

Santa Fe would acquire land in the Dutch Flat and Hualapai Valley areas.

This notice is intended to invite the public to participate in identification of issues and development of alternatives for the proposal.

DATES: Public scoping meetings to identify public concerns will be held on the following dates:

Monday, June 30, in Wikieup, Arizona, at the Owens School, 14109 East Chicken Springs Road, Wikieup, Arizona 85360.

Tuesday, July 1, in Kingman, Arizona, at the BLM office located at 2475 Beverly Avenue, Kingman, Arizona 86401.

Wednesday, July 2, in Yucca, Arizona, at the Brooks Realty Office, 12470 South Yucca Frontage Road, Yucca, Arizona 86348.

Comments relating to the identification of issues and alternatives will be accepted for up to 45 days following the publication of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: Bureau of Land Management, Kingman Field Office, 2475 Beverly Avenue, Kingman, Arizona 86401.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Don McClure, Project Manager, (520) 757-3161.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed exchange area is located in northwestern Arizona. The land exchange will block federal ownership to facilitate management of natural resources in the Hualapai and McCracken mountains and associated foothills. This exchange will help alleviate problems associated with private land sales and development in the checker boarded lands in Dutch Flat and the Hualapai and McCracken mountains. Consolidation of lands into public ownership in the Hualapai Mountains area was begun in the early 1980s. To date, BLM has exchanged lands with the State of Arizona and private entities to consolidate public ownership throughout the Hualapai Mountains. This proposed exchange will consolidate the last large checker boarded area within the Hualapai Mountains into public ownership.

Anticipated Issues

Management concerns that will be addressed include, but are not limited to, wildlife management, impacts on visual quality, unique vegetation, Native American religious concerns, and access concerns. Baseline studies will be conducted to gather information about cultural resources, hazardous materials, minerals, water rights, and the general habitat.

Other Relevant Information

The EIS will be prepared by an interdisciplinary team of resource specialists. The team will include a project manager, a wildlife specialist, a realty specialist, a botanist, a soil scientist, a range management specialist, a visual resources specialist, a biological resources specialist, and a cultural resource specialist.

Complete records of all phases of the EIS process will be available for public review at the Kingman Field Office, 2475 Beverly Avenue, Kingman, Arizona 86401.

Denise P. Meridith,

State Director, Arizona.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Inventory Completion for Native American Human Remains from Washington State in the Possession of the Department of Anthropology, Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA

AGENCY: National Park Service.

ACTION: Notice.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with provisions of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), 25 U.S.C. 3003 (d), of the completion of an inventory of human remains from Washington State in the possession of the Department of Anthropology, Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA.

A detailed assessment of the human remains was made by Department of Anthropology professional staff in consultation with representatives of the Puyallup Indian Tribe of Indians and the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe.

In 1896, human remains representing one individual were removed from "under a fir tree" by M. Choir near Lake Washington, Seattle, King County, WA, and donated to the Burke Museum. In the 1970s, these human remains were brought to the Department of Anthropology, Central Washington University. No known individuals were identified. No associated funerary objects are present.

In 1913 or 1914, human remains representing one individual was recovered by Mr. Williams during a re-grade of Jackson Street in Seattle, King County, WA, and donated to the Burke Museum. In the 1970s, these human remains were brought to the Department of Anthropology, Central Washington

University. No known individuals were identified. No associated funerary objects are present.

In 1921, human remains representing a minimum of two individuals were removed from Othello Street on Lake Washington in Seattle, King County, WA during city street construction. These human remains were donated to the Burke Museum that same year by the Seattle Coroner's Office. In the 1970s, these human remains were brought to the Department of Anthropology, Central Washington University. No known individuals were identified. No associated funerary objects are present.

Around 1925, human remains representing one individual were donated to the Burke Museum by Prof. Trevor Kincaid. Accession information indicates these human remains were recovered from an unknown location in the vicinity of Seattle, WA. In the 1970s, these human remains were brought to the Department of Anthropology, Central Washington University. No known individuals were identified. No associated funerary objects are present.

In 1943, human remains representing one individual were removed by Mr. Harold Hammer during a house construction in Seattle, King County, WA, and donated to the Burke Museum by the Seattle Coroner's Office. In the 1970s, these human remains were brought to the Department of Anthropology, Central Washington University. No known individuals were identified. No associated funerary objects are present.

At an unknown date, human remains representing one individual were removed from an unknown location in the vicinity of Seattle and donated to the Burke Museum by Rev. Lester Pontius. In the 1970s, these human remains were brought to the Department of Anthropology, Central Washington University. No known individuals were identified. No associated funerary objects are present.

In 1959, human remains representing a minimum of two individuals were removed from the Dash Point site (45-PI-41), Pierce County, WA, by Mr. M.V. Petersen, Butler, and Garner and donated to the Burke Museum. In the 1970s, these human remains were brought to the Department of Anthropology, Central Washington University. No known individuals were identified. No associated funerary objects are present.

In 1966, human remains representing one individual were recovered from the Beachcrest Addition, Thurston County, WA by the Thurston County Sheriff's Office and donated to the Burke

Museum. In the 1970s, these human remains were brought to the Department of Anthropology, Central Washington University. No known individuals were identified. No associated funerary objects are present.

Morphological evidence indicates these individuals are Native American based on dental patterns and cranial formation. Anthropological evidence, including continuities of technology and material culture, indicates continuous occupation by Salishan peoples over the last 2,000 years in the Puget Sound region of Washington State which includes the sites and vicinities listed above. Consultation evidence, including oral history, presented by representatives of the Puyallup Indian Tribe of Indians and the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe further support this evidence of occupation.

Based on the above mentioned information, officials of the Department of Anthropology, Central Washington University have determined that, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.2 (d)(1), the human remains listed above represent the physical remains of a minimum of ten individuals of Native American ancestry. Officials of the Department of Anthropology, Central Washington University have determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001 (2), there is a relationship of shared group identity which can be reasonably traced between these Native American human remains and Puyallup Indian Tribe of Indians and the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe.

This notice has been sent to officials of the Puyallup Indian Tribe of Indians and the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe. Representatives of any other Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with these human remains should contact Steven Hackenberger, Chair, Department of Anthropology, Central Washington University, 400 E. 8th Ave., Ellensburg, WA 98926-7544; telephone: (509) 963-3201, fax (509) 963-3215, before July 11, 1997. Repatriation of the human remains to the Puyallup Tribe of Indians may begin after that date if no additional claimants come forward.

Dated: June 3, 1997.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Inventory Completion for Native American Human Remains from Prince William Sound, AK in the Possession of the Department of Anthropology, Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA

AGENCY: National Park Service

ACTION: Notice

Notice is hereby given in accordance with provisions of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), 25 U.S.C. 3003 (d), of the completion of an inventory of human remains from Prince William Sound, AK, in the possession of the Department of Anthropology, Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA.

A detailed assessment of the human remains was made by Department of Anthropology professional staff in consultation with representatives of the Chugach Alaska Corporation.

In 1902, human remains were recovered from Billy's Hole cave on an island in Prince William Sound, AK, by Edmond S. Meany. During the 1970s, human remains representing a minimum of two individuals from this site were transferred to the Department of Anthropology at Central Washington University. No known individuals were identified. No associated funerary objects are present.

Archeological and ethnographic evidence from the islands of Prince William Sound, including manner of interment, continuity of technology, and cultural items indicate continuous occupation by the same communities from the precontact period to the present. Oral tradition presented by the representatives of the Chugach Alaska Corporation also supports Chugach occupation of this area throughout this period.

Based on the above mentioned information, officials of the Department of Anthropology, Central Washington University have determined that, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.2 (d)(1), the human remains listed above represent the physical remains of a minimum of two individuals of Native American ancestry. Officials of the Department of Anthropology, Central Washington University have also determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001 (2), there is a relationship of shared group identity which can be reasonably traced between these Native American human remains and the Chugach Alaska Corporation.

This notice has been sent to officials of the Chugach Alaska Corporation.

Representatives of any other Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with these human remains should contact Steven Hackenberger, Chair, Department of Anthropology, Central Washington University, 400 E. 8th Ave., Ellensburg, WA 98926-7544; telephone: (509) 963-3201, fax (509) 963-3215, before July 11, 1997.

Repatriation of the human remains to the Chugach Alaska Corporation may begin after that date if no additional claimants come forward.

Dated: June 3, 1997.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Inventory Completion for Native American Human Remains, Associated Funerary Objects, and an Unassociated Funerary Object from Hartstine Island, Mason County, WA in the Possession of the Burke Museum, University of Washington, Seattle, WA

AGENCY: National Park Service

ACTION: Notice

Notice is hereby given in accordance with provisions of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), 25 U.S.C. 3003 (d), of the completion of an inventory of human remains, associated funerary objects, and an unassociated funerary object from Hartstine Island, Mason County, WA, in the possession of the Burke Museum, University of Washington, Seattle, WA.

A detailed assessment of the human remains was made by Burke Museum professional staff in consultation with representatives of the Squaxin Island Tribe.

In 1923, human remains representing two individuals were removed from graves on Hartstine Island, Mason County, WA by Mr. A.G. Colley and donated to the Burke Museum. No known individuals were identified. The six associated funerary objects include five wood fragments and one copper-stained stone.

Also in 1923, cultural items consisting of a whalebone club and soil from a grave on Hartstine Island were removed by Mr. A.G. Colley and donated to the Burke Museum. No human remains from this grave are present.