

The plat, in four sheets, representing the dependent resurvey and survey in Township 5 South, Range 13 West, of the Indian Meridian, accepted September 24, 2009, for Group 80 OK.

The plat, in three sheets, representing the dependent resurvey and survey, in Township 5 South, Range 15 West, of the Indian Meridian, accepted September 24, 2009, for Group 82 OK.

The plat, in two sheets, representing the dependent resurvey and survey, in Township 24 North, Range 2 East, of the Indian Meridian, accepted November 19, 2009, for Group 159 OK.

If a protest against a survey, as shown on any of the above plats is received prior to the date of official filing, the filing will be stayed pending consideration of the protest. A plat will not be officially filed until the day after all protests have been dismissed and become final or appeals from the dismissal affirmed.

A person or party who wishes to protest against any of these surveys must file a written protest with the New Mexico State Director, Bureau of Land Management, stating that they wish to protest.

A statement of reasons for a protest may be filed with the notice of protest to the State Director, or the statement of reasons must be filed with the State Director within thirty (30) days after the protest is filed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

These plats will be available for inspection in the New Mexico State Office, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 27115, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-0115. Copies may be obtained from this office upon payment. Contact Marcella Montoya at 505-438-7537, or Marcella_Montoya@nm.blm.gov, for assistance.

Stephen W. Beyerlein,

Acting, Chief, Branch of Cadastral, Survey/GeoSciences.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Intent To Prepare a Resource Management Plan for the Uncompahgre Field Office and Associated Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Uncompahgre Field Office (UFO), Montrose, Colorado intends to prepare a Resource Management Plan (RMP) with an associated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the UFO and by this notice is announcing the beginning of the scoping process to solicit public comments and identify issues. The RMP will replace the existing 1985 San Juan/San Miguel RMP and the 1989 Uncompahgre Basin RMP.

DATES: This notice initiates the public scoping process for the RMP and the associated EIS. Comments on issues and planning criteria may be submitted in writing until March 29, 2010

Scoping meetings were held recently in the following locations:

Hotchkiss, CO, January 12, 2010.

Delta, CO, January 13, 2010.

Montrose, CO, January 14, 2010.

Ridgway, CO, January 19, 2010.

Norwood, CO, January 20, 2010.

Naturita, CO, January 21, 2010.

Telluride, CO, February 3, 2010.

The dates and locations of all scoping meetings were announced 15 days in advance through local media, a newsletter and the BLM Web site at: http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/ufo/uncompahgre_rmp.html. Comments received during scoping meetings held in January and February, 2010 will be incorporated in the record and considered by the BLM. In order to be included in the Draft EIS, all comments must be received prior to the close of the 30-day scoping period. The BLM will provide additional opportunities for public participation upon publication of the Draft EIS.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria by any of the following methods:

- *Web site:* http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/ufo/uncompahgre_rmp.html.

- *E-mail:* ufomp@blm.gov.

- *Fax:* (970) 240-5367.

- *Mail:* BLM Uncompahgre Field Office, RMP Project Manager, 2465 S. Townsend Ave., Montrose, Colorado 81401.

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the UFO during regular business hours (from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information and/or to have your name added to our mailing list, contact Bruce Krickbaum, RMP Project Manager, telephone (970) 240-5300;

address BLM Uncompahgre Field Office 2465 South Townsend Ave, Montrose, Colorado 81401; e-mail ufomp@blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document: provides notice that the BLM UFO, Montrose, Colorado, intends to prepare an RMP with an associated EIS for the UFO; announces the beginning of the scoping process; and seeks public input on issues and planning criteria. The planning area is located in Delta, Gunnison, Mesa, Montrose, Ouray and San Miguel counties, Colorado, encompasses approximately 675,677 acres of public land, and excludes the Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area and the Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area, which are managed under separate RMPs.

The purpose of the public scoping process is to determine relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis, including alternatives, and guide the planning process. Preliminary issues for the planning area have been identified by BLM personnel, Federal, State, and local agencies, and other stakeholders. The issues include:

- Managing vegetative and water resources, terrestrial and aquatic habitat and special management areas, while sustaining biological diversity and native species populations;
- Managing mineral, renewable and nonrenewable energy resources;
- Managing increasing numbers and types of human activities and uses;
- Managing land tenure adjustments, withdrawals and utility/energy corridors;
- Managing and protecting cultural, historical and paleontological resources and Native American religious concerns; and
- Managing public lands and resources, including authorized and permitted land uses, for a growing population and expanding urban interface, with consideration for community values and needs.

Preliminary planning criteria include:

- Compliance with the FLPMA, the NEPA and other applicable laws and regulations.

- Incorporation of the Colorado BLM Standards for Public Land Health.

- Continued management of Wilderness Study Areas under the Interim Management Policy for Lands under Wilderness Review until Congress acts on a designation or releases lands from consideration.

- Decisions will be made that affect all BLM lands, including the subsurface mineral estate, within the planning area.
- Recognition of valid existing rights.

- Inclusion of adaptive management criteria to deal with future issues.

Public participation will be encouraged throughout the process. The BLM will collaborate and build relationships with tribes, State and local governments, Federal agencies, local stakeholders and others within the community of interest for the RMP.

You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria in writing to the BLM at any public scoping meeting, or you may submit them to the BLM using one of the methods listed in the ADDRESSES section above. To be most helpful, you should submit comments within the 30-day scoping period. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail 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. The BLM will evaluate identified issues to be addressed in the plan and place them into one of three categories:

1. Issues to be resolved in the plan;
2. Issues to be resolved through policy or administrative action; or
3. Issues beyond the scope of this plan.

The BLM will provide an explanation in the Draft RMP/EIS regarding why an issue was placed in category two or three. The public is also encouraged to help identify any management questions and concerns that should be addressed in the plan. The BLM will work collaboratively with the interested parties to identify the management decisions that are best suited to local, regional, and national needs and concerns.

The BLM will use an interdisciplinary approach to develop the plan in order to consider the variety of resource issues and concerns identified. Specialists with expertise in the following disciplines will be involved in the planning process: Wildlife; Threatened and Endangered Species; Vegetation; Riparian and Wetlands; Soils; Invasive and Noxious Weeds; Rangeland Management; Fire Ecology and Management; Cultural Resources and Native American Concerns; Hydrology; Geology and Minerals; Lands and Realty; Recreation; Visual Resource Management; Public Safety; Law Enforcement; and Geographic Information Systems.

Authority: 40 CFR 1501.7 and 43 CFR 1610.2.

Dave Hunsaker,

Acting State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Intent to Repatriate a Cultural Item: Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

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 a cultural item in the possession of the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, that meets the definition of “unassociated funerary object” 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.

The item is a coiled, cylindrical basket with black linear designs.

At an unknown date, this basket was collected by Grace Nicholson at an unknown locality, but likely in California. It was donated to the Peabody Museum by Lewis Farlow in 1905. Museum documentation states that this item was “rescued from pyral fire.” The description of “pyral fire” indicates that this item was intended to be burned as part of a funeral rite. The Peabody Museum is not in possession of the human remains.

Museum documentation describes this item as “probably Moquelumnan stock.” The term “Moquelumnan” was used to describe Miwok people. Consultation evidence indicates that present-day groups which represent Miwok people are the Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California; California Valley Miwok Tribe, California; Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California; Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria, California; Ione Band of Miwok Indians of California; Jackson Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California; and Wilton Rancheria, California.

California; Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, Shingle Springs Rancheria (Verona Tract), California; Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria of California; United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria of California; and Wilton Rancheria, California.

Officials of the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology have determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001 (3)(B), the one cultural item described above is 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 is believed, by a preponderance of the evidence, to have been removed from a specific burial site of a Native American individual.

Officials of the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology also have 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 object and the Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California; California Valley Miwok Tribe, California; Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California; Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria, California; Ione Band of Miwok Indians of California; Jackson Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California; Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, Shingle Springs Rancheria (Verona Tract), California; Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria of California; United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria of California; and Wilton Rancheria, California.

Representatives of any other Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with the unassociated funerary object should contact Patricia Capone, Repatriation Coordinator, Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, 11 Divinity Ave., Cambridge, MA 02138, telephone (617) 496-3702, before March 29, 2010. Repatriation of the unassociated funerary object to the Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California; California Valley Miwok Tribe, California; Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California; Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria, California; Ione Band of Miwok Indians of California; Jackson Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California; Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, Shingle Springs Rancheria (Verona Tract), California; Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria of California; United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria of California; and Wilton Rancheria, California may