

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management****[F-19558-A; AK-965-1410-KC-P]****Alaska Native Claims Selection****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of decision approving lands for conveyance.

**SUMMARY:** As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an appealable decision approving lands for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act will be issued to Chinuruk Incorporated. The lands are in the vicinity of Umkumiute, Alaska, and are located in:

**Seward Meridian, Alaska**

T. 6 N., R. 89 W.,

Secs. 1 and 2;

Secs. 11 to 15, inclusive;

Sec. 22.

Containing approximately 5,120 acres.

T. 7 N., R. 89 W.,

Sec. 36.

Containing approximately 640 acres.

T. 3 N., R. 90 W.,

Secs. 1, 2, and 12.

Containing approximately 1,609 acres.

Total aggregate of approximately 7,369 acres.

A portion of the subsurface estate in these lands will be conveyed to Calista Corporation when the surface estate is conveyed to Chinuruk Incorporated. The remaining lands lie within Clarence Rhode National Wildlife Range, established January 20, 1969. The subsurface estate in the refuge lands will be reserved to the United States at the time of conveyance. Notice of the decision will also be published four times in the Tundra Drums.

**DATES:** The time limits for filing an appeal are:

1. Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision shall have until November 20, 2008 to file an appeal.

2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the decision may be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7504.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Bureau of Land Management by phone at 907-271-5960, or by e-mail at [ak.blm.conveyance@ak.blm.gov](mailto:ak.blm.conveyance@ak.blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunication device

(TTD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to contact the Bureau of Land Management.

**Robert Childers,***Land Law Examiner, Land Transfer Adjudication II.*

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**BILLING CODE 4310-JA-P****DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management****[CA-610-07-1990-AL]****Extension of Call for Nominations for the Bureau of Land Management's California Desert District Advisory Council****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.**ACTION:** Extension of call for nominations for the Bureau of Land Management's California Desert District Advisory Council.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management's California Desert District announces an extension of call for nominations from the public for five members of its Desert District Advisory Council to serve the 2009-2011 three-year term.

The five positions to be filled include:

- One renewable resources representative
- One elected official
- One transportation/Rights-of-Way
- One renewable energy interests
- One public-at-large

**DATES:** Nominations will be accepted through Monday, December 1, 2008. The three-year term would begin January 1, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Nominations should be sent to the District Manager, Bureau of Land Management, California Desert District Office, 22835 Calle San Juan De Los Lagos, Moreno Valley, California 92553.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Briery, BLM California Desert District External Affairs (951) 697-5220.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The BLM published notice in the **Federal Register** on September 28, 2008 calling for nominations to the California Desert District Advisory Council to serve the 2009-11 three-year term for the five positions listed above. The closing date for submissions was listed as October 30, 2008.

Nominations must include the name of the nominee; work and home addresses and telephone numbers; a

biographical sketch that includes the nominee's work and public service record; any applicable outside interests or other information that demonstrates the nominee's qualifications for the position; and the specific category of interest in which the nominee is best qualified to offer advice and council. Nominees may contact the BLM California Desert District External Affairs staff at (951) 697-5217 or write to the address below and request a copy of the nomination form.

All nominations must be accompanied by letters of reference from represented interests, organizations, or elected officials supporting the nomination. Individuals nominating themselves must provide at least one letter of recommendation. Advisory Council members are appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, generally in late January or early February.

Dated: October 6, 2008.

**Steven J. Borchard,***District Manager.*

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**BILLING CODE 4310-40-P****DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****National Park Service****Notice of Intent to Repatriate Cultural Items: U.S. Department of Defense, Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District, Portland, OR and University of Oregon Museum of Natural and Cultural History, Eugene, OR****AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice.

Notice is here given in accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), 25 U.S.C. 3005, of the intent to repatriate cultural items, for which the University of Oregon Museum of Natural and Cultural History, Eugene, OR, and U.S. Department of Defense, Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District, Portland, OR, have joint responsibility, that meet the definition of "unassociated funerary objects" under 25 U.S.C. 3001.

This notice is published as part of the National Park Service's administrative responsibilities under NAGPRA, 25 U.S.C. 3003 (d)(3). The determinations in this notice are the sole responsibility of the museum, institution, or Federal agency that has control of the cultural items. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice.

In 1959, cultural items were removed from site 45–KL–18, also known as the Fountain Bar Site, Klickitat County, WA, during excavations conducted by the University of Oregon prior to construction of the John Day Dam. The cultural items were accessioned by the University of Oregon Museum in 1959. The 85 unassociated funerary objects are 2 projectile point fragments, 2 knife fragments, 2 preforms, 2 biface/uniface tools, 1 biface, 5 biface fragments, 8 unifactes, 2 scrapers, 1 graver, 3 hammerstones, 6 flaked cobbles, 32 unmodified flakes, 6 dentalia, 4 steatite beads, 3 oval blue glass beads, 1 blue faceted glass bead, 2 other beads, 2 strings of shell beads, and 1 vial of shell beads.

Some of the objects are listed as having been recovered from a designated “burial area” without reference to specific burials, while association of others with specific burials cannot be verified because of incomplete documentation, but are reasonably believed to be unassociated funerary objects. Site 45–KL–18 extends from the mouth of Rock Creek for more than 2 miles eastward along the now-inundated, north side shoreline of the Columbia River. The site is described as a severely-looted, vandalized and eroded lithic scatter and cemetery. Although no dates of occupation were obtained by the researchers, the burials and associated and unassociated funerary objects were characterized as prehistoric. The site burial pattern is consistent with customs of Columbia Plateau Native American groups. Excavation and museum documentation indicate that the cultural items are consistent with cultural items typically found in context with burials characteristic of the Mid-Columbia River Basin.

Oral histories and published ethnographic documentation indicate that site 45–KL–18 is located within the traditional territory of Sahaptin-speaking groups represented by the present-day Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon and Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, Washington. Per the 1855 Treaty with the Tribes of Middle Oregon, the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon signers were comprised of three Chinookan-speaking Wasco bands and four Sahaptin-speaking Warm Springs bands. The Uto-Aztecian-speaking Northern Paiutes, also part of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, joined the confederation in the 1870s. The Wasco and Warm Springs bands traditionally occupied the south shore

of the Columbia River and its tributaries from Cascade Locks to just east of the present-day city of Arlington, OR. The 14 Sahaptin, Salish and Chinookan-speaking tribes and bands of the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, Washington traditionally lived on the Washington side of the Columbia River between the eastern flanks of the Cascade Range and the lower reaches of the Yakima River drainage.

Officials of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District have determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001 (3)(B), the 85 cultural items 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 and are believed, by preponderance of the evidence, to have been removed from a specific burial site of a Native American individual. Officials of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District have also determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001 (2), there is a relationship of shared group identity that can be reasonably traced between the unassociated funerary objects and the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon and/or Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, Washington.

Representatives of any other Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with the unassociated funerary objects should contact Daniel Mulligan, NAGPRA Coordinator, Environmental Resources Branch, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District, P.O. Box 2946, Portland, OR 97208–2946, telephone (503) 808–4768, before November 20, 2008. Repatriation of the unassociated funerary objects to the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon and/or the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, Washington may proceed after that date if no additional claimants come forward.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District is responsible for notifying the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon and Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, Washington that this notice has been published.

Dated: September 10, 2008.

**Sherry Hutt,**

*Manager, National NAGPRA Program.*

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In 1952, cultural items were removed from site 35–WS–5, Wasco County, OR, during the River Basin Survey Party excavations conducted prior to construction of The Dalles Dam. The cultural items were later accessioned by the University of Oregon Museum (Museum Catalog No. 1–22725 to 1–22731). The seven unassociated funerary objects are one pipe fragment, one stone bead, one scraper, one drill fragment, one worked pebble, one unidentified “fragment,” and one lot of glass beads.

According to the project report authored by J.L. Shiner, the objects were not considered grave goods nor evidence of burials, inhumations and/or cremations. However, museum catalog records list the artifacts as being associated with a “surface cremation site;” subsequent excavations conducted in 1954 and 1961 revealed that burials and human remains were also present. More-specific provenience information for the cultural items has not been determined because the original project field notes are unavailable for review. Based on museum records and subsequent excavations, the cultural items are reasonably believed to be unassociated funerary objects.