

of 1969 (NEPA). We explain the basis for this determination in an Environmental Action Statement that is also available for public review.

Individuals wishing copies of our Environmental Action Statement, and/or copies of the full text of the Agreement, including a map of the proposed permit area, should contact the office and personnel listed in the **ADDRESSES** section above.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

We will evaluate this permit application, associated documents, and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the permit application meets the requirements of section 10(a) of the Act and NEPA regulations. If we determine that the requirements are met, we will sign the proposed Agreement and issue an enhancement of survival permit under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act to the applicant for take of the valley elderberry longhorn beetle, the California red-legged frog, and the California tiger salamander incidental to otherwise lawful activities in accordance with the terms of the Agreement. We will not make our final decision until after the end of the 30-day comment period and will fully consider all comments received during the comment period.

We provide this notice pursuant to section 10(c) of the Act and pursuant to implementing regulations for NEPA (40 CFR 1506.6).

Dated: March 2, 2009.

Susan K. Moore,

Field Supervisor, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, Sacramento, California.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

60-Day Notice of Intention to Request Clearance of Collection of Information; Opportunity for Public Comment

AGENCY: Department of the Interior, National Park Service.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and 5 CFR Part 1320, Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements, the National Park Service (NPS) invites public comments on a proposed extension of a currently approved collection of information (OMB #1024-0144).

DATES: Public comments on this Information Collection Request (ICR) will be accepted on or before May 8, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: Sherry Hutt, Manager, National NAGPRA Program, National Park Service, 1201 Eye Street NW, 8th floor, Washington, DC 20005; or via fax at 202/354-5179; or via e-mail at Sherry_Hutt@nps.gov. Also, you may send comments to Leonard E. Stowe, NPS Information Collection Clearance Officer, 1849 C St., NW., (2605), Washington, DC 20240; or via e-mail at Leonard_Stowe@nps.gov. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sherry Hutt, Manager, National NAGPRA Program, National Park Service, 1201 Eye Street NW, 8th floor, Washington, DC 20005; or via phone at 202/354-1479; or via fax at 202/354-5179; or via e-mail at Sherry_Hutt@nps.gov. You are entitled to a copy of the entire ICR package free of charge.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Regulations, 43 CFR Part 10.

Bureau Form Number: None.

OMB Control Number: 1024-0144.

Current Expiration Date: August 31, 2009.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection of information that was reinstated in February 2009 based on an emergency submission to OMB.

Description of Need: The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), requires museums to compile certain information (summaries, inventories, and notices) regarding Native American cultural items in their possession or control and provide that information to lineal descendants, culturally affiliated Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations, and the National Park Service (acting on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior).

Description of respondents: Museums, defined in NAGPRA as any institution

that receives Federal funds and has possession of or control over Native American cultural items.

Estimated average number of respondents: To date, 1,202 museums have completed summaries, inventories, or notices. NPS estimates about 50 new submissions or revision of previous submissions each year.

Estimated average burden hours per response: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is expected to average 100 hours for the exchange of summary/inventory information between a museum or Federal agency and an Indian tribe or Native Hawaiian organization and six hours per response for the notification to the Secretary, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collected information.

Frequency of Response: Information collection requirements are done on an as-needed basis, with summaries due within six months of either receipt of a new collection or acknowledgement of a new Indian tribe, and inventories due within two years of either receipt of a new collection or acknowledgement of a new Indian tribe. An institution receiving Federal funds for the first time must provide a summary within three years and an inventory within five years.

Estimated total annual reporting burden: 5,224 hours.

Comments are invited on: (1) the practical utility of the information being gathered; (2) the accuracy of the burden hour estimate; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden hour to respondents, including use of automated information techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: March 3, 2009

Leonard E. Stowe,

NPS, Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Intent to Repatriate Cultural Items: American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

Notice is here given in accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), 25 U.S.C. 3005, of the intent to repatriate cultural items in the possession of the American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY, that meet the definition of "cultural items" under 25 U.S.C. 3001.

This notice is published as part of the National Park Service's administrative responsibilities under NAGPRA, 25 U.S.C. 3003 (d)(3). The determinations in this notice are the sole responsibility of the museum, institution, or Federal agency that has control of the cultural items. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice.

The 40 cultural items are 15 charms or ornaments, 8 caps, 3 bags containing stone, 1 fawn skin bag and contents, 1 quartz crystal, 10 arrows, 1 bow, and 1 quiver.

The first charm or ornament is a wristlet consisting of a piece of sinew strung with nine badger claws, separated by seven round white and blue glass beads, one cylindrical glass bead, and one small piece of shell. The second charm or ornament is an armlet consisting of a hide string onto which is attached five obsidian pieces (fragments of arrowheads), a fragment of limestone, and a fragment of glycymeris shell. The third charm or ornament is a neck ornament consisting of a piece of hide cord onto which 14 quartz crystals are attached with sinew.

The fourth charm or ornament is a neck ornament consisting of a cotton string that has five quartz crystals attached. The fifth charm or ornament consists of a perforated white shell, shaped into a pendant and hung on a cotton string. The sixth charm or ornament consists of more than 50 acorns threaded on a string, and separated by white and green glass beads with an attached quartz crystal.

The seventh charm or ornament consists of a string of alternating clear and green glass beads onto which is attached eight quartz crystals, two stone points, and one haliotis pendant. The eighth charm or ornament consists of a beaded buckskin bag that contains red powder. The top of the bag is embellished with two rows of glass black and white beads. The bag is tied with buckskin that extends into two flaps and is suspended by a string of blue, yellow, and white glass beads. The ninth charm or ornament consists of six strings of alternating large yellow and green glass beads that has two beaded pieces of buckskin and an obsidian point attached.

The tenth charm or ornament is a neck ornament consisting of a long strip of hide that has 25 quartz crystals, 1 stone arrow point, and 4 black nuts attached. The eleventh charm or ornament is a neck ornament consisting of a buckskin string with a miniature moccasin on one end and a stone spear point on the other. In between the two ends are attached a small gourd; seven quartz crystals; an unknown amount of white, red, yellow, and dark blue glass beads; and one stone bead. The twelfth charm or ornament consists of beads and discs of a root-like material separated by cylindrical wooden beads, all of which are painted red.

The thirteenth charm or ornament consists of a round piece of beaded hide, edged with light blue glass beads and embellished with different beaded designs on each side. One side is bordered by a beaded rope design that is made of alternating strings of black and light blue glass beads. Emanating from this border are four beaded triangles. Two of the triangles are yellow and green, and the other two are yellow, white, red, and blue. The center of the disc features a beaded cross. The opposite side of the charm is bordered with a rope design made of alternating black and pink beads. Emanating from the border are four black and white triangles, in the center of which is a beaded cross composed of triangles. The horizontal arm is red and green, and the vertical arm is red and yellow. Secured to the charm is a hide string to which is attached a mother of pearl shell, a quartz crystal, an obsidian point, and one broken basalt point. Black, white, and blue glass beads separate the attached pieces.

The fourteenth charm or ornament consists of a single white glycymeris shell attached to a piece of hide string. The fifteenth charm consists of a piece of hide cord that has five quartzite crystals, one worked piece of chert, and one quartz point attached with sinew.

The first cap is constructed with two panels of tanned hide that have been painted yellow and stitched with sinew, and surmounted by at least 50 owl feathers. Attached to the brim of one side of the cap are three trapezoid flaps with sheared tops. A band of black cloth lies beneath two of the flaps. The border is stitched with hide that has been painted blue. The lower border of the cap exhibits a beaded rope design that is made of alternating blue and white glass beads.

The second cap appears to be constructed of hide, but is covered with various types of materials, such as gray felt, calico, and possibly a grain bag. The lower border of the cap consists of

a thick piece of leather, three quarters of which is covered with brass buttons. The remaining portion of the lower border bears three brass hammered plates attached with nails, and a silver plate edged with filigree and attached with wire. A painted blue border appears underneath the lower border. The lower border is topped by a second border which consists of a thin belt onto which are sewn at least 20 commercially-made mother of pearl buttons and 4 horn buttons. The belt also has two brass buttons which appear to be original to the belt itself. Between these two borders are seven large commercially-made shell buttons with one that is embossed with the image of a locomotive. The cap is crowned by at least 50 owl feathers, and is lined with red cotton, patterned cloth that has been stitched in place with cotton and hide.

The third cap is constructed from two pieces of tanned hide stitched together with sinew. The entire outside of the cap has been painted with yellow pigment. The edge of the cap is stitched with hide cord. A blue patterned cloth chin strap is stitched to the lower edge of the cap with cotton thread. To the top of the cap are attached three eagle feathers that are secured with sinew to a leather thong. The hat appears to have been mended in two different places. The fourth cap is constructed of two pieces of hide that have been painted yellow and stitched together with sinew. Six eagle feathers and six pieces of down that have been attached with sinew to six leather thongs are secured to the top of the cap. The cap is beaded in two separate places. Along one seam a double row of dark blue glass beads that is matched by a double row of white beads while the other side of the cap shows the same beading pattern, but has an additional curved line of white beads that intersects the white/blue line of beads about 3/4 of an inch above the rim. One side of the cap bears the impression of a cross, which indicates that an ornament had been attached at one time.

The fifth cap is constructed of two pieces of hide stitched together with hide. The cap is painted with yellow symmetrical designs. Above the cap's edge is a row of triangles that point upward. The cap is divided in half by a row of triangles that point upward and run from the bottom edge to the top and then down the other side. The two halves exhibit identical hour glass and iron cross designs. The cap is surmounted by four eagles feathers attached by sinew to four thongs. One of the feathers has a piece of down attached to it. The sixth cap is constructed from two pieces of canvas

stitched together with cotton thread. The partially worn canvas might have been painted entirely yellow. The bottom of the cap was made by folding the canvas upward about 1 1/2 inches. There is a chin strap of red patterned cloth. At least 40 eagle feathers and down face upwards and are attached with sinew inside the fold of the lower border. The top is surmounted by eight eagle feathers that have been attached to leather thongs with sinew, and each feather has a piece of down attached to it.

The seventh cap is constructed from two pieces of hide stitched together with sinew. The bottom of the cap exhibits a border of upward facing hide triangles stitched onto the cap with sinew. Inserted between the bottom of the cap and the triangle border is a red flannel cloth that goes around the cap's circumference. The cap does not appear to have been painted or ornamented. A chin strap made of hide is attached to the cap. The cap is surmounted by at least 50 owl feathers. The eighth cap is constructed from three pieces of hide stitched together with sinew and sisal. The bottom border of the cap consists of about a 1/2 inch of yellow felt cloth. Above the border is a single row of pink, blue, white, and black glass beads with no apparent pattern. One side of the cap is adorned with two beaded white crescents tipped with yellow beads and a white cross that is also tipped with yellow. Below the cross are two metal brooch-like objects, one of which appears to be a cross and the other, a bird. Dangling from this side of the cap are seven eagle feathers, some of which include down. The other side of the cap is embellished with two beaded light blue crescents above which is a cross that appears to have been made with black marking. The marking could be tarnish from a silver brooch that may have been attached. Dangling from this side of the cap are two eagle feathers and three pieces of down. Surmounting the cap are pieces of down and 16 eagle feathers, some of which are very large.

The first bag containing stone consists of a cotton bag filled with several quartz crystals and tied with metal wire. The second bag is a small buckskin bag with a flap. The flap is edged with light blue glass beads while the body of the bag is edged with yellow and clear glass beads. The beads form two designs. One design consists of three adjoining triangles, two that point to opposite sides and one that points upward. All three of the triangles are light blue with a single row of dark blue beads on the inside. The second beaded design consists of dark blue glass beads. The design looks like an "L" that is intersected by an upside

down "U." The bag holds a piece of worked stone in the shape of a knife. The third bag consists of a small, beaded buckskin bag that holds a piece of worked flint and an obsidian arrowhead. The bag has a flap whose edges are embellished with alternating dark and light blue glass beads. The body of the bag is edged with dark blue, white, clear, yellow, and red glass beads. The body of the bag features a beaded dark and light blue cross on one side, the other side has a beaded yellow crescent. The beads are sewn onto the bag with commercial thread.

The one fawn skin bag contains a smaller plaid cloth bag holding more than 50 black nuts; a white cloth bag with a striped design holding seeds; a cloth bag with striped design held closed with cotton cloth wrapping and containing pigment; a small perforated disc of plant material; a cloth bag with red striped design tied closed with black cloth and holding red beans; two small gourds that are perforated through the neck; a small knife with a wooden handle and a steel blade; and a rattle made from a K.C. baking powder can.

The one quartz crystal is a single piece measuring 7 cm by 2.3 cm by 2 cm.

The one quiver consists of canvas that is lashed with hide string onto a wooden spine. One side of the quiver is unadorned. The other side has a yellow painted border along the wooden spine and at both ends. At each end, the yellow border is topped by a red painted band; the bottom of the quiver has a canvas fringe. The center of the quiver is enclosed with a rawhide band which terminates in a fringe of hide strips that have been painted yellow on one side. One piece of fringe consists of five hide circles. One of the circles is painted yellow, two are painted black, and two are painted red. On either side of this band are two painted designs both of which feature two opposing red crescents. Yellow paint fills the space between the crescents on the top design; the bottom design has no pigment between the two crescents. Attached to the wooden spine is a leather carrying strap.

The one bow is painted red on its inside. The string of the bow is sinew and is also painted red.

Of the 10 arrows, 6 are made of reed and the other 4 are made of wood. The fletching of all 10 arrows consists of portions of what appear to be three different types of feathers (each arrow exhibits a different pattern). Each arrow has the same three feather types and each feather is attached by sinew; this sinew also attaches a piece of down. Inserted into the shaft are extensions of

wood that have been painted black and which have been fastened with sinew. Nine of the arrows have metal points, and one has a stone point.

Museum records explicitly indicate that all but one of the cultural items were acquired by Dr. Pliny E. Goddard during museum-funded expeditions, in 1910 and 1914. The first and second charms or ornaments and the fawn skin bag were acquired on the second expedition, while the other 36 cultural items were collected on the first expedition. The museum accessioned the cultural items in the years they were collected. The cultural affiliation of the cultural items is San Carlos Apache, as based on museum records and consultation evidence presented by the Western Apache Working Group, which consists of the authorized NAGPRA representatives from the San Carlos Apache Tribe of the San Carlos Reservation, Arizona; Tonto Apache Tribe of Arizona; White Mountain Apache Tribe of the Fort Apache Reservation, Arizona; and Yavapai-Apache Nation of the Camp Verde Indian Reservation, Arizona.

The fifteenth charm—consisting of five quartzite crystals, one worked piece of chert and one quartz point, attached with sinew to a piece of hide cord—was found in museum storage with the other items that Goddard collected from the San Carlos Apache reservation. Given its similarity to and storage with other San Carlos Apache items, the museum believes this charm was also acquired by Goddard during one of his two museum-funded expeditions. The cultural affiliation of the charm is San Carlos Apache, as indicated by its similarity to and storage with other San Carlos Apache items, and consultation evidence presented by the Western Apache Working Group.

Officials of the American Museum of Natural History have determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001, the 40 cultural items meet the definition of cultural items and are subject to repatriation under NAGPRA. Officials of the American Museum of Natural History also have determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001 (2), there is a relationship of shared group identity that can be reasonably traced between the cultural items and the San Carlos Apache Tribe of the San Carlos Reservation, Arizona.

Representatives of any other Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with the cultural items should contact Nell Murphy, Director of Cultural Resources, American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West at 79th Street, New York, NY 10024, telephone (212) 769-5837, before April

8, 2009. Repatriation of the cultural items to the San Carlos Apache Tribe of the San Carlos Reservation, Arizona may proceed after that date if no additional claimants come forward.

The American Museum of Natural History is responsible for notifying the San Carlos Apache Tribe of the San Carlos Reservation, Arizona; Tonto Apache Tribe of Arizona; White Mountain Apache Tribe of the Fort Apache Reservation, Arizona; and Yavapai-Apache Nation of the Camp Verde Indian Reservation, Arizona that this notice has been published.

Dated: January 27, 2009

Sherry Hutt,

Manager, National NAGPRA Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Intent to Repatriate Cultural Items: American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY

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

Notice is here given in accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), 25 U.S.C. 3005, of the intent to repatriate cultural items in the possession of the American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY, that meet the definition of "cultural items" under 25 U.S.C. 3001.

This notice is published as part of the National Park Service's administrative responsibilities under NAGPRA, 25 U.S.C. 3003 (d)(3). The determinations in this notice are the sole responsibility of the museum, institution, or Federal agency that has control of the cultural items. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice.

The 37 cultural items are 9 charms or ornaments, 5 caps, 1 painted buckskin, 1 bow, 1 quiver, and 20 arrows.

The first charm or ornament is a small wooden ring covered with buckskin cord. Attached to the ring is a separate thong of hide that is inserted into a ring of turquoise; the thong terminates with a feather which is secured with sinew. A leather pouch is attached to the string by a leather thong. The opening of the bag is decorated with a band of glass beads. The first row is dark blue, the second and third are clear, and the fourth and fifth rows are green. Another leather thong secures a small turquoise pendant to which is also attached a

feather fragment secured to the thong with sinew.

The second charm or ornament consists of eight strands of buckskin, four of which terminate with a red glass bead and a metal bead, and one of which terminates in a single red glass bead; the other three strands do not include beads. The strands are bound together by a band of beading that measures about 2 1/2 inches in width. The first inch of beading consists of alternating blue and white beads, and the remaining 1 1/2 inches having blue, red, white, and yellow beads. Above the beaded band is a hide knob to which is attached a shell (*Olivella biplicata*) and a small shell fragment. From the knob extend two long bird bone beads that are incised, one with a zigzag pattern and the other with hash marks. The two bird bone beads are topped with a red glass bead. A leather thong runs through all three beads and ends with two fringes. One fringe terminates in a red glass bead, and the other terminates in two red glass beads.

The third charm or ornament consists of a single piece of flint that has been chipped into the form of a spearhead. Attached to the base is a piece of hide string. The fourth charm or ornament consists of a single piece of flint that has been chipped into the form of a spearhead. The fifth charm or ornament consists of a wooden ring wrapped in pieces of hide. Three hide strings, about 7 inches in length, emanate from the ring and are tied together at the top. Inside the ring hangs a black and a white bead. From these two beads hang a small glass bead supported by a metal link. On the side of the ring are two pieces of haliotis in the form of pendants. A quill is attached with sinew to the smaller of the two pendants. A small tuft of dyed wool is also attached to this ring.

The sixth charm or ornament consists of a hide string to which are attached nine blue glass beads, one banded piece of stone secured with hide and sinew, and a piece of shell that has been worked into the shape of a crescent and secured by sisal. The seventh charm or ornament consists of a silver cross attached to a crescent. The bottom of the crescent has three perforations with a cord of hide through the center perforation. In the center of the cross is a perforation through which a hide thread has been inserted. The thread holds a piece of turquoise and a piece of down that is attached with sinew.

The eighth charm or ornament consists of four braided leather cords that measure about 20 inches in length. Attached to these cords are 11 eagle feathers, some of which have

attachments. One feather has a blue glass bead; three feathers have each an *Olivella biplicata* shell; one feather has a white glass bead; one feather has a specimen of shell (possibly haliotis); one feather has a cowrie shell, dog canine, a black glass bead, and a white shell bead. The bottom of the charm has two flaps of hide in the shape of a trapezoid with a sheared border. The ninth charm or ornament consists of a large piece of hematite wrapped in buckskin. Pieces of the buckskin have been cut away to reveal the hematite. From the bottom of the bag hangs a cluster of quartz crystals, while the top of the bag features two leather thongs.

The first cap is constructed of two pieces of hide sewn together with sinew. The hide appears to be painted with yellow pigment. The cap also has a hide chin strap. From the bottom of the cap hangs a fringe of green and white glass beads. At about 1/4 inch above the fringe is a border with a beaded rope design created with alternating green and white beads. The cap is divided in half by a second yellow and green beaded rope design that starts at the fringe and runs to the top of the cap and then down the other side. Incorporated into this border, on both sides, is a cross and crescent design. On one side the cross and crescent are green, and on the other side they are yellow. Both sides are tipped by blue beads. The cap also features two other cross and crescent designs. One is entirely white, but tipped with black beads; while the other is all black, but tipped with white beads.

The second cap is constructed with 10 separate panels of hide, in varying sizes, stitched together with sinew. The hide appears to have been painted with yellow pigment. At the bottom of the cap is one lone strip (about 3 inches) of blue and white beaded rope design. It is unclear whether this beading formed a continuous border at one time. The cap features four beaded cross and crescent designs. Each crescent is blue, but bordered by white beads. Each cross is yellow, but bordered by black beads. This cap also exhibits a scatter of red pigment splotches. Two threads protrude through the cap's top, but there is no trace of what may have been attached to them.

The third cap is constructed from two pieces of hide stitched together with sinew. The hide appears to have been treated with yellow pigment. The edge of the cap exhibits a rope design made of alternating black and white glass beads. Another line of black and white beads runs vertically from the border up to the top and down the other side, dividing the cap in half. This vertical