

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management****Temporary Road/Area Closures**

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Bakersfield Field Office and Ridgecrest Field Office.

ACTION: Temporary closure of roads/areas within the Piute Fire, Kern County, California.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that certain roads/areas within the Piute Fire perimeter are temporarily closed to motorized vehicles due to a wildland fire. The purpose of this closure is to provide for public and firefighter safety. This action is to decrease the number of private vehicles on the roads/areas within the fire perimeter.

DATES: This closure is effective July 3, 2008 and will remain in effect until further notice.

ADDRESSES: Maps showing the affected areas are available at the Bakersfield Field Office, Ridgecrest Field Office, Jawbone Canyon Visitor's Center, as well as posted at the Piute Fire Incident Command Post.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tim Smith, Field Office Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Bakersfield Field Office, 3801 Pegasus Drive, Bakersfield, California, (661) 391-6005.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This temporary closure is implemented pursuant to 43 CFR 8364.1—Closures and Restriction Orders. The areas/roads affected by this closure are specifically identified as follows: Nichols Peak and Bright Star Wilderness Areas, Cortez Canyon, Dry Canyon, Jawbone Canyon and Lynch Canyon, Piute Mountain Road, Saddle Springs Road, Kelso Valley Road, Goat Ranch Road, Erskine Creek Road and Cook's Peak Road. All areas/roads affected are posted with signs at points of public access using standard vehicle closure signs. The roads are narrow and dirt, and only support one-way traffic so coordination between the firefighting forces is crucial.

This closure order is issued to provide for firefighters and public safety. Exemptions to this closure include vehicles conducting official government business and firefighting equipment.

Penalties: 43 CFR 8360.0-7. Violation of any regulations in this part by a member of the public is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months.

Dated: July 3, 2008.
Tim Smith,
Bakersfield Field Office Manager.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**National Park Service**

Notice of Intent to Repatriate a Cultural Item: U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Intermountain Region, Santa Fe, NM

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. 3005, of the intent to repatriate a cultural item in the possession of the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Intermountain Region, Santa Fe, NM, that meets the definition of "sacred object" under 25 U.S.C. 3001.

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 NAGPRA coordinator, Intermountain Region.

In 1994, the National Park Service assisted the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service with the investigation of a Migratory Bird Treaty Act violation. The evidence included a collection of Native American objects confiscated from the East-West Trading Post in Santa Fe, NM. Preliminary subject matter expert review of the collection indicated that the object was historically significant and potentially subject to NAGPRA. The collection was accessioned in 2002 into the Southwest Regional Office collections, now called the Intermountain Region Office. The cultural item covered in this notice is a constellation set with feathers.

Following adjudication of the case, a detailed assessment of the objects was made by Intermountain Region (IMR) NAGPRA program staff in close collaboration with the IMR Museum Services program staff and in consultation with representatives of potentially affiliated tribes. During consultation, representatives of the Pueblo of Acoma, New Mexico, identified the cultural item as a specific ceremonial object needed by traditional Acoma religious leaders for the practice of a traditional Native American religion by their present-day adherents. Oral

tradition evidence presented by representatives of the Pueblo of Acoma, New Mexico, and the written repatriation request received by the Intermountain Region further articulated the ceremonial significance of the cultural item to the Pueblo of Acoma. Based on anthropological information, court case documentation, oral tradition, museum records, consultation evidence, and expert opinion, there is a cultural affiliation between the Pueblo of Acoma, New Mexico, and the sacred object.

Officials of the Intermountain Region have determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001 (3)(C), the one cultural item described above is a specific ceremonial object needed by traditional Native American religious leaders for the practice of traditional Native American religions by their present-day adherents. Officials of the Intermountain Region also have determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001 (2), there is a relationship of shared group identity that can be reasonably traced between the sacred object and the Pueblo of Acoma, New Mexico.

Representatives of any other Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with the sacred object should contact Dave Ruppert, NAGPRA Coordinator, NPS Intermountain Region 12795 West Alameda Parkway, Lakewood, CO 80228, telephone (303) 969-2879, before August 18, 2008. Repatriation of the sacred object to the Pueblo of Acoma, New Mexico may proceed after that date if no additional claimants come forward.

The Intermountain Region is responsible for notifying the Apache Tribe of Oklahoma; Fort Sill Apache Tribe of Oklahoma; Hopi Tribe of Arizona; Jicarilla Apache Nation, New Mexico; Mescalero Apache Tribe of the Mescalero Reservation, New Mexico; Navajo Nation, Arizona, New Mexico & Utah; Ohkay Owingeh, New Mexico (formerly the Pueblo of San Juan); Pueblo of Acoma, New Mexico; Pueblo of Cochiti, New Mexico; Pueblo of Jemez, New Mexico; Pueblo of Isleta, New Mexico; Pueblo of Laguna, New Mexico; Pueblo of Nambe, New Mexico; Pueblo of Picuris, New Mexico; Pueblo of Pojoaque, New Mexico; Pueblo of San Felipe, New Mexico; Pueblo of San Ildefonso, New Mexico; Pueblo of Sandia, New Mexico; Pueblo of Santa Ana, New Mexico; Pueblo of Santa Clara, New Mexico; Pueblo of Santo Domingo, New Mexico; Pueblo of Taos, New Mexico; Pueblo of Tesuque, New Mexico; Pueblo of Zia, New Mexico; San Carlos Apache Tribe of the San Carlos Reservation, Arizona; Tonto Apache