

Federal Coal Leasing Amendments Act of 1976, and the Department of the Interior's regulations, all interested, qualified parties are hereby invited to participate with Blue Mountain Energy, Inc., on a pro rata cost-sharing basis, in this program for the exploration of coal deposits owned by the United States of America in Rio Blanco County, Colorado.

**DATES:** Blue Mountain Energy, Inc. published the notice of invitation to participate in this coal exploration license once each week for 2 consecutive weeks in the *Rio Blanco Herald Times*, on September 18, 2025, and September 25, 2025. With this notice, any party seeking to participate in this exploration program is notified that they must send written notice to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Blue Mountain Energy, Inc., as provided in the **ADDRESSES** section below, no later than January 16, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** The BLM Colorado State Office, Leasable Minerals Program, has copies of the exploration license application and plan (serialized as COCO106747627) available for public review at the Denver Federal Center, Building 40, Lakewood, CO 80215. These documents may be reviewed Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays. Requests to review the materials should be directed to the Leasable Minerals Program via email at [BLM\\_COSO\\_COAL\\_NEL@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_COSO_COAL_NEL@blm.gov). Any party seeking to participate in this exploration program must send written notice to the Leasable Mineral Program at [BLM\\_COSO\\_COAL\\_NEL@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_COSO_COAL_NEL@blm.gov), and to Joel Riggins, Blue Mountain Energy, Inc., c/o Deserado Mine, 3607 County Road 65, Rangely, Colorado 81648.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brad Stock, telephone: (307) 261-7671; email: [bstock@blm.gov](mailto:bstock@blm.gov). Individuals in the United States who are deaf, blind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services for contacting the Leasable Minerals team. 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:** Blue Mountain Energy, Inc. has applied to the BLM for a 2-year coal exploration license on public lands located adjacent to the existing Deserado Coal Mine near Rangely, Colorado. Coal exploration on lands not contained in a Federal coal lease is authorized under the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended. This

provides the public with a methodology to gain additional geologic information of the coal underlying the exploration area to determine the viability of the coal resources. The BLM regulations at 43 CFR 3410.2 require the publication of an invitation for interested parties to participate in the coal exploration in the **Federal Register**. The BLM may require a modification to the exploration plan to accommodate the legitimate exploration needs of persons seeking to participate. The proposed exploration area includes the following described lands in Rio Blanco County, Colorado:

#### Sixth Principal Meridian

T2N, R100 W, 6th P.M.

Sec. 6, Lots 9, 10, 11, 12, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

T2N, R101 W, 6th P.M.

Sec. 1, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

T3N, R100 W, 6th P.M.

Sec. 19, Lot 8;

Sec. 30, All;

Sec. 31, Lots 5, 6, 7, 8, E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ , and W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ .

T3N, R101 W, 6th P.M.

Sec. 23, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 24, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 25, N $\frac{1}{2}$ ;

Sec. 36, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The described lands consist of 1,991 acres, more or less, according to the official plat of the survey on file with the BLM. The proposed exploration program is fully described in an exploration plan that Blue Mountain Energy, Inc., has submitted to the BLM for approval, which is available for review upon request as stated above.

(Authority: 43 CFR 3410.2-1(c)(1))

**Douglas Vilsack,**

*BLM Colorado State Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

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#### Notice of Intended Repatriation: Ball State University, Muncie, IN

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the Ball State University intends to repatriate a certain cultural item that meets the definition of an object of cultural patrimony and that has a cultural affiliation with the Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations in this notice.

**DATES:** Repatriation of the cultural item in this notice may occur on or after January 16, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Send additional, written requests for repatriation of the cultural item in this notice to Chyan Gilaspy, Ball State University, Applied Anthropology Laboratories, 2000 W Riverside Avenue, Muncie, IN 47306, email [NAGPRA@bsu.edu](mailto:NAGPRA@bsu.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 Ball State University 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 one cultural item has been requested for repatriation. The one object of cultural patrimony is a beaded girl's dress. In 2018, the dress was bequeathed to BSU by a private donor who purchased the item in 1979 in South Dakota. A non-BSU tag found on the dress states, "Girl's Dress, Shoshone Tribe, Idaho, 1960". There are no institutional records indicating the use of potentially hazardous substances used to treat this cultural item, however, requested XRF testing was positive for potentially hazardous substances.

#### Determinations

The Ball State University has determined that:

- The one object 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 connection between the cultural item described in this notice and the Paiute-Shoshone Tribe of the Fallon Reservation and Colony, Nevada.

#### Requests for Repatriation

Additional, written requests for repatriation of the cultural item in this notice must be sent to the authorized representative identified in this notice under **ADDRESSES**. Requests for repatriation may be submitted by 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 cultural item in this notice to a requestor may occur on or after January 16, 2026. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the Ball State University must determine the most appropriate requestor prior to repatriation. Requests for joint repatriation of the cultural item are considered a single request and not competing requests. The Ball State University is responsible for sending a copy of this notice to the 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. 3004 and the implementing regulations, 43 CFR 10.9.

Dated: November 24, 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: California Department of Transportation, San Diego, CA

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) 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 January 16, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written requests for repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice to Natalia Galeana, California Department of Transportation District 11, 4050 Taylor Street, San Diego, CA 92110, email [natalia.galeana@dot.ca.gov](mailto:natalia.galeana@dot.ca.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 Caltrans, 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

Human remains representing, at least, two individuals have been identified. Associated funerary objects have been identified totaling of 25 lots representing two lots of shell (worked and unworked), two lots of ground stone, two lots of chipped stone, two lots of non-human faunal remains worked, one lot of non-human faunal remains worked, two lots of vegetal samples, one lot of mineral samples, two lots of soil samples, one lot of charcoal samples, two lots of unworked stone, one lot of fire affected rock, two lots of ceramics, two lots of historic items and two lots of post-contact items. This shall also include any objects currently listed as missing but found at a later date; or uncatalogued objects found at a later date belonging to these collections.

One ancestor and 15 lots consisting of 3,865 of cultural items were removed from CA–SDI–777, which is located in Cottonwood Creek, within Pine Valley, San Diego County, California. The collection is a result of a 1997 excavation report for a highway widening project and was accessioned at SDSU under Caltrans control as SDSU–0390. Catalog entries included in this notice have been identified as missing, and Caltrans and San Diego State University (SDSU) continue to look for them.

One ancestor and 10 lots consisting of 11,000 of cultural items were removed from CA–SDI–4513, which is located between Interstate 5 and Sorrento Valley Road in, San Diego County, California. The collection is a result of a 1986 excavation report for a highway project and was accessioned at SDSU under Caltrans control as SDSU–0318. Catalog entries included in this notice have been identified as missing, and Caltrans and San Diego State University (SDSU) continue to look for them.

There are no known/documented potentially hazardous substances used to treat any of the cultural items.

### 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 and associated funerary objects described in this notice.

### Determinations

The Caltrans has determined that:

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of two individuals of Native American ancestry.
- The 25 lots 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 Capitan Grande Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of California (Barona Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians of the Barona Reservation, California; Viejas (Baron Long) Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians of the Viejas Reservation, California; Ewiiapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians, California; Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel, California; Inaja Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of the Inaja and Cosmit Reservation, California; Jamul Indian Village of California; La Posta Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of the La Posta Indian Reservation, California; Manzanita Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of the Manzanita Reservation, California; Mesa Grande Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of the Mesa Grande Reservation, California; San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of California; and the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation.

### 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 this notice under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. 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 and associated funerary objects described in this notice to a requestor may occur on or after January 16, 2026. If competing requests for repatriation are received, Caltrans must determine