

National Forest System land from mining, but not from mineral leasing, to protect the scientific values of the Sacramento Peak Observatory located in the Lincoln National Forest. PLO No. 7296 will expire on November 28, 2017, unless extended. This notice gives the public an opportunity to comment on the application and to request a public meeting. This notice also amends the number of acres subject to PLO No. 7296. The number of acres that are subject to the withdrawal has been increased due to previously unsurveyed sections being surveyed since the withdrawal was originally created.

**DATES:** Comments and public meeting requests must be received by November 28, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and public meeting requests should be sent to State Director, BLM, New Mexico State Office, P.O. Box 27115, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeanette Martinez, BLM New Mexico State Office, 505-954-2040, or via email at [jeanette@blm.gov](mailto:jeanette@blm.gov). Persons who use telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Services at 1-800-877-8339 to reach the BLM contact person. The Service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question for the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The USFS has filed an application requesting that the Secretary of the Interior extend the withdrawal created by PLO 7396 (62 FR 63380 (1997)) for an additional 20-year term. PLO 7296 withdrew approximately 2,432.40 acres of National Forest System land from mining to protect the scientific values associated with the continued operation of the Sacramento Peak Observatory. Subsequent surveys of unsurveyed sections 28 and 33 revealed the area subject to the withdrawal contains 2,489.40 acres and is now described as follows:

#### New Mexico Principal Meridian

##### Lincoln National Forest

T. 17 S., R. 11. E., sec. 26, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; sec. 27, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and S $\frac{1}{2}$ ; sec. 34; PB 46 and PB 51, as depicted on Protraction Diagram approved June 18, 2003.

The area described contains 2,489.40 acres in Otero County. This legal description is identical in size, shape, and location as the description in PLO No. 7296, as published in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 63380 (1997)). Portions of the withdrawal originally described

as sec. 28, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and S $\frac{1}{2}$ , unsurveyed, and sec. 33, unsurveyed, are now identified as PB 46 and PB 51, respectively.

The purpose of the proposed extension is to ensure the continued protection of the scientific value of the Sacramento Peak Observatory. This includes the protection of the area from pollution, dust, vibration, and light that would interfere with the operation of the highly sensitive components of the Observatory.

No suitable alternative sites exist as the infrastructure investments of the SPO are in place at the optimal position for the type of activity ongoing at this site. The use of a right-of-way, interagency agreement, or cooperative agreement would not provide adequate protection.

The USFS would not need to acquire additional water rights to fulfill the purpose of the requested extension.

Records pertaining to the extension application can be examined by contacting Jeanette Martinez in the BLM New Mexico State Office at the address or phone number shown above.

For a period until November 28, 2017, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the withdrawal extension application may present their views in writing to the BLM New Mexico State Director at the address indicated above. Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the address listed above during regular business hours. Be advised that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available. While you can ask us to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is offered in connection with the withdrawal extension application. All interested parties who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the withdrawal extension application must submit a written request to the BLM New Mexico State Director at the address indicated above by November 28, 2017. Upon determination by the authorized officer that a public meeting will be held, a notice of the time and place will be published in the **Federal Register** and a local newspaper at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The withdrawal extension application will be processed in accordance with

the regulations set forth in 43 CFR 2310.4.

**Debby Lucero,**

*Acting Deputy State Director, Lands and Resources.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

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#### Notice of Intent To Repatriate Cultural Items: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Tonto National Forest, Phoenix, AZ

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Forest Service, Tonto National Forest, has completed an inventory of unassociated funerary objects, in consultation with the appropriate Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations, and has determined that there is a cultural affiliation between the unassociated funerary objects and present-day Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations. Lineal descendants or representatives of any Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization not identified in this notice that wish to request transfer of control of these cultural items should submit a written request to the Tonto National Forest. If no additional requestors come forward, transfer of control of the unassociated funerary objects to the lineal descendants, Indian Tribes, or Native Hawaiian organizations stated in this notice may proceed.

**DATES:** Lineal descendants or representatives of any Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization not identified in this notice that wish to request transfer of control of these cultural items should submit a written request with information in support of the request to the Tonto National Forest at the address in this notice by September 29, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Neil Bosworth, Tonto National Forest, 2324 East McDowell Road, Phoenix, AZ 85206, telephone (602) 225-5201, email [nbosworth@fs.fed.us](mailto:nbosworth@fs.fed.us).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** 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 under the control of the Tonto

National Forest, Phoenix, AZ, that meet the definition of unassociated funerary objects 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 unassociated funerary objects. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice.

### History and Description of the Cultural Items

Prior to 1990, 11 unassociated funerary objects were removed from Six Shooter Canyon in Gila County, AZ. The unassociated funerary objects were donated to the Grand Canyon Museum and then transferred to the Tonto National Forest on December 29, 2016. The 11 unassociated funerary objects are three shell bracelets, three shell rings, and five turquoise tessera pieces. A detailed assessment of the unassociated funerary objects was made by the Tonto National Forest professional staff in consultation with representatives of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, who submitted a repatriation claim for the cultural items.

In accordance with the Plan for the Treatment and Disposition of Human Remains and Other Cultural Items from the Tonto National Forest Pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (as revised in 2001), it has been determined that the primary cultural affiliation of these unassociated funerary objects is with the Ak-Chin Indian Community (previously listed as the Ak Chin Indian Community of the Maricopa (Ak Chin) Indian Reservation, Arizona); Gila River Indian Community of the Gila River Indian Reservation, Arizona; Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community of the Salt River Reservation, Arizona; and the Tohono O'odham Nation of Arizona.

### Determinations Made by the USDA, Forest Service, Tonto National Forest

Officials of the Tonto National Forest have determined that:

- Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001(3)(B), the 11 objects described in this notice are reasonably believed to have been placed with or near individual human remains at the time of death or later as part of the death rite or ceremony.

- Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001(2), there is a relationship of shared group identity that can be reasonably traced between the unassociated funerary objects and the Ak-Chin Indian Community (previously listed as the Ak Chin Indian Community of the

Maricopa (Ak Chin) Indian Reservation, Arizona); Gila River Indian Community of the Gila River Indian Reservation, Arizona; Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community of the Salt River Reservation, Arizona; and the Tohono O'odham Nation of Arizona.

### Additional Requestors and Disposition

Lineal descendants or representatives of any Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization not identified in this notice that wish to request transfer of control of these unassociated funerary objects should submit a written request with information in support of the request to Neil Bosworth, Tonto National Forest, 2324 E McDowell Road, Phoenix, AZ 85206, telephone (602) 225-5201, email [nbosworth@fs.fed.us](mailto:nbosworth@fs.fed.us), by September 29, 2017. After that date, if no additional requestors have come forward, transfer of control of the unassociated funerary objects to the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community of the Salt River Reservation, Arizona, may proceed.

The Tonto National Forest is responsible for notifying the Ak-Chin Indian Community (previously listed as the Ak Chin Indian Community of the Maricopa (Ak Chin) Indian Reservation, Arizona); Gila River Indian Community of the Gila River Indian Reservation, Arizona; Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community of the Salt River Reservation, Arizona; and the Tohono O'odham Nation of Arizona that this notice has been published.

Dated: August 14, 2017.

**Sarah Glass,**

*Acting Manager, National NAGPRA Program.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

**[NPS-WASO-NAGPRA-NPS0024011; PPWOCRADNO-PCU00RP14.R50000]**

### Notice of Intent To Repatriate Cultural Items: Science Museum of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Science Museum of Minnesota, in consultation with the appropriate Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations, has determined that the cultural items listed in this notice meet the definition of sacred objects and objects of cultural patrimony. Lineal descendants or representatives of any Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization not identified in this notice that wish to

claim these cultural items should submit a written request to the Science Museum of Minnesota. If no additional claimants come forward, transfer of control of the cultural items to the lineal descendants, Indian Tribes, or Native Hawaiian organizations stated in this notice may proceed.

**DATES:** Lineal descendants or representatives of any Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization not identified in this notice that wish to claim these cultural items should submit a written request with information in support of the claim to the Science Museum of Minnesota at the address in this notice by September 29, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Edward Fleming, Science Museum of Minnesota, 120 West Kellogg Boulevard, St. Paul, MN 55102, telephone (651) 221-4576, email [efleming@smm.org](mailto:efleming@smm.org).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** 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 under the control of the Science Museum of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN, that meet the definition of sacred objects and objects of cultural patrimony 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 Native American cultural items. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice.

### History and Description of the Cultural Items

In July of 1958, two cultural items were removed from the Nett Lake region in Koochiching and St. Louis Counties, MN. Karen Peterson, a Science Museum of Minnesota affiliate, purchased the items on the Museum's behalf. One item, a drum, was purchased from Mrs. Ray Drift. The other item, a drumstick, was purchased from Mr. Walter Drift. Both sellers were members of the Bois Forte Band (Nett Lake), one of six reservations that, together, comprise the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Minnesota. The two items go together. The two sacred objects/objects of cultural patrimony are one drum and one drumstick.

Museum accession, catalogue, collector notes and purchase records, as well as consultation with representatives of the Bois Forte Band (Nett Lake) of the Minnesota Chippewa