

ADDRESSES: You may mail written comments to Jerry L. Lauer, Acting Superintendent, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Umatilla Agency, P.O. Box 520, Pendleton, Oregon 97801; or hand carry written comments to Mr. Lauer at the Umatilla Agency, 46807 B Street, Mission, Oregon.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerry L. Lauer, (541) 278-3786.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the street address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section during regular business hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. We will not, however, consider anonymous comments. All submissions from organizations or businesses and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

This notice is published in accordance with § 1503.1 of the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508) implementing the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), and the Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM 1-6), and is in the exercise of authority delegated to the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

Dated: January 24, 2006.

Michael D. Olsen,

Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Alaska Native Claims Selection

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, DOI.

ACTION: Notice of decision approving lands for conveyance.

SUMMARY: As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an appealable decision approving lands for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, as amended by the Act of May 2, 2000, will be issued to Elim Native Corporation. The lands are located in Tps. 6 S., Rs. 15, 16, and 17 W.; Tps. 7 S., Rs. 16, 17, and 18 W.; and Tps. 8 S., Rs. 17 and 18 W., Kateel River Meridian, in the vicinity of Elim, Alaska, and contain approximately 45,881 acres. Notice of the decision will also be published four times in the *Nome Nugget*.

DATES: The time limits for filing an appeal are:

1. Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision shall have until March 3, 2006 to file an appeal.

2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the decision may be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christy Favorite, by phone at (907) 271-5656, or by e-mail at cfavorit@ak.blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunication device (TTD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to contact Ms. Favorite.

Christy Favorite,

Land Law Examiner, Branch of Land Transfer Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee: Nomination Solicitation

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice is a solicitation on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior for nominations to fill a vacancy on the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee. Nominations may be submitted by Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian

organizations, and traditional Native American religious leaders. Nominees must be traditional Native American religious leaders. Appointments are made by the Secretary of the Interior.

DATES: Postmark or hand-delivery deadline: April 3, 2006.

ADDRESSES:

Via U.S. Mail: Address nominations to Designated Federal Officer, Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee, National NAGPRA Program, National Park Service, 1849 C Street NW (2253), Washington, DC 20240. Because increased security in the Washington, DC, area may delay delivery of U.S. Mail to U.S. Government offices, a copy of each mailed nomination should also be faxed to (202) 371-5197.

Via commercial delivery: Address nominations to Designated Federal Officer, Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee, National NAGPRA Program, National Park Service, 1201 Eye Street NW, 8th floor, Washington, DC 20005.

Via hand delivery: Address nominations to Designated Federal Officer, Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee, National Park Service, 1201 Eye Street NW, 8th floor, Washington, DC 20005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. C. Timothy McKeown, Designated Federal Officer, Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee, National NAGPRA Program, 1849 C Street NW (2253), Washington, DC 20240, telephone (202) 354-2202, e-mail tim_mckeown@nps.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Required Nomination Information: Nominations must include the following information. Nominations that do not include all of the following information will be considered nonresponsive to this solicitation.

1. Nominations by Indian tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations: Nominations must be submitted on official tribal or organization letterhead with the nominator's original signature and daytime telephone number. Nominator must be the official authorized by his or her tribe or organization to submit nominations in response to this solicitation. The nomination must include a statement that the nominator is so authorized.

2. Nominations by traditional Native American religious leaders: Nominations must include a statement that the nominator is a traditional Native American religious leader and the nominator's daytime telephone number.

3. Information about nominees: All nominations must include the following information

a. Nominee's name, address, and daytime telephone number (required), and e-mail address (optional).

b. Nominee's resume or brief biography. The resume or biography should emphasize the nominee's NAGPRA experience. Nominations must include a statement by the nominator that the nominee is a traditional Native American religious leader.

General Information

1. The Review Committee was established by the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 (NAGPRA), 25 U.S.C. 3001 *et seq.*

2. The Review Committee is responsible for –

a. monitoring the NAGPRA inventory and identification process;

b. reviewing and making findings related to the identity or cultural affiliation of cultural items, or the return of such items;

c. facilitating the resolution of disputes;

d. compiling an inventory of culturally unidentifiable human remains and developing a process for disposition of such remains;

e. consulting with Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations and museums on matters within the scope of the work of the Review Committee affecting such tribes or organizations;

f. consulting with the Secretary of the Interior in the development of regulations to carry out NAGPRA; and

g. making recommendations regarding future care of repatriated cultural items.

3. Seven members comprise the Review Committee. All members are appointed by the Secretary of the Interior. The Secretary may not appoint Federal officers or employees to the Review Committee.

a. Three members are appointed from nominations by Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations, and traditional Native American religious leaders to represent the interests of Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations, and traditional Native American religions. At least two of these members shall be traditional Native American religious leaders.

b. Three members are appointed from nominations submitted by national museum organizations and scientific organizations to represent the interests of such organizations.

c. One member is appointed from a list of persons proposed by all of the other members to represent the interests of the general public.

4. Appointment terms: Members are appointed for 4-year terms and

incumbent members may be reappointed for 2-year terms.

5. The Review Committee's work is completed during public meetings. The Review Committee normally meets face-to-face two times per year, and each meeting is normally two or three days. The Review Committee may also hold one or more public teleconferences of several hours duration. The next face-to-face Review Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled in Juneau, AK, on May 30–31, 2005.

6. Compensation: Review Committee members are compensated for their participation in Review Committee meetings.

7. Reimbursement: Review Committee members are reimbursed for travel expenses incurred in association with Review Committee meetings.

8. Additional information regarding the Review Committee, including the Review Committee's charter, meeting protocol, and dispute resolution procedures, is available on the National NAGPRA program Website, www.cr.nps.gov/nagpra (click "Review Committee" in the menu on the right).

Definitions of Some Terms Used in this Notice

1. Indian tribe: Any tribe, band, nation, or other organized group or community of Indians, including any Alaska Native village or corporation as defined in, or established pursuant to, the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, which is recognized as eligible for the special programs and Service's provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians [43 CFR 10.2 (b)(2)].

2. Native Hawaiian organization: Any organization that:

a. serves and represents the interests of Native Hawaiians,

b. has as a primary and stated purpose the provision of Service's to Native Hawaiians, and

c. has expertise in Native Hawaiian affairs, and

d. must include the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and Hui Malama I Na Kupuna O Hawai'i Nei. [43 CFR 10.2 (b)(3)].

3. Traditional Native American religious leader: A person who is recognized by members of an Indian tribe or Native Hawaiian organization as being responsible for performing cultural duties relating to the ceremonial or religious traditions of that Indian tribe or Native Hawaiian organization, or exercising a leadership role in an Indian tribe or Native Hawaiian organization based on the tribe's or organization's cultural, ceremonial, or religious practices [43 CFR 10.2 (d)(3)].

Dated: December 19, 2006.

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 Assessment of Suitability and Non-Suitability for Further Study of Lands Within Cape Cod National Seashore for Consideration as Wilderness Areas

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Civil Action No. 03-04 (RMC), *The Wilderness Society v. Gale Norton*, January 10, 2005, and in accordance with National Park Service (NPS) Management Policies 2001 section 6.2.1, the NPS has completed a Wilderness Suitability Assessment to determine if lands within Cape Cod National Seashore meet criteria indicating suitability for designation as wilderness.

The Cape Cod National Seashore assessment found that the lands referenced within the park's General Management Plan as Natural Zones: (1) Are predominantly roadless and undeveloped; (2) are greater than 5,000 acres in size or of sufficient size as to make practicable their preservation and use in an unimpaired condition; and (3) meet the wilderness character criteria listed in section 2(c) of the Wilderness Act, and NPS Management Policies (2001).

The assessment also found that the remaining areas of Cape Cod National Seashore: (1) Are not predominantly roadless and undeveloped; (2) are not greater than 5,000 acres in size or of sufficient size as to make practicable their preservation and use in an unimpaired condition; and (3) do not meet the wilderness character criteria listed in the Wilderness Act and NPS Management Policies (2001).

Based on these findings, the NPS has concluded that the Natural Zones within Cape Cod National Seashore warrant further study for possible inclusion in wilderness.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the Wilderness Suitability Assessment can be obtained by writing to:

Superintendent, Cape Cod National Seashore, 99 Marconi Site Road, Wellfleet, MA 02667.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for further information on this Determination should be directed to: Superintendent, Cape Cod National