

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**National Park Service****Notice of Inventory Completion: U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve, Mosca, CO****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. 3003, of the completion of an inventory of human remains in the possession and control of the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve, Mosca, CO. The human remains were removed from an unspecified site in Alamosa County, CO.

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 superintendent, Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve.

A detailed assessment of the human remains was made by Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve professional staff in consultation with representatives of the Jicarilla Apache Nation, New Mexico; Navajo Nation, Arizona, New Mexico & Utah; Ohkay Owingeh, New Mexico (formerly the Pueblo of San Juan); Pueblo of San Ildefonso, New Mexico; Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Reservation, Colorado; Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah & Ouray Reservation, Utah; Ute Mountain Tribe of the Ute Mountain Reservation, Colorado, New Mexico & Utah; and Zuni Tribe of the Zuni Reservation, New Mexico. The Pueblo of Acoma, New Mexico; Pueblo of Cochiti, New Mexico; Pueblo of Picuris, New Mexico; Pueblo of Santa Clara, New Mexico; and Pueblo of Taos, New Mexico were contacted for consultation purposes but did not attend the consultation meetings.

Between 1966 and 1968, human remains representing a minimum of three individuals were removed by George Owen Doty, a local resident, from an unspecified site south of Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve in Alamosa County, CO. After Doty's death in the 1980s, the human remains were found among his effects by his niece and were turned over to Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve in 2002. No known individuals were identified. No associated funerary objects are present.

A nondestructive osteological analysis by forensic anthropologists in Fort Collins, CO, and the fact that Doty had been an avid collector of American Indian artifacts indicate that the human remains are likely prehistoric Native American.

Officials of Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve have determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001 (9–10), the human remains described above represent the physical remains of three individuals of Native American ancestry. Lastly, officials of Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve have determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001 (2), a relationship of shared group identity cannot reasonably be traced between the Native American human remains and any present-day Indian tribe.

The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee (Review Committee) is responsible for recommending specific actions for disposition of culturally unidentifiable human remains. In February 2009, Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve requested that the Review Committee recommend disposition of the three culturally unidentifiable human remains to the Ute Mountain Tribe of the Ute Mountain Reservation, Colorado, New Mexico & Utah because the human remains were found within the tribe's aboriginal and historical territory. The Review Committee considered the proposal at its May 23–24, 2009, meeting and recommended disposition of the human remains to the Ute Mountain Tribe of the Ute Mountain Reservation, Colorado, New Mexico & Utah.

A September 16, 2009, letter from the Designated Federal Official, writing on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior, transmitted the authorization for the park to effect disposition of the physical remains of the culturally unidentifiable individuals to the Ute Mountain Tribe of the Ute Mountain Reservation, Colorado, New Mexico & Utah contingent on the publication of a Notice of Inventory Completion in the **Federal Register**. This notice fulfills that requirement.

Representatives of any other Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with the human remains should contact Art Hutchinson, superintendent, Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve, 11500 Highway 150, Mosca, CO 81146, telephone (719) 378–6311, before April 12, 2010. Disposition of the human remains to the Ute Mountain Tribe of the Ute Mountain Reservation, Colorado, New Mexico & Utah may

proceed after that date if no additional claimants come forward.

Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve is responsible for notifying the Jicarilla Apache Nation, New Mexico; Navajo Nation, Arizona, New Mexico & Utah; Ohkay Owingeh, New Mexico (formerly the Pueblo of San Juan); Pueblo of Acoma, New Mexico; Pueblo of Cochiti, New Mexico; Pueblo of Picuris, New Mexico; Pueblo of San Ildefonso, New Mexico; Pueblo of Santa Clara, New Mexico; Pueblo of Taos, New Mexico; Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Reservation, Colorado; Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah & Ouray Reservation, Utah; Ute Mountain Tribe of the Ute Mountain Reservation, Colorado, New Mexico & Utah; and Zuni Tribe of the Zuni Reservation, New Mexico that this notice has been published.

Dated: February 18, 2010

Sherry Hutt,*Manager, National NAGPRA Program.*

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BILLING CODE 4312–50–S**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management****[LLCAN00000.L18200000.XZ0000]****Notice of Public Meeting: Northeast California Resource Advisory Council and Subcommittee****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Northeast California Resource Advisory Council and its Sage Steppe Ecosystem Subcommittee will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The RAC Sage Steppe Ecosystem Subcommittee will meet Friday, May 7, 2010, at 9 a.m. at the BLM Alturas Field Office, 708 W. 12th St., Alturas, California. The full RAC will meet Wednesday and Thursday, June 2 and 3, 2010, at the BLM Alturas Field Office. On June 2, the meeting begins at 10 a.m. and includes a field trip to lands managed by the BLM Alturas Field Office. On June 3, the meeting begins at 8 a.m. and adjourns about 3 p.m. Time for public comments has been reserved for 11 a.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy Haug, BLM Northern California

District Manager, (530) 221-1743; or BLM Public Affairs Officer Joseph J. Fontana, (530) 252-5332.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 15-member council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in northeast California and the northwest corner of Nevada. At the subcommittee meeting members will discuss multi-agency coordination for implementing projects under the Sage Steppe Ecosystem Restoration Strategy. Agenda topics for the full RAC meeting include consideration of a report from the subcommittee, updates on wilderness planning, emigrant trail conservation, sage grouse management, an update on the Ruby Pipeline, an update and status report on the National Landscape Conservation System, a report on planning for the Twin Peaks wild horse and burro gather, and updates on the Bly Tunnel and Modoc Line topics. Members of the public may present written comments to the council. Each formal council meeting will have time allocated for public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to speak, and the time available, the time for individual comments may be limited. Members of the public are welcome on field tours, but they must provide their own transportation and lunch. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation and other reasonable accommodations, should contact the BLM as provided above.

Dated: February 26, 2010.

Joseph J. Fontana,
Public Affairs Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES); Fifteenth Regular Meeting; Tentative U.S. Negotiating Positions for Agenda Items and Species Proposals Submitted by Foreign Governments and the CITES Secretariat

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We, the United States, as a Party to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), will attend the fifteenth regular meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES (CoP15) in Doha, Qatar, during March 13-25, 2010. This notice announces the availability of tentative U.S. negotiating positions on amendments to the CITES Appendices (species proposals), draft resolutions and decisions, and agenda items submitted by other countries and the CITES Secretariat for consideration at CoP15. All of this information is on our website at http://www.fws.gov/international/newspubs/fedregnot_list.html and is also available from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority.

DATES: In further developing U.S. negotiating positions on these issues, we will continue to consider information and comments submitted in response to our notice of November 4, 2009 (74 FR 57190). We will also continue to consider information received at the public meeting announced in that notice, which was held on December 2, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of tentative U.S. negotiating positions on amendments to the CITES Appendices (species proposals), draft resolutions and decisions, and agenda items submitted by other countries and the CITES Secretariat for consideration at CoP15 posted on our website should be sent to the Division of Management Authority; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 4401 North Fairfax Drive; Room 212; Arlington, VA 22203; or via e-mail at: cop15@fws.gov.

Available Information on CoP15

Information concerning the results of CoP15 will be available after the close of the meeting on the Secretariat's website at <http://www.cites.org>; or upon request from the Division of Management Authority; or on our website (http://www.fws.gov/international/DMA_DSA/CITES/CITES_home.html).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information pertaining to resolutions, decisions, and agenda items contact: Robert R. Gabel, Chief, Division of Management Authority; telephone, 703-358-2095; e-mail, cop15@fws.gov. For information pertaining to species proposals contact: Dr. Rosemarie Gnam, Chief, Division of Scientific Authority; telephone, 703-358-1708; e-mail, scientificauthority@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, hereinafter referred to as CITES or the Convention, is an international treaty designed to control and regulate international trade in certain animal and plant species that are now or potentially may become threatened with extinction. These species are listed in Appendices to CITES, which are available on the CITES Secretariat's website at <http://www.cites.org/eng/app/appendices.shtml>. Currently, 175 countries, including the United States, are Parties to CITES. The Convention calls for biennial meetings of the Conference of the Parties to review its implementation, make provisions enabling the CITES Secretariat to carry out its functions, consider amendments to the lists of species in Appendices I and II, consider reports presented by the Secretariat, and make recommendations for the improved effectiveness of CITES. Any country that is a Party to CITES may propose amendments to Appendices I and II, and draft resolutions, decisions, and agenda items for consideration by all the Parties. Accredited nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) may participate in the meeting as approved observers and may speak during sessions when recognized by the meeting Chairman, but they may not vote or submit proposals.

This is our fourth in a series of **Federal Register** notices on the development of U.S. submissions and tentative negotiating positions for CoP15. In this notice we announce the availability on our website of tentative U.S. negotiating positions on species proposals, draft resolutions and decisions, and agenda items submitted by other Parties and the Secretariat for consideration at CoP15. All of this information is also available from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority (see "ADDRESSES," above). We published our first CoP15-related **Federal Register** notice on September 29, 2008 (73 FR 56605), and with it we requested information and recommendations on species proposals, draft resolutions and decisions, and agenda items for the United States to consider submitting for consideration at CoP15. We published our second such **Federal Register** notice on July 13, 2009 (74 FR 33460), and with it we requested public comments and information on species proposals, draft resolutions and decisions, and agenda items that the United States was considering submitting for