

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before March 12, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on this information collection request (ICR) can be sent by mail to Phadrea Ponds, NPS Information Collection Clearance Officer (ADIR-ICCO), 13461 Sunrise Valley Drive (MS-244) Reston, VA 20192 (mail); or [phadrea\\_ponds@nps.gov](mailto:phadrea_ponds@nps.gov) (email). Please reference Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Control Number 1024-0233 in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this ICR, contact Gordy Kito, Leasing Program Manager, Commercial Services Division by email at [gordy\\_kito@nps.gov](mailto:gordy_kito@nps.gov); or by telephone at 202-354-2096. Please reference Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Control Number 1024-0233 in the subject line of your comments. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point of contact in the United States.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, (PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), all information collections require approval under the PRA.

As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, we invite the public and other Federal agencies to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following:

(1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether or not the information will have practical utility.

(2) The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

(3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

(4) How might the agency minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of response.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Abstract:** The NPS Leasing Program allows any person or entity to lease buildings and associated property administered by the Secretary of the Interior as part of the National Park System, under the authority of the Director of the NPS. A lease may not authorize an activity that could be authorized by a concessions contract or commercial use authorization. All leases must provide for the payment of fair market value rent. The Director may retain rental payments for park infrastructure needs and, in some cases, to provide administrative support of the leasing program.

The authority to collect information for the Leasing Program is derived from 54 U.S.C. 102101 *et seq.*, 54 U.S.C. 306121, and 36 CFR part 18. For competitive leasing opportunities, the regulations require the submission of proposals or bids by parties interested in applying for a lease. The regulations also require that the Director approve lease amendments, construction or demolition of structures, and encumbrances on leasehold interests.

We collect information from anyone who wishes to submit a bid or proposal to lease a property. The Director may issue a request for bids if the amount of rent is the only criterion for award of a lease. The Director issues a request for proposals when the award of a lease is based on selection criteria other than the rental rate. A request for proposals may be preceded by a request for qualifications to select a "short list" of potential offerors that meet the minimum management, financial, and other qualifications necessary for the submission of a proposal.

We use the information collected to evaluate offers, proposed subleases or assignments, proposed construction or demolition, the merits of proposed lease amendments, and proposed encumbrances. The completion times for each information collection requirement vary substantially depending on the complexity of the leasing opportunity.

**Title of Collection:** National Park Service Leasing Program, 36 CFR part 18.

**OMB Control Number:** 1024-0233.  
**Form Number:** NPS Forms 10-352, 10-353, 10-354, 10-355A and 10-355B.

**Type of Review:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Respondents/Affected Public:** Individuals and businesses seeking to submit a bid or proposal to lease NPS property.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:** 250.

**Estimated Completion Time per Response:** Varies from 4 hours to 45 hours, depending on activity.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:** 1,649.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

**Frequency of Collection:** On occasion.

**Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost:** None.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The authority for this action is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

**Phadrea Ponds,**

*Information Collection Clearance Officer,  
National Park Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**National Park Service**

**[NPS-WASO-NAGPRA-NPS0037229;  
PPWOCRADN0-PCU00RP14.R50000]**

**Notice of Inventory Completion:  
University of Rhode Island, South  
Kingstown, RI**

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the University of Rhode Island, South Kingstown, RI (URI) has completed an inventory of human remains and associated funerary objects and has

determined that there is a cultural affiliation between the human remains and associated funerary objects and Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations in this notice. The human remains and associated funerary objects were removed from Bristol County, RI; Barnstable County, MA; Nantucket County, MA; and Plymouth County, MA.

**DATES:** Repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice may occur on or after February 12, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Kristine M. Bovy, University of Rhode Island, Dept. of Sociology & Anthropology, 508 Chafee Hall, Kingston, RI 02881, telephone (401) 874-4143, email [kbovy@uri.edu](mailto:kbovy@uri.edu) and Fiona Jones, University of Rhode Island, 232 Chafee Hall, Kingston, RI 02881, telephone (860) 338-4288, email [fionaj@uri.edu](mailto:fionaj@uri.edu).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is published as part of the National Park Service's administrative responsibilities under NAGPRA. The determinations in this notice are the sole responsibility of the University of Rhode Island. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice. Additional information on the determinations in this notice, including the results of consultation, can be found in the inventory or related records held by the University of Rhode Island.

### Description

#### *Harding Estates Site (RI-1755)*

Human remains representing, at minimum, one individual were removed from Bristol County, RI. From late 1987 to mid-1988, the Public Archaeology Program (Rhode Island College) conducted Phase I through III survey of the future Harding Estates condominiums in the town of Bristol, RI. This site was designated as RI-1755.

In May of 1988, upon returning for Phase II excavation, the archeologists learned that a human burial had been discovered during bulldozing for an access road. The bulldozing took place in between Phase I and Phase II; archeologists were not present at the time. The access road where the burial was recovered was not within the initial survey region. The Bristol Police and Rhode Island Historic Preservation Commission (RIHPC) were immediately contacted by the archeologists. It was determined that the human remains should be transferred to Dr. Marc Kelley, a professor of biological anthropology at URI for evaluation.

Radiocarbon dating on artifacts found outside of the burial context concluded

the site to date to the transitional Archaic-Woodland period. After inventorying in 2022, it was determined that there is, at minimum, one individual represented. The two associated funerary objects are two shell fragments.

#### *Seneca Road Site (MAS-HA-15)*

Human remains representing, at minimum, one individual were removed from Barnstable County, MA. In May of 1990, the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) excavated the Seneca Road Site (MAS-HA-15) after a burial was disturbed during housing construction. Textiles were recovered from an unmarked grave dating to the 18th or 19th century. The textiles were transferred from the MHC to the University of Rhode Island (URI) for conservation, study, and curation. Hair and cranium fragments of one individual were not initially recognized and inadvertently sent to URI along with the textiles. The 21 associated funerary objects are lots of textile fragments.

#### *Abrams Point II Site (NAN-HA-10)*

In 1992, 11 associated funerary objects were removed from Nantucket County, MA. During the construction of homes in Nantucket County, MA, 20 graves were disturbed. This site was later excavated by the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) and named the Abrams Point II Site (NAN-HA-10). It was determined that the burials most likely dated to the 18th century. One burial contained nine buttons, textiles, and fragments of a woven mat. These associated funerary objects were transferred to the University of Rhode Island for further analysis and preservation. No human remains from this site were transferred to the University of Rhode Island. The 11 associated funerary objects are nine buttons, one lot of woven mat fragments, and one lot of textile fragments.

#### *Santuit Pond Road Site (MSH-HA-4)*

In May of 1988, three associated funerary objects were removed from Barnstable County, MA. During housing construction, the burial of one individual was recovered by the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC). The site was later named the Santuit Pond Road Site (MSH-HA-4). It was determined that the site most likely dated to the 18th or 19th century. The individual recovered was determined to be Native American. Textiles were found within the burial and were sent to URI in 1991 for analysis and preservation. No human remains from

this site were transferred to the University of Rhode Island. The three associated funerary objects are three lots of textile fragments.

#### *Decas Site*

Human remains representing, at minimum, two individuals were removed from Plymouth County, MA. The Decas Site was excavated in Rochester, MA, from 1962 to 1964 by members of the Massachusetts Archaeological Society (MAS). At an unknown time during the excavations, a cremation burial was recovered. A cranium was recovered, and the associated unidentifiable bone fragments and ashes were stored in a box. Subsequently, a member of the MAS gave the human remains to Carol Barnes, a professor of anthropology at Rhode Island College. The box has a label that reads: "Cremation burial Dekas Site, S.E Mass. Gift of Mr. Thomas (C. Barnes) Box 2 252-3-D, Skull also." At this time no excavation reports from the MAS have been located, only short references in MAS annual bulletins. At an unknown time, the human remains were transferred to the University of Rhode Island. After inventorying in 2022, it was determined that there is a minimum of two individuals represented. No associated funerary objects are present.

### Cultural Affiliation

The human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice are connected to one or more identifiable earlier groups, tribes, peoples, or cultures. There is a relationship of shared group identity between the identifiable earlier groups, tribes, peoples, or cultures and one or more Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations. The following types of information were used to reasonably trace the relationship: archeological information, geographical information, historical information, and expert opinion.

### Determinations

Pursuant to NAGPRA and its implementing regulations, and after consultation with the appropriate Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations, the University of Rhode Island has determined that:

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of four individuals of Native American ancestry.
- The 37 objects described in this notice 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.

- There is a relationship of shared group identity that can be reasonably traced between the human remains and associated funerary objects described in this notice and the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah), the only Federally recognized Indian Tribes of the Wampanoag Tribes.

#### Requests for Repatriation

Written requests for repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice must be sent to the Responsible Official identified in **ADDRESSES**. Requests for repatriation may be submitted by:

1. Any one or more of the Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations identified in this notice and, if joined to a request from one or more of the Indian Tribes, Indian groups without Federal recognition that are a part of the Wampanoag Tribes.

2. Any lineal descendant, Indian Tribe, or Native Hawaiian organization not identified in this notice who shows, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the requestor is a lineal descendant or a culturally affiliated Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization.

Repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice to a requestor may occur on or after February 12, 2024. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the University of Rhode Island must determine the most appropriate requestor prior to repatriation. Requests for joint repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects are considered a single request and not competing requests. The University of Rhode Island is responsible for sending a copy of this notice to the Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations identified in this notice.

*Authority:* Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 25 U.S.C. 3003, and the implementing regulations, 43 CFR 10.9, § 10.10, and § 10.14.

Dated: January 5, 2024.

**Melanie O'Brien,**

*Manager, National NAGPRA Program.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

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#### Notice of Inventory Completion Amendment: U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, Anchorage, AK

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice; amendment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office (BLM Alaska) has amended a Notice of Inventory Completion published in the **Federal Register** on May 4, 2010. This notice amends the minimum number of individuals and number of associated funerary objects in a collection removed from Umnak Island, Aleutians West Borough, AK.

**DATES:** Repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice may occur on or after February 12, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Miriam (Nicole) Hayes, Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 W. 7th Avenue, #13, Anchorage, AK 99513, telephone (907) 271-4354, email [mnhayes@blm.gov](mailto:mnhayes@blm.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is published as part of the National Park Service's administrative responsibilities under NAGPRA. The determinations in this notice are the sole responsibility of BLM Alaska. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice. Additional information on the amendments and determinations in this notice, including the results of consultation, can be found in the inventory or related records held by BLM Alaska.

#### Amendment

This notice amends the determinations published in a Notice of Inventory Completion in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 47224, August 13, 2008) and corrected on May 4, 2010 (75 FR 23804-23805). Repatriation of the items in the original and corrected Notices of Inventory Completion has not occurred. Additional human remains and associated funerary objects have been found.

From the Chaluka Site at the Native Village of Nikolski, Ogalodox site, Sandy Beach site, and nearby smaller sites on Umnak Island, Aleutians West Borough, AK, 290 individuals were

removed (previously identified as 222 individuals). The 1,546 associated funerary objects (previously identified as 276 associated funerary objects) include a variety of stone, bone, shell, and ivory items identified as harpoons, scrapers, perforators, abraders, adzes, awls, gravers, reamers, sinkers, labrets, a comb, a necklace, knives, needles, pins, bowls, pestles, spoons, hooks, flakes, and undetermined tool or personal adornment fragments.

#### Determinations (as amended)

Pursuant to NAGPRA and its implementing regulations, and after consultation with the appropriate Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations, the BLM Alaska has determined that:

- The human remains represent the physical remains of 290 individuals of Native American ancestry.
- The 1,546 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.
- There is a relationship of shared group identity that can be reasonably traced between the human remains and associated funerary objects and the Native Village of Nikolski.

#### Requests for Repatriation

Written requests for repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice must be sent to the Responsible Official identified in **ADDRESSES**. Requests for repatriation may be submitted by:

1. Any one or more of the Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations identified in this notice.
2. Any lineal descendant, Indian Tribe, or Native Hawaiian organization not identified in this notice who shows, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the requestor is a lineal descendant or a culturally affiliated Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization.

Repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice to a requestor may occur on or after February 12, 2024. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the BLM Alaska must determine the most appropriate requestor prior to repatriation. Requests for joint repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects are considered a single request and not competing requests. The BLM Alaska is responsible for sending a copy of this notice to the Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations identified in this notice.

*Authority:* Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 25