

conduct an archaeological survey and impact mitigation along 31 miles of the proposed sewer pipeline right-of-way and two treatment plant locales located on the Lummi Indian Reservation. Work began under the direction of Dr. Garland Grabert (WWU) in December of 1980 and continued until the summer of 1982.

During this work, numerous archaeological sites were recorded, and materials were collected from both excavation and monitoring activities (Grabert and Griffin 1983, Archaeological Investigation on Lummi Peninsula, Whatcom County, Washington, Reports in Archaeology No. 18, Department of Anthropology, Western Washington University, Bellingham, Washington). 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 seven 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 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 October 21, 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.

Dated: September 12, 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 Intended Disposition: U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, Missouri Basin Region, Nebraska-Kansas Area Office, McCook, NE

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 Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, Nebraska-Kansas Area Office (Reclamation Nebraska-Kansas Area Office) intends to carry out the disposition of human remains and associated funerary objects removed from Federal or Tribal lands to the lineal descendants, Indian Tribe, or Native Hawaiian organization with priority for disposition in this notice.

DATES: Disposition of the human remains and cultural items in this notice may occur on or after October 21, 2024. If no claim for disposition is received by September 22, 2025, the human remains and cultural items in this notice will become unclaimed human remains and cultural items.

ADDRESSES: Send written claims for disposition of the human remains and cultural items identified in this notice to Catherine Griffin, Bureau of Reclamation, Nebraska-Kansas Area

Office, 1706 West 3rd Street, McCook, NE 69001, telephone (308) 345–8324, email cgriffin@usbr.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 Reclamation Nebraska-Kansas Area Office, and additional information on the human remains and 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

Based on the information available, human remains representing, at least, 14 individuals have been reasonably identified. The 10 associated funerary objects are one lot of bracelets, three lots of ceramic sherds, one lot of chipped stone debitage, two stone scraper tools, one stone tool fragment, one projectile point fragment, and one lot of animal bone. During a period between 1992 to 2020, the human remains and associated funerary objects were discovered and removed from federal lands in Jewell, Mitchell, and Norton Counties, KS, and Frontier and Greeley Counties, NE.

Determinations

The Reclamation Nebraska-Kansas Area Office has determined that:

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of 14 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.
- The Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma; Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, North Dakota; and the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes (Wichita, Keechi, Waco, & Tawakonie), Oklahoma have priority for disposition of the human remains and cultural items described in this notice.

Claims for Disposition

Written claims for disposition of the human remains and cultural items in this notice must be sent to the appropriate official identified in this notice under **ADDRESSES**. If no claim for disposition is received by September 22, 2025, the human remains and cultural items in this notice will become unclaimed human remains and cultural items. 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 cultural items in this notice may occur on or after October 21, 2024. If competing claims for disposition are received, the Reclamation Nebraska-Kansas Area Office must determine the most appropriate claimant prior to disposition. Requests for joint disposition of the human remains and cultural items are considered a single request and not competing requests. The Reclamation Nebraska-Kansas Area Office 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: September 12, 2024.

Melanie O'Brien,

Manager, National NAGPRA Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

[NPS-WASO-NAGPRA-NPS0038740; PPWOCRADNO-PCU00RP14.R50000]

Notice of Intended Repatriation: California Department of Transportation, Bishop, CA

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) intends to repatriate certain cultural items that meet the definition of unassociated funerary objects or objects of cultural patrimony and that have a cultural affiliation with the Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations in this notice.

DATES: Repatriation of the cultural items in this notice may occur on or after October 21, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Jennifer Blake, Caltrans, 500 South Main Street, Bishop, CA 93514, telephone (760) 937-3894, email jennifer.blake@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 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 1,864 cultural items have been requested for repatriation. The 735 unassociated funerary objects are debitage, bifaces, flake tools, faunal bone fragments, groundstone fragments, ceramic sherds, beads, and modern/historic items. The 1,129 objects of cultural patrimony are debitage, modified bone, projectile points, bifaces, flake tools, faunal bone, cores, groundstone fragments, ceramic sherds, paleobotanical samples, and modern/historic items. These cultural items are housed at three repositories under the following accession numbers: at the University of California, Davis, Acc 406-19 from site CA-INY-371/H; at California State University, Bakersfield, Acc 5953-1 from site CA-INY-5953H, Acc 5958 from site CA-INY-5958/H, Acc 5964 from site CA-INY-5964, Acc 5966 from site CA-INY-5966, Acc 5981 from site CA-INY-5981, Acc 5984 from site CA-INY-5984, and Acc 5990 from site CA-INY-5990/H; and at the University of California, Riverside, Acc 308 from site CA-INY-5961/H, Acc 309 from site CA-INY-5962/H, Acc 311 from site CA-INY-5969/5971/H, Acc 312 from site CA-INY-5990/H, Acc 265 from site CA-INY-7716, Acc 281 from site CA-INY-7746, and Acc 313 from site CA-INY-7746. The collections are from sites located in the Owens Valley of the Eastern Sierra region of California, near Owens Lake. The collections were recovered from Caltrans right of way between 1993-2011 during a surface or subsurface archaeological investigation in compliance with state and federal environmental laws in support of Caltrans' Olancho-Cartago Four Lane Project. Objects in these collections are culturally affiliated with the Paiute and Western Shoshone. Modern-day tribes with ancestral ties to this area include the Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone Reservation, the Big Pine Paiute Tribe of the Owens Valley, the Bishop Paiute Tribe, the Fort Independence Indian Community of Paiutes, and the Death Valley Timbisha-Shoshone Tribe. To the best of Caltrans' knowledge, the cultural items in this archaeological collection

have not been treated with hazardous substances.

Determinations

Caltrans has determined that:

- The 735 unassociated funerary objects described in this notice are reasonably believed to have been placed intentionally with or near human remains, and are connected, either at the time of death or later as part of the death rite or ceremony of a Native American culture according to the Native American traditional knowledge of a lineal descendant, Indian Tribe, or Native Hawaiian organization. The unassociated funerary objects have been identified by a preponderance of the evidence as related to human remains, specific individuals, or families, or removed from a specific burial site or burial area of an individual or individuals with cultural affiliation to an Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization.

- The 1,129 objects 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 reasonable connection between the cultural items described in this notice and the Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone Tribe.

Requests for Repatriation

Additional, written requests for repatriation of the cultural items 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 items in this notice to a requestor may occur on or after October 21, 2024. If competing requests for repatriation are received, Caltrans must determine the most appropriate requestor prior to repatriation. Requests for joint repatriation of the cultural items are considered a single request and not competing requests. Caltrans is responsible for sending a copy of this notice to the Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations identified in