

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****National Park Service**

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**Notice of Intended Disposition: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Gila National Forest, Silver City, NM**

**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 Agriculture, Forest Service, Gila National Forest (GNF) 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 associated funerary objects in this notice may occur on or after April 17, 2025. If no claim for disposition is received by March 18, 2026, the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice will become unclaimed human remains and associated funerary objects.

**ADDRESSES:** Camille Howes, GNF Forest Supervisor, 3005 Camino del Bosque, Silver City, NM 88061, telephone (575) 937-4878, email [Camille.Howes@usda.gov](mailto:Camille.Howes@usda.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 GNF, and additional information on the human remains and associated funerary objects 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, one individuals have been reasonably identified. No associated funerary objects are present. On April 19, 2015, a hiker inadvertently discovered human remains, along Brannon Park Trail 700, in the Gila Wilderness Area, within the GNF, Wilderness Ranger District, in Grant County, New Mexico. Archaeological reconnaissance did not reveal archaeological material nor a disturbed site.

Based on the information available, human remains representing, at least, one individuals have been reasonably identified. The one lot of associated funerary objects are stones. The individual was removed April 13, 2021 on the GNF, Quemado Ranger District, within Catron County, New Mexico. Law enforcement believed the remains belonged to a potential homicide or missing person. The New Mexico State Police (NMSP) Crime Scene Team were notified and excavated the remains, taking them to the Office of the Medical Investigator (OMI, Case 2021-03086) in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Archaeological material was not found in the immediate area. The location is not within a previously recorded archaeological site. An OMI Forensic Anthropologist released the remains back to GNF November 8, 2021, as the remains did not indicate medico-legal significance.

**Determinations**

The GNF has determined that:

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of two individuals of Native American ancestry.
- The one lot of 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 Fort Sill Apache Tribe of Oklahoma; Hopi Tribe of Arizona; Mescalero Apache Tribe of the Mescalero Reservation, New Mexico; Pueblo of Acoma, New Mexico; and the Zuni Tribe of the Zuni Reservation, New Mexico and have priority for disposition of the human remains and associated funerary objects described in this notice.

**Claims for Disposition**

Written claims for disposition of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice must be sent to the appropriate official identified in this notice under **ADDRESSES**. If no claim for disposition is received by March 18, 2026, the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice will become unclaimed human remains and associated funerary objects. 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 associated funerary objects in this notice

may occur on or after April 17, 2025. If competing claims for disposition are received, the GNF must determine the most appropriate claimant prior to disposition. Requests for joint disposition of the human remains and associated funerary objects are considered a single request and not competing requests. The GNF 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: February 4, 2025.

**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 Repatriation: University of California, Davis, Davis, CA**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the University of California, Davis (UC Davis) intends to repatriate certain cultural items that meet the definition of sacred objects 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 April 17, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Megon Noble, NAGPRA Project Manager, University of California, Davis, 412 Mrak Hall, One Shields Avenue, Davis, CA 95616, telephone (530) 752-8501, email [mnpoble@ucdavis.edu](mailto:mnpoble@ucdavis.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 UC Davis, 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 seven cultural items have been requested for repatriation. The seven sacred objects are four baskets and three lots of regalia. The University is unaware of any treatment of the sacred objects with pesticides, preservatives, or other substances that represent a potential hazard to the objects or to persons handling the objects.

There are four baskets, (CHM-384, 385, 386, 387) that were purchased by C. Hart Merriam on August 21, 1906, from “the Indian village near Kelseyville” in Lake County, California. Merriam spells the village as, “Ho-hla- nap’po” but descendants spell it as Xa-Be-Na-Po or Xa-La-Na-Po. The Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians Tribal members are descendants of Xa-Ben-Na-Po.

There are three catalog numbers/lots of feather sticks (CHM-1517 A-H, 1519 A-B, 1520), that were collected by C. Hart Merriam at some point between 1894 and the mid-1930s. Consultation indicates these items are associated with Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians of the Big Valley Rancheria, California. Original documentation for these items is unknown, however, after consultation with several tribes, the regalia had been identified as likely made by Pomo or Patwin tribes.

### Determinations

The UC Davis has determined that:

- The seven sacred objects described in this notice are specific ceremonial objects needed by a traditional Native American religious leader for present-day adherents to practice traditional Native American religion, according to the Native American traditional knowledge of a lineal descendant, Indian Tribe, or Native Hawaiian organization.

- There is a reasonable connection between the cultural items described in this notice and the Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians of the Big Valley Rancheria, California.

### 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 April 17, 2025. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the UC Davis 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. The UC Davis is responsible for sending a copy of this notice to the 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. 3004 and the implementing regulations, 43 CFR 10.9.

Dated: February 11, 2025.

**Melanie O'Brien,**

*Manager, National NAGPRA Program.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

[NPS-WASO-NAGPRA-NPS0039471; PPWOCRADNO-PCU00RP14.R50000]

### Notice of Intended Disposition: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Los Padres National Forest, Solvang, CA

**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 Agriculture, Forest Service, Los Padres National Forest 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 April 17, 2025. If no claim for disposition is received by March 18, 2026, the human remains in this notice will become unclaimed human remains.

**ADDRESSES:** Esther Morgan, Los Padres National Forest, 1980 Old Mission Drive, Solvang, CA 93463, telephone (805) 697-6406, email [esther.morgan@usda.gov](mailto:esther.morgan@usda.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 Los Padres National Forest, and additional information on the human remains or 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, one individual has been reasonably identified. No associated funerary objects are present. In late September 2021, a human remain laying on the surface of the ground was found by hikers near Arroyo Seco Road in Monterey County, California on National Forest System lands. The discovery was treated as a possible crime scene and the skull was delivered to the Monterey County Coroner. Monterey County Search and Rescue conducted a thorough search of the area and did not find any additional human remains or associated objects. Due to the age of the human remain it was determined to not be a crime scene and it was released to the Forest Service in July of 2022.

### Determinations

The Los Padres National Forest has determined that:

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of one individual of Native American ancestry.
- The Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the Santa Ynez Reservation, California has 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 March 18, 2026, 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 April 17, 2025. If competing claims for disposition are received, the Los Padres National Forest must determine the