DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Intended Repatriation: Museum of Us, San Diego, CA

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the Museum of Us intends to repatriate certain cultural items that meet the definition of objects of cultural patrimony and that have a cultural affiliation with the Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations in this notice.

DATES: Repatriation of the cultural items in this notice may occur on or after August 19, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Carmen Mosley, NAGPRA Repatriation Manager, Museum of Us, 1350 El Prado, Balboa Park, San Diego, CA 92101, telephone (619) 239–2001 Ext. 42, email cmosley@museumofus.org.

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 Museum of Us, and additional information on the determinations in this notice, including the results of consultation, can be found in the summary or related records. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice.

Abstract of Information Available

A total of 176 cultural items from five sites have been requested for repatriation. One object of cultural patrimony removed from Flint Mound (CV–27; CA–SAC–115) in lower Sacramento, Sacramento County, CA, includes one baked clay effigy. One object of cultural patrimony removed from Tamien Village Site (CV–21) in northern Sacramento, Sacramento County, CA, includes one string of stone disc beads. The 13 objects of cultural patrimony removed from Easter Mound (CV–23) near Elk Grove, Sacramento, Sacramento County, CA, includes one small set of disc beads, one set of Olivella beads, five Haliotis ornaments, one set of small miscellaneous ornaments, one bone button, and four miscellaneous stone pieces. The 159 objects of cultural patrimony removed from Jacobs Mound (CV–27) in Sacramento County, CA, include 159 clam shell disc bead blanks. The two objects of cultural patrimony from Jimeno Mound (CV–29) near Grand Island, Sacramento County, CA, include one string of clam shell disc beads, and one lot of loose glass trade beads.

Between 1930 and 1936, the 176 objects of cultural patrimony were removed by Henry Gibbs, a private collector and looter. In 1937, Paul A. Walker purchased Gibbs’ Central Valley, California archeological collection. Walker was an amateur archeologist and collector who worked by himself and with other amateur archeologists, and in collaboration with the University of California and Sacramento Junior College. Over the course of his life, Walker amassed an extensive archeological collection from California’s Central Valley and smaller collections from Northern and Southern California, and outside of California. In 1968, Walker’s private archeological collection was acquired by the San Diego Museum of Man (now Museum of Us) through a purchase/donation transaction with Walker’s widow, Bessie B. Walker.

Determinations

The Museum of Us has determined that:

- The 176 objects of cultural patrimony described in this notice have ongoing historical, traditional, or cultural importance central to the Native American group, including any constituent sub-group (such as a band, clan, lineage, ceremonial society, or other subdivision), according to the Native American traditional knowledge of an Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization.
- There is a reasonable connection between the cultural items described in this notice and the Wilton Rancheria, California.

Requests for Repatriation

Additional, written requests for repatriation of the cultural items in this notice must be sent to the authorized representative identified in this notice under ADDRESSES. Requests for repatriation may be submitted by any representative identified in this notice and the Wilton Rancheria, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kirk A. Cordell, via telephone (318) 356–7444. 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: Established within the Department of the Interior, the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training (Center) is located at Northwestern State University of Louisiana in Natchitoches, Louisiana. Title IV, section 404 of Public Law 102–575, October 30, 1992,
established the Board to provide advice and professional oversight to the Secretary of the Interior and the Center regarding the activities of the Center and to submit an annual report to the President and the Congress.

The Board is comprised of 13 members appointed for 4-year terms, as follows: (a) one member serving as the Secretary’s designee; (b) six members who represent appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, State and local historic preservation commissions, and other public and international organizations; and (c) six members on the basis of outstanding professional qualifications who represent major organizations in the fields of archeology, architecture, conservation, curation, engineering, history, historic preservation, landscape architecture, planning, or preservation education.

We are currently seeking members in categories (b) and (c). Nominations should be typed and should include a resume providing an adequate description of the nominee’s qualifications, including information that would enable the Department of the Interior to make an informed decision regarding meeting the membership requirements of the Board and permit the Department to contact a potential member. All documentation, including letters of recommendation, must be compiled and submitted in one complete package. All those interested in membership, including current members whose terms are expiring, must follow the nomination process. Members may not appoint deputies or alternates.

Members of the Board serve without compensation. However, while away from their homes or regular places of business in the performance of services for the Board as approved by the NPS, members may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in Government service are allowed such expenses under 5 U.S.C. 5703.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. ch. 10.

Alma Ripps,
Chief, Office of Policy.

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Notice of Inventory Completion: Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Jefferson City, MO

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MoDNR) has completed an inventory of human remains and has determined that there is a cultural affiliation between the human remains and Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations in this notice.

DATES: Repatriation of the human remains in this notice may occur on or after August 19, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Caroline Crecelius, Repatriation Coordinator, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, 1659 E. Elm Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101, telephone (573) 526-4249, email Caroline.Crecelius@dnr.mo.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 the MoDNR, and additional information on the determinations in this notice, including the results of consultation, can be found in the inventory or related records. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice.

Abstract of Information Available

Based on the information available, human remains representing, at least, one individual have been reasonably identified. The inventory includes one partial human skull, representing one individual. The skull was discovered in a sand bar in a bend on the Missouri River in Sibley, Missouri, located in Ray County. The location of the discovery is across the river from Fort Osage National Historic Monument. Following examination on site by local law enforcement and medical examination staff, the Ray County coroner reached out to The Osage Nation to consult. The Osage Nation reached out to the MoDNR’s repatriation coordinator about the case and, following consultation, the MoDNR took control of the remains from Ray County.

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Cultural Affiliation

Based on the information available and the results of consultation, cultural affiliation is reasonably identified by the geographical location of the human remains.

Determinations

The MoDNR has determined that:
• The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of one individual of Native American ancestry.
• There is a reasonable connection between the human remains described in this notice and The Osage Nation.

Requests for Repatriation

Written requests for repatriation of the human remains in this notice must be sent to the authorized representative identified in this notice under:

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 in this notice to a requestor may occur on or after August 19, 2024. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the MoDNR must determine the most appropriate requestor prior to repatriation. Requests for joint repatriation of the human remains are considered a single request and not competing requests. The MoDNR is responsible for sending a copy of this notice to the Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations identified in this notice.


Dated: July 10, 2024.

Melanie O’Brien,
Manager, National NAGPRA Program.

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