



Archeology Program

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July 2005 Archeology E-Gram

Chief Archeologists' Meeting

Francis P. McManamon convened a meeting of federal agency chief and lead archeologists on July 12, 2005, to discuss issues, projects, and other topics of mutual concern and interest. Archeologists or others from the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Reclamation, Farm Security Administration, Fish and Wildlife Service, Minerals Management Service, National Park Service, Natural Resources Conservation Services, and the United States Navy attended or participated by telephone. Topics discussed during the meeting included Fish and Wildlife surety bonding for ARPA permit performance, plans for commemoration of the Antiquities Act in 2006, an ACHP Archeology Task Force status report, status and nature of agency reporting for the Preserve America Executive Order 13287, and a summary of Sunken Military Craft Protection Act of 2004.

Projects in Parks: New Book on Northern Gold Rushes

Karl Gurcke, Historian, Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park (KLG0); Catherine H. Spude, Archeologist (retired), NPS Intermountain Regional Office, Santa Fe; and Robin Mills, Archeologist, BLM, Fairbanks, AK, are collaborating on a multidisciplinary book about the archeology of the 1880-1920 gold rushes in northern North America. Besides constituting the first synopsis of almost 30 years of archeological work in KLG0, *Eldorado! The Archaeology of Gold Mining in the Far North* will bring together extensive research conducted on the historic mining period in northern North America. The volume begins with descriptive reports and synopses, followed by analytical contributions to the archeology of mining. Twenty-five authors contributed 34 papers, including many about research at KLG0 and other NPS areas in Alaska, and several parks in the Canadian Park System. The Society of Historical Archeology (SHA) and University of Nebraska Press will publish book cooperatively through the *Historical Archeology in the West* series.

“Projects in Parks” is a new feature of the Archeology E-Gram that serves to inform others of interesting archeology-related projects in a national park.

Forest Service Celebrates its Centennial at Smithsonian Folklife Festival

This year’s Smithsonian Folklife Festival (June 23–27 and June 30–July 4, 2005) on the National Mall showcased the occupational traditions of the US Forest Service on the occasion of its 100th anniversary. For “Forest Service, Culture, and Community,” Festival participants represented the wide range of skills, experiences, and traditions of the Forest Service’s 35,000 workers and the communities they serve. Tree pathologists and wildlife biologists, botanists and bird banders, archaeologists and environmental engineers joined with fire fighters and smokejumpers, recreation specialists and backcountry rangers to engage over 1.1 million Festival visitors in educational activities, crafts demonstrations, and discussion that increased their understanding and appreciation of our nation’s natural resources and those who care for them. Information about the Forest Service’s Centennial is available at <http://www.fs.fed.us/newcentury>. Information about the Smithsonian Folklife Festival is available at <http://www.folklife.si.edu/index.html>.

Archeology E-Gram, distributed via e-mail on a regular basis, includes announcements about news, new publications, training opportunities, national and regional meetings, and other important goings-on related to public archeology in the National Park Service and other public agencies. Recipients are encouraged to forward *Archeology E-Grams* to colleagues and relevant mailing lists and new subscribers are accepted. Contact Martha Graham, Archeology Program, NPS, at (202) 354-2110, martha_graham@nps.gov.