

1989, as amended), the North American Wetlands Conservation Council is a Federal-State-private body which meets to consider wetland acquisition, restoration, enhancement and management projects for recommendation to and final approval by the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission. Proposals from State, Federal, and private sponsors require a minimum of 50 percent non-Federal matching funds.

Dated: June 6, 1997.

**John G. Rogers,**

*Acting Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Northwest Colorado Resource Advisory Council Meeting

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The next meetings of the Northwest Colorado Resource Advisory Council will be held on Friday, July 11, 1997, in Craig, Colorado.

**DATES:** Friday, July 11, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** For further information, contact Joann Graham, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Grand Junction District Office, 2815 H Road, Grand Junction, Colorado 81506; Telephone (970) 244-3037.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting will be held at the Shadow Mountain building, 1055 County Road 7, Craig, Colorado. Agenda items include subcommittee reports, draft 3809 mining regulations, and wilderness inventory update.

All resource advisory council meetings are open to the public. Interested persons may make oral statements at the meetings or submit written statements following the meetings. Per-person time limits for oral statements may be set to allow all interested persons an opportunity to speak.

Summary minutes of council meetings are maintained in both the Grand Junction and Craig District Offices. They are available for public inspection and reproduction during regular business hours within thirty (30) days following the meeting.

Dated: June 4, 1997.

**Mark T. Morse,**

*Grand Junction/Craig District Manager.*

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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 Sitka National Historical Park, National Park Service, Sitka, AK

**AGENCY:** National Park Service

**ACTION:** Notice

Notice is hereby given in accordance with provisions of the Native American Grave 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 Sitka National Historical Park, National Park Service, Sitka, AK.

A detailed assessment of the human remains and associated funerary objects was made by professional staff of the National Park Service in consultation with representatives of the Sitka Tribe of Alaska and the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Tribes of Alaska. Representatives of Shee Atika, Incorporated and Sealaska Heritage Foundation have been kept aware of the formal correspondence and consultation results.

In 1958 cremated human remains representing one individual were illegally removed from a burial cave in the Siginaka Islands by National Park Service and University of Alaska personnel following a discussion of the site with Tlingit elders. No known individuals were identified. The 22 associated funerary objects include seventeen wood fragments, four spruce rope fragments, and one hammered copper band.

The cave from which the human remains and associated funerary objects were recovered was identified as a burial site used by Tlingit people following the 1802 Battle of Old Sitka. Documentary evidence, including testimony of Tlingit elders, indicates that the Siginaka Islands are within the territory traditionally used by the Sitka Tlingit. Documentary evidence also indicates that the practice of cremating human remains in the Sitka area was abandoned by the resident Tlingit population after ca. 1880 AD. The exact date of the burial is unknown; however, based on these factors and the presence

of the hammered copper band, the remains are likely to date to the 19th century.

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 a minimum of 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 22 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 a death rite or ceremony. Lastly, officials of the National Park Service have 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 associated funerary objects and the Sitka Tribe of Alaska.

This notice has been sent to officials of the Sitka Tribe of Alaska, Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Tribes of Alaska, Shee Atika, Incorporated, and Sealaska Heritage Foundation. Representatives of any other Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with these human remains and associated funerary objects should contact Superintendent Gary Gauthier, Sitka National Historical Park, 106 Metlakatla Street, Sitka, Alaska, 99835, telephone (907) 747-6281, before July 16, 1997. Repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects to the Sitka Tribe of Alaska may begin after that date if no additional claimants come forward.

Dated: June 6, 1997.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Notice of Intent to Repatriate a Cultural Item from Arizona in the Control of the Tallahassee Museum of History & Natural Science, Tallahassee, FL

**AGENCY:** National Park Service

**ACTION:** Notice

Notice is hereby given under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 25 U.S.C. 3005 (a)(2), of the intent to repatriate a cultural item from Arizona in the control of the