

Ching, Jr. He inherited a collection of ARCH project materials, including ARCH project 14–6. This project was an archaeological surface survey for the Pi‘ilani Highway at Kama‘ole, Kula, Maui. ARCH 14–6 materials were excavated in 1976 and the founding of the Kikuchi Center and processing of these materials began in September 2022. In March of 2024, an osteologist analyzed the bones in the collection and positively identified the bones presented in this notice as human. They are associated with Native Hawaiian sites and cultural layers, and were found in a cave. Modified bones and bone fragments too small to be identified are also included in this notice due to their association with positively identified iwi kupuna and location within the cave site.

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 Kikuchi Center at Kaua‘i Community College has determined that:

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of one individual of Native Hawaiian ancestry.
- The one object described in this notice is 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 Hui Iwi Kuamo‘o.

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 January 6, 2025. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the Kikuchi Center at Kaua‘i Community College 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 Kikuchi Center at Kaua‘i Community College 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: November 22, 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: Department of Anthropology at Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the Department of Anthropology at Northern Illinois University (NIU Department of Anthropology) 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 January 6, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Margaret Alway, NAGPRA Assistant, Department of Anthropology at Northern, 1425 W Lincoln Hwy. SB 180, DeKalb, IL 60115, telephone (815) 753–0479, email malway@niu.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 NIU Department of Anthropology 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. The remains were excavated at an unknown time from an archaic rock shelter about three miles east of Berryville, Arkansas in Carroll County. In 1966, Curt Casey of Roselle, Illinois gifted the remains to the NIU Department of Anthropology and were accessioned by NIU Department of Anthropology faculty on February 10th, 1966. The remains were treated with a Formvar 770 solution, but it is not considered to be hazardous. No associated funerary objects are present.

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 NIU Department of Anthropology 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 Osage Nation.

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 January 6, 2025. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the NIU Department of Anthropology 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 NIU Department of Anthropology 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: November 22, 2024.

Melanie O'Brien,

Manager, National NAGPRA Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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PPWOCRADNO-PCU00RP14.R50000]

Notice of Intended Disposition: U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Agate Fossil Beds National Monument, Harrison, 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, National Park Service, Agate Fossil Beds National Monument (AGFO) intends to carry out the disposition of human remains 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 in this notice may occur on or after December 5, 2025. If no claim for disposition is received by December 5, 2025, the human remains in this notice will become unclaimed human remains.

ADDRESSES: Jay Sturdevant, Superintendent, Agate Fossil Beds National Monument, 301 River Road, Harrison, NE 69346-2743, telephone (308) 665-4110, email jay_sturdevant@nps.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 Superintendent, AGFO, and additional information on the human remains in this notice, including the results of consultation, can be found in the related records.

Abstract of Information Available

Based on the information available, human remains representing, at least, one individual has been reasonably identified. No associated funerary objects are present. On August 6, 2020, a human skull was found in the Niobrara River on Federal land within the boundary of AGFO in Sioux County, NE. Law enforcement officers from the National Park Service (NPS), Sioux County Sheriff's Office, and the Nebraska State Patrol responded to the discovery. The NPS law enforcement officer took possession of the remains and placed them in a secure vault. The remains were visually examined and through facial micromorphology determined to be Native American. The skull had glue, tape, and faint blue lettering (undecipherable) on it. Nothing else is known about the remains or from where they originated. The remains are not part of any known NPS museum holdings.

Determinations

- AGFO has determined that:
- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of one individual of Native American ancestry.
 - The Ponca Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma and the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska have priority for disposition of the human remains described in this notice.

Claims for Disposition

Written claims for disposition of the human remains in this notice must be sent to the appropriate official identified in this notice under **ADDRESSES**. If no claim for disposition is received by December 5, 2025, the human remains in this notice will become unclaimed human remains. 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 in this notice may occur on or after January 6, 2025. If competing claims for disposition are received, AGFO must determine the most appropriate claimant prior to disposition. Requests for joint disposition of the human remains are considered a single request and not competing requests. AGFO 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: November 22, 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 Repatriation: California Department of Transportation, Oakland, 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) intends to repatriate certain cultural items that meet the definition of 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 January 6, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Lindsay Busse PQS Principal Investigator, Prehistoric Archaeology, California Department of Transportation, District 4, 111 Grand Avenue, Oakland, CA 94612, telephone (510) 847-1977, email lindsay.busse@dot.ca.gov and Althea Asaro, PQS Principal Investigator, Prehistoric Archaeology, California Department of Transportation, District 4, 111 Grand Avenue, Oakland, CA 94612, telephone (510) 847-2178, email althea.asaro@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 the 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

CA-SON-256 is located along Highway 1 in northern Sonoma County,