multiple Nez Perce bands used this site during the salmon fishing season, including the Atskaawiwipu, the Tewepu, the Hasotino, the Nipihama, the Alpowamino and the Matahalo. Additionally, this site is located within the judicially established land area of the Nez Perce Tribe, Idaho.

In 1964, human remains representing, at minimum, two individuals were removed from site 10NP1, an open village site located on the east side of the Snake River near Captain John Creek, in Nez Perce County, ID. Site 10NP1 is located on lands that were to be inundated for the Asotin Dam Reservoir, which was never constructed. While the site is not on Corps property, the Corps has taken responsibility for human remains collected at the site. A Washington State University (WSU) team surveyed and excavated site 10NP1 in 1964, in two test pits. Test Pit 2 contained a single cairn burial with the human remains of two individuals (Burial 1a and 1b). The human remains were removed and transported to WSU, and were transferred to UI in 2000. No known individuals were identified. No associated funerary objects are present in the collection.

According to the 1969 survey report, the Burials 1a and 1b were typical of the late prehistoric period. The burials contained the partial skeletal remains of an adult male and an adult female, both arranged in flexed positions. Each individual was wrapped in tule matting, lay on an east-west axis and faced west toward the Snake River. According to the report, a subsurface cairn containing a hopper mortar had been constructed directly above the burial. In addition, a tubular steatite pipe and three bone awls reportedly were recovered in direct association with the human remains. The location of these artifacts is unknown. The site is in the zone of exploitation of the Nez Perce village of ?ilaqatpa´ ?tpo.

In 1964, human remains representing, at minimum, two individuals were removed from site 10NP27, a burial site located on the east side of the Snake River near Buffalo Draw, in Nez Perce County, ID, near the Nez Perce village area of hetéwissine. Site 10NP27 is located on lands that were to be inundated for the Asotin Dam Reservoir, which was never constructed. While the site is not on Corps property, the Corps has taken responsibility for human remains collected at the site. The site was discovered during an archeological survey and test excavation of the Asotin Dam Reservoir area by a WSU team led by Clay Reed and David G. Rice. The WSU team excavated two test pits in 1964. Test Pit 1 proved to be a false cairn created by the potting of nearby burial. Test Pit 2 uncovered a single burial. The burial was situated in a flexed position, and oriented in an east-west direction, with the skull facing east, away from the Snake River. Fragments of steatite pipe were found scattered near the individual. The human remains were removed and transported to WSU, and were transferred to UI in 2000. No known individuals were identified. No associated funerary objects are present.

Determinations Made by the U.S. Department of Defense, Army Corps of Engineers, Walla Walla District

Officials of the U.S. Department of Defense, Army Corps of Engineers, Walla Walla District, have determined that:

- Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001(9), the human remains described above represent the physical remains of seven individuals of Native American ancestry.
- Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001(3)(A), the 586 objects described 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.
- Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001(2), there is a relationship of shared group identity that can be reasonably traced between the Native American human remains and associated funerary objects and the Nez Perce Tribe, Idaho.

Additional Requestors and Disposition

Representatives of any other Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with the human remains and associated funerary objects should contact the California Department of Parks and Recreation. Repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects to the Indian tribes stated below may occur if no additional claimants come forward.

DATES: Representatives of any Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with the human remains and associated funerary objects should contact the California Department of Parks and Recreation. Repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects to the Indian tribes stated below may occur if no additional claimants come forward.

ADDRESS: Rebecca Carruthers, NAGPRA Coordinator, California Department of Parks and Recreation, 1416 9th Street, Room 902, Sacramento, CA 95814, telephone (916) 533-8893.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 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 and associated funerary objects under the control of the California Department of Parks and Recreation. The human remains and associated funerary objects were removed from ten sites located in northeastern San Diego County, CA.

This notice is published as part of the National Park Service’s administrative responsibilities under NAGPRA, 25 U.S.C. 3001(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 and associated funerary objects. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice.

Consultation

A detailed assessment of the human remains and associated funerary objects was made by the California Department of Parks and Recreation professional staff in consultation with representatives of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians; the Agua Caliente Indian Reservation, California; Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians, California (formerly the Augustine Band of Cahuilla Mission Indians of the Augustine Reservation); Cabazon Band of Mission Indians, California; Cahuilla Band of Mission Indians of the Cahuilla Reservation, California; Los Coyotes Band of Cahuilla and Cupeno Indians, California (formerly the Los Coyotes Band of Cahuilla & Cupeno Indians of the Los Coyotes Reservation); Morongo Band of Mission Indians, California (formerly the Morongo Band of Cahuilla Mission Indians of the Morongo Reservation); Ramona Band of Cahuilla, California (formerly the Ramona Band or Village of Cahuilla Mission Indians of California); Santa Rosa Band of Cahuilla Indians, California (formerly the Santa Rosa Band of Cahuilla Mission Indians of the Santa Rosa Reservation); and Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians, California (formerly the Torres-Martinez Band of Cahuilla Mission Indians of California) (hereafter referred to as “The Tribes”).

History and Description of the Remains

The human remains and associated funerary objects listed in this notice were removed from ten sites located in northeastern San Diego County, CA. The geographical location of these ten sites indicates the human remains were recovered within the historically documented territory of the Cahuilla. The traditional aboriginal territory of the Cahuilla, as defined by anthropologist Lowell John Bean, encompasses a geographically diverse area of mountains, valleys and low desert zones. The southernmost boundary approximately followed a line from just below Borrego Springs to the north end of the Salton Basin and the Chocolate Mountains. The eastern boundary ran along the summit of the San Bernardino Mountains. The northern boundary stood within the San Jacinto Plain near Riverside, while the base of Palomar Mountain formed the western boundary. According to Bean and archeologist William D. Strong, the northern end of Anza Borrego Desert State Park lies within the traditional territory of the Cahuilla and includes the areas of Borrego Palm Canyon, Coyote Canyon, Clark Valley, the Santa Rosa Mountains, Jackass Flat, Rockhouse Canyon and Horse Canyon. In April of 1972, human remains representing, at minimum, two individuals were removed from site CA–SDI–343 (Santa Caterina/Lower Willows) in the Coyote Canyon area of Anza Borrego Desert State Park by archeologist Professor Paul Ezell and archeology students from San Diego State University. No known individuals were identified. No associated funerary objects are present. The age of the human remains is unknown.

At an unknown date in the 1950s, a cremated human bone representing, at minimum, one individual was removed from site CA–SD–98 in the Borrego Palm Canyon area of Anza Borrego Desert State Park by archeologist William Seidel. No known individual was identified. No associated funerary objects are present. The age of the human remains is unknown.

At an unknown date in the 1950s, a cremated human bone representing, at minimum, one individual was removed from site CA–SD–16494 (Horse Camp) in the Coyote Canyon area of Anza Borrego Desert State Park by California State Parks Archaeologist Rae Schwaderer. No known individual was identified. No associated funerary objects are present. The age of the human remains is unknown.

At an unknown date in the 1950s, human bone fragments representing, at minimum, two individuals were removed from an unidentified site located south of the elementary school in Borrego Springs, CA by archeologist William Seidel. No known individual was identified. No associated funerary objects are present. The age of the human remains is unknown.

At an unknown date in the late 1950s or early 1960s, a human bone representing, at minimum, one individual was removed from an unidentified site described as a “sand dune in Clark Dry Lake” approximately seven miles northeast of Borrego Springs, CA by archeologist William Wallace. No known individual was identified. No associated funerary objects are present. The age of the human remains is unknown.

On March 5, 1955, human bones representing, at minimum, two individuals were removed from an unidentified site described as a “sand dune in Clark Dry Lake” in Anza Borrego Desert State Park by Ben McCown. No known individual was identified. The 181 associated funerary objects are 1 lot of burnt shell beads; 1 granite mano fragment; 2 fragments of obsidian shatter; 4 wonderstone flakes; 1 wonderstone cottonwood triangular projectile point; 3 faunal bones; 1 lot of burnt faunal bone; and 168 potsherds. The age of the human remains is unknown; however, the cottonwood triangular projectile suggests a date for both the remains and associated funerary objects in the “Late Period.”

In 1975 and 1978, human remains representing, at minimum, one individual were removed from site CA–SD–98 in the Borrego Palm Canyon area of Anza Borrego Desert State Park by archeologist William Seidel. No known individual was identified. No associated funerary objects are present. The age of the human remains is unknown.
Determinations made by the California Department of Parks and Recreation

Officials of the California Department of Parks and Recreation have determined that:

- Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001(9), the human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of fifteen individuals of Native American ancestry.
- Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001(3)(A), the 254 associated funerary objects 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.
- Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001(2), there is a relationship of shared group identity that can be reasonably traced between the Native American human remains and The Tribes.

Additional Requestors and Disposition

Representatives of any Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with the human remains should contact Rebecca Carruthers, NAGPRA Coordinator, California Department of Parks and Recreation, 1416 9th Street, Room 902, telephone (916) 653–8893, before May 2, 2012. Repatriation of the human remains to The Tribes may proceed after that date if no additional claimants come forward.

The California Department of Parks and Recreation is responsible for notifying The Tribes that this notice has been published.