

care of the remains. Charlie Kills Enemy conducted a ceremony to ask the ancestors if they have permission to perform carbon dating test, they agreed. The ancestors were then asked where they would like to be reinterred. They requested to be buried on a hill. The human remains, an amazonite pendent, and an atlatl weight were reinterred in June of 1985 at Golden Gate Canyon State Park on five acres of land designated for the Tribes just northwest of Golden, Colorado prior to NAGPRA law. A ceremony took place with Elders from the Shoshone and Cheyenne Tribes. A Medicine Man was present from the Arapaho Tribe. The Elders and Medicine Man were not named. Reinternment was on a hill as requested. The exact reinternment site is unknown to the museum. We are working with Golden Gate Canyon State Park to find the location.

We recently discovered a collection of objects and items related to the burial site 5AH 244. Within the collection are soil samples that were taken from the burial pits, a chest cavity, and surrounding earth. The soil samples contain pieces of bone not consistent with the animal bones that have been found within the collection. These bones are seen as remnants of the two individuals previously found. Items that appear to be associated funerary objects are five charcoals, two shells, and one lithic. There are animal bones, lithics, flakes, soils, and a petrified wood knife that are not associated with the burial. It was requested by the Arapaho and Cheyenne council that the entire collection including non-associated items be reinterred in the exact spot of the original reinternment or as close as possible.

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 Aurora History Museum and Historic Sites has determined that:

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of two individuals of Native American ancestry.

- The eight 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 Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, 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 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 and associated funerary objects described in this notice to a requestor may occur on or after July 31, 2024. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the Aurora History Museum and Historic Sites must determine the most appropriate requestor prior to repatriation. Requests for joint repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects are considered a single request and not competing requests. The Aurora History Museum and Historic Sites 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: June 24, 2024.

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: San Bernardino County Museum, Redlands, CA

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the San Bernardino County Museum 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 July 31, 2024

ADDRESSES: Tamara Serrao-Leiva, San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands, CA 92374, telephone (909) 798-8623, email tserrao-leiva@sbcm.sbcounty.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 San Bernardino County Museum 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, three individuals have been identified from Smith Mound, Henderson County, Kentucky. These human remains were donated by a private collector at an unknown date. It was deposited to the museum before 2015, at which time it was given a box number N#15. In 2016 an inventory was conducted for human remains in the museum's anthropology storage area, where one box listed ancestors were found at "Smith Mound, Kentucky (Henderson Co)." Human remains were confirmed by osteologist in June of 2024. No further documentation exists.

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 described in this notice.

Determinations

The San Bernardino County Museum has determined that:

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of three individuals of Native American ancestry.

- There is a connection between the human remains described in this notice and the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma; Cherokee Nation; Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians; Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma; Shawnee Tribe; The Osage Nation; and

the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma.

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 July 31, 2024. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the San Bernardino County Museum 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 San Bernardino County Museum 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: June 24, 2024.

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: Western Washington University, Department of Anthropology, Bellingham, WA

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), Western Washington University (WWU) 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. The human remains and associated funerary objects were removed from 45-WH-29 in Whatcom County, WA.

DATES: Repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice may occur on or after July 31, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Dr. Judith Pine, Western Washington University, Department of Anthropology, Arntzen Hall 340, 516 High Street, Bellingham, WA 98225, telephone (360) 650-4783, email pinej@www.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 WWU, 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 minimum, two individuals were removed from Whatcom County, WA. Students from WWU worked at site 45-WH-29 under the direction of WWU professor Dr. Garland Grabert in the fall of 1970 and the spring of 1971. Initially focusing on an adjacent site 45-WH-11, additional fieldwork occurred at 45-WH-29 when human remains were observed eroding out of a nearby bluff. Notes indicate surface collection was conducted. A total of six associated funerary objects are present (three lots and three objects). The six associated funerary objects consist of one lot fire broken rock, one lot charcoal, one lot level bag with lithics and bone, one sandstone abrader, one bone point, and one barbed harpoon point.

A minimum of one individual was reported in the original NAGPRA Inventory in 1995; one subadult (estimated at 9-10 years (surface collected)). During the WWU 2018-2020 Repatriation and Rehousing Project, additional ancestral remains were found in the "faunal" bags from 1970-71, and three additional associated funerary objects were identified by Cultural Specialist, R. Tom. The newly identified remains likely represent one adult individual. The original NAGPRA Inventory represents a subadult, but the newly identified remains are those of an adult. Therefore, we are considering this to be an additional individual. No known individuals were identified. No hazardous chemicals are known to have

been used to treat the human remains while in the custody of WWU.

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 WWU has determined that:

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of two individuals of Native American ancestry.

- A total of six associated funerary objects 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.

- There is a connection between the human remains and associated funerary objects described in this notice and the Lummi Tribe of the Lummi Reservation and the Nooksack Indian Tribe.

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 **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 and associated funerary objects described in this notice to a requestor may occur on or after July 31, 2024. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the WWU must determine the most appropriate requestor prior to repatriation. Requests for joint repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects are considered a single request and not competing requests. The WWU 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.