

Nominees will be evaluated based on their experience or knowledge of the geographic area; education, training and/or experience; and, their experience in working with disparate groups to achieve collaborative solutions. All nominations must be accompanied by letters of reference from represented interests or organizations, a completed background information nomination form, as well as any other information that speaks to the nominee's qualifications. The Bureau of Land Management, along with the Governor's Office, will forward the nominations to the Secretary of the Interior, who will make the appointment to the Council.

Resource Advisory Councils were established and authorized in 1995 by the Secretary of the Interior to provide advice and recommendations to the Bureau of Land Management on management of public lands.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anyone interested in requesting a nomination form should inquire at the Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office, Attention: Sherry Foot, 324 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84111; telephone (801) 539-4195 or by contacting John Harja, State of Utah, at (801) 538-1559. All nominations must be received no later than close of business November 21, 1997.

Dated: October 8, 1997.

G. William Lamb,
State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Meeting of the California Desert District Advisory Council

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Public Laws 92-463 and 94-579, that the California Desert District Advisory Council to the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior, will participate in a field tour of BLM-administered public lands near Holtville, California on Thursday, November 13, 1997, from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and meet in formal session on Friday, November 14 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, November 15 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. The Friday and Saturday public meetings will be held in the conference room at the Barbara Worth Country Club, located at 2050 Country Club Drive, Holtville, California.

Council members will assemble for the Thursday field tour at the Barbara Worth Country Club parking lot at 7:15 a.m. and depart at 7:30 a.m. The public is welcome to participate in the field tour, but should dress appropriately and plan on providing their own transportation, food, and beverage. Anyone interested in participating in the field tour should contact BLM public affairs at (909) 697-5215 for more information.

The Friday meeting will begin at 8 a.m. All Desert District Advisory Council meetings are open to the public. Time for public comment may be made available by the Council Chairman during the presentation of various agenda items, and is scheduled at the end of the meeting for topics not on the agenda.

Written comment may be filed in advance of the meeting for the California Desert District Advisory Council, c/o Bureau of Land Management, Public Affairs Office, 6221 Box Springs Boulevard, Riverside, California 92507-0714. Written comments also are accepted at the time of the meeting and, if copies are provided to the recorder, will be incorporated into the minutes.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carole Levitzky or Doran Sanchez, BLM California Desert District Public Affairs at (909) 697-5215.

Dated: October 6, 1997.

Tim Salt,

Acting District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Iditarod Advisory Council Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Iditarod Advisory Council will conduct an open meeting Wednesday, November 12, 1997, and Thursday, November 13, 1997, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the formation of a non-profit organization to assist in the management of the Iditarod National Historic Trail. The meeting will be held at the Iditarod Trail Committee Headquarters in Wasilla, AK.

Public comments pertaining to management of the Iditarod National

Historic Trail will be taken from 1-2 p.m. on Wednesday, November 12. Written comments may be submitted at the meeting or mailed to the address below prior to the meeting.

ADDRESSES: Inquiries about the meeting should be sent to External Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, 222 W. 7th Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Teresa McPherson at (907) 271-5555.

Dated: October 7, 1997.

Tom Allen,
State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Change of Public Comment Time at October 27 and 28, 1997 Meeting of Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Vale District, Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of change of public comment time at October 27 and 28, 1997 meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is given that there will be a meeting of the Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council.

DATES: The Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council meetings will begin at 8:00 a.m. and run to 5:00 p.m. October 27, 1997. Public comment time is changed and is now scheduled from 8:00 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. October 28, 1997. On October 28, 1997 the meeting will run from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

At an appropriate time, the council will recess for approximately one hour for lunch. Topics to be discussed during the meeting are administrative activities of the Council, the workload for fiscal year 1998, noxious weeds, fuels and prescribed fire, water quality issues, and such other issues as to properly come before the Council.

ADDRESSES: The Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council meetings will take place at the Malheur National Forest Headquarters, Federal Building, 431 Patterson Bridge Road, John day, Oregon 97845.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jonne Hower, Bureau of Land Management, Vale District, 100 Oregon

Street, Vale, OR 97918, (Telephone 541 473-3144).

Edwin J. Singleton,

District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Inventory Completion for Native American Human Remains in the Control of the National Park Service, Haleakala National Park, Makawao, HI

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 in the control of the National Park Service, Haleakala National Park, Makawao, HI.

A detailed assessment of the human remains was made by National Park Service professional staff in association with professional staff from the Bishop Museum and in consultation with representatives of the Hawai'i Island Burial Council, Hui Malama i na Kapuna o Hawai'i Nei, Kona Hawaiian Civic Club, Maui/Lana'i Island Burial Council, Moloka'i Island Burial Council, and Office of Hawaiian Affairs. All of the human remains have been curated by the Anthropology Department of the Bernice P. Bishop Museum in Honolulu, Hawai'i since their initial recovery.

Between 1920 and 1962, human remains representing at least 16 individuals were recovered from three sites, located within park boundaries in and around Haleakala crater, during legally authorized fieldwork and excavations. No known individuals were identified. No associated funerary objects were present. The dates for the remains have not been established but they probably date from both before and after contact was established between Native Hawaiians and Europeans in A.D. 1778.

In 1920, human remains representing two individuals were recovered from Na Piko Haua, located within the boundaries of Haleakala crater, during legally authorized fieldwork by Kenneth Emory of the Bishop Museum. The human remains are two individual bundles, wrapped in blue cotton fabric, dark brown hair and paper and tied with white thread. No known individual was identified. No associated funerary

objects are present. On the basis of information provided by a local guide in 1920, the bundles' state of preservation, and the presence of imported cotton cloth, these navel string bundles probably date from the late 19th to early 20th century. These bundles were donated to the Bishop Museum in 1924 by the collector, who identified them as "portions of two navel strings [umbilical cords] wrapped in hair and cloth."

Aside from facilities clearly of 20th century origin, virtually all evidence of human use and occupation of the Haleakala crater area is of Native Hawaiian origin. Available evidence indicates that Native Hawaiians are the only group to bury their dead in the crater region. In addition, the manner of burial of the human remains (in or near Native Hawaiian structures, in a lava tube, etc.) is consistent with Native Hawaiian practices during both pre- and post-contact periods. Further, the Native Hawaiian practice of burying the dead in or near their home community suggests that all burials found in or near Haleakala crater on the island of Maui are of people from Maui communities.

With regard to the navel string bundles, one of the Native Hawaiian men who accompanied Emory in 1920 stated that his own umbilical cord had been hidden at Na Piko Haua. The practice of depositing umbilical cords in at least this one location in the Haleakala crater was a Native Hawaiian practice in effect until ca. 1920. As in the case of burials, it was customary for Native Hawaiians to deposit umbilical cords in the general vicinity of the community where the birth had taken place. This practice was confirmed by the Native Hawaiian guide. Based on this information, the navel string bundles in the collection are considered to be from infants born in communities on the slopes of Haleakala.

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 18 individuals of Native American ancestry. Officials of the National Park Service have also determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3003 (2), there is a relationship of shared group identity which can reasonably be traced between these Native American human remains and the Maui/Lana'i Island Burial Council.

This notice has been sent to officials of the Hawai'i Island Burial Council, Hui Malama i na Kapuna o Hawai'i Nei, Kona Hawaiian Civic Club, Maui/Lana'i Island Burial Council, Moloka'i Island Burial Council, and Office of Hawaiian

Affairs. Representatives of any other Indian tribe or Native Hawaiian organization that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with these human remains and associated funerary objects should contact Don Reeser, Superintendent, Haleakala National Park, PO Box 369, Makawao, Maui, HI, 96768; telephone: (808) 572-9306, before [thirty days after publication in the **Federal Register**]. Repatriation of the human remains to the Maui/Lana'i Island Burial Council will begin after that date if no additional claimants come forward.

Dated: October 6, 1997.

Francis P. McManamon,

Departmental Consulting Archeologist, Manager, Archeology and Ethnography Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Western Colorado Area Office, Grand Junction, Colorado

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a supplemental environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) intends to prepare a supplemental environmental impact statement on the AB Lateral Hydropower Project. The project would be located in Montrose County, Colorado. The purpose of the hydropower project is to economically develop the energy potential of water flows from the Gunnison River through the existing Gunnison Tunnel to the Uncompahgre River.

DATES: The Supplemental EIS is expected to be available for public comment in 1998.

ADDRESSES: For information concerning the supplemental NEPA work, or information or suggestions concerning the work, contact Mr. Steve McCall, Environmental Specialist, Western Colorado Area Office, Bureau of Reclamation, P.O. Box 60340, Grand Junction CO 81506.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Steve McCall at (970) 248-0600.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

A final environmental impact statement (FEIS 90-25) was filed on