



Historical Happenings

Notes on Cultural Resource Management in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

FWS Regional News:

Headquarters—The FWS report for Section 3 of the Preserve America Executive Order (13287) will shortly be submitted to the Advisory Council. Contact Eugene Marino for more information.

Region 1—'s most recent "Out & About" publication focuses on cultural resources. Check it out here:

<http://pacific.fws.gov/publications/out&about/Summer2004.pdf>

Region 1—Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, located in the southeast corner of Oregon is proud to announce the opening of the Historic Sod House Ranch. This 1880's era ranch is the most intact of the cattle empire managed by pioneer rancher Peter French. Nine buildings representing a variety of ranch functions remain including the restored 1888 long barn.

Visitors will have the opportunity to step back in time as they discover this unique piece of Oregon's history. Nestled under 100 year old cottonwood trees, the historic buildings of the ranch beckon visitors to explore the stone cellar, a two-story buckaroo bunkhouse, the 112 foot long horse barn and the one room homestead. The surrounding meadows offer glimpses of a multitude of wildlife.

The ranch is open from August 15 through October 31 and is closed the remainder of the year to meet wildlife objectives. Hours are 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM each day. Volunteers stationed at the ranch, will offer free interpretive tours daily at 9:00, 11:00, 1:00 and 3:00. Special tours for school groups or large groups can be scheduled by contacting the Public Use Specialist at the refuge. The Centennial Trail provides wheelchair access to the entire ranch.

Region 1—Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, located in the southeast corner of Oregon is proud to announce the Second Annual Ranching Heritage Day at the Historic Sod House Ranch on Saturday, October 16, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. This event is a wonderful opportunity for families to join in a celebration of the ranching history of the Harney Basin and to learn about the ranching lifestyle that continues to thrive in the region.

As visitors explore the ranch they can stop and watch local community members demonstrate traditional ranching craft, learn about the Bureau of Land Management's wild horse adoption program, watch a cattle roping demonstration, and enjoy a delicious barbeque cooked by the Harney County Cattlewomen. Children can participate in a number of hands-on activities. Interpretive guides will conduct special tours at 11:00 and 1:00 giving visitors a glimpse of Sod House ranch life in the 1880's.

Region 7—Hosted a Cultural Resources course from September 14-16, 2004. The course was well attended by most of the Regional planning staff and featured lectures on a wide range of cultural resource topics including Section 106 compliance and NAGPRA.

Other Agency News

ACHP—Washington, DC—Mrs. Laura Bush designated 61 *Preserve America* Communities during August 2004, bringing the nationwide total to 169 as of September 1, 2004.

ACHP—Amended version of 36 CFR Part 800 are available on the ACHP website for those not already in possession of a copy.

NPS—Is celebrating the centennial of their museum program. See <http://heritagenews.cr.nps.gov/index/Index.cfm> for more information.

National NGAPRA—databases are on-line and available for use by federal agencies. Information on affiliations with a draft notice, without a draft notice, and collection not yet identified to an affiliation can be reviewed at their website.

See <http://www.cr.nps.gov/nagpra/notices/index.htm> for more information.

BLM—The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) today announced the creation of a photographic database web site from which the public may now view, print, and download historical digital images from the agency's digital photo library. The historical site may be accessed on the internet through BLM's photo database at www.photos.blm.gov. The new site is designed to provide access to more than 2,500 historical multiple-use images from BLM's public lands.

Legislative News

S.1271 and H.R. 4527—Enhanced Protection of Our Cultural Heritage Act of 2003 - Amends the Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979 to increase penalties for violating, or counseling, procuring, soliciting, or employing another to violate prohibitions regarding: (1) unauthorized excavation, removal, damage, alteration, or defacement of archaeological resources; (2) trafficking in archaeological resources the excavation or removal of which was wrongful under Federal law; and (3) trafficking in interstate or foreign commerce in archaeological resources the excavation, removal, sale, purchase, exchange, transportation, or receipt of which was wrongful under State or local law.

Amends the Federal criminal code to increase penalties for: (1) embezzlement and theft from Indian tribal organizations; and (2) illegal trafficking in Native American human remains and cultural items.

Last Action on S. 1271 was on 6/17/2003; Last Action on H.R. 4527 was on 6/28/04. Both are in committee.

Training News

The National Preservation Institute's Training Calendar has been updated and is available at www.npi.org.

"Protecting Archeological Sites on Eroding Shorelines: A Hay Bales Approach" is a new technical brief available from the National Park Service's Archeology and Ethnography program. Authored by Robert M. Thorne, an authority on site stabilization and preservation, the brief offers an inexpensive, yet effective method to preserve archeological sites along lakeshores. This is the latest of a series of online technical briefs offering alternative treatments to preserve and protect archeological sites as well as information about archeological contracting, collections management, public outreach and education, and other topics. www.cr.nps.gov/aad/pubs/techbr

HERITAGE, ENVIRONMENT & TOURISM

Meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology, La Fonda Hotel, Santa Fe, New Mexico
April 5-10, 2005 contact Erve Chambers, c/o Society for Applied Anthropology, P.O. Box 2436,
Oklahoma City, OK 73101-2436; sfaa2005@sfaa.net; (405) 843-5113.

National Preservation Conference scheduled for September 28-October 3, 2004 in Louisville.
Check www.nationaltrust.org for more information.

Federal Register News

For September—SUMMARY:

Native American Liaison News

Upcoming Events, Education, and Volunteers and Friends News

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.