

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 Kootenai National Forest, USDA-Forest Service, Libby, MT.****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 in the possession of the Kootenai National Forest, USDA-Forest Service, Libby, MT.

This notice is published as part of the National Park Service's administrative responsibilities under NAGPRA, 43 CFR 10.2 (c). The determinations within this notice are the sole responsibility of the museum, institution, or Federal agency that has control of these Native American human remains and associated funerary objects. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations within this notice.

A detailed assessment of the human remains was made by the University of Montana, Department of Anthropology and the Kootenai National Forest professional staff in consultation with representatives of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation, Montana.

In 1998, human remains representing one individual were recovered from a draw-down zone of the Koocanusa Reservoir located north of Murray Creek in the Rexford District of the Kootenai National Forest, Lincoln County, MT, by an unknown individual. The remains eroded out of the cut-bank of the reservoir. No known individual was identified. No associated funerary objects are present.

Based on ethnographic, historical and geographic information, the individual has been identified as Native American. The remains were determined to date to the historic period. Oral history of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes indicates that the area from where the remains were removed was once inhabited by the Kootenai people. The Kootenai people have a place name for this specific area, which has been handed down orally throughout Kootenai history. The Hellgate Treaty of 1855 also recognizes this area as the aboriginal territory of the Kootenai people.

Based on the above-mentioned information, officials of the Kootenai National Forest, USDA-Forest Service 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 Kootenai National Forest, USDA-Forest Service also have determined that, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.2 (e), there is a relationship of shared group identity that can be reasonably traced between these Native American human remains and the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation, Montana.

This notice has been sent to officials of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation, Montana. Representatives of any other Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with these human remains should contact Rebecca S. Timmons, Forest Archaeologist, Kootenai National Forest, 1101 US Highway 2 West, Libby, MT 59923, telephone (406) 293-6211, before March 17, 2001. Repatriation of the human remains to the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation, Montana may begin after that date if no additional claimants come forward.

Dated: January 10, 2001.

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BILLING CODE 4310-70-F**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement****Notice of Proposed Information Collection****AGENCY:** Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) is announcing its intention to request approval for the collection of information for the permanent program performance standards—underground mining activities at 30 CFR Part 817.

DATES: Comments on the proposed information collection must be received by April 17, 2001 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to John A. Trelease, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1951 Constitution Ave, NW., Room 210—SIB, Washington, DC 20240. Comments may also be submitted electronically to jtreleas@osmre.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request a copy of the information collection request, explanatory information and related form, contact John A. Trelease, at (202) 208-2783.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). This notice identifies information collections that OSM will be submitting to OMB for extension. These collections are contained in 30 CFR 817.

OSM has revised burden estimates, where appropriate, to reflect current reporting levels or adjustments based on reestimates of burden or respondents. OSM will request a 3-year term of approval for this information collection activity.

Comments are invited on: (1) The need for the collection of information for the performance of the functions of the agency; (2) the accuracy of the agency's burden estimates; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the information collection burden on respondents, such as use of automated means of collection of the information. A summary of the public comments will accompany OSM's submission of the information collection request to OMB.

This notice provides the public with 60 days in which to comment on the following information collection activity:

Title: Permanent Program Performance Standards—Underground Mining Activities, 30 CFR Part 817.

OMB Control Number: 1029-0048.

Summary: Sections 515 and 516 of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 provide that permittees conducting surface coal mining operations with underground mining activities shall meet all applicable performance standards of the Act. The information collected is used by the regulatory authority in monitoring and inspecting surface coal mining activities to ensure that they are conducted in compliance with the requirements of the Act.