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A person or party who wishes to protest a survey must file with the State Director, Bureau of Land Management, Cheyenne, Wyoming, a notice of protest prior to thirty (30) calendar days from the date of this publication. If the protest notice did not include a statement of reasons for the protest, the protestant shall file such a statement with the State Director within thirty (30) calendar days after the notice of protest was filed.

The above-listed plats represent dependent resurveys, subdivision of sections.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 1828, 5353 Yellowstone Road, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003.

Dated: April 7, 1997.

John P. Lee,

Chief, Cadastral Survey Group.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service (MMS)

Minerals Management Advisory Board; Outer Continental Shelf (OCS); Scientific Committee (SC); Announcement of Plenary Session

This Notice is issued in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix I, and the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-63, Revised.

The Minerals Management Advisory Board OCS SC will meet in plenary session on Wednesday, May 21 and on Thursday, May 23, 1997, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, Hubbs Hall Conference Room, La Jolla, California.

The OCS SC is an outside group of scientists which advises the Director, MMS, on the feasibility, appropriateness, and scientific merit of the MMS' OCS Environmental Studies Program (ESP) as related to information needed for informed OCS decisionmaking.

Discussions will focus on:

- Deepwater Development Issues
- Coastal Marine Institutes
- Moratoria Subcommittee Report
- Committee Business and Resolutions

The meetings are open to the public. Approximately 30 visitors can be accommodated on a first-come-first-served basis at the plenary session.

A copy of the agenda may be requested from the MMS by writing Ms.

Phyllis Clark at the address below or by electronic mail at Phyllis __ Clark @MMS.GOV. Other inquiries concerning the OCS SC meeting should be addressed to Dr. Ken Turgeon, Executive Secretary to the OCS Scientific Committee, Minerals Management Service, 381 Elden Street, Mail Stop 4041, Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817. He may be reached by telephone at (703) 787-1717, and by electronic mail at Ken __ Turgeon@MMS.GOV.

Dated: April 10, 1997.

Carolita U. Kallaur,

Associate Director for Offshore Minerals Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Availability of Plan of Operations; Mining Operations; Music Valley Claim Group; Joshua Tree National Park, San Bernardino County, CA

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 9.17 (a) of Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 9, Subpart A, that the National Park Service has received from Byron Walls, of Yorba Linda California, a Plan of Operations to conduct exploratory mining operations on the Music #4, #5 and the J & B #1 claims in the Music Valley area, in Joshua Tree National Park, located within Riverside County, California.

The Plan of Operations is available for public review and comment for a period of 30 days from the publication date of this notice. Analysis of the proposal will not be completed until a validity examination has been conducted in accordance with 36 CFR 9A and NPS policy. The document can be viewed during normal business hours at the Office of the Superintendent, Joshua Tree National Park, 74485 National Park Drive, Twenty-nine Palm, California. 92277.

Dated: March 27, 1997.

Frank Buond,

Superintendent, Joshua Tree National Park.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Inventory Completion for Native American Human Remains and Associated Funerary Objects in the Possession of the National Park Service, Big Cypress National Preserve, Ochopee, FL

AGENCY: National Park Service.

ACTION: Notice.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with provisions of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), 25 U.S.C. 3003 (d), of the completion of an inventory of human remains and associated funerary objects in the possession of the National Park Service, Big Cypress National Preserve, Ochopee, FL.

A detailed assessment of the human remains and associated funerary objects was made by National Park Service professional staff in consultation with representatives of the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida, Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, and Mr. Bobby C. Billie, a spiritual leader of the Independent Traditional Seminole Nation of Florida, a non-federally recognized Indian group. Good faith efforts to consult with representatives of the Seminole Tribe of Florida have been unsuccessful.

In 1977, human remains representing a minimum of one individual were collected from Turner River #5, a burial island site located within park boundaries. No known individuals were identified. One fragment of glazed earthenware and one blue glass bead were recovered in association with the remains. On the basis of these funerary objects and the state of preservation of the human remains, the site is dated to ca. 1840 AD at the earliest.

On February 28, 1996, a Federal Register notice was published regarding the completion of Big Cypress National Preserve's inventory. The Turner River #5 site was identified by Miccosukee representatives as being occupied by Seminole people during the middle to the last half of the 19th century. Information brought to the park's attention by Mr. Bobby C. Billie shows that the Turner River #5 site was occupied and utilized by his ancestors, Ingraham and Josie Billie, during the same time period. Documents from representatives of the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida support this claim.

Based on the above-mentioned information, officials of the National Park Service have determined that, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.2(d)(1), the human remains listed above represent

the physical remains of at least one individual of Native American ancestry. Officials of the national Park Service have also determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001(3)(A), the two objects listed above are reasonably believed to have been placed with or near individual human remains at the time of death or later as part of the death rite or ceremony. Lastly, officials of the National Park Service have also determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3005(a)(5)(A) Mr. Billie can trace his ancestry directly and without interruption by means of the traditional kinship system of the Independent Seminole Nation of Florida to the individual whose remains and funerary objects are being claimed.

This notice has been sent to Mr. Bobby C. Billie, the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida, the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, and the Seminole Tribe of Florida. Representatives of any other Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with these human remains and associated funerary objects should contact Wallace Hibbard, Superintendent, Big Cypress National Preserve, HCR 61, Box 110, Ochopee, FL 34141; telephone: (941) 695-2000 ext. 10, before May 16, 1997. Repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects to Mr. Bobby C. Billie may begin after that date if no additional claimants come forward.

Dated: April 3, 1997.

Muriel Crespi,

Acting Departmental Consulting Archaeologist, Archeology and Ethnography Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Inventory Completion for Native American Human Remains from Missouri and Montana in the Possession of the Missouri Historical Society, St. Louis, MO

AGENCY: National Park Service

ACTION: Notice

Notice is hereby given in accordance with provisions of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), 25 U.S.C. 3003 (d), of the completion of an inventory of human remains from Missouri and Montana in the possession of the Missouri Historical Society, St. Louis, MO.

A detailed assessment of the human remains was made by Missouri Historical Society professional staff in

consultation with representatives of the Arapaho Tribe, Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribe of Oklahoma, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, Devil's Lake Sioux Tribe, Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe, Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes, Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, Northern Cheyenne Tribe, Oglala Sioux Tribe, Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Oklahoma, Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Sisseton-Wahpeton Dakota Nation, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, and Yankton Sioux Tribe.

During 1906-1907, human remains representing one individual was recovered from the Utz site, Saline County, MO, during an American Bureau of Ethnology survey. Mr. Gerard Fowke, project director of the survey, donated these remains to the Missouri Historical Society during this time. No known individuals were identified. No associated funerary objects are present.

The Utz site has been identified as a Missouri village occupied between 1450-1712 AD based on continuous occupation, continuity of material culture, and historical documents.

Based on the above mentioned information, officials of the Missouri Historical Society have determined that, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.2 (d)(1), the human remains listed above represent the physical remains of one individual of Native American ancestry. Officials of the Missouri Historical Society have also determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001 (2), there is a relationship of shared group identity which can be reasonably traced between these Native American human remains and the Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Oklahoma.

In 1911, human remains representing one individual were donated to the Missouri Historical Society by Mrs. Louis Tesson of St. Louis, MO. No known individual was identified. No associated funerary objects are present.

According to accession documents, Dr. Louis Tesson made a riding quirt from the radius of a "Sioux Indian" whose body lay on the Little Big Horn Battlefield at an unspecified time following the battle. U.S. Army records indicate Dr. Tesson was in the field with the 5th Infantry at Cantonment, Tongue River, WY during the summer of 1876, and was posted at Fort Custer, MT near the site of the Little Bighorn Battlefield from April 1877 to April 1880. Morphological evidence indicates this is a human radius.

Based on the above mentioned information, officials of the Missouri Historical Society have determined that, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.2 (d)(1), the human remains listed above represent the physical remains of one individual of Native American ancestry. Officials of

the Missouri Historical Society have also determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001 (2), there is a relationship of shared group identity which can be reasonably traced between these Native American human remains and the Arapaho Tribe, Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribe of Oklahoma, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, Devil's Lake Sioux Tribe, Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe, Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes, Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, Northern Cheyenne Tribe, Oglala Sioux Tribe, Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Sisseton-Wahpeton Dakota Nation, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, and Yankton Sioux Tribe.

This notice has been sent to officials of the Arapaho Tribe, Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribe of Oklahoma, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, Devil's Lake Sioux Tribe, Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe, Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes, Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, Northern Cheyenne Tribe, Oglala Sioux Tribe, Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Oklahoma, Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Sisseton-Wahpeton Dakota Nation, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, and Yankton Sioux Tribe. Representatives of any other Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with these human remains and associated funerary objects should contact Patti Wright, Associate Curator of Native American Ethnology, Missouri Historical Society, 225 S. Skinker, P.O. Box 11940, St. Louis, MO 63112-0040; telephone: (314) 746-4537, before May 16, 1997.

Repatriation of the human remains to the Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Oklahoma; and Arapaho Tribe, Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribe of Oklahoma, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, Devil's Lake Sioux Tribe, Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe, Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes, Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, Northern Cheyenne Tribe, Oglala Sioux Tribe, Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Sisseton-Wahpeton Dakota Nation, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, and Yankton Sioux Tribe may begin after that date if no additional claimants come forward.

The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations within this notice.

Dated: April 9, 1997.

Francis P. McManamon,

Departmental Consulting Archeologist, Manager, Archeology and Ethnography Program.

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