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Stephanie Toothman Named NPS Associate Director, Cultural Resources

Stephanie Smith Toothman is the new NPS Associate Director, Cultural Resources. She will be responsible for NPS history, historic preservation, and cultural programs. Toothman will establish and oversee policies for management of historic and cultural properties in all 392 national parks, including 27,000 historic structures; nearly 70,000 known archeological sites; the largest system of museums in the world holding more than 100 million objects, artifacts and archives; and the historical research required to share the stories preserved in national parks.

Outside of parks, Toothman's responsibilities include support for community-based efforts to preserve and share local history, including grants programs that award millions of dollars annually, a tax credit program that incentivizes \$5 billion a year in private investment, and programs that document and recognize history- National Historic Landmarks, National Register of Historic Places, Historic American Buildings Survey, Historic American Engineering Record, Historic American Landscapes Survey, and the Cultural Resources GIS program. She will manage the National Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act and National Heritage Areas Program, and an extensive national system of standards, guidance, and technical assistance that is the foundation of historic preservation work across the country. In addition, Toothman will also oversee award-winning outreach programs like [Teaching with Historic Places](#), an online series of more than 100 classroom-ready lesson plans, and the [Discover Our Shared Heritage](#) online travel itineraries.

Toothman comes to her new position from the NPS Pacific West Region where she is Chief of Cultural Resources. There, she led an interdisciplinary team of cultural resource specialists that supported the region's 58 parks and partnership programs, providing technical assistance for National Historic Landmarks and National Register properties. She led efforts to designate National Historic Landmarks as diverse as Forty Acres in Delano, California, established by Cesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers of America; the Kam Wah Chung Museum in John Day, Oregon; and the Tule Lake Segregation Center in Newall, California. Toothman has participated in more than 30 park planning efforts, most recently as a team leader for the Manhattan Project Sites (Hanford) Special Resource Study and the Bainbridge Island Japanese-American Memorial.

Toothman was recognized this year by the Washington State Historic Preservation Office with a Lifetime Achievement Award for her role in promoting partnerships such as the Maritime Heritage task force for Washington's Puget Sound and the Pacific Northwest Field School, a 15-year partnership of Washington, Idaho, and Oregon state parks and historic preservation offices coordinated by the University of Oregon. She received the DOI Meritorious Service Award in 2008 and the Washington State Historical Society's "Robert Gray Medal" in 1999.

Prior to joining the NPS, Toothman worked as a curatorial assistant at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. She graduated magna cum laude from Smith College and went on to receive her M.A. and Ph.D. in American Civilization from the University of Pennsylvania. Toothman will begin her new job July 4.

Milford Wayne Donaldson New Chairman of Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

President Obama has named Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA, to be the next chairman of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP). Donaldson currently serves as the California State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and Executive Secretary of the State Historical Resources Commission.

Prior to his appointment as SHPO in 2004, Donaldson was president of the historic preservation firm “Architect Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA.” He is a past president of the California Preservation Foundation and past chair of the State Historical Building Safety Board, the State Historical Resources Commission, and the Historic State Capitol Commission. He holds a B.Arch. and a B.S. in engineering from California Polytechnic State University. Donaldson received an M.Arch. from the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, and a M.A. in public history and teaching from the University of San Diego.

Donaldson will serve a four-year term as chairman of the ACHP. Donaldson succeeds John L. Nau, III, who served two full terms as ACHP chairman.

Stephanie Meeks New President of the National Trust for Historic Preservation

Stephanie Meeks will become the National Trust for Historic Preservation’s eighth president. Meeks currently serves as president and CEO of Counterpart International, a \$110 million development organization operating in 25 countries. She earlier spent 18 years at The Nature Conservancy, where she held a number of leadership positions including chief operating officer and, for nearly a year, acting president and CEO. Among other things, she led the three largest capital campaigns in the history of the conservation movement, one of them raising \$1.6 billion. Meek’s academic background includes a B.A. from the University of Colorado and an M.B.A. from George Washington University.

Meeks will assume office at the Trust in July.

What's that in the sky? Is it a bird? A plane? No - It's an Archeologist!

Yosemite NP Fire Archeologist Jun Kinoshita is learning to be a smokejumper, through a detail to the USDA Smokejumper Program in Missoula, Montana. Jun's goal is to gain a better understanding of this elite program and use the knowledge to further protection of cultural, natural and wilderness resources in fire situations. His detail is supported by an Albright Wirth grant and the National Interagency Fire Center. In addition to his role as Fire Archeologist, Jun is also the co-coordinator of Yosemite's Resource Advisor (READ) program.

See Jun’s blog at <http://npsfam.blogspot.com/p/about-blogger-jun-jumper.html>.

Nominations Solicited for the 2009 Appleman-Judd-Lewis Award

The NPS Director’s Appleman-Judd-Lewis Awards recognize expertise and outstanding contributions to cultural resource stewardship and management by permanent full-time employees of the NPS. Offered annually, the *three* national awards—one for a park superintendent, one for a facility maintenance specialist, and one for a cultural resource specialist—were developed to encourage creativity in cultural resource stewardship and management practices and projects, particularly those that may serve as examples or models for programs service-wide.

Winners of the national awards are drawn from a pool of regional winners. Nominees must be current, full-time permanent National Park Service employees who have made outstanding contributions to cultural resource stewardship and management during the award year. Grade and length of service are not factors in the selection of recipients. Winners of regional Appleman-Judd-Lewis awards are eligible for the national awards.

Any employee may nominate a candidate for these awards. The nominee’s supervisor must review and sign each nomination, certifying that the nominee is eligible, and that the nomination provides a true and objective assessment of the candidate’s work and achievements. If nominating someone outside your own region, you may send the completed nomination to the region where the nominee is duty-stationed, to your own region or,

if appropriate, to another region where the nominee did significant work. There is no limit on the number of nominations that a single park, office, or center may submit. Once the regional office has selected its regional award winners, it will forward the winning nominations (one per category) to the Associate Director, Cultural Resources, NPS.

Recipients of the national awards will each receive an engraved award and \$2,500 at the banquet held at the George Wright Society meeting in 2011. The Associate Director, Cultural Resources, will fund the national awards and recipients' travel expenses to attend the ceremony.

The Appleman-Judd-Lewis award was originally established in 1970 to honor Roy E. Appleman, a long time and highly respected NPS historian who joined the NPS in July 1935 and retired as Chief of the Washington Office Branch of Park History Studies in July 1970. In 1979, Henry A. Judd's name was added to the award upon his retirement as Chief Historical Architect, to recognize his long-term efforts to preserve park historic structures. In 2006, Ralph H. Lewis' name was added to honor and commemorate his pioneering contributions to museum management within the NPS and to the museum profession at large.

Archeology Students Document Immigrant Trails

Ten archeology students from Central Wyoming College are mapping 19th century wagon trail swales, river fords, and possible emigrant graves associated with the Oregon, California, Mormon Pioneer, and Pony Express National Historic Trails in west-central Wyoming. Field school students, instructed by Central Wyoming College archeologists Todd Guenther and James Stewart, are identifying and documenting trail remnants and associated features along the Sweetwater River in the South Pass area.

In this second season of the project, the crew will assist the Wyoming state archeologist with recording trail ruts, setting up magnetometer surveys, and conducting archeological excavations at Fort Laramie NHS. The participating State and Federal agencies benefit by receiving full documentation of trail resources, while students learn trail history, archeological field methodology, data analysis, and mapping skills. Over the next academic year, they will finalize site documentation, prepare project reports, and present their findings at professional symposia.

The multi-year field school is a partnership of the NPS National Trails Intermountain Region office, which administers the four National Historic Trails; the Central Wyoming College Foundation; and the BLM Lander Field Office. Funding for this youth project is provided by the NPS Trails Program.

Volunteers Needed for Archeology Project at Valley Forge NHP

During the summer of 2009, over 60 volunteers joined archeologists at the park, excavating behind Washington's Headquarters to look for evidence of the log dining structure that was erected during the encampment. These excavations provided exciting information on the use of the site from pre-contact times until the present. Of particular interest was the discovery of two refuse pits that date to the last quarter of the 18th century, at least one of which was almost certainly in use during General Washington's occupation of the Potts House.

The remaining unexcavated 18th century ground surface holds great potential for containing intact features, including, perhaps, evidence of General Washington's dining cabin. This is the area where the archeologists will be concentrating their work in 2010, and they are seeking volunteer assistance.

This summer's project will run Tuesday through Saturday from June 8th through July 17th. Potential volunteers are asked to contact Liza Rupp at Liza_Rupp@nps.gov to sign up.

For more information about the results of the 2009 archeological field season at Washington's headquarters at Valley Forge NHP, see Project in Parks report "Meeting at Headquarters: Public Archeology at Valley Forge" at www.nps.gov/archeology/sites/npSites/valleyForge.htm.

Cultural Objects Returned to National Park of American Samoa after Tsunami

Wood and bone artifacts and examples of Samoan art and tools that were damaged in the tsunami of last September have now returned to their home in American Samoa. The tsunami of September 29, 2009, inundated the visitor center and offices of the National Park of American Samoa, located on the first floor of Pago Plaza, Pago Pago Harbor.

It was feared that the tsunami destroyed these important cultural resources displayed in the visitors center. Luckily, however, the objects were later found. Some items, particularly the bone and wood carvings, were sent to a museum conservation team at the World War II Valor in the Pacific NM, Honolulu. The items were then stored in the NPS Pearl Harbor collection facility. The siapos (tapa) and fine mats were given to local artisans to repair and conserve in American Samoa. NPS curators from Volcano, Hawaii, and Seattle, Washington, escorted the objects back and worked with National Park of American Samoa employees to ensure the continued preservation of these important examples of Samoan culture.

The National Park of American Samoa was established in 1988 to preserve the coral reefs, tropical forests, and archeological and cultural resources of American Samoa, to maintain the habitat of fruit bats, and to provide educational opportunities for visitors and residents. National Park lands and waters are leased from villages and the American Samoa Government through a long term agreement.

For more information about visiting the National Park of American Samoa, go to www.nps.gov/npsa.

Defense Department Legacy Management Program Competition Open

The Department of Defense Legacy Management Program is accepting pre-proposals for Legacy Program funding until July 16, 2010. The Legacy Program funds cultural resource projects with national, regional, or other wide-scale DoD applications to support overall DoD conservation goals and military readiness.

Cultural resources areas of emphasis for funding include:

- Economics of historic preservation
- Cultural resources data management
- Model and context development
- Readiness and range sustainment
- Communication, partnerships, and public awareness
- National and international initiatives.

Any individual, organization (public or private), institution, or other entity can apply for Legacy Program funding, if requirements are met. A pre-proposal initiates the funding request and can be submitted electronically via a website, the Legacy Tracker.

More information about Legacy Resource Management Program funding for may be found in *Cultural Resources Update* June 2010 (Volume 7(5)). To submit a pre-proposal, go to www.dodlegacy.org.

Contact Peter Boice (703-604-0524 with questions or for more information.

NPS Develops Oral History Directory

The NPS Park History Program has completed "A Directory of Oral History in the National Park Service." This directory is a first comprehensive effort to describe the oral history projects that have been completed or are under way throughout the NPS and to illustrate the ways that parks use interviews to document their own histories, augment archeological research, enhance interpretation, and inform management decisions. This compilation showcases oral history research within the NPS, encourages communication among oral history practitioners, and generates support for the work.

The directory contains brief descriptions of oral history projects, listed by individual park. Also included are a list of published oral histories and web sites where one can listen to interviews and read transcripts. Scores of NPS personnel contributed entries. Have projects in your park been overlooked? If so, please send a description of the project to Lu Ann Jones, NPS historian, at park-history-division@nps.gov. The directory will be updated after July 1.

Explore the Oral History Directory on the NPS History Program website at www.nps.gov/history/history/oh/index.htm.

Volunteers Help Reestablish Minute Man NHP Cultural Landscape

On May 18, 2010, 25 employees of Timberland, an outdoor gear manufacturer, volunteered at Minute Man NHP in support of the park's efforts to increase working agriculture and restore more of the park's active cultural landscape. As part of its efforts to restore the scene of the first day of the American Revolution, the park preserves a tradition of agriculture dating back to the 17th century. Here are the actual fields shaped by the "embattled farmers" who fought to defend their rights. Some of the fields are still actively farmed through the park's leasing program, but many areas have become overgrown with brush, invasive plants and new growth forest.

The park is restoring much of the agrarian landscape through a project made possible by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) as well as through park partners such as the Farm School and Battle Road Farms. This latter organization is a collaborative of educational farms which is working to increase traditional agricultural activity within the park and expand the agricultural interpretation and education that is offered to park visitors.

The volunteers installed fencing and built an animal shelter. Timberland has a commitment to performing service projects that support the environment.

To learn more about Minute Man NHP, go to www.nps.gov/mima/index.htm.

New Noncompetitive Hiring Authority in Place

Do you want to hire an archeologist who is a Public Land Corps (PLC) alumnus? The NPS has announced a new hiring authority for PLC alumni, which became effective on April 28, 2010. The hiring authority grants noncompetitive hiring status to former PLC members who have served a minimum of 960 hours of satisfactory service on an appropriate conservation project that included at least 120 hours through the PLC.

The Public Land Corps was established by Congress in 1993, who recognized that many facilities and natural resources located on public lands are in need of rehabilitation. Using the nation's young men and women to meet these needs can benefit youth by providing education and work opportunities, further their understanding and appreciation of the natural and cultural resources, and provide a means to pay for higher education while at the same time benefiting the nation's economy and environment.

FLETC to Offer Training in Archeological Resource Protection

The Federal Law enforcement Training Center (FLETC) will offer “Archeological Resources Protection Training” at Vandenberg AFB, Santa Maria, CA, on August 23-27, 2010. 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 archeologists 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 archeologists. All applicants should contact their national academy representatives at FLETC for registration.

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

America’s Great Outdoors

In April 2010, at the White House Conference on America’s Great Outdoors, President Obama established the America’s Great Outdoors Initiative to develop a conservation and recreation agenda worthy of the 21st century and to reconnect Americans with our great outdoors. The President directed the Secretaries of Interior and Agriculture, Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality to lead this effort and to listen and learn from people all over the country.

Find more information on the America’s Great Outdoors Initiative and submit comments on-line at www.doi.gov/americasgreatoutdoors/.

Projects in Parks: Projects in Parks is taking a break this month. We hope to bring you a new report in July.

Projects in Parks is a feature of the *Archeology E-Gram* that informs others about archeology-related projects in national parks. The full reports are available on the *Research in the Parks* web page www.nps.gov/archeology/sites/npSites/index.htm or through individual issues of the *Archeology E-Gram*. Prospective authors should review information about submitting photographs on the *Projects in Parks* web page on InsideNPS.

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 NPS and other public agencies. Recipients are encouraged to forward *Archeology E-Grams* to colleagues and relevant mailing lists. The *Archeology E-Gram* is available on the *News and Links* page www.nps.gov/archeology/public/news.htm on the NPS Archeology Program web site.

Contact: dca@nps.gov to contribute news items, stories for *Projects in Parks*, submit citations and a brief abstract for your peer-reviewed publications, and to subscribe.