

National Park have been classified, boundaries delineated, and outstandingly remarkable values identified.

Scoping and Public Meetings

Involvement of interested individuals and organizations will be a key element of the current conservation planning and environmental analysis process, and concurrently Tribal, federal, state, and local governments will be consulted. At this time it has not been determined whether an Environmental Assessment or an Environmental Impact Statement may be appropriate.

However, all written responses and comments received during the forthcoming public meetings will aid in the preparation of either document. Suggestions regarding issues to be addressed and information relevant to determining scope of the current planning and analysis process are being sought, through July 14, 1999. Four public scoping meetings will be held from 6pm to 8pm, as noted below; additional information will be released via regional and local news media, and updates are also available by phone at (209) 372-0584.

June 22, San Francisco (Upper Fort Mason, Building 201, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, near the intersection of Bay and Franklin Streets);

June 23, Modesto (Mallard Inn, 1720 Sisk Road);

June 24, Mariposa (Best Western Yosemite Way Station, 4999 Highway 140);

June 28, Yosemite Valley (Visitor Center, East Auditorium).

Decision Process

Scope of issues identified to date include: cultural and natural resource protection, development standards for any facilities, land management, user capacities, appropriate types of recreation, and protection of visual resources. All scoping feedback received will be incorporated into the information base guiding the preparation of a comprehensive plan for future management of the river. Written comments should be addressed to the Superintendent, Yosemite National Park, PO Box 577, Yosemite National Park, California 95389, and must be postmarked not later than July 14, 1999 (or if sent via e-mail, transmitted by that date to

"Yose_Merced_River@nps.gov").

Notice of future developments, including availability of the draft **environmental** document and plan, will be accomplished via regional news media, direct mailings, and **Federal**

Register if warranted. The official responsible for final decision regarding the forthcoming plan is the Regional Director, Pacific West Region, National Park Service; the official responsible for subsequent implementation would be the Superintendent, Yosemite National Park.

Dated: June 4, 1999.

John J. Reynolds,

Regional Director, Pacific West Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Inventory Completion for Native American Human Remains and Associated Funerary Objects from Anvik Village, AK in the Possession of the American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY

AGENCY: National Park Service.

ACTION: Notice.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with provisions of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), 43 CFR 10.9, of the completion of an inventory of human remains and associated funerary objects from Anvik Village, AK in the possession of the American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY.

A detailed assessment of the human remains was made by American Museum of Natural History professional staff in consultation with representatives of Anvik Village.

In 1903, human remains representing a minimum of seven individuals were excavated by Rev. John W. Chapman from AK, Yukon-Koyukuk Borough, Anvik Village, and donated to the Museum. No known individuals were identified. The 45 associated funerary objects include 11 pottery dishes; a baleen comb; a tobacco box; three wooden boxes; three metal knives; two knife handles; four implements; two handles; a graver's tool; six bone tubes; two bone needles; an ivory point; a scraper; two bear tooth pendants; a flint chip; and four metal bracelets.

These individuals have been identified as Native American based on burial practices and types of associated funerary objects. Geographic location is consistent with the post-contact territory of the Ingalik (an Athabascan group). The Ingalik have occupied Anvik Village since 1887 and for an undetermined period prior to that date. Some, perhaps all, of the graves date to the post-contact period. Burial practices

are consistent with interior Athabascan and Ingalik funerary practices. Associated funerary objects are consistent with Ingalik culture. Museum catalog information describes the remains as Athabascan.

Based on the above mentioned information, officials of the American Museum of Natural History have determined that, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.2 (d)(1), the human remains listed above represent the physical remains of a minimum of seven individuals of Native American ancestry. Officials of the American Museum of Natural History have also determined that, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.2 (d)(2), the 45 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 American Museum of Natural History have determined that, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.2 (e), there is a relationship of shared group identity which can be reasonably traced between these Native American human remains and associated funerary objects and Anvik Village.

This notice has been sent to officials of Anvik Village, Ingalik Inc., and Doyon, Ltd. Representatives of any other Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with these human remains and associated funerary objects should contact Martha Graham, Registrar for Cultural Resources, Department of Anthropology, American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West at 79th Street, New York, NY 10024-5192; telephone: (212) 769-5846 before July 12, 1999. Repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects to Anvik Village may begin after that date if no additional claimants come forward.

Dated: June 1, 1999.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Intent to Repatriate a Cultural Item in the Possession of the American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY

AGENCY: National Park Service.

ACTION: Notice.