

behalf of an Indian tribe or Native Hawaiian organization. This meeting supports the Secretary of the Interior's administrative policy on tribal consultation by encouraging maximum direct participation of representatives of tribal governments on important Departmental issues and processes.

2. Museum consultation: November 15, 2005, 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Albuquerque, NM. Authorized representatives of museums and national museum and scientific organizations are invited to participate in this meeting. This meeting supports the Secretary of the Interior's responsibility to consult with museums and the scientific community in the development of these regulations. Museum representatives wishing to make a public presentation at this session should submit a request to do so by November 11, 2005, including evidence that you are authorized to speak on behalf of a museum or national museum or scientific organization.

3. Review Committee consultation: November 16–17, 2005, Albuquerque, NM. This meeting supports the Department of the Interior's responsibility to consult with the Review Committee regarding the development of regulations. Time will be scheduled during the Review Committee meeting for members of the public to provide oral and written recommendations. Members of the public wishing to make a public presentation at the Review Committee meeting should submit a request to do so by November 11, 2005.

Requests to make presentations at any of the sessions should be faxed to (202) 371–5197 by November 11, 2005.

Written comments may be mailed to Sherry Hutt, Manager, National NAGPRA Program, National Park Service, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240. Comments may also be faxed to Sherry Hutt at (202) 371–5197. Written comments should be postmarked or faxed no later than November 30, 2005.

ADDRESSES: The consultation sessions will be held at the Cochiti/Taos Room, Albuquerque Convention Center, 401 Second Street NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102. A block of lodging rooms has been set-aside at a reduced rate at the Double Tree Hotel, which is adjacent to the Convention Center. Reservations for rooms in this block may be made by calling (505) 247–3344 and referencing the National NAGPRA Program. Reservations must be made by October 31, 2005, to guarantee the reduced rate available for persons attending this meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Sherry Hutt, Manager, National NAGPRA Program, National Park Service, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240, telephone: (202) 354–1479.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the consultation meetings is to provide Native American organizations, museums and the scientific community, and the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee with an opportunity to consult on forthcoming regulations regarding the disposition of unclaimed Native American cultural items excavated or discovered on Federal or tribal lands after November 16, 1990.

The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act provides criteria for determining the ownership of Native American cultural items that are excavated or discovered on Federal or tribal lands after November 16, 1990 [25 U.S.C. 3002 (a)]. The Secretary of the Interior clarified the ownership criteria by regulations published in 1995 [Federal Register Vol. 60, no. 232, pages 62163–62164]. Ownership of such items is, with priority given in the order listed:

(1) In the case of human remains and associated funerary objects, in the lineal descendant of the deceased individual;

(2) In cases where the lineal descendant cannot be ascertained or no claim is made, and with respect to unassociated funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony:

(i) In the Indian tribe on whose tribal land the human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony were discovered inadvertently;

(ii) In the Indian tribe or Native Hawaiian organization that has the closest cultural affiliation with the human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony;

(iii) In circumstances in which the cultural affiliation of the human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony cannot be ascertained and the objects were discovered inadvertently on Federal land that is recognized by a final judgment of the Indian Claims Commission or the United States Court of Claims as the aboriginal land of an Indian tribe:

(A) In the Indian tribe aboriginally occupying the Federal land on which the human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony were discovered, or

(B) If it can be shown that a different Indian tribe or Native Hawaiian

organization has a stronger cultural relationship with the human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony, in the Indian tribe or Native Hawaiian organization that has the strongest demonstrated relationship with the objects [43 CFR 10.6 (a)].

The Act directs that Native American cultural items not claimed under subsection (a) shall be disposed of in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Secretary of the Interior in consultation with the Review Committee, Native American groups, representatives of museums, and the scientific community [25 U.S.C. 3002 (b)]. One section of the regulations was reserved for procedures to effect the disposition of Native American cultural items that are not claimed [43 CFR 10.7].

Participants in the consultation meetings are requested to comment on the following issues:

(1) How should the regulations deal with the distinction between cultural items for which ownership or control has been ascertained pursuant to 43 CFR 10.6 (a) but the identified lineal descendant, Indian tribe, or Native Hawaiian organization has not claimed the cultural items and cultural items for which ownership or control cannot be ascertained pursuant to 43 CFR 10.6 (a)?

(2) How long may a cultural item removed from Federal land after November 16, 1990 remain in Federal agency possession before it is considered unclaimed?

(3) What are the appropriate dispositions for unclaimed cultural items?

(4) How should the regulations deal with the management, preservation, and use of unclaimed cultural items?

Dated: September 23, 2005

Sherry Hutt,

Manager, National NAGPRA Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee: Meeting

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.
ACTION: Notice.

Notice is here given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. Appendix (1988), of a meeting of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review

Committee. The Review Committee will meet on November 16–17, 2005, in the Cochiti/Taos Room, Albuquerque Convention Center, 401 Second Street NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102, telephone (505) 768–4575. Meeting sessions will begin at approximately 8:30 a.m. and end at approximately 5:00 p.m. each day. The agenda for the meeting includes an update on the status of national implementation of the Act; consultation on regulations regarding the disposition of unclaimed Native American cultural items excavated or discovered on Federal or tribal lands after November 16, 1990; consideration of requests for recommendations regarding the disposition of culturally unidentifiable human remains; discussion of the Review Committee's recommendations to Congress for 2005; discussion of the Review Committee's procedures for meetings, findings, and disputes; and presentations and statements by Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations, museums, Federal agencies, and the public.

A block of lodging rooms has been set-aside at a reduced rate at the Double Tree Hotel, which is adjacent to the Convention Center. Reservations for rooms in this block may be made by calling (505) 247–3344 and referencing the National NAGPRA Program. Reservations must be made by October 31, 2005, to guarantee the reduced rate available for persons attending this meeting.

To schedule a presentation to the Review Committee during the meeting, submit a written request with an abstract of the presentation and contact information. Persons also may submit written statements for consideration by the Review Committee during the meeting. Send requests and statements to the Designated Federal Officer, NAGPRA Review Committee by U.S. Mail to the National Park Service, 1849 C Street NW (2253), Washington, DC 20240; or by commercial delivery to the National Park Service, 1201 Eye Street NW, 8th floor, Washington, DC 20005. Because increased security in the Washington, DC, area may delay delivery of U.S. Mail to Government offices, copies of mailed requests and statements should also be faxed to (202) 371–5197.

Transcripts of Review Committee meetings are available approximately 8 weeks after each meeting at the National NAGPRA Program office, 1201 Eye Street NW, Washington, DC. To request electronic copies of meeting transcripts, send an e-mail message to

Tim_McKeown@nps.gov. Information about NAGPRA, the Review Committee, and Review Committee meetings is available at the National NAGPRA website, <http://www.cr.nps.gov/nagpra>; for the Review Committee's meeting procedures, select "Review Committee," then select "Procedures."

The Review Committee was established by the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 (NAGPRA), 25 U.S.C. 3001 *et seq.* Review Committee members are appointed by the Secretary of the Interior. The Review Committee is responsible for monitoring the NAGPRA inventory and identification process; reviewing and making findings related to the identity or cultural affiliation of cultural items, or the return of such items; facilitating the resolution of disputes; compiling an inventory of culturally unidentifiable human remains that are in the possession or control of each Federal agency and museum and recommending specific actions for developing a process for disposition of such remains; consulting with Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations and museums on matters within the scope of the work of the committee affecting such tribes or organizations; consulting with the Secretary of the Interior in the development of regulations to carry out NAGPRA; and making recommendations regarding future care of repatriated cultural items. The Review Committee's work is completed during meetings that are open to the public.

Dated: September 23, 2005

C. Timothy McKeown,
Designated Federal Officer, Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Inventory Completion: Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, WA

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

Notice is here given in accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), 25 U.S.C. 3003, of the completion of an inventory of human remains in the possession of Pacific Lutheran University, Pierce County, Tacoma, WA. The human remains were

removed from a site in Parkland, Pierce County, WA.

This notice is published as part of the National Park Service's administrative responsibilities under NAGPRA, 25 U.S.C. 3003 (d)(3). The determinations in this notice are the sole responsibility of the museum, institution, or Federal agency that has control of the Native American human remains. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice.

A detailed assessment of the human remains was made by Pacific Lutheran University professional staff in consultation with representatives of the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, Washington; Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, Washington; Cowlitz Indian Tribe, Washington; Muckleshoot Indian Tribe of the Muckleshoot Reservation, Washington; Nisqually Indian Tribe of the Nisqually Reservation, Washington; and Puyallup Tribe of the Puyallup Reservation, Washington.

Prior to 1938, human remains representing a minimum of one individual were removed from an unidentified site in Parkland, Pierce County, WA. The human remains were originally transferred to a Pacific Lutheran University faculty member who loaned them, along with other items from the same site, to the University of Washington, Burke Museum, Seattle, WA, in 1938. Most of the 1938 loan was returned in the early 1940s. However, the human remains were discovered in the Burke Museum's collections in 1995 and transferred to Pacific Lutheran University. No known individuals were identified. No associated funerary objects are present.

Funerary objects originally found with the remains, but no longer in the possession of either the Burke Museum or Pacific Lutheran University, indicate the human remains were interred during the historic period. The burial site location is located within the area ceded to the United States by the Niskwali, Payullup, Steilacoom, Squaxin, S'Homamish, Stehchass, T'Peeksin, Squiaitl, and Sa-heh-wamish in the treaty of Medicine Creek, December 26, 1854. The burial site location is believed to be located within the area recognized by a final judgment of the United States Court of Claim as the aboriginal land of the Puyallup Tribe of the Puyallup Reservation, Washington.

Officials of Pacific Lutheran University have determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001 (9–10), the human remains described above represent the physical remains of one