the Secretary of Energy, in consultation with the administrator of GSA and the Secretary of Defense, that would apply to buildings with a value greater than \$10 million, more than 50,000 square feet, and energy intensity greater than \$2 per square foot. Enactment of this bill would be of great assistance to the General Services Administration (GSA), which owns the majority of the federal government's older and historic buildings. GSA's real estate portfolio facts include:

- Over 1700 buildings.
- Over \$6 billion in repair and alteration needs (IRIS).
- 5-year average annual capital reinvestment budget of \$570 million.
- 570 buildings are non-performing.
- 123 buildings are under-performing.
- About 800 buildings are over 50-years old.

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.

June 7-11, 2010 – *Archeological Resources Protection Training Program* (XP-ARPTP-005), Vandenberg AFB, Santa Maria, Ca.

This 37-hour FLETC course provides training in all aspects of an archeological investigation and subsequent prosecution of the crimes. The class culminates in a 12-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. Open to all sworn law enforcement officers, prosecutors and federal archeologist. All applicants should contact their national academy representatives at FLETC.

Contact FLETC senior instructor Charles Louke at 912-280-5188 for course information

The National NAGPRA Program is entering the second year of its partnership with the National Preservation Institute to provide Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations, museums, Federal agencies and interested persons with in-depth training on various NAGPRA implementation issues.

This year we will be offering courses in Providence, RI and Phoenix, AZ. Three courses will be offered - NAGPRA: Determining Cultural Affiliation, NAGPRA: Summaries, Inventories and Federal Register Notices (new) and Writing and Managing a Successful Grant.

This year, we have expanded our scholarship program to include museums with annual operating budgets of under \$250,000 as well as tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations. Small museums, tribes or NHOs may apply for a scholarship to cover the registration fees for any of the three classes. In addition, small museums, tribes and NHOs may apply for a travel grant to receive \$500 to go toward the travel costs of attending Writing and Managing a Successful Grant. Travel grants are limited and go quickly so we encourage you to apply soon.

Dates and descriptions for the three classes are below. For further information regarding courses, registration

and scholarship/travel grant forms, please visit the National Preservation Institute's website at www.npi.org or visit the National NAGPRA Program's website at www.nps.gov/history/nagpra.

NAGPRA: Determining Cultural Affiliation

Review the tools and best practices for determining cultural affiliation as part of the requirements of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA). Each Federal agency and museum with control of Native American human remains must culturally affiliate if it can do so on the basis of reasonable belief. Explore NAGPRA requirements, definitions of critical terminology, case studies, consultation, grant assistance, and the review process.

October 4, 2010
Phoenix, AZ

NAGPRA: Summaries, Inventories and Federal

Register Notices Review the summaries and inventories requirements for the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA). Each federal agency and museum with control over Native American human remains and cultural items must complete and submit a Summary and/or Inventory to tribes/Native Hawaiian organizations and the National NAGPRA Program. These documents

are the basis for writing a Federal Register notice, allowing for repatriation. Discuss NAGPRA requirements and ongoing responsibilities under the Future Applicability rule (43 CFR 10.13) for Summaries and inventories.

October 5, 2010
Phoenix, AZ

NAGPRA: Writing and Managing a Successful Grant

The National NAGPRA Grants Program offers two types of grants to assist museums, Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations with the NAGPRA process, from consultations to how to appropriately return human remains and cultural items. Review practical tools and case studies of successful grant applications and projects. Learn how to assess the needs of a NAGPRA program, identify fundable projects, and write and manage a successful grant.

October 6-7, 2010
Phoenix, AZ

There are a number of activities at the Cathlapotle plankhouse.

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