

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****National Park Service**

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**Notice of Inventory Completion: University of Florida, Florida Museum of Natural History, Gainesville, FL**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the University of Florida, Florida Museum of Natural History (FLMNH), 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 September 22, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written requests for repatriation of the human remains in this notice to Megan Fry, University of Florida, Florida Museum of Natural History, 1659 Museum Road, Gainesville, FL 32611, email [NagpraOffice@floridamuseum.ufl.edu](mailto:NagpraOffice@floridamuseum.ufl.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 FLMNH, and additional information on the determinations in this notice, including the results of consultation, can be found in its inventory or related records. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice.

**Abstract of Information Available**

Brothers Site (8SO31) is a shell midden first discovered in 1973 when it was partially destroyed by dredging the canal adjacent to the Myakka River. A surface collection was conducted in 1975 by W.A. Cockrell. The two Ancestors found were turned over to Col. William Royal, who subsequently deposited them with the State Division of Archives. The collection is associated with various accessions (2003-10, 12, 13, 14) that went to Arizona State University (ASU) from other institutions across the state of Florida. This collection had ties to the Florida Bureau of Archaeological Research, but all parties concerned agreed to transfer all these collections to the Florida Museum of Natural History in 2003. There are no associated funerary objects.

**Cultural Affiliation**

Based on the information available and the results of consultation, cultural affiliation is clearly identified by the information available about the human remains described in this notice.

**Determinations**

The FLMNH has determined that:

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of two individuals of Native American ancestry.
- There is a connection between the human remains described in this notice and the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians and the Seminole Tribe of Florida.

**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 an Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization with cultural affiliation.

Repatriation of the human remains described in this notice to a requestor may occur on or after September 22, 2025. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the FLMNH 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 FLMNH 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 10.10.

Dated: August 13, 2025.

**Melanie O'Brien,**

*Manager, National NAGPRA Program.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****National Park Service**

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**Notice of Intended Disposition: U.S. Department of the Air Force, Vandenberg Space Force Base, Santa Barbara County, CA**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the U.S. Department of the Air Force (DAF), Vandenberg Space Force Base (SFB) intends to carry out the disposition of human remains and associated funerary objects removed from Federal land to the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the Santa Ynez Reservation, California (SYBCI) who has priority for disposition in this notice.

**DATES:** Disposition of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice may occur on or after September 22, 2025. If no claim for disposition is received by August 24, 2026, the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice will become unclaimed human remains and associated funerary objects.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written claims for disposition of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice to Josh Smallwood, Vandenberg Space Force Base Cultural Resources, Installation Tribal Liaison Officer/Cultural Resources Manager, SLD 30 CES/CEIEA, 1028 Iceland Avenue, Building 11146, Vandenberg Space Force Base, CA 93437-6010 email [stacy.smallwood.1@spaceforce.mil](mailto:stacy.smallwood.1@spaceforce.mil).

**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 DAF, and additional information on the cultural items in this notice, including the results of consultation, can be found in the related records. The National Park Service is not responsible for the identifications in this notice.

**Abstract of Information Available**

On January 20, 2023, the DAF, in cooperation with Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR), conducted emergency data recovery excavations at archaeological site CA-SBA-530 in response to the presidentially declared severe winter storm disaster in Santa Barbara County which undermined the footings of the

UPRR's Honda Trestle. Excavations were conducted pursuant to the provisions for emergency situations at 36 CFR 800.12(b)(2). In consultation with the federally recognized SYBCI, the entire artifact collection recovered during excavations will be repatriated due to the presence of human remains in all three units of the L-shaped block excavation. In addition to those items, the collection includes shell beads, lithic and ground stone tools, and faunal remains that, based on traditional knowledge, could reasonably be considered associated funerary items under NAGPRA.

Based on the information available, human remains representing at least one individual has been reasonably identified. A total of 5,098 associated funerary objects were identified in the three excavation units which had human remains, including flaked and ground stone tools, debitage, shell beads and ornaments, ground and polished stone, and faunal remains. No unassociated funerary objects, objects of cultural patrimony, or sacred objects are present.

#### Determinations

The DAF has determined that:

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of at least one individual of Native American ancestry.
- The 5,098 objects described in this notice are reasonably believed to have been placed intentionally with or near individual human remains at the time of death or later as part of the death rite or ceremony.
- The Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the Santa Ynez Reservation, California has priority for disposition of the human remains and associated funerary objects described in this notice.

#### Claims for Disposition

Written claims for disposition of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice must be sent to the appropriate official identified in this notice under **ADDRESSES**. If no claim for disposition is received by August 24, 2026, the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice will become unclaimed human remains and associated funerary objects. Claims for disposition may be submitted by:

1. Any lineal descendant, Indian Tribe, or Native Hawaiian organization 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 they have priority for disposition.

Disposition of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice may occur on or after September 22, 2025. If competing claims for disposition are received, the DAF Vandenberg SFB must determine the most appropriate claimant prior to disposition. Requests for joint disposition of the human remains and associated funerary objects are considered a single request and not competing requests. The DAF Vandenberg SFB is responsible for sending a copy of this notice to the lineal descendants, Indian Tribes, and Native Hawaiian organizations identified in this notice and to any other consulting parties.

*Authority:* Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 25 U.S.C. 3002, and the implementing regulations, 43 CFR 10.7.

Dated: August 13, 2025.

**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: Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka, KS

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the Kansas State Historical Society (KSHS) 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.

**DATES:** Repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice may occur on or after September 22, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written requests for repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice to Dr. Nicole Klarmann, Kansas State Historical Society, 6425 SW 6th Avenue, Topeka, KS 66615-1099, email [kshs.nagpra@ks.gov](mailto:kshs.nagpra@ks.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 KSHS, and additional information on the determinations in this notice, including the results of consultation, can be found in its inventory or related records. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice.

#### Abstract of Information Available

The 10 associated funerary objects from site 14SD350 in Sheridan County, KS (UBS 1990-27) are jasper flakes, animal bone fragments, mollusks, and a mulling stone. The human remains from this site were previously repatriated to Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma in 2000 and should have included the associated funerary objects. This burial was excavated by KSHS in 1978 from a stream terrace along the South Fork Solomon River.

Human remains representing, at least, two individuals have been identified from an unknown location presumably in Nebraska (UBS 2005-14). No associated funerary objects are present. The Kansas UBS (Unmarked Burial Sites) board voted to consider these remains as subject to NAGPRA jurisdiction. No other provenience information is available.

To our knowledge, no hazardous substances were used to treat any of the human remains or associated funerary objects.

#### Cultural Affiliation

Based on the information available and the results of consultation, cultural affiliation is reasonably identified by the geographical location or acquisition history of the human remains and associated funerary objects described in this notice.

#### Determinations

The KSHS has determined that:

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of two individuals of Native American ancestry.
- The 10 objects described in this notice are reasonably believed to have been placed intentionally with or near individual human remains at the time of death or later as part of the death rite or ceremony.
- There is a connection between the human remains and associated funerary objects described in this notice and the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma.

#### Requests for Repatriation

Written requests for repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice must be sent to the authorized representative identified in